



Hope UCC Weekly Update: January 26, 2025

There is always something happening at Hope UCC, so we thought we would add a weekly announcement feature to the bulletin that is mailed and emailed out to everyone. This Weekly Update will provide you with announcements, information, and updates on all that is going on in our community – at church and beyond.

Hope UCC Annual Meeting Sunday, January 26

Please plan to stay for Hope UCC's Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 26th following worship. We will discuss and vote to approve Hope UCC's 2024 Annual Report and our 2025 Proposed Budget. These will be available for preview prior to the Annual Meeting. All are welcome to stay for the meeting: EVERYONE has a voice in these meetings, however, members of Hope UCC may vote.



**EVENT: NAVIGATING PATHS OF TRANSITION
IN LIFE'S JOURNEYS**

WITH REV. JANE COURTRIGHT

**WHEN: TUESDAY EVENINGS FROM 5:30 – 7:30 P.M.
FEBRUARY 4, 11, 18, 25th, IN OUR FELLOWSHIP HALL.**

A SIMPLE SUPPER TOGETHER WILL BEGIN AT 5:30, &
OUR SERIES WILL BEGIN AT 6:00 & END AT 7:30.

NOTE: THERE WILL BE SIGN-UP SHEETS AVAILABLE.
IF POSSIBLE, PLEASE SIGN UP SO THAT WE WILL
KNOW HOW MANY PROGRAM RESOURCES
TO PROCURE & HOW MUCH FOOD TO PREPARE!
MOST IMPORTANT: **JUST COME!**

Change is inevitable in everyone's life journey, some Transitions more difficult than others. Navigating through those paths of change is the focus of this 4-week series. By telling our stories of the past & difficult paths, recognizing in-between stages, & looking toward the future, we will learn to implement practical & useful strategies for coping with transitions.

Basing the workshop contents on her personal history of transitions, Rev. Jane Courtright will lead this adventure! She has been mentored by spiritual director Jeannie Bowman, Quaker educator & spiritual companion. Jane will lead participants through a month of spiritual practices, rituals, meditations, & journaling for releasing and healing.

Join us in exploring the concept of navigating paths as we continue to face change in our world & lives of unknown twists, with a recognition of the sacred & holy in those changes.

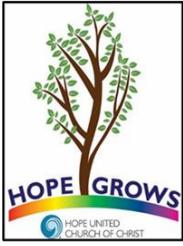


Ruth Circle News

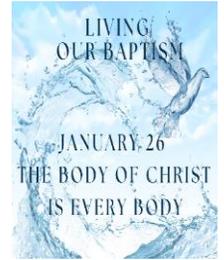
February: Save the date of February 17 for our Olive Garden outing. We will meet at the Olive Garden in Moline at 5:30pm. Bring a friend!
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Hope UCC Book Club

The Book Club will meet on January 27 at 2:30pm. Bring your favorite book to share and discuss. Please contact Dorothy Burdick for more information.



Hope United Church of Christ Moline, IL
Worship Bulletin January 26, 2025
Third Sunday after Epiphany
Rev. Santina Poor, Pastor



Thank you for joining us for worship today.
We are glad you are here!
Because you are who you are,
you are welcome here!
***Those who are able, please stand.**

PRELUDE *Holy Manna arr. by Michael Larkin*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***COMING TOGETHER AS A WORSHIP COMMUNITY**

One: Let the ears of all people be attentive;
the heavens are telling the glory of God.

**Many: Everything around us proclaims God's handiwork,
Let us bow down and worship our Creator.**

One Day and night, God is at work among us.
We are drawn together into one body, the church.

**Many: As we commune with God, we know we need one other.
Let us honor the good to be found in all people.**

One: Hear once again the laws and commandments.
Find them sure and right and true for all.

**Many: We weep and mourn our lack of faithfulness.
We seek true community in which all are honored.**

*OPENING HYMN NCH #70 *God Is Here*

***INVITING GOD INTO OUR MIDST**

On this holy day, we come together to make sense of our lives. We look to your Word, O God, as a source of understanding. Revive our souls that our hearts may rejoice in your presence. Cleanse and enlighten us with your truth. Liberate us from self-imposed limitations. Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our heart be acceptable in your sight, O God, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.

***OFFERING OUR CONFESSION AND RECEIVING THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Sometimes, God, we do not know what to confess. We seek to keep your law, but the right course is not always clear. We want to follow your direction, but it is hard to discern what is true. Sometimes it is difficult to care about people whose values are different from ours. How can we be one with those who do not share our beliefs? At times, our own faith is shaken—our faith in ourselves and our faith in you. We need your help, God, so our sins will not have dominion over us. Amen.

*SHARING GOD'S PEACE

BELL ANTHEM *Borning Cry by John Yvlisaker*

LEARNING FROM OUR CHILDREN

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: And also, with you.

One: Let us pray: ...

With the assurance Jesus offers, together we pray the words Jesus taught us:

Our Father, who is in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 19

¹ The heavens are telling the glory of God,
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

² Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.

