

Endings and New Beginnings

As I transition from Designated Moderator to Moderator, the first thing I would like to do is thank my predecessor, Erin Cooley, for the wonderful job she did over the last year. It will be very hard to even attempt to fill her shoes.

The energy, imagination, and leadership she brought to the job is nothing short of amazing. I have no idea how she juggled a job while being Moderator and a mother and wife, while simultaneously moving, redecorating, gardening, and reading ten gazillion books.



When we were in the process of reimagining the leadership of the Jesus Has Left the Building program, Erin volunteered to take a position for this year, because otherwise she would be bored.

I consider Erin to be not only a HOPE partner, but a trusted colleague, a friend, and my mentor. I had only been Moderator for less than twelve hours, when I sent out my first email asking for her guidance and advice. In the coming year, I can only hope she doesn't get tired of hearing from me.

Dan Keil

HOPE UCC Ministry Council Moderator

News & Notes



IMPORTANT! New Worship Time – Starting February 9

The congregation decided by unanimous consensus at the Annual Congregational Meeting that beginning February 9, worship will begin at 10:10 a.m. in order to allow for more transition time between 9 a.m. programs and worship.

New Officers, Ministry Chairs and Lay Leaders

At the January 26 Congregational meeting, the congregation voted to affirm the election of these new officers:

MODERATOR – Dan Keil
SECRETARY – Barbara Roethel
TREASURER – Lela Lauricha
REGISTRAR – TBD

The Ministry Council also announced these new positions:

JESUS HAS LEFT THE BUILDING LEADERSHIP TEAM

Cheerleader – Erin Cooley
Organizer – Jeanne Smith
Project Manager – Julie Hapke

CORE MINISTRY CHAIRPERSONS

Missions – Jolene Fiscella
Resource – Linda James
Christian Education – Marie Higgins
Worship – Mary Kroening
Community Life – Shannon Lane
Communications – TBD
Pastor Parish – Jay Hruska & Tim Higgins



SOUPer Bowl Sunday Luncheon



“Kick off” Super Bowl Sunday, at HOPE’s annual SOUPer Bowl Luncheon following church service. If you are able, bring a crock pot of soup to share on **Sunday, February 2nd!** The Community Life group hosts the event and will provide bread, crackers, desserts, lemonade and fun! Not able to bring soup, no worries stay and have fun anyway!!

In addition, HOPErs are challenged each year to bring in cans of soup donations to be delivered to Loaves and Fishes. Since this is Super Bowl LIV (54), the goal this year is to collect 54 cans of soup.

Super Bowl Squares, a mini fundraiser, is conducted as well. One hundred squares are being “sold” for \$2 per square with a max of five squares per person. At the end of the first three quarters and the end of the Super Bowl game score will win a \$25 Script gift card of choice. One hundred dollars will be donated to HOPE!!

So, plan to join the fun HOPE’s most popular and yummy luncheons!! Mmm, mmm good!! See you there!

Gift Card Orders Due



The gift card order for the month of February is due by **Sunday, February 2.** Fill out the order form, include payment (cash or check made payable to HOPE UCC) with your order and place it in the red folder on the front desk. Gift cards will be ready for pick-up the following Sunday, February 9.

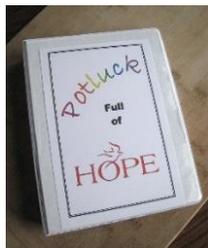
As you know, for each card we sell, HOPE receives a portion of the sale. Please contact Gail for more information or questions at 630-922-0470. As always, we will have on hand gift cards of various denominations for purchase every Sunday from these retailers: Jewel, Mariano’s, Meijer, Speedway, and Target.

New Adult Quest Series Has Started!

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ATTENTION HOPE FOODIES!!



"Potluck Full of HOPE" cookbooks are ready for your enjoyment! Just \$17 for more than 240 yummy recipes! -- a HUGE THANK YOU to all who submitted!

In the interest of preserving funds raised for the church, cookbooks are made to order. Sign the sheet in the HOPE UCC lobby if you'd like to purchase a copy or two. Those planning to pay by check, please make payable to HOPE UCC (please write "cookbook" on the memo line).

Excited to share the finished product with you!! Thanks for all your support!!

We Love Our Pot!

Our flower pot, that is! 😊 After many years of beautifying our front entrance, Nick and Jane Dempsey are retiring from taking care of the flower pot at HOPE's front door. We are hoping someone will step up and offer to spend a couple of hours each season to create a welcoming visual for all who come to HOPE UCC. If you would be willing to share your time and talent in this way, please contact Nick or Jane Dempsey. Thank you!



GameShow Palooza! It's Coming....



Who hoo! We're bringing it back and it's set up for **Saturday, May 2**, at the American Legion Hall in Downers Grove, **start time is 7 p.m.** For those of you who are not familiar, it's one of our fundraising activities where teams of eight players compete against the other tables in rounds of modified gameshows, i.e. Jeopardy, Name that Tune, Family Feud + others. It's a fun event where you can invite your family and friends to join us in some fun, food and drinks all while testing your collective knowledge of routine information. This is a key fundraiser for HOPE UCC and the Outreach Programs for HOPE UCC. **Cost is \$25 per person, eight maximum per table.** We'll be getting a sign-up sheet posted very soon with more of the details such as snacks, drinks, costumes, etc.

