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Our Confirmation Creed

by Riley Johnson, Joley Sullivan, & Nora Van Howe

We believe in the Almighty, creator God. Our God loves all of Creation and cares for the poor and weak, and we are to do the same. God created Jesus, blesses us, understands us, and hears our prayers. Many people look up to God, and we believe God is always by our side, helping us and leading us forward to discover answers to our questions and guiding us on our paths in life.

We believe in Jesus Christ. We believe that Jesus is God's Messiah and as a teacher he taught a message of kindness and love. We believe Jesus was peace and even though he was non-violent, his death was a sacrifice for us to learn about forgiveness and hope. We believe Jesus is love – and his love shows us to care about others, show empathy, and how to love our enemies. Jesus made great friends and started a special community and a big movement and we believe we are part of that movement today.

We believe in the Holy Spirit. We believe that the Holy Spirit is the consciousness of God and is all the love of God and Jesus bundled up. We believe God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit are all one and connected. We believe the Holy Spirit is in each of us and is the good part of us even when we make mistakes. We believe the Holy Spirit is a sacred Spirit and is the hope and light inside each of us. The Holy Spirit is everywhere around us, like air and is experienced in our passion and love for others. The Holy Spirit is like a beautiful sunset, a mother cat, and a peaceful forest – all wonderful and amazing things that remind us of the holy presence. We believe the Holy Spirit brings us hope.

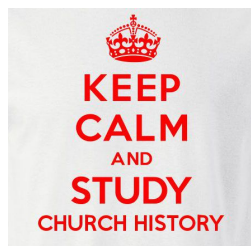
We believe in the ways that the Church, when it is living in the ways God calls us to live, can be a wonderful and beautiful place. We believe that the Church creates a holy community and is a place where we think, worship, give thanks, and explore our faith. Church is a welcoming place where we connect with God and with the world, and with each other. In Church, we believe, we can be 'one.' We believe Church is a building but we believe Church is really the people and can be found anywhere where God's people join together.

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Our Confirmation Creed *(continued)*

We believe Church is a big part of our lives and is important to us and to each other and all the rituals, traditions, and life events that happen in Church shape us and change us and strengthen us and our faith. We believe that all creation reflects the image of God and so we will work to increase respect, love, and care for all of God's Creation.

We believe that life and death do not have to be scary, because we believe in the Holy presence in all of it; we believe Heaven is a scared and happy place for God's Creation and that the 'end' is the beginning of something new. We believe that we are strengthened in this life by our love for God our Creator, Jesus Christ our Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit who guides us. We believe we are called to continue to learn and grow in faith, ask questions, and live our lives in ways that show that we follow Jesus Christ so that other people can learn and grow in love too. Amen.



Adult Confirmation Class

June 20

Part 1: 5:00-6:30 P.M.

Part 2: 6:30-8:00 P.M.

Our Adult Confirmation Class will meet on Tuesday, June 20 to continue our discussion of Church History. Part 1 of the evening will review what we discussed in May- church history up through the 16th century. In Part 2, we will focus more on the history of our beloved denomination, the United Church of Christ. We'll discuss the history of our founding denominations and how we became the UCC as well as the changes and developments and religious partnerships we've developed over time. Remember, you don't have to come to all of these gatherings, simply join us for the topics that are of interest to you. Zoom participation is available for this class. For more information, please contact Pastor Santina or leave a message with the church office.



June Scripture

June 4: Genesis 1:1-2:4
Matthew 28:16-20

June 11: Genesis 12:1-9
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

June 18: Genesis 18:1-15
Matthew 9:35-10:8

June 25: Genesis 21:8-21
Matthew 10:24-39

July 2: Genesis 22:1-14
Matthew 10:40-42

Lectionary on Summer Break

Our Tuesday Lectionary Study Group will take a summer break beginning this month. We will resume the Tuesday morning gathering in September. Enjoy your summer vacations!