³ There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;

⁴ yet their voice goes out through all the earth
and their words to the end of the world.

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,
⁵ which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

⁶ Its rising is from the end of the heavens
and its circuit to the end of them,
and nothing is hid from its heat.

⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the decrees of the LORD are sure,
making wise the simple;

⁸ the precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear,
enlightening the eyes;

⁹ the fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring forever;
the ordinances of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.

¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb.

¹¹ Moreover, by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

¹² But who can detect one's own errors?
Clear me from hidden faults.

¹³ Keep back your servant also from the insolent;
do not let them have dominion over me.

Then I shall be blameless
and innocent of great transgression.

¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴ Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many members yet one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²² On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect, ²⁴ whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵ that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work powerful deeds? ³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

*GOSPEL LESSON Luke 4:14-21

¹⁴ Then Jesus, in the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding region. ¹⁵ He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,

to set free those who are oppressed,
¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

SERMON *The Body of Christ is Every Body*

SERMON HYMN *We are Many Parts, We Are All One Body*

SHARING OUR GIFTS

We are part of the body of Christ which extends around the world. Together, we form a caring community, united in spite of many differences in appearance, understanding, and function. If others are suffering, we, too, will suffer. When we have the ability to help, it is a joy to do so. May our offerings preach good news, proclaim liberty, and recover among us all the ability to see and hear and respond. *Hope UCC thanks you for the gifts you share with this congregation. Your offering enables us to live into our mission. Offering plates are located near the Sanctuary doors.*

BLESSING OUR GIFTS

In the spirit of Christ, we give our best for the world. Your rule among us, O God, is more to be desired than riches. Therefore, we share what you have allowed us to use, giving thanks for the joy of helping others and entering into partnership with them. This is only the beginning of our offering, for we dedicate here our varied gifts as apostle, prophets, teachers, healers, helpers, administrators, speakers, workers. In all we do, we will seek to serve you by sharing your love. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN NCH #556 *God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens*

*BENEDICTION

One: May the words of our mouths proclaim God's love.
 May the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to God.

**Many: We go forward as praying, witnessing people.
 We greet this week with high anticipation.**

One: The Spirit of God accompanies us on our journey.
 We are anointed for the sharing of good news.

**Many: Our words and deeds will release captives.
 What we do and say will change our world.**

One: The joy of God is our strength.
 The law of God revives us and makes us wise.

**Many: In purity of heart, we seek to serve.
 In quiet confidence, we dare to change and grow. Amen.**

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Serving in Worship Today

Reverend Santina Poor, Pastor Hope UCC

Liturgist: Kathy Hobson

Ministers of Music: Laurel Filzen Etzel, Greg Etzel

Accompanist: Mary Tallitsch

Greeter: Ken Curtis

Slide Ministry: Lindsey Svetlick

Fellowship Hour: Kim Beug, Becky Newton, Stacy Demarest, Betsy Demarest

Audio-Visual Ministry: Jenny Hookey, Donna Werner, Bob Tallitsch, Kathy Hobson,
Bob Poor, Bek Svetlick

We Are Many Parts / Muchos Miembros Hay

Refrain



We are man - y parts, we are all one bod - y,
Mu-chos miem-bros hay, *en un so-lo cuer-po;*



and the gifts we have we are giv-en to share,
nues-tros do-nes son pa-ra dar y ser-vir.



May the Spir-it of love make us one in - deed;
Que el Es-pí-ri-tu de Dios nos u-na en su a-mor;

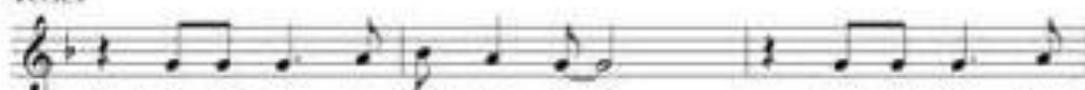


one, the love that we share, one, our hope in de-
com-par-tien-do el do-lor, com-ba-tien-do el te-



spair, one, the cross that we bear.
mor, com-pla-cien-do al Se-ñor.

Verses



1. God of all, we look to you,	we would be your
2. So my pain is pain for you,	in your joy is
3. All you seek - ers, great and small,	seek the great - est
1. <i>Oh Se-ñor, que-re-mos ser</i>	<i>ser-vi-do-res</i>
2. <i>Mi do-lor te due-le a tí;</i>	<i>si te go-zas,</i>
3. <i>Qué-nes bus-can de ver-dad</i>	<i>su ma-yor fe-</i>



ser-vants true,	let us be your love to all the world.
my joy, too;	all is brought to - geth - er in the Lord.
gift of all;	if you love, then you will know the Lord.
<i>por do-quier;</i>	<i>y a la hu-ma-ni-dad lle-var tu a-mor.</i>
<i>soy fe-liz;</i>	<i>to-do se u-ne en tor-no al Se-ñor.</i>
<i>li-ci-dad;</i>	<i>a-men y co-no-ce-rán a Dios.</i>