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GIVE THANKS!

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. Psalm 136:1

Each day there are so many things for which to offer God our thanks. I thought I would share some of mine in this month's edition of our newsletter.

I am thankful for the love and wonderful gifts we received in celebration of Pastor Appreciation Month – something I didn't even know existed. I am grateful for the love you shared not just with me, but with Bob and the boys too. Hope UCC has welcomed all of us so warmly and we truly love this congregation. We believe this is not just *my* call at Hope – our whole family is in this ministry together. My family's love and support makes me a better pastor. I am thankful that you recognize the gifts that Bob and the boys bring and that you included them in your thanks. I am a very blessed pastor!

I am thankful for the positive response we are receiving to the Hope Grows Stewardship 2020 campaign. Sharing your gifts in support of Hope UCC and our ministries and programs demonstrates your support of all that is happening here. This is a special faith community and together we are listening to God's call in our lives moving in ways we never thought possible. The Spirit is alive and at work at Hope UCC!

I am thankful for the children and youth of our congregation and the families that bring them and care for them. It can be challenging enough to get yourself out the door and into church on a Sunday morning. I know firsthand the challenges of getting the little ones and teenagers to get moving and into church. We are grateful you are here and we are thankful for all you bring to this community!

I am thankful for our new Prayer Shawl Ministry. What an exciting thing to see so many people gathered around a table creating these beautiful shawls that will wrap our members and friends in love and prayer. Karen Delathower is leading this ministry and folks are learning how to crochet in this group as they are joined by seasoned knitters and crocheters who are creating prayer shawls, blankets, and scarves for folks. What a wonderful ministry!

I am thankful for our ONA Committee. This dedicated group has been meeting with small groups and leading discussions about the ONA process at Hope UCC. They will continue to steer the process for Hope UCC to become an official ONA congregation of the UCC.

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Be looking for more information from them and if you have any questions, I know they would love to speak with you. Your ONA Committee is Caridad Ramos, Jan Birdsell, Bob Tallitsch, Kathy Hobson, Sue Grchan, Walt Lysell, and Becky Newton.


I am thankful for the staff of Hope UCC. We have a wonderful team that works together with the common goal of providing meaningful, transformative worship, supporting the members and friends of Hope UCC with their spiritual care, and sharing God's love with this community and beyond. I am not sure how our Office Administrator, Pam, always keeps her cool and stays so calm, but she does and I would be lost without her. Hope UCC would not be as special as it is without the gifts and talents that Mary, Mark, and Tina share with us.

I am so very thankful for this congregation. The members and friends of Hope UCC make me smile everyday. I thank God for you all and that I have the great blessing to serve as your pastor.

Happy Thanksgiving,
Pastor Santana

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU.....

02 Jan Frey
02 Darrel Parker
03 Edward Hostetter
06 Paul Powell
08 Duane Goderis
11 Alyssa Newton
12 Bob Poor
16 Donna Werner
17 Riley Hawotte
19 Judy McCollum
25 Jenny Hookey
28 Elisabeth Demarest



Average church attendance
for October
88

November Sunday School Schedule - Baby Moses

Class	Nov. 3 Sunday 1	Nov. 10 Sunday 2	Nov.17 Sunday 3	Nov. 24 Sunday 4
Lower Elementary Pre-K, K, 1	Science	Cooking	Bible Games All ages together	Art
Upper Elementary Grade 2, 3, 4, 5	Cooking	Art		Science

November Scripture

Nov. 3	Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 Luke 19:1-10
Nov. 10	Job 19:23-27 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 Luke 20:27-38
Nov. 17	Isaiah 65: 17-25 Luke 21:5-19
Nov. 24	Colossians 1:11-20 Luke 23:33-43



Thank you to Youth Group who served coffee hour for the month of October. Trustees will serve for the month of November.

Hope Grows: Stewardship 2020



Thank you to all who have already turned in your 2020 pledges. So far we have received \$32,500 which is 34% of our pledge goal of \$95,000. Thank you for your generous support of Hope UCC's mission! Please remember to return your pledge by November 10 so that Hope UCC's Trustees and Council can prepare our financial reports in time for the congregational meeting in January. Thank you for doing all you do to help Hope Grow!

Hope Happenings

ONA Progress and Plans

Hope's ONA (Open and Affirming) Committee has completed its small-group "cottage meetings" with members of our congregation. The meetings were useful and informative, however, only a small number of members and friends participated in these meetings. Consequently we continue to gather information about Hope's ONA initiative. **Please turn to the last page of this newsletter.** There you will find a short, three-question **anonymous** survey. Please tear off the sheet, fill out the survey, and place it into the box located in the hall outside the sanctuary no later than the conclusion of church service on November 10. Please fill out only one survey per person. The ONA committee will collate the results and use them to determine our next steps. Thank you in advance, The Hope ONA Committee

Prayer Shawl Group

The Prayer Shawl Group will meet the second Wednesday of each month in Fellowship Hall from 2:30-4:30 p.m. starting November 13th. All are welcome!

New Hope UCC T-Shirts!

Don't forget to order your church t-shirt. Please have all orders in by November 10. Show your Hope UCC pride and represent our wonderful church community at public events - when we are together and even when you are simply out running errands. Our shirts are a graphic way to let folks know that this faith community is helping to grow and care for God's Kingdom. We will have order forms and sample sizes available in the church office. Sizes S-XL: \$12 & XXL-XXXXL: \$15



Reel Theology November 9: *Babette's Feast*



Please join us on November 9th to watch and discuss the classic film *Babette's Feast*. This film is set in a remote 19th-century Danish village, where two sisters lead a rigid life centered on their father, the local minister, and their church. Both had opportunities to leave the village: one could have married a young army officer and the other, a French opera singer. Their father objected in

each case, and they spent their lives caring for him. Many years later - their father is now deceased - they take in French refugee, Babette, who agrees to work as their servant. After winning the lottery, Babette wants to repay the sisters for their kindness and offers to cook a French meal for them and their friends on the 100th anniversary of their father's birth. It proves to be an eye-opening experience for everyone. This film is rated G – all ages are invited to join us for the film and discussion. The potluck begins at 5:00 and we will begin the film at 5:30 with a discussion following the film. See you at the movies!

Hands Only CPR for Friends and Family Class at Hope UCC on November 17

All ages are welcome to join this class to learn this vitally important life-saving skill. The Family & Friends CPR Course teaches the lifesaving skills of adult Hands-Only CPR, adult CPR with breaths, and child CPR with breaths. Skills are taught in a dynamic group environment using the American Heart Association's research-proven practice-while-watching technique, which provides students with the most hands-on CPR practice time possible. There is no charge for this class, but we ask that you sign up so that we know how many people will attend in order to provide enough materials and adequate space for the training.

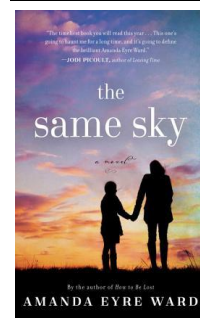


American Heart Association

CPR & First Aid

Emergency Cardiovascular Care

Hope Book Club



We invite you to read *The Same Sky*, a novel by Amanda Eyre Ward, then join us for discussion November 25 at 6:00 p.m.

in the Platinum Room at the Moline Public Library.

Guest musician: November 17

On Nov. 17 the Bell Choir anthem includes cello and we are excited to have Grant Estes as soloist. Grant graduated from Moline High School and is a senior cello major at Augustana College. The anthem, *How Can I Keep From Singing*, is based on the early American tune and uses themes from many other beloved hymns. Grant will also play an unaccompanied cello solo during our offertory.

ONLY TWO.....

As the Sunday School rotation works, you only have to commit to two Sundays in any month! Ask any of those who volunteered teaching the lessons on the Good Samaritan in October! Did you see folks wearing hearts on their sleeve? That was part of the art lesson in lower elementary. Did you enjoy some yummy rice krispie treats at fellowship hour? Ask Judy and Debbie about the cooking lesson. Bob Poor mixed up a disgustingly fun concoction in Science to the delight of all! You'll have to ask him! We thank the following teachers: Bob Poor, Beth Carvey, Alyssa Newton, Joanne Bowman, Judy Hawotte, Debbie Rottman and Kathy Hobson.

The November theme is Baby Moses.



Youth Group News

Our Youth Group worked hard during the month of October ensuring that plates, glasses, and cups were used during Fellowship Hour. They sure learned a lot about operating the dishwasher and where all the plates, glasses, and serving dishes are kept in the kitchen. They hope that this will be a

practice used by all the groups responsible for snacks each month. Avoiding single use plastics and Styrofoam is a small way we can care for God's creation.

Youth Group November Activities:

November 3: ****time change**** Youth Group meets in Fellowship Hall 4:30-5:30 – if you would like to go with Pastor Santina to the Interfaith Prayer Vigil for the Kurds, please meet at Hope UCC at 2:30.

November 10: ****Time Change: 4:30-6:30**** Youth Group trip to worship at The Table UCC in Davenport. We will meet at Hope at 4:30, attend worship from 5-6 in Davenport and return to Hope by 6:30

November 17: Youth Group Thanksgiving Party: 4:00-5:30 Fellowship Hall. Please bring a snack to share.

November 24: No Youth Group meeting

November 26: Tuesday evening 6:00: Come help Faith Exploration Ministry and Men's Breakfast decorate Hope UCC for beginning of Advent

Hope UCC Annual Meeting Notice: January 19th, 2020

On behalf of Hope UCC's Church Council I would like to announce that our annual meeting will be held immediately after the church service on January 19th, 2020. Church Council, Trustees, Treasurer, all Committees, Auxiliary Organizations and Church Staff need to have their annual reports turned in to Pam in the church office no later than January 5. Bob Tallitsch, President



Hope UCC & Thriving Pastors in Revitalizing Congregations Program (TPiRC)

Last month, Pastor Santina, Kathy LