

When Jesus Leaves the Building



When it comes to the language of my faith journey, “the body of Christ” has always been one of the phrases that most stuck with me. It jumps out at me from scripture and devotionals. For much of my spiritual life, I focused on the word “body” in a very pragmatic way: much like our elected officials served as our “governing body,” I thought of the body of Christ as all the churches, pastors, and laypeople that comprise modern Christianity.

While this definition still holds, as my faith progresses deeper into wonderment and exploration, the meaning I ascribe to “the body of Christ” has progressed too. These days when I think of the body of Christ, I still picture all the churches, pastors, and laypeople, but I, like many others, now think of them as an actual body: hands to serve, feet to carry the Word, arms to embrace the mourning, a voice to speak for those that society refuses to hear.

These days, whenever I leave HOPE, I picture myself as part of that body of Christ, going out into the world. When I leave the building, I imagine Jesus leaving with me. I imagine myself going through the world like a vessel for the divine, spreading the love and compassion and thirst for justice that make up my personal faith.

It’s a big job to serve as the body of Christ. Today and every day, I am thankful I don’t do so alone: I am thankful for people like all of you, and places like HOPE, who do the work with me.

Erin Cooley

HOPE UCC Ministry Council Moderator

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



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.

PADS- Feed the Homeless!!

HOPE'S ANNUAL STEAK FRY - PLEASE HELP!!!

On Wednesday, May 8th, HOPE will be holding its annual Steak Fry for our May PADS dinner for the 13th year in a row!! Originally organized by Barb and Bill Zigterman, the PADS Steak Fry has become a much-anticipated event for our homeless guests. To make it special, we will be grilling Ribeye steaks, marinated chicken breasts, Portabella mushrooms (for vegetarians), and hotdogs for children. Baked potatoes, green beans, sautéed mushrooms, salad and dessert will complete the meal. We need your help to make it happen!!

If you are able to assist, we will need:

- 3 Volunteers to purchase and sauté 2 pounds of sliced mushrooms
- 2 Volunteers to purchase and bake 18 medium-sized Russet potatoes
- 1 Volunteers to purchase and bake 20 medium-sized sweet potatoes
- 4 Volunteers to "Adopt a Dessert" (Dessert kits will be available at HOPE this Sunday)
- 1 Volunteer to purchase 10 two-liter bottles of caffeine-free soda or fruit juice
- Many large and small donations to help defray the cost of the meal and to support HOPE's Missions!!



TO VOLUNTEER, PLEASE SIGN UP AT HOPE this Sunday or email/call/text Nick Dempsey (pndempsey@aol.com or Home: 630 357 5434, Cell: 630 235 3042). Please let any of us know if you have any questions. THANK YOU!!!

~ *Tina Wetzel, Becky McCabe and Nick Dempsey*

Thank You, HOPE UCC!

During Lent, HOPErs were asked by Kid's Quest to help remember Jesus through giving up something (sacrifice) and/or taking on something (service) by donating 57 cents/day (\$26.22 for the Lenten season). We are proud to announce that \$499.37 was donated! The Kid's Quest group will work with Pastor Lucas to identify local charities whose service we can assist with the contributed funds.



We did this in memory of Hattie May Wiatt, a girl whose 57 cents, following her death, lead 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.

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 THANK YOU! Excited to "share the table" one step further!

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 or 630-212-2161. Thanks!



Please Join Fellow HOPERs at these Ongoing Gatherings



Women Out to Lunch

Join the women of HOPE on the third Thursday of each month at noon. Lively conversation, great food & 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.

These two groups hold stimulating conversation about current events and topics important to our lives and faith. We love the questions and searching for answers together.

Explore Your Faith Breakfast – Wednesdays @ 7:30 a.m.

This group meets weekly at Quincy's Restaurant in Naperville for breakfast. They utilize "The Wired Word" curriculum, which is based on current events, to discuss significant topics.

Evening Explore Your Faith – First and Third Tuesdays @ 7 p.m.

Meeting twice a month HOPE UCC, this group holds thought-provoking conversations about current events and other important subjects.