QC Pride Parade and Festival: Saturday June 17

Join us after our yard sale and show your love and support for our LGBTQ+ family and friends and neighbors at this year's QC Pride Parade and Festival. We will be joining our sister ONA church, Edwards UCC, for pre-Pride activities as well as the parade and festival. We will have a booth at the festival so that visitors at the event can get to know our congregations and the true welcome and affirmation all of God's children receive at Hope UCC and Edwards UCC. This is an important time to show our faithful support for our LGBTQ+ neighbors as disinformation and laws bring harm to them and their families. We hope you will join us for any and all of these events:

Wednesday, June 14 at 6 P.M. Pride Painting Party and Potluck: Come paint an umbrella to carry in the parade or a poster. Bring a dish to share and if possible, a \$5 donation for the umbrella. We can carpool from Hope UCC to the potluck!

Saturday, June 17: QC Unity Pride Parade at 2:00 P.M.(after the yard sale!): Walk or ride in our float and enjoy this wonderful experience of celebrating the beauty and diversity of God's Creation!

Saturday, June 17: Pride Festival at Bass Street Landing at 3:30: We will have a booth at the Festival with information about our

congregations at Hope and Edwards UCC. It's always an amazing experience to speak with visitors at the Pride Festival and hear them say they never knew a church could truly be an affirming place for them. We will need volunteers to help with set up as well as being in the booth to greet folks. There is a sign up sheet for all of these activities on the bulletin board across from the office or you can call or email the church office or speak to Pastor Santina to sign up or if you have any questions. Thank you!

Donations Needed- Can You Help Create a Fresh Start for Jason?

Can you help the Augustana Prison Education Program help their students with a fresh start following their release from prison? One of their students is due to be released mid-June, and is in need of some clothes as he transitions into life outside of prison and begins attending classes on campus. The sign up sheet is in the church office or see Pastor Santina. **All items are needed no later than June 11.** If you would like to donate funds for this, all donations will be used to purchase the needed items and any additional funds will be used for the purchase of toiletries or additional clothing. Please indicate "Jason" on the memo line or on the envelope. You can email or call the church office for more information or to let us know you can help. Thank you for your support of this important ministry!



Hope UCC Yard Sale June 16 & 17!

It's back! A big thank you to Linda Brown and Judy Piper for offering to lead the effort. Save the date and start putting aside those the things that you are done with but someone else will find a good use for. We will not be selling clothing items at this yard sale, but we look forward to organizing and sharing all the other treasures you are ready to part with. You can bring your treasures beginning June 1 during office hours (or contact Judy or Linda for other arrangements). Volunteers are needed beginning Sunday, June 11 for set up throughout the week as well as during the sale: Friday June 16 from 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. and Saturday June 17 from 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Hope UCC Book Club Monday, June 5th (Not May 29!)

The Hope UCC Book Club will be meeting in the Bronze Room at the Moline Public Library on Monday night, June 5th, at 6:00pm, rather than May 29th, due to its being Memorial Day. The book will be *The Secret Life of Sunflowers* by Marta Molnar. When Emsley Wilson finds her famous grandmother's diary while cleaning out her New York brownstone, the pages are full of surprises. The first surprise is the diary isn't her grandmother's. It belonged to Johanna Bonger, Vincent van Gogh's sister-in-law. Johanna inherited Vincent van Gogh's paintings. They were all she had, and they weren't worth anything. She was a 28 year old widow with a baby in the 1800s, without any means of supporting herself, living in Paris where she barely spoke the language. Yet she managed to introduce Vincent's legacy to the world. Join us for this fun discussion!



Book Club will also meet on Monday, June 26 - Book selection TBD!

Ruth Circle's Afternoon Meeting: Monday June 19th at at 1:00 P.M.

Ruth Circle's next afternoon meeting is scheduled for 1:00pm on Monday, June 19th at 1:00 P.M. We look forward to seeing all of you there!



Congregational Sympathy

Congregational love and sympathy is extended to the family of Marge Gottwalt. Marge died peacefully on May 19th. Her family will hold a private service at a later date.

Hope UCC also extends our congregational love and sympathy to Pam Becker and her family. Pam's father, Jim Dixon, died on May 17th. Our love and prayers for peace and comfort are lifted for Pam and her family in this time of loss.