There will be a silent auction and raffle baskets, a wine wall, and possibly other side fundraising activities. This is where you all can participate even if you cannot attend the event (but we sure hope you will). We canvas our HOPE folks and ask for donations of raffle baskets, wine, and silent auction items that we can use during the event. In the past, we've received full baskets, tickets, trips to vacation homes, and other new items that you may have that can be used in conjunction with other material for us to make a basket. Another option: If you have a talent of being a handyman, quilting, baking, music lessons, etc., you can also donate some of your time. All of the donations are tax deductible and better yet, if you want to canvas a store or two, we will have the tax-exempt letter for them. More to come on this, and you can be sure the team of Jeanne, Trott, Tim and Marie can discuss this in person in more detail.

Mark it on your calendars and start getting your dream teams ready. Please reach outside of HOPE UCC. In the past, the folks who attend always seem to have a great time! And... you can always get more than one team assembled!

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Please keep these people & events in your prayers:

- † Let us pray for my friend, Kathy, who lost her mom. (Sally)
- † The McCabe family has had a stressful week. We are grateful for excellent doctors, friends, family, and good news. We continue to love and be thankful for each other and our community. (Becky)
- † Prayers for Carrie, Antoinette and their family, as Carrie's mom transitions. Let us pray for a peaceful transition for Linda (Carrie's Mom) and the entire family. (Lela & Tanya)
- † Grateful that hip injection has worked enough to put off surgery until summer. Prayers that the agents read my son Derek's work and get back to him. (Anna)
- † Please keep my friend, Paul W., in your prayers. He is recovering at home now from his gall bladder surgery. (Mark G.)
- † Prayers for me, as I have a bunch of work, meetings, and doctor's appointments this week. Please pray everything goes smoothly and successfully! (Erin C.)
- † Let us pray for my sister Lynn. She had a valve replacement in her heart and a pacemaker placed on Wednesday. She is feeling good. (Mark G.)
- † Pray for Assistant Warden Duffield at Sheridan Correctional Center. May she find peace and kindness as she seems to battle anger and depression. (Tanya)
- † Prayers for Parker H., as his grandma passed away. Parker and Sam made it to Michigan just in time to say goodbye. (Danielle D.)
- ☺ Happy Birthday to Milo!! (Erin & Nathan)



Celebrating Birthdays

02/06 Sally Bice
02/11 Pastor Lucas
02/14 Julie Alessandri
02/15 Phyllis Kimmel
02/19 Mark Geiger
02/26 Karon Van Gelder
02/28 Nello Alessandri

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.

HOPE'S Leadership

Pastor	Lucas King
Moderator	Dan Keil
Des. Moderator	Parker Hall
Past Moderator	Erin Cooley
Treasurer	Lela Lauricha
Des. Treasurer	TBD
Secretary	Barbara Roethel
Registrar	TBD
Community Life	Shannon Lane
Education	Marie Higgins
Pastor-Parish	Tim Higgins/Jay Hruska
Marketing & Communications	TBD
Missions	Jolene Fiscella
Resource & Operations	Linda James
Worship	Mary Kroening
Librarians	Les & Jackie Pierce
Photo Archive	Anna Ahonen
Webmaster	Jenn Revoldt

Deadline for additions or corrections to the next issue of HOPE Happenings is February 4, by 12 p.m.

Announcements for Sunday due by Wednesday of each week.

Thanks!

Quest

ADULT QUEST @ 9 a.m. HOPE UCC

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KID'S QUEST – Sundays during Worship

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



Music Selections for Ensemble Anthems

(Click song to download sheet music. Click on "video" for video.)

February 2 – [I Will Follow](#) - [Video](#)

February 9 – [Jesus Take the Wheel](#) - [Video](#)

February 16 – [Nobody](#) - [Video](#)

February 23 – [Open Heaven \(River Wild\)](#) - [Video](#)

If it pleases you, come to HOPE UCC at 9 a.m. to rehearse and offer your voice to a particular song.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS @ HOPE UCC

<p>February 2, Sunday</p> 	<p>SOUPER Bowl Sunday @ HOPE UCC (Following Worship) (Please see article for more info.)</p>
<p>February 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>February 5, Wednesday</p> 	<p>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.) Meets @ Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
<p>February 6 – 12</p> 	<p>Pastor Lucas – OUT OF THE OFFICE</p>
<p>February 9, 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>February 9, Sunday</p> 	<p>The Landing (Youth Ministry) @ HOPE UCC (11:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.)</p>
<p>February 12, Wednesday</p> 	<p>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.) Meets @ Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
<p>February 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>February 19, Wednesday</p> 	<p>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.) Meets @ Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
<p>February 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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<p>February 26, Wednesday</p> 	<p>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.) Meets @ Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
<p>March 3, 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>March 4, Wednesday</p> 	<p>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.) Meets @ Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

A Night of Stories and Songs with Bobby Jo Valentine

From his new album *Temporary Weather*



With special guest, Lily Clara

"5 out of 5 Stars. Bobby Jo Valentine writes with a sweetness and honesty seldom heard in acoustic pop music.

-Brian Lucey

Mentoring for Lucinda Williams, Shania Twain, Ani DiFranco, Cage the Elephant, and more



"Catchy songs with good tunes and intelligent, thoughtful lyrics in the tradition of Bob Dylan, Cat Stevens, and Bruce Hornby"
-Steven Schwartz, Tony award-winning creator of *Godspell*, *Wicked*, and *Pippin*

"Magical, deep, thought-provoking and heart-healing."

-Dr. Tim Seelig, Director of the SF Gay Men's Chorus

Saturday, February 22, 2020 at 7 pm

**Tickets \$10/pp in advance at fccge.org,
\$12 at the door**

**First Congregational Church of Glen Ellyn, IL.
535 Forest Ave. fccge.org**

Hear music at bobbyjovalentine.com