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End of Summer Reflections

I recently went to the craft store to pick up some ribbon for a project. I was surprised to see that even though it was only the third week of July, they already had Thanksgiving items on display. What a stark reminder that my planning for Fall worship and programs needed to start. Some of our school districts go back to school August 1st, so these students, families, teachers, and staffs have already completed what I will begin this month – getting ready for the new year and preparing to embrace all the opportunities, growth, challenges, joy, and grace it will offer.

Hope UCC is closing out this summer on a high note. We launched a second worship service, Gathered and we welcomed 7 new members during our July 31st worship service. The Blessing Box continues to live up to its name, serving as a blessing to our neighbors in Moline. The items within it are in regular need of restocking and this congregation continues to support this ministry through your generous donations of needed supplies, financial support, and time through volunteering to keep it stocked. Our time in worship together has also been a source of energy, renewal, and fellowship. We will continue our worship series, Gathered at the Table – The Holy Experience of Sharing Food, in August.

Prayerfully reflecting on what God is doing at Hope UCC widens our lens to envision what God is calling this faith community into in this new year. I will be out of the office the week of August 22 in order to do long-term worship and program planning for our congregation. If there are topics you would like to explore or if you have ideas for outreach or community involvement, please share them with me or any of our Hope UCC Ministry Chairs: Mission & Outreach/Faith Exploration: Jenny Hookey; Trustees: Bob Poor; Worship & Music: Jan Varga; Church Council President: Kathy Lemaster. Some of the ideas that have been suggested that will be available in the new program year are a sermon series on the UCC Statement of Faith, an adult Confirmation class, a Pickleball Extravaganza, and an all-church volunteer day at Feed My Starving Children. What would you like to see happen at Hope UCC that will feed your Spirit?

As we get ready to transition into a new season, we'll see a lot of Fall decorations appearing in store displays. However, as we begin to make this transition as followers of Christ at Hope UCC, I invite you to join me in remembering and affirming Hope UCC's mission statement as we prayerfully discern the many ways God is calling us to grow in faith and share God's love.

Hope United Church of Christ is a family of faith where all are welcome. Through worship, mission and fellowship, we strive to grow spiritually and share God's love through Christ for all creation.

Yours in the journey,
Pastor Santina





Congregational Sympathy

Congregational love and sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Suzanne Cutler. Suzanne passed away on Wednesday, July 20 at her farm in West Liberty, Iowa. Suzanne's life was celebrated with a small graveside service on Monday, July 25. If you would like to send a card or note to Suzanne's daughter, Rebecca, her address is available in the church office.

Welcome Hope UCC New Members!

On Sunday, July 31st we received 7 people into membership at Hope UCC. Welcome to Tracy & Eric Leuth, Kathy Negaard, Nancy Stevens, Marsha Peterson, and Kim & Josh Powell!

Covid Update

As we read the news each day, it is clear that we are not 'done' with Covid. Each new variant presents new challenges and risks, even for fully vaccinated folks. In an effort to care for each other during this time of increasing case numbers in our area and community, we strongly encourage you to wear a mask during worship at Hope UCC. Masks are not required, however, the invitation to wear a mask (even if you're fully vaccinated) is our way of loving our neighbors and doing what we can to help each other (especially those in our community at greater risk if they are exposed to Covid) to stay well during this latest variant, unfortunately, makes itself known to us. We thank you for your cooperation in this endeavor!

Gathered: Dinner Church Worship Service

Our August Gathered service is scheduled for August 28th at 5:00 P.M. All ages are welcome to join us for this worship service centered on the meal we will share. Stay tuned for any additional times during August that might be added to the schedule.

August Scripture

August 7	Jahn 2:1-11
August 14	Luke 10:38-42
August 21	Luke 5:27-39
August 28	Jahn 21:1-19

RUTH CIRCLE DINNER - EVERYONE WELCOME

Ruth Circle is having a summer dinner night on August 15, 2022. Everyone is welcome, you do not need to be in Ruth Circle to come. We will be meeting at 5:00 at River House - 1510 River Dr., Moline. No meeting, just a social outing, we hope many will join us, it is always a fun night.

Any questions or to let us know you will be attending please call or see Sheila Goderis or Kathy LeMaster. We will need to know how many are attending to make our reservation. Hope to see many of you there.



Youth Group News

We hope our youth are enjoying this summer break! School will be starting soon for many of you and we hold you all in prayers as this new year begins. We will resume Youth Group and welcome new friends to our Kick Off Gathering September 4th at 3:00 at Hope UCC. Also, please save September 17th on your schedules so you can help out with the special fundraiser being planned to benefit Youth Group! We need your energy (and, spoiler alert: Pickleball skills)!

Save the Date for All Church Service Trip: September 24!

All ages are welcome to join Mission & Outreach as we travel to Aurora to serve at Feed My Starving Children. We will meet at Hope UCC at 9:45 a.m. and carpool to the worksite in Aurora, have lunch and then begin our shift that begins at 2:00 and concludes at 3:45. Save the date and be watching for more details and sign ups!



Get Ready for Our Pickleball Fundraiser!!

Get ready to have a fun Saturday morning full of fellowship, laughter, cheering, some good clean competition, and of course, tasty food on Saturday, September 17th at Hope UCC. We happen to have a Pickleball Pro in our congregation – Caridad Ramos – and she and her Pickleball Pals are organizing this fun event as a fundraiser in support the next Youth Group Service Learning Trip. The events of the day will include an exciting Pickleball demonstration, lessons, an exhibition game, lunch, and baked goods. A free will donation gets you a courtside seat and if you would like lunch, tickets for a delicious meal are \$5. There will be a variety of baked goods available for sale. Also, as soon as we figure out how the scoring works in Pickleball, we may even have the opportunity to make a ‘donation’ based on who you think will be victorious in the exhibition game. The Youth Group will be there serving lunch and will be part of the exhibition game as they challenge the Pickleball Pros. We are converting the rear parking lot into a Pickleball stadium and a great time is guaranteed – even if you’ve never heard of Pickleball before! By the time this event is over, you will definitely know what all the fuss is about and why this game is getting so popular for players of all ages and abilities!

Hope UCC New Office Hours

This summer, Hope UCC office hours are 9:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M. daily.

Beginning August 29th, the new Hope UCC office hours will be:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Wednesday and Friday: 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

If you need assistance outside of these hours, please email or call and leave a message at the church office or contact Pastor Santana. Thank you!

Pastor Santana’s August Schedule

Pastor Santana will be out of town following worship August 7-9 and 17-18. Rev. Lisa Gaston will be available for any pastoral care emergencies. Pastor Santana will take her study leave the week of August 22-27