

Memorial Day

I associate this day with members of my family who fought in World War I, World II and Korea. I was lucky that none of my family lost their lives during those conflicts. Then there were the three friends who were lost in Vietnam. It feels forever ago....

I decided to look up a few historical facts about May 26:

1521 – Martin Luther was banned by the Edict of Worms because of his religious beliefs and writings.

1805 – Napoleon was crowned King of Italy in Milan Cathedral.

1868 – President Andrew Johnson was acquitted by one vote of all charges in his impeachment trial.

1913 – Actors' Equity was organized in New York City.

1938 – The House Committee on Unamerican Activities began its work of searching for subversives in the United States.

On May 24, 1953, in Indianapolis, a young minister had a sermon to preach regarding this issue. The elders in his church told him it was probably not a good idea. He was 31 when he wrote this. I found this sermon – not folded up with the rest of the sermons but in a manila envelope by itself. I have read the five-page single-spaced typed sermon. It is inspiring. I'm going to share the last part of it. The word "Investigator" is used. In these times there are many other titles which could be used instead:

Mr. Investigator, let's really take our Constitution and our Declaration of Liberty to heart and let the whole world know that we are trying even though it isn't easy. Let them see the millions of loyal Americans who are putting in hundreds and hundreds of hours without expense accounts, Mr. Investigator, into the leading of little children into paths that go in the very opposite road of communism and its hatreds. Let them hear the prayers that are uttered in their behalf. Let them really see this nation and its churches at work for the real and lasting good of people everywhere. Let them hear the word of the church's Lord who said something about going beyond all barriers, beyond the St. Lawrence on the north, beyond the Rio Grande on the south, beyond the beaches of the Pacific and beyond the breakers of the Atlantic to lift the fallen, to bring good news to the poor and bring hope and let them see the church in its tasks of love and concern. Yes, Mr. Investigator, investigate all you want – but be careful, be careful indeed, lest when you come to investigate you do not stay to join. For the church, Sir, has a passion, a program and a creed that makes the communist party seem weak and insipid. Be careful, Mr. Investigator, that like so many of us you do not come to investigate but stay to join.

~~ Rev. George St. Angelo – May 24, 1953, Memorial Day

Please take a moment this weekend to remember those who served and gave of themselves so that the good of this Nation is preserved. We have to work to do. Yes we will succeed.

Tina St. Angelo Wetzel

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.

What a Success!

Thank you to all who participated in HOPE UCC's second annual Lenten fundraiser in honor of the inspirational story of Hattie May Wiatt. You contributed a total of \$499.37 to support local charities. The Kids Quest team would like to inform you that the kids have selected the following charities as beneficiaries of these funds:

Loaves & Fishes
360 Youth Services
Feed My Starving Children



Each charity will receive \$166.45. This was a great way for kids and adults to both make a personal sacrifice and provide a public service during Lent in recognition of Jesus' sacrifice and life of service. Thank you, again, for your support!

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.

Cookbook 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 potluck?! 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 cookbook 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!



Jesus Has Left the Building, and We're Following Him

HOPE UCC needs you! On **June 30**, come help deep-clean our HOPE home, so that we can continue to do amazing things in our Ministries. After our cleaning session (which will be from 9 a.m. to noon), we'll head out for lunch together. We hope you can make it!

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 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 soon. 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.

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 my stepsister, Doris P., diagnosed with stage 4 adenocarcinoma. Chemo starts this week. Prognosis is not positive. Please pray for peace and time with her sons and grandchildren as she takes this journey.
- † Prayers that my co-worker, Karen, gets some answers on her health issues and can move forward with treatment. (Tanya)
- † Prayers of healing for my husband. Also, prayers of peace for the family of my friend, Annette, who passed away this past week. (Anna)
- † Let us pray for George H., father of Laurie H., who took a bad fall and has been failing. Hospice has been called. George is 95. (Sally)
- ☉ Joyful celebration of Glenn T.'s graduation from University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana. Congratulations Glenn, Kristen, Ben, Gavin and Colin!
- ☉ Happy Birthday to Nathan! (Erin C.)
- ☉ I love you all! Thank you for being such kind, and compassionate people! To those who need an ear, I am here. (Tanya)



Celebrating Birthdays

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.

Join us each Sunday as we explore and learn about mental health.
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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**Deadline for additions or corrections to the next issue of
HOPE Happenings is May 28, by 12 p.m.**

Announcements for Sunday due by Wednesday of each week.

Thanks!

UPCOMING EVENTS @ HOPE UCC

<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>
<p>June 19, Wednesday</p> 	<p>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.) Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
<p>June 20, 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>
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