



The weekly newsletter of

# HAPPENings

God is Still Speaking,

HOPE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

10/21/2020

## **\*\* ALL HOPE-RELATED, IN-PERSON EVENTS ARE CANCELLED/POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE \*\***

Please check our website for all information regarding HOPE's response to the coronavirus pandemic: [www.sharehope.org/COVID19](http://www.sharehope.org/COVID19). On this new website, you will find encouragement, pertinent information, and valuable resources for you and your family during difficult times.

Please check back frequently for updates.

### **COMMUNITY E-GATHERINGS**

**NOTE: ALL HOPE ZOOM GATHERINGS ARE PASSWORD PROTECTED.  
IF YOU NEED THE PASSWORD PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR LUCAS.**

#### **SUNDAY MORNING – October 25**

##### **Adult Quest (9a-10a)**

[Click to attend the Adult Quest Zoom Gathering](#)

To join via phone, call: (312) 626-6799, enter meeting ID: 657 750 010, press # to skip the participant ID prompt, and then enter the meeting password. Contact Pastor Lucas if you need the password.

We will continue our re-exploration of Session 5: *Lives of Jesus - The Gospels, storytelling, theology, tradition and the arts tell stories of many different lives of Jesus – will the real Jesus please stand up?* [Click here to access the curriculum and videos.](#)

##### **Worship (10:10a)**

[Click to attend the Worship Zoom Watch Party](#)

To join via phone, call: (312) 626-6799, enter meeting ID: 828 704 987 press # to skip the participant ID prompt, and then enter the meeting password. Contact Pastor Lucas if you need the password.

You can also watch the video anytime after the service on our [Youtube Channel](#) or on our [Facebook page](#).

##### **Coffee Hour (after Congregational Meeting)**

[Click to attend the Zoom Coffee Hour Fellowship Time](#)

To join via phone, call: (312) 626-6799, enter meeting ID: 771 693 401, press # to skip the participant ID prompt, and then enter the meeting password. Contact Pastor Lucas if you need the password.

##### **Rainbow Faith on 2nd and 4th Sundays each month (1pm)**

Second Sunday: [Click to attend this MeetUp Group for LGBTQ+ Christians](#)

Fourth Sunday: [Click to attend this MeetUp Group for LGBTQ+ Christians](#)

More info about the group visit: [www.meetup.com/Rainbow-Faith-LGBTQ-Christians/](http://www.meetup.com/Rainbow-Faith-LGBTQ-Christians/)

Contact Pastor Lucas if you need the password.

## It's time to order gift cards - Deadline October 31, 2020!

The Shop with Scrip gift card program is up and running at HOPE UCC! This is a way to shop for all the many things you need on a regular basis and support the church financially at the same time. Every gift card you purchase donates a percentage back to the church. There is NO additional cost for you and it's FREE money for HOPE UCC! A WIN, WIN for all!!! Please consider making an order.

If you are interested in helping raise money for HOPE UCC with your usual shopping, here's how!

1. Complete an order form:

Download and print the order form sent via email. Choose the cards you'd like to order. OR if you prefer, email HOPE@SHAREHOPE.ORG with your order details.

2. Mail (Checks ONLY) or drop off (Cash or Checks) your order form with check (made payable to HOPE UCC) or exact cash payment to: HOPE UCC (1701 Quincy Avenue #27, Naperville IL 60540)

**Both must be received by the end of the month. If your payment is not received, your order cannot be placed.**

3. **Card pick-up at HOPE UCC will be Tuesday, November 10, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** (regular office hours), OR 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., if necessary. (Thanks to Barb Z. for helping during this time.) Pick-up will be non-contact. Ring the bell at the front door and smile 😊. Gail or Barb will pass your envelope of gift cards through the door and smile in return. 😊

Please contact Gail with any questions at HOPE@SHAREHOPE.ORG or 630.922.0470. Leave a message if there's no answer. Gail will be checking voicemail and email during our shutdown.

Thank you for your order! Thank you for supporting HOPE UCC!



## HALLOWEEN HAPPENING Coffee Hour - 11/1/2020



Greetings Ghouls and Goblins, that time of year is here again!

On Sunday, November 1st after church at 11:30 a.m., in place of the Coffee Hour, everyone is welcome to show their best Halloweenizer that they have prepared. We will also have a best costume and a best face mask contest.

We will take pictures and put them into the HOPE Happenings!

So get out your Cauldrons and your Eye of Newt, Wing of Bat, and Frog's Tongue and concoct your best Appetizer. Get out your scissors, sewing machines, fabric, craft paper, feathers, glue, glitter, boas, etc.

Did I give you enough ideas? So, get crafting on your best face masks and costumes!

Good Luck and see you on Zoom.



## HOPE Hang Out - Weekday Zoom Gathering, Every Wednesday @ 7:30pm



Click on the link below at the designated time to be connected to Zoom fellowship. Each gathering will have a HOPE facilitator present, so you're guaranteed to make a connection and not feel alone.

[Click to attend the HOPE Hang Out](#)

To join via phone, call: (312) 626-6799, enter meeting ID: 848 8296 6416, press # to skip the participant ID prompt, and then enter the meeting password. Contact Pastor Lucas if you need the password.

**Mark your calendars for the NEW, NEW date for Game Show Palooza, HOPE's FUNdraiser!!!**



**Put it on your calendars now - Saturday, May 1, 2021!** As you may remember this event was scheduled in the spring or 2020, rescheduled for the fall of 2020, and now spring of 2021! The new date allows more time to study all sorts of useless facts and create your "dream teams"! Stay tuned for more information.



## **Your gifts are valued and needed!**

HOPE still needs the support of your time, talent and treasure! If you have pledged financial gifts to HOPE for 2020 and are still able to fulfill that pledge, please make use of our online or text-based giving platforms.

### **ONLINE BANK TRANSFER GIVING**

Visit [sharehope.org/resources/give](https://sharehope.org/resources/give) to give a one-time electronic bank transfer donation or easily set-up recurring gifts.

You can use this website to make a donation in general support of HOPE's ministries or specifically to the Jesus Has Left the Building and We're Following Him Fundraiser.

### **TEXT-BASED GIVING**

To donate to HOPE by text message, simply text the amount you want to give to **630-521-3256** (Example: 20)

To donate specifically to the Jesus Has Left the Building and We're Following Him Fundraiser, simply type the amount you want to give, add a space, then add the code JHLB. (Example: 20 JHLB)

The first time you do so, a secure registration link will be sent back to you for you to enter your information.

Visit [sharehope.org/text](https://sharehope.org/text) for more details and information.

**After registering, to give again, just text a donation amount to the same number.**

Your donation will be immediately processed using the credit/debit card you previously entered.

**To manage your account simply text the word *edit*.**

A secure link will be sent to you where you can change your personal information, update your credit/debit card number, see a summary of your giving, and edit recurring transactions.

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**Office Closed Until Further Notice**

**We will be checking Voicemail & Email during our shutdown.**