

HOPE

The weekly newsletter of

God is Still Speaking,
HAPPENings

HOPE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

05/15/2019

Lunch and a Conversation: Jesus Has Left the Building



After worship this Sunday, May 19, please join us for food and conversation as we explore the love we have for Jesus Has Left the Building and the way the program fits into our spiritual home. We invite you to consider and wonder about the following questions:

- How do you see Jesus Has Left the Building fulfilling HOPE's mission?
- What is the story of your participation in the program?

Childcare will be provided so everyone can participate.

Erin Cooley

**HOPE UCC Ministry Council Moderator
and the Moderator Team**

News & Notes

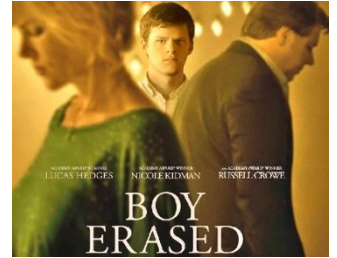


May is Mental Health Month

May is mental health month. Join Adult Quest each Sunday at 9 am as we explore and learn about mental health. Questions?? Feel free to ask Jon Chambers.

Movie Night @ HOPE UCC

Come join us at HOPE UCC on Friday night, June 7, for **MOVIE NIGHT!** As we kickoff the weekend of Aurora Pride, we'll be showing "**BOY ERASED**" a true story of a son of a small-town Baptist pastor and how he must overcome the fallout after being outed. The film deals with his relationship with his family and ensuing struggle with attending a conversion therapy program. Please stay for some conversation after the movie to try and work through the ups and downs. The movie will begin at 7 p.m. and popcorn will be provided. Please BYOB.



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, "**Entrees**" 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

We have an exciting chance to be involved with this year's Aurora Pride Parade, even if you're not able to attend the Parade itself! We are planning on handing out a variety of fun items with HOPE's name and website, and also rainbow buttons with HOPE's website on the back.

Here's where you can help! We are offering the opportunity to sponsor these items! We are hoping to collect \$750 for all these things! If we all chip in, we can get these funded and ordered right away! We already have the buttons sponsored, so now let's work on the sponsorship for the other items! HOPE UCC had an amazing presence in the Parade last year, and we are HOPEing to have even more of an impact this year! Let's act fast, as Antoinette Evans is planning on placing our orders by the 22nd of May. Please make your sponsorship checks (or cash) payable to HOPE UCC with a notation that it is for the Pride Festival. Thank you!



Save the Date!

This year's Annual HOPE Picnic will be held on **August 18** at the Herrick Lake West Picnic Shelter. Please save the date! HOPE's picnics are always a lot of fun for everyone! More details to come.

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Please keep these people & events in your prayers:

- † Let us pray for my sister, Denise. Her hip infection has spread to her pelvis. Her surgery has been moved to next Monday. It is a long process. Prayers welcome. (Barb & Bill Z.)
- † Prayers needed for Jackie T., who is suffering from surgery complications and growing weary. Please lend her Your peace, and guide doctors to help restore her health and comfort. (The Zillmers)
- † Thanking God and our HOPE family today for your continued prayers for Sam and his family. I got to meet Sam's grandma this weekend, and she welcomed both of us with so much love, acceptance, and support. Sam and I both left that conversation with a renewed sense of hope and peace. Please continue to pray for patience and understanding as we continue to try to build bridges in Sam's family. There is a lot of healing that still needs to happen, but we are hopeful for the journey. (Parker)
- † Pray for continued strength and hope for my parents to open their hearts and minds. Because of this church's prayers, my Grandma has gained an almost full understanding of trans issues and she wants to help as much as she can with my transition. As well as mediating my feelings and my mom's feelings and understanding. (Sam)
- † Your prayers are needed as I'm looking for an apartment/room. Hopefully, I could also find a nice and decent roommate. (Erick)
- † Let us pray for Shannon, who is at home sick with no voice and a bad cough. (Melody & Regina)
- † Prayers needed for Larry K., a long-time friend, who has been admitted to hospice with liver and pancreatic cancer. (Nello A.)
- ☺ Happy Mother's Day to all who enter here. (Sally)



Celebrating Birthdays

05/17 Ava Manderino
06/20 Melody Ellsworth
06/24 Marie Higgins
06/25 Jonathan Chambers
06/28 Barbara Roethel

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
Des. Treasurer	Lela Lauricha
Secretary	Barbara Roethel
Registrar	Jane Trotta
Community Life	Shannon Lane
Education	Marie Higgins
Pastor-Parish	Tim Higgins/Jay Hruska
Marketing & Communications	Jenn Revoldt
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

May is mental health month.

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Questions?? Feel free to ask Jon Chambers.

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

**Deadline for additions or corrections to the next issue of
HOPE Happenings is May 21, by 12 p.m.**

Announcements for Sunday due by Wednesday of each week.

Thanks!

UPCOMING EVENTS @ HOPE UCC

<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>
<p>May 29, Wednesday</p> 	<p>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.) Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
<p>May 31, Friday</p> 	<p>The Landing – Event @ Chasers Laser Tag (5:30 – 7:30 p.m.) This should be very fun!! The cost is \$25 per person. Participants will want to bring extra money for a snack/dinner and drinks. Please let us know if your youth will be attending. Please RSVP by May 17th to femmenoire5@gmail.com</p>
<p>June 2, Sunday</p> 	<p>Ministry Council Meeting @ HOPE UCC (Following Worship)</p>
<p>June 4, 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>June 5, Wednesday</p> 	<p>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.) Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
<p>June 9, Sunday</p> 	<p>Aurora Pride Festival (Please save the date! Please read article for how you can help. More details will be announced.)</p>
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<p>June 12, Wednesday</p> 	<p>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.) Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
<p>June 18, 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>