

## Thoughts During Holy Week:

As I watch the destruction of Notre Dame de Paris, I remember looking at the Rose Windows in awe and the grandeur of the architecture. Even though you are trying to be quiet, the echo is spectacular! It is believed that one of the artifacts in the spire which fell is a relic from Jesus' crown of thorns. Hard to believe it is happening at this time. I picture Charles Laughton as Quasimodo, the hunchback in the 1939 film, sitting on the top of the first tower by the gargoyles and he says "Why was I not made of stone like thee?"

I have also visited St. Peter's in Rome and attended mass. This was in 1971 when nuns would turn away girls and women if the knees were not covered! Mini-skirts were still in fashion. I had no idea what was being said so if people stood, I stood and then sat when they did. I do remember looking around and seeing all these people from all over the world with their different languages, but in this place they spoke the same language and everyone was the same. I was a teenager at the time and I remember the feeling of being one with the world was very uplifting.

**LOVE  
EACH  
OTHER**

I saw Ben-Hur on the big screen. Even after 60 years, some of the storyline is very relevant.

This week also marks several anniversaries for Becky, me, and our family. Mom (Betty) passed away April 20, 2015. Becky and I were with her holding her hands and our brother Bill and his wife, Conni, were on the phone with us. I still hear Mom's final big breath and then silence. It was if she was taking one last

look around and knowing it was ok to leave us. The 20<sup>th</sup> is also Becky and Ken's wedding anniversary. This year is the big 45! Easter Sunday is our sister-in-law Conni's birthday. Celebrating and remembering with laughter and a few tears.

Over these past couple of weeks, one constant that has been talked about in church is love. Growing up, our parents made sure we knew that they, Jesus, and God loved us no matter what. When Mom retired from Naperville North High School in 1997, she had finished her thank you speech and was going to sit down. She turned around and came back to the microphone and said:

"One last thing - just love each other."

Wishing you all love, peace and hope – not just during this week but always.

*Tina St. Angelo Wetzel*

### REMINDER

**There will be a Quarterly Congregational Meeting on Sunday, April 28, immediately following our service. Please plan on attending to catch up on what is happening in and around HOPE UCC.**

## News & Notes

### Holy Week Events

The worship team would like to invite you to two Holy Week Events. First, we will host a soup supper at 6 PM on **Maundy Thursday, April 18th**. We will follow dinner with a ritual mirroring Jesus washing the disciples' feet and communion. Please sign up so that we can provide enough soup.

Secondly, on **Good Friday, April 19th**, at 7 PM, there will be a Tenebrae service – also known as a Service of Shadows. We hope you will be able to join us.



### Cook Book Fundraiser



Have you ever wondered how Jeanne & Trott make Corn Chowder taste so good?! Or what is in Dave's winning Chili?! Or what makes Linda's "Christmas Crack" so addictive?! Have you ever asked, "Who made THAT?" and "Where's the recipe?" at a HOPE UCC pot luck?! Well the craving ends here with a chance for HOPERS to share their culinary greatness!

Over the next several months, we will be collecting recipes from the congregation... Each month will have its own theme... The intent is to compile these recipes and construct a cook book to be sold as a fundraiser for HOPE UCC and its missions - and just in time for Christmas 2019!

SPRING has SPRUNG! Let's think *Green*! Let's think *Fresh*! For the month of April, "**Salads**" will be the theme - greens, beans, gourmet, or fruit! Please bring your favorite crowd-pleasing salad recipe to church on any Sunday in April or submit via email to Dee Zillmer, [deeliriousone@aol.com](mailto:deeliriousone@aol.com) THANK YOU! Excited to "share the table" one step further!

### Kids' Quest Project – Will you help?

During Lent we remember Jesus through giving up something (sacrifice) and/or taking on something (service). Kid's Quest would like to ask your help by doing both. Anyone who is willing and able to sacrifice 57 cents/day (\$26.22 for the Lenten season) or some larger or smaller amount is asked to take a contribution basket and return it on Easter Sunday. The Kid's Quest group will work with Pastor Lucas to identify local charities whose service we can assist with the contributed funds after Easter.



