



## HOPE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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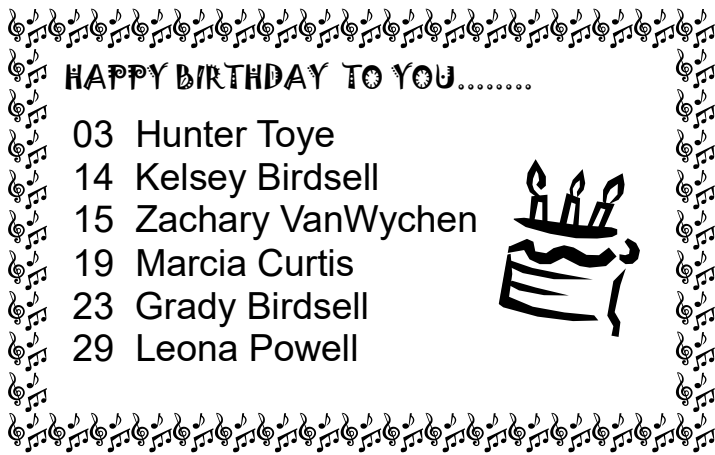
## Poor Musings...

Spring is here! During the sunrise service on Easter morning I was overcome with the beauty that surrounded me in the Memorial Garden with all of its glorious landscaping. The grass, trees, birds, and flowers were really showing off on Easter morning! There was so much beauty present on Easter morning, and not just at the sunrise service. Our 10:00 a.m. service was filled with members and friends joyfully celebrating Christ's resurrection. Holy Week and Easter were especially meaningful for me this year. I am so thankful for the opportunities we had to join together to prayerfully consider and reflect on the stories of Jesus's life leading us to Easter Sunday. Easter Sunday was a beautiful celebration of love and new life. But here is some really fantastic news: that celebration does not (and should not!) end on Easter Sunday.

As a community of Christ, we are Easter people! Let us continue to find the many ways God is calling us to live out the love and new life that we know through Jesus. As individuals and as a community of faith, let us remember that our invitation to the cross does not end on Easter Sunday. This is an invitation that we are offered everyday as we are on our faith journeys. As we continue to consider the Good News of new life in and through Christ, let us continue to consider how this Good News is reflected through us.

Enjoy this new season in your life. Enjoy the beautiful flowers that are bringing so much color to our landscape. Enjoy the green grass that is blanketing our neighborhoods. Enjoy the birds and all the wildlife that are singing and providing a symphony for us every day. Enjoy all these amazing gifts of God's Creation, and continue to celebrate Christ's resurrection and continue to identify the many ways God is alive and present within and around you – and within and around Hope UCC.

Yours in the journey,  
Pastor Santina



## May Scripture

May 5	Acts 9:1-20
May 12	Acts 9:36-43 Psalm 23
May 19	Acts 11:1-18
May 26	Acts 16:9-15 John 14:23-29



Thank you to Meal Site and Friends who served coffee hour for the month of April. Bell Choir will serve for the month of May.

## May Sunday School Schedule

	May 5 Worship in Park - No Sunday School	May 12	May 19	May 26 No Sunday School
Pre K- 1st-2nd		Cooking	Science	
3rd -4th 5th-6th		Science	Cooking	

## Flower Calendar

Would you like to commemorate a special date, occasion, or person in your life? If you would like to do this by providing flowers in the worship service, there is a calendar available to sign up for any Sunday. Simply sign up for the Sunday(s) you would like to bring flowers and Pam, our office administrator, will contact you as the date gets closer to remind you and to find out your dedication, which will go in that Sunday's bulletin. The sign up for the flower calendar is on the bulletin board across from the office door. Thank you.

## Camp Registration

Camp registration forms are available on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary. You can also register online at [www.il-outdoorministries.org](http://www.il-outdoorministries.org).

Average church attendance for April

93

## ***Library Corner*** ***New in the newsletter!***

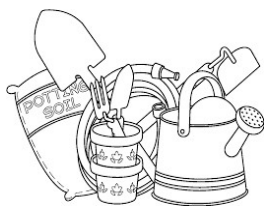
*Sometimes highlighting a specific category of newly donated books; Sometimes highlighting what is on display this month; Sometimes highlighting the UCC specifically; Sometimes highlighting reading and literacy opportunities: a recent emphasis of the UCC!*

*Saying thanks to advocates of reading at Hope, "this month a big thank you to Carole Keenan for continued work with the lending library in the fellowship hall".*

***The difference between that and the north wall of the designated Library room is that this is where books that may have a more specific relationship to the needs of a Christian congregation, mostly non-fiction (but not necessarily exclusively non-fiction).***

**Look for this Library Corner each month in your newsletter to check out new library news!**

# Hope Happenings



Once again Hope Church will be partnering with the Silvis Hy-Vee Garden Center the week of April 29-May 5, 2019 for a fundraiser benefiting the church. Please remember this date for all your spring garden purchases.

## A "Fun" Fundraiser for Our Church

Silvis Hy-Vee Garden Center will donate 10% of your purchases to Hope United Church of Christ.