New Flower Calendar Available

Would you like to remember a loved one or a special occasion on a Sunday? We once again have a Flower Calendar sign up sheet available if you would like to bring flowers for the altar on a Sunday. The flowers can be from your yard, a bouquet from a store or florist, or even a plant. You are welcome to bring them home after the service. We will include your dedication in the bulletin that Sunday. The Flower Calendar will be posted next to the nametags. Thank you.



As always, if you note any inaccuracies or missing birthdays, please do not hesitate to let the office know, and we will correct and update our information in an expeditious, speedy, quick, prompt, swift, and efficient manner.

June Birthdays

01 Nancy Callahan
03 Bob Tallitsch
03 Cheryl Mickelson
04 Emma Goderis
08 Judy Piper
17 Della Findlay
18 Kathy LeMaster

A Note about Birthdays and Other Information

We appreciate your patience as we try to update our church files. Birthday information is especially tricky because it is based on the information we receive on the 'New Member Covenant' forms which are filled out and turned in when a person joins the church. Consequently, if you have been attending for a week or for years, but have not filled out that form, we, unfortunately, do not have that information. We have discovered that we are missing information, not only for friends, but for long time members as well. We'd like to fix this issue but we need your help please. We had hoped to get out the new information sheet in May, but this will happen in June instead. So when you get that, please fill it out and return it to the office so that we have your most current information: address, phone number, birthdate, preferred contact method for weekly/monthly information, etc. We will use this information to update our files, refine our postage budget, and also produce a new directory later this summer. We thank you for your cooperation, patience, and support in this endeavor.

GATHERED AT THE TABLE: THE HOLY EXPERIENCE OF SHARING FOOD

JUNE 25TH AT 5:30 P.M.



Clean Up and Transition of the Church Library

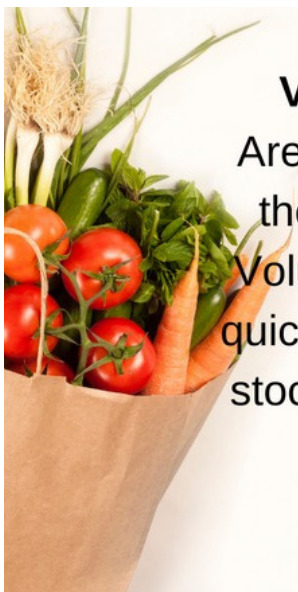
Our Trustees have started the process of transitioning the Church's Library space into a more purposeful meeting room. We have cleaned out the room, and in June will be removing the built-in bookcases and begin repairing the walls, ceiling and carpeting over the course of the summer. Please stay tuned for updates as we move forward on this exciting project! If you would like to help or have any questions about this project, please don't hesitate to ask one of our trustees: Bob Poor, Bob Church, Eric Leuth, Jenny Hookey, Dick Head, Judy Piper, Dean Herbst, or Grady Birdsell.

Blessing Box Volunteers Needed:

Are you able to help keep
the Blessing Box filled?

Volunteers needed for the
quick job of keeping the BB
stocked. Sign up sheets in
Fellowship Hall.

Thank you!



Blessing Box Requests

Thank you for your continued
support of this important
ministry! With the nicer weather,
we can restock some
necessities:

- canned fruit
- canned meats and fish and other protein
- individually wrapped snack items like granola bars
- hygiene supplies
- shelf stable milk
- soups, and grain mixes
- toilet paper





Celebrate Our Graduates on June 18!

We will celebrate and bless our graduates as they graduate and move forward in their journeys. Graduates this year are Riley Hawotte who is graduating from Rock Island High School and Dennis Beug who is graduating from United Township High School. Congratulations, Graduates!!



Thank You, Hope UCC Landscaping Stewardship Team!!

A big thank you to the wonderful folks that keep our campus looking so beautiful year round and are very busy during these summer months. Dan Hawotte, Dean Herbst, and Bob Church faithfully keep Hope UCC looking so nice and welcoming. Thank you so much for the time and energy and care you take with this ministry.

Welcome Rev. Kathy Lawes, Associate Conference Minister of Our Illinois Conference!!

We are looking forward to welcoming the Rev. Kathy Lawes to Hope UCC on Sunday, June 18th. Rev. Lawes will bring greetings from our Illinois Conference office and offer the sermon on Sunday. Make sure you stay for Fellowship Hour and say hello!