We are doing this in memory of Hattie May Wiatt, a girl whose 57 cents, following her death, led to a fundraising effort that built a Sunday School building that was big enough for all children, and that ultimately became the beginning of Temple University. Baskets will be located on the table in the Sanctuary.

### Please Help with Planning Aurora Pride Festivities

HOPE needs volunteers to help with the planning and execution of this year's Aurora Pride festivities! This year, Pride has expanded to include a weekend-long market day with a parade finishing things off on June 9th at 12 p.m. Please contact Danielle David if you are interested in being a part of HOPE's involvement in this year's Aurora Pride Festival! Danielle can be contacted via email or text. [DanielleDavid1027@gmail.com](mailto:DanielleDavid1027@gmail.com) or 630-212-2161. Thanks!



### Cinco de Mayo Potluck Party

Please join Community Life for a Cinco de Mayo potluck party after service on May 5 for food and games. The meal is TACO's and we ask the congregation to sign up to bring the side fixin's.

## **Sharing Joys & Concerns**

**Please keep these people & events in your prayers:**

- † May those who love each other, but are in conflict, make the effort to truly listen to each other.
- † Prayers for peace and direction as I look for a new job. Being unemployed is new and a little scary, but I'm excited to see what the next chapter in my life (and Sam's) will look like. (Parker H.)
- † Let us pray for all the moms. I pray your understanding and patience be long. Also, may your ability to yell and desire for sweets be small. (Katie M.)
- † Prayers needed for all the people who have been affected by the weather and the tornadoes. (Mark G.)
- † Prayers for healing for my friend, Annette, who is battling cancer (eight weeks at Northwestern Hospital) and for all who are needing healing prayers. (Anonymous)
- † I need your prayers. I'm struggling to come out to my extended family for fear of rejection before and after Easter season. (Sam V.)
- † Let us pray for our House of Representatives and an end to the hate our Muslim sisters are experiencing there. (Sally)
- † Please pray for continued healing for Les. (All of HOPE UCC)
- † Let's pray for Rebecca B., sister of Annette. She is in the final stages of kidney failure. Choosing not to do dialysis. (Annette B.)
- © Thank you for all your prayers when I was suffering. I am happy, I am well. I love you all. (Tanya)



**PRAYER**  
*Requests*

## Celebrating Birthdays

04/17 Tony Ozzauto  
04/21 Lela Lauricha  
04/21 Tim Higgins  
04/22 Zach Jarabeck  
04/27 Shannon Lane  
04/27 Linda Smith  
04/27 Jennifer Revoldt  
04/30 Mary Kroening

If we've missed your birthday, please email  
HOPE's Office Manager at  
[HOPE@shareHOPE.org](mailto:HOPE@shareHOPE.org).

### HOPE LIBRARY

You may reserve items (books, videos or tapes) by calling HOPE's Office Manager at (630-922-0470) during office hours; by checking them out at HOPE UCC any time it is open; or by calling **Les & Jackie Pierce**, HOPE Librarians, at (630) 369-0485.

### HOPE'S Leadership

<b>Pastor</b>	Lucas King
<b>Moderator</b>	Erin Cooley
<b>Des. Moderator</b>	Dan Keil
<b>Past Moderator</b>	Mike Manderino
<b>Treasurer</b>	Les Pierce
<b>Des. Treasurer</b>	Lela Lauricha
<b>Secretary</b>	Barbara Roethel
<b>Registrar</b>	Jane Trotta
<b>Community Life</b>	Shannon Lane
<b>Education</b>	Marie Higgins
<b>Pastor-Parish</b>	Tim Higgins/Jay Hruska
<b>Marketing &amp; Communications</b>	Jenn Revoldt
<b>Missions</b>	Jolene Fiscella
<b>Resource &amp; Operations</b>	Nick Dempsey
<b>Worship</b>	Mary Kroening
<b>Librarians</b>	Les & Jackie Pierce
<b>Photo Archive</b>	Anna Ahonen
<b>Webmaster</b>	Jenn Revoldt

# Quest

## ADULT QUEST – @ 9 a.m. HOPE UCC

Adult Christian Education

## KID'S QUEST – Sundays during Worship

HOPE UCC's Christian Education for children. Teaching kids about Community, Scripture, Values and Service through participatory learning.