Between the week of **April 29-May 5** purchases made of Plants, Rocks, Trees, Shrubs, Mulch, Soils, etc. will go towards the fundraiser.

Just bring this flyer to the Garden Center, and they will write the total on it and keep it until the end of the week; or you can just tell the clerk that you want the purchases to go to Hope United Church of Christ (in case you lose this paper).

Beautify your yard and shop as many times this week as you need!!!!

Purchase Total: \_\_\_\_\_



The Annual Mother/Daughter Banquet will be held Thursday, May 9th at 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$7 for children. Please join us to celebrate all mothers and daughters and enjoy the music of the Miracle Bluegrass Band. Menu will include, chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, roll and dessert. For reservations call Barb Hawotte 797-8251. May 5 will be the last day reservations are taken.

## Confirmation Retreat: May 25

We will hold a retreat for our Confirmands on Saturday, May 25, from 10:00 a.m.-3:00p.m. The retreat will be held at Hope UCC. During the retreat we will continue our discussions about what we believe, church history, and other topics. We'll celebrate Holy Communion together. We'll get outside and play some games. The Confirmands will also work on a special project. This is going to be a full day! Snacks and lunch will be provided.



**WHEN:**  
**SATURDAY**  
**May 18th 2019**  
**8:30 AM—12:30 PM**  
**(snacks provided)**

**WHERE:**  
**Hope United Church of Christ**  
**3324 41st St.**  
**Moline, IL 61265**

**PLEASE REGISTER:**  
**Register online: <https://bit.ly/2qsSI0U>**  
**563-386-7477 Ext. 266 (10-2 M-F)**  
**[www.namigmv.org](http://www.namigmv.org)**

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## FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS

### WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

This free seminar is led by trained people with lived experience of supporting a family member with a mental health condition. They will cover these topics.

- Understanding diagnoses, treatment and recovery
- Effective communication strategies
- The importance of self-care
- Crisis preparation strategies
- NAMI and community resources

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

The NAMI Family & Friends companion eBook provides important information about mental health conditions including: conditions and diagnoses, treatment and recovery, crisis planning, resources and more. You can download it for free at Amazon and Barnes & Noble where select languages are available for the Kindle, Nook and compatible ebook apps. Links provided at [www.namigmv.org](http://www.namigmv.org)

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## **Worship in the Park & Blessing of the Animals & “Zero Waste” Potluck Lunch: Sunday, May 5!**

The Bible is full of beautiful language and theology for celebrating God’s Creation. Yet in the busyness of our lives it can be challenging to find time, as a church community, to celebrate God’s Creation and our call to be good stewards of Creation. What better way to celebrate Creation than to move our worship service outside? Hope UCC will celebrate worship at Peterson Park at our regular time: 10:00 a.m. Our service will a “zero waste” potluck lunch. Our goal is to make as little waste & subsequent impact on the environment as possible so we’re asking that everyone bring their own non-disposable place settings (plate, silverware, drinking glass) instead of using paper/plastic ware. We’re going to try something different with the potluck by asking your to bring a certain item based on your last name. If your last name begins with the letter A-I: please bring a main dish; J-P: please bring a side dish; Q-Z: please bring a dessert. We know the weather can be tricky, but there is an accessible, covered patio area and plenty of parking so we do hope you’ll join us for worship and blessing of our pets. See you at Peterson Park!



## **Reel Theology May 11: *Green Book***

Please join us as on May 11<sup>th</sup> when we watch and discuss the 2018 Academy Award winning film *Green Book*. This film is a biographical comedy-drama set in 1962 and is inspired by the true story of a tour of the Deep South by African American classical and jazz pianist Don Shirley and Italian American bouncer Frank Vallelonga who served as Shirley's driver and bodyguard. All ages are invited, but this film is rated PG-13.

We will have a potluck from 6:00-6:30 p.m. We will begin the movie at 6:30 and following the film, we will have our discussion.

See you at the movies!

## **Faith Exploration**

Faith Exploration, because of you, is celebrating a successful year using our new rotational curriculum for our young people. You have responded by bringing your youngsters to Sunday School on a regular basis and by volunteering to teach! We are so grateful for the response from children and parents alike.

May is a short month of Sunday school. There will be no Sunday school on May 5, (church in the park) and May 26 (Memorial Day weekend). During church on May 19, Faith Exploration will honor our church school participants and have a special treat during fellowship time following the church service.

Thank you for supporting our Lenten series held on Tuesday evenings during the Lenten season. Participation in those, like Sunday school, is growing. It gives us energy to look forward as we plan for FE beginning in fall.

Are you interested in helping to plan some fun family nights during the summer? Outdoor game night? Sing along night? Bubble night? Camp fire night? Movie night? If so, please let one of the FE ministry members know. We'll look forward to hearing from you. Bring your ideas and helping hands to plan and we'll have lots of fun!

Appreciatively –

Lisa Williams, Laura Black, Bob Poor, Beth Carvey and Mary Tallitsch  
Faith Exploration Ministry team



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