Sharing Joys & Concerns

Please keep these people & events in your prayers:

- † Let us pray for Deb S., whose 94-year-old mom passed peacefully on Thursday. It was a long road in hospice. Prayers are welcome. (Barb Z.)
- † Prayers needed for Dave's friend, Marcy, battling mesothelioma and hoping for a call for a clinical trial after all other treatment options have failed. (Dave Z.)
- † Pray for Sally B., who is home sick on Easter Sunday. She was so sad to not be able to come to church. Prayers that her spirit is lifted and that she feels better soon. (Shannon & Melody)
- † Please bless Jackie T. and Les P. as they are here in spirit with us this Easter Sunday! (The Zillmers & the HOPE UCC Family)
- † I'm excited and nervous for my court date in June for my name change. It has been filed and scheduled. (Sam V.)
- † Let us pray that my family will start listening to me and my boundaries, as well as calling me by my name and pronouns. (Sam V.)
- † Prayers for Edward, David, and Kaleb as they fly back home. And for Zachary as he goes back to Columbia College in Chicago. May they all have safe journeys. (Mark)
- † The people involved in the Sri Lanka bombings.
- ☉ We are all thankful for the support of all the confirmation sponsors. (The Manderinos)
- ☉ Thanks for a fantastic experience in Champaign last weekend. (The Zillmers)
- ☉ Happy Birthday, Lela! Your strength and tenacity inspire many. I love you! (Tanya B.)
- ☉ Prayers for Jaiden, Ravinia, and Genna on their confirmation day! (Mary A.)



PRAYER
Requests

Celebrating Birthdays

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.

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

Pastor	Lucas King
Moderator	Erin Cooley
Des. Moderator	Dan Keil
Past Moderator	Mike Manderino
Treasurer	Les Pierce
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Community Life	Shannon Lane
Education	Marie Higgins
Pastor-Parish	Tim Higgins/Jay Hruska
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Missions	Jolene Fiscella
Resource & Operations	Nick Dempsey
Worship	Mary Kroening
Librarians	Les & Jackie Pierce
Photo Archive	Anna Ahonen
Webmaster	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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**Deadline for additions or corrections to the next issue of
HOPE Happenings is April 30, by 12 p.m.**

Announcements for Sunday due by Wednesday of each week.

Thanks!

UPCOMING EVENTS @ HOPE UCC

<p>April 28, Sunday</p> 	<p>Quarterly Congregational Meeting @ HOPE UCC (Following Worship)</p>
<p>April 28, Sunday</p> 	<p>Rainbow Faith @ HOPE UCC (1-3 p.m.) 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: www.meetup.com/Rainbow-Faith-LGBTQ-Christians/ If you have questions, would like to participate or support this ministry, please contact Pastor Lucas.</p>
<p>May 1, Wednesday</p> 	<p>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.) Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
<p>May 5, Sunday</p> 	<p>Welcoming New Partners @ HOPE UCC (During Worship)</p>
<p>May 5, Sunday</p> 	<p>Cinco de Mayo Potluck @ HOPE UCC (Following Worship) More details to be announced.</p>
<p>May 7, Tuesday</p> 	<p>Evening Explore Your Faith (7 p.m.) Meets at HOPE UCC, Naperville, on the first and third Tuesday of each month.</p>
<p>May 8, Wednesday</p> 	<p>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.) Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
<p>May 8, Wednesday</p> 	<p>PADS Dinner @ First Congregational UCC, Naperville (6 p.m.)</p>
<p>May 12, Sunday</p> 	<p>Rainbow Faith @ HOPE UCC (1-3 p.m.) 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: www.meetup.com/Rainbow-Faith-LGBTQ-Christians/ If you have questions, would like to participate or support this ministry, please contact Pastor Lucas.</p>
<p>May 15, Wednesday</p> 	<p>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.) Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
<p>May 16, Thursday</p> 	<p>Women Out to Lunch (Noon) Join the women of HOPE on the third Thursday of each month. Lively conversation, great food & 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>May 19, Sunday</p> 	<p>Congregational Lunch & Conversation – Jesus Has Left the Building... (Following Worship) We will be discussing the Mission, Vision, Values, and Direction for JHLB. Please join in the conversation. Lunch and childcare will be provided.</p>
<p>May 19, Sunday</p> 	<p>The Landing (Youth Ministry) @ HOPE UCC (11:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.)</p>
<p>May 21, Tuesday</p> 	<p>Evening Explore Your Faith (7 p.m.) Meets at HOPE UCC, Naperville, on the first and third Tuesday of each month.</p>
<p>May 22, Wednesday</p> 	<p>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.) Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
<p>May 26, Sunday</p> 	<p>Rainbow Faith @ HOPE UCC (1-3 p.m.) 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: www.meetup.com/Rainbow-Faith-LGBTQ-Christians/ If you have questions, would like to participate or support this ministry, please contact Pastor Lucas.</p>

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

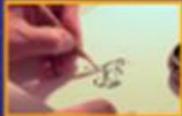
(This is the spot to share your personal announcements.
Submit items to the HOPE UCC Office by Tuesday, 2 p.m.)



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invites you - our friends and neighbors to our

Open
MOSQUE
DAY

Sunday, 04.28.2019 11am-5pm
Islamic Center of Naperville
2844 W. Ogden Ave, Naperville, IL 60540

 CALLIGRAPHY	 FOOD	 HENNA
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WITH A SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR KIDS

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