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**Office Hours:**

**Tuesday - Thursday - 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**Deadline for additions or corrections to the next issue of  
HOPE Happenings is April 23, by 12 p.m.**

**Announcements for Sunday due by Wednesday of each week.**

**Thanks!**

# UPCOMING EVENTS @ HOPE UCC

<p><b>April 18, Thursday</b></p> 	<p><b>Women Out to Lunch (Noon)</b>                  Join the women of HOPE on the third Thursday of each month. Lively conversation, great food &amp; warm fellowship is waiting for you at Giordano's Restaurant at 119 S. Main Street, in downtown Naperville. Parking is available in the lot across from the restaurant or the Van Buren Parking Building.</p>
<p><b>April 18, Thursday</b></p> 	<p><b>Maundy Thursday Soup Supper @ HOPE UCC (6 p.m.)</b>                  (See article for more information.)</p>
<p><b>April 19, Friday</b></p> 	<p><b>Tenebrae Service @ HOPE UCC (7 p.m.)</b>                  (See article for more information.)</p>
<p><b>April 21, Easter Sunday</b></p> 	<p><b>Confirmation (During Worship)</b></p>
<p><b>April 24, Wednesday</b></p> 	<p><b>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.)</b>                  Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
<p><b>April 28, Sunday</b></p> 	<p><b>Quarterly Congregational Meeting @ HOPE UCC (Following Worship)</b></p>
<p><b>April 28, Sunday</b></p> 	<p><b>Rainbow Faith @ HOPE UCC (1-3 p.m.)</b>                  HOPE's ministry to support those in the LGBTQ+ community who are looking for a place to wonder and explore their faith. Find out more at: <a href="http://www.meetup.com/Rainbow-Faith-LGBTQ-Christians/">www.meetup.com/Rainbow-Faith-LGBTQ-Christians/</a>                  If you have questions, would like to participate or support this ministry, please contact <b>Pastor Lucas</b>.</p>
<p><b>May 1, Wednesday</b></p> 	<p><b>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.)</b>                  Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
<p><b>May 5, Sunday</b></p> 	<p><b>Welcoming New Partners @ HOPE UCC (During Worship)</b></p>
<p><b>May 5, Sunday</b></p> 	<p><b>Cinco de Mayo Potluck @ HOPE UCC (Following Worship)</b>                  More details to be announced.</p>
<p><b>May 7, Tuesday</b></p> 	<p><b>Evening Explore Your Faith (7 p.m.)</b>                  Meets at HOPE UCC, Naperville, on the first and third Tuesday of each month.</p>
<p><b>May 8, Wednesday</b></p> 	<p><b>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.)</b>                  Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
<p><b>May 8, Wednesday</b></p> 	<p><b>PADS Dinner @ First Congregational UCC, Naperville (6 p.m.)</b></p>
<p><b>May 12, Sunday</b></p> 	<p><b>Rainbow Faith @ HOPE UCC (1-3 p.m.)</b>                  HOPE's ministry to support those in the LGBTQ+ community who are looking for a place to wonder and explore their faith. Find out more at: <a href="http://www.meetup.com/Rainbow-Faith-LGBTQ-Christians/">www.meetup.com/Rainbow-Faith-LGBTQ-Christians/</a>                  If you have questions, would like to participate or support this ministry, please contact <b>Pastor Lucas</b>.</p>
<p><b>May 15, Wednesday</b></p> 	<p><b>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.)</b>                  Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
<p><b>May 16, Thursday</b></p> 	<p><b>Women Out to Lunch (Noon)</b>                  Join the women of HOPE on the third Thursday of each month. Lively conversation, great food &amp; warm fellowship is waiting for you at Giordano's Restaurant at 119 S. Main Street, in downtown Naperville. Parking is available in the lot across from the restaurant or the Van Buren Parking Building.</p>

# COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

(This is the spot to share your personal announcements.  
Submit items to the HOPE UCC Office by Tuesday, 2 p.m.)

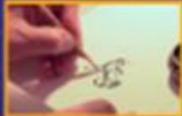
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