



Hope UCC Weekly Update: January 19, 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.



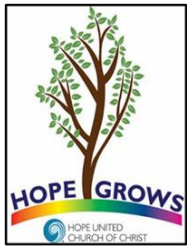
Ruth Circle News

January: Regular meeting on Monday January 20 at 1pm.

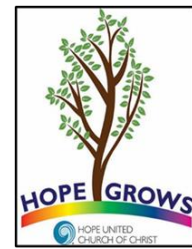
February: Save the date of February 17 for our Olive Garden outing. We will meet at the Olive Garden in Moline at 5:30pm. Bring a friend!
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Hope UCC Book Club

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 19, 2025
Second 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

Simple Gifts

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***COMING TOGETHER AS A WORSHIP COMMUNITY**

One: With steadfast love, God calls our names.
Come to find refuge in the shelter of God's ways.

**Many: We long to be recognized and affirmed.
We are eager for a place of shelter and security.**

One: Feast on the abundance of God's house.
Come to drink deeply from the fountain of life.

**Many: We are ready to hear the Word of God.
We want to be guided by eternal truth.**

One: Reach out to claim the gifts God pours out on us.
The Spirit is eager to inspire and empower each one.

**Many: When God calls us, we cannot remain silent.
When Christ is real to us, we accept our discipleship.**

***OPENING HYMN**

NCH #1

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

***INVITING GOD INTO OUR MIDST**

How awesome it is that you care for us, God of all life! Your delight in us brings out our best. When you rejoice in us, we come to believe in our capacity for goodness. When your light and salvation dawn in our lives, we want to share the joy. Remind us now of the gifts you so freely bestow. Help us to recognize them in ourselves and in one another, that we may use them to serve people in need and give glory to your name. Amen.

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

God of all, we confess that we have moved away from our commitment to Christ. We have denied your gifts, ignored your inspiration, and wandered from your healing presence. Yet we cannot escape your claim on us, for wherever we go, you are there. How precious is your steadfast love that saves us from our selfish desires to live for higher values! Strengthen us to do as you tell us, as Christ demonstrated among us. Amen

*SHARING GOD'S PEACE

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.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

¹ Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be ignorant. ² You know that when you were gentiles you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³ Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, ⁵ and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

*GOSPEL LESSON John 2:1-11

¹ On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴ And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to me and to you? My hour has not yet come." ⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶ Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the person in charge of the banquet." So they took it. ⁹ When the person in charge tasted the water that had become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), that person called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee and revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

SERMON

Gifts for the Common Good

SERMON HYMN

One Bread One Body

SHARING OUR GIFTS

What will we give in gratitude for God's forgiveness and healing grace? Who can repay the many gifts we have received with the miracle of life? Let us rejoice in the mission God entrusts to us.

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

God of our baptism, whose Holy Spirit fires our imagination and fills our lives with purpose, we rejoice to commit ourselves anew with our gifts. May what we share strengthen your children spiritually, inspiring each person to invest fully in the work you set before us. The varieties of gifts you entrust to us can be realized only if they are used. Thank you for granting us this joy. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

NCH #177

God of Change and God of Glory

*BENEDICTION

One: Depart to serve, strengthened by the Holy Spirit.
Use the wisdom, faith, and knowledge you received.

**Many: We cannot rest in God's care or keep silent.
The love of God must be lived and shared.**

One: Go forth with praise on your lips.
The steadfast love of God will light your paths.

**Many: We want to offer light and hope to others.
Daily, we will seek inspiration for this joyous task.**

One: Reach out as listening, caring, healing people.
Your love will become a miracle for someone in need.

**Many: We pray that God will keep us open to further learning.
May our humble witness attract others to Christ. Amen**

POSTLUDE

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Serving in Worship Today

Reverend Santina Poor, Pastor Hope UCC

Liturgist:

Ministers of Music: Laurel Filzen Etzel, Greg Etzel

Accompanist: Mary Tallitsch

Greeter: Hope UCC Youth Group

Slide Ministry: Lindsey Svetlick

Fellowship Hour: Kathy Lewis

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

THE SACRAMENTS AND RITES OF THE CHURCH

620 One Bread, One Body

Refrain (Unison)

D7 G C G C G D Em B

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all,

Em D G Em A7 D7

one cup of bless - ing which we bless. And

G C G C G D Em B

we, though man-y through-out the earth,

Em D G Em A7 D7 G C G *Fine*

we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

WORDS: John B. Foley, S.J., 1978 (1 Cor. 10:16-17; Gal. 3:28; 1 Cor. 12)
 MUSIC: John B. Foley, S.J., 1978; harm. by Gary Alan Smith, 1988

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY
 44.6 with Refrain

EUCCHARIST (HOLY COMMUNION OR THE LORD'S SUPPER)

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef and a bass line in bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The bass line provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines. The lyrics are arranged in three lines, with the first line containing three numbered options for the first part of the prayer and the second line containing three options for the second part. The final line of the score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Chords: D, Em, D, Em, D, Em, F, Am, D7

Lyrics:

1. Gen-tile or Jew, ser-vant or free,
 2. Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
 3. Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,

wom - an or man, no more.
 one in the Lord of all. One
 gath-ered to one, for all.