



The weekly newsletter of

# HAPPENings

God is Still Speaking,

HOPE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

11/11/2020

## **\*\*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 – November 15**

##### **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 be continue our re-exploration of Session 11: *Redemptive Violence* [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**

[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.

## Jesus Has Left the Building and We're Following Him – 11/29/2020 - Final JHLB of the Year!

Dear HOPErs,

Thank you for those of you who have signed up to participate in our final Jesus Has Left the Building and We're Following Him of 2020! This project will aid Mutual Ground in Aurora and consists of four volunteer opportunities.

**WINTER WONDERLAND HELPER:** We are still looking for in-person participants to sign up to help Mutual Ground organize their Winter Wonderland holiday shoppe. The deadline to sign up for the in-person, socially distanced job is **Sunday, November 15**. Details about this day-of event will follow after this deadline.

**DONOR:** You can help us by providing cash or materials for the no-sew blanket helpers! We will reach out to those who have already signed up SOON. We would like to collect at least \$250 in cash and supplies. Please sign up ASAP so we can start gathering supplies.

**SHOPPER:** You will help purchase supplies to make the no-sew blankets. Details about this task will follow SOON.

**NO SEW BLANKET HELPER:** We are putting together fleece blankets for Mutual Ground to provide to their incoming residents. This is a totally remote opportunity for as many volunteers as are willing. Make one blanket or many! Please utilize this tutorial (<https://youtu.be/8rQ89wbL0Z8>) and **get started as soon as you can!** (Reach out to Erin Cooley if you cannot procure your own materials - we will get some to you!)

Thank you as always for your generosity!

Your JHLTB Team,

*Erin Cooley, Julie Hapke, and Jeanne Smith*



## Order Gift Cards - Deadline November 30, 2020! LAST ORDER BEFORE CHRISTMAS!

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, December 8, 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!

## 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.**