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The Christian year divides neatly into two halves. From Advent through Pentecost is 26 weeks. It includes the really big Holy Days of the church; Christmas, Epiphany, Holy Week and Easter. This period focuses on the incarnation and resurrection of Jesus. The second period is also 26 weeks and focuses on the life of the church.

This second half began on Trinity Sunday, May 26, 2024. This second period has had a number of titles in my lifetime. As a youngster the church I grew up in called it "Trinity," and later, "Kingdomtide." The Lutherans call it "the season after Pentecost" and number the Sundays. Another portion of the Christian church, including the Catholic Church calls it "ordinary time." I like that. Not everything can be special all the time. We need the ordinary to set off the special.

During this ordinary time the focus is on the life of the church and once every three years the lectionary provides an option that is a semi-continuous reading of the books of Samuel, Kings and Chronicles. And in June, July and August we will be reading this narrative of history that I think of as the nation building phase of the saga of those who follow the God Yahweh. This summer the life of the church is about the life of a nation.

So here is a schedule of the preaching in June:

June 2 "Samuel' Call" 1 Samuel 3:1-20

June 9 "Saul Becomes King" 1 Samuel 8:4-20, 11:14-15

June 16 "Samuel Anoints David" 1 Samuel 15:34 – 16:13

June 23 "David and Goliath" 1 Samuel 17:14-11, 19-23, 32-49

June 30 "Elegy for Saul" 2 Samuel 1:1, 17- 27

These are all wonderful oral stories full of action, faith in God, and human character patterns that hold recognizable over the centuries! I enjoy preaching and have never been able to do a series quite like this before. Young Abe Lincoln was so poor as a boy that the only book his family owned was a Bible. He could have done far worse than reading Samuel and Kings in preparation for the presidency!

If you want some homework you can read the whole of 1 Samuel; there are many great accounts that are not scheduled for reading in church. And such reading would help show how these narratives fit together.

See you in church,
Pastor Michael



Pastor Michael's office hours are Mondays, 9:00 AM-12:00 P.M.

Hope UCC Yard Sale!

Save the dates and gather your treasures! Hope UCC will hold its annual yard sale on Friday, June 14th and Saturday June 15th from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Please bring in donated items through June 13th – they can be placed in classrooms 1 and 2 (please do not place items in the Chapel). We are not accepting clothes, but shoes, hats, jewelry, purses, and bags are acceptable. Please make sure donated items are clean and in saleable condition.

We'll need help setting up tables following coffee hour on June 9th as well as help that week with sorting, organizing and pricing. Of course, we will have a sign-up sheet for volunteers for these events as well as for clean up after the sale.

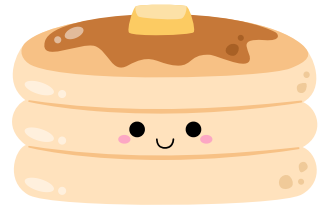
This is always a great fundraiser for Hope UCC and is also a lot of fun to work at together in fellowship. There will be treats and coffee too!! Please see Kathy Lewis (309-737-0791) or Linda Brown (309-721-1075) with any questions. Thank you!

Show Your Hope UCC Pride!

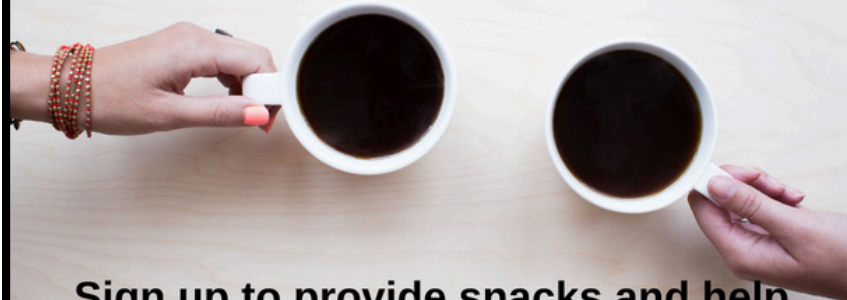
This year Hope UCC will once again march in the QC Pride Parade with our interfaith sibling ONA congregations. The parade is Saturday, June 1st - if you would like to march or ride in the car, please let Kathy Hobson know. Kathy has the details on where and when to gather for the parade. Hope UCC will also have a booth once again with Edwards UCC and with our friends from other congregations at the Pride Fest at Bass Street Landing on June 15th. Again, please see Kathy Hobson for more information!

Men's Fellowship Saturday, June 1st Breakfast!

The Men's Fellowship group will be meeting on Saturday, June 1st, 8am at Deerfield Family Restaurant in Silvis. Please contact Josh Powell at (309) 737-8378 to RSVP or if you have any further questions.



Coffee Fellowship Hour- Volunteers Welcome!



**Sign up to provide snacks and help
set up and clean up.
Your help is greatly appreciated!
Sign up sheet is in Fellowship Hall.**

Thank You, Mary!

As we celebrate Mary Tallitsch's wonderful tenure as our Bell Choir Director, please don't worry - she is not going anywhere! She and Bob will both be here at Hope UCC, in worship, and serving in many different and new roles - that means Mary will even substitute for any travelling bell ringers!! We're glad they're staying right here at Hope UCC!



Mary Boquist's 90th!

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

Open House: 2 O'Clock until 4 O'Clock

At Friendship Manor
Activity Center
1209 21st Ave
Rock Island, IL 61201



All-Church Service Trip to Feed My Starving Children September 21, 2024

We will once again be going to Aurora to serve at Feed My Starving Children. This trip will take place on Saturday, September 21st. We will again have lunch at Harner's in North Aurora before we go to pack the bags. All ages over 5 are invited to this wonderful service project. Please see Barb Hawotte to sign up to go, or to get more information. Carpools will be available if you are not comfortable driving to Aurora.

If you are not able to make it but would like to send a card,

Mary's new address is:

Friendship Manor
1209 21st Ave - Room B307
Rock Island, IL 61201

If you have any questions, feel free to contact:

Dena - 309-738-9030

Beth - 563-320-3293



Take Me Out to the Ballgame!!

Everyone is welcome to join the fun and attend a Hope UCC Fellowship Night at the River Bandits baseball game on Tuesday, June 11 at 6:30 P.M. This special night is \$2 admission, \$2 hot dogs, \$2 sodas! What a deal! Ruth Circle is organizing this evening together - please see Dorothy Burdick for more information and we'll see you at the ballpark!!



As always, if you note any inaccuracies or missing birthdays of any friends or members, 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

Nancy Callahan	June 01
Robert Tallitsch	June 03
Cheryl Mickelson	June 03
Emma Goderis	June 04
Judy Piper	June 08
Mary Boquist	June 15
Della Findlay	June 17
Kathleen LeMaster	June 18

Help Keep the Blessing Box Stocked!

Can you spare a few minutes to help our neighbors? Sign up to help restock the Blessing Box in front of Hope UCC? It doesn't take much time at all and it makes a BIG difference in the lives our friends and neighbors. Please see Julie Bustard for more information or Kathy Hobson to sign up. Thank you!!



Blessing Box Donations Needed

Can you help keep our Blessing Box filled with the items our neighbors need this summer? If you can provide any of the following items, we will use them to keep the Blessing Box stocked. Any questions? Please see Kathy Hobson! Thank you in advance for your support of this important ministry.

Canned meats such as tuna and chicken

Cans or individual servings of fruits and vegetables

Granola/Cereal Bars

Applesauce cups

Toilet paper

Cans of soup with pull top lids

Small size jars of creamy peanut butter

Boxed pasta or rice dinners



ENJOY THE SUMMER