



The weekly newsletter of

HAPPENings

God is Still Speaking,

HOPE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

11/18/2020

****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. 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 22

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 starting on a new topic: *Incarnation* [Click here to access the curriculum and videos](#) and scroll to session #17.

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/

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!



Your Jesus Has Left the Building team met last night to finalize our plans, and we are so excited to share them with you!

Those who have already signed up, please keep an eye out on your email! Julie will reach out to all of you this week with instructions for our no-sew blanket projects.

And that's not all!



We will be collecting the blankets you make for Mutual Ground on Sunday, November 29, between 9 and 11 a.m. along with some very special guests! They were hard to book, but I think you'll agree - they're worth it!

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!

Virtual Thanksgiving – HOPE UCC Style!



Join Community Life in celebrating Thanksgiving virtually on Friday, November 27 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. Enjoy your favorite dessert and while we're chowing down, we have an activity! Think back and remember when we were kids, and you'd trace your hand and make it into a turkey? Well, if you'd like to participate, take a piece of paper, make your hand turkey, and on every finger, write something you are thankful for. While we pack away the dessert and if you are willing to share, we'd like to hear your five things you are thankful for.

Oh, one more thing and this is important! Perhaps you'd like to read your thanks in a different accent or perhaps you can come as your favorite "character" while you explain your thanks? Let's make it fun!!! We sure need to hang out with our friends and share the good things in our lives all while being a little silly.

Look for an email the Wednesday before Thanksgiving to see how to link into Zoom for this thankful event!

ADVENT Activity

The worship committee would like to invite you to share the light with your fellow HOPers in this upcoming Advent season. Your participation is completely voluntary, and the pictures are just ideas. Your Advent wreath can be quite simple or whatever you'd like. Advent actually starts on November 29, but because of Jesus has Left the Building, we won't have a service that day. So, you have until December 6 to have your wreath and candles (real or electric) ready to light during our worship service on the 6th, 13th, and 20th. Help us share the light this Advent.



All Aboard, All Aboard for the Polar Express Trivia Night December 5th at 7 p.m.

Join us via ZOOM for a Polar Express trivia trip. To prepare for our train ride, watch the movie before you board the train. Proper attire for our excursion is your best pair of jammies or your favorite Polar Express character. Your carry-on luggage should contain plenty of Hot Chocolate, cookies, and a silver bell. We are looking forward to seeing you on our trip to the North Pole!



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](#)

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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 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 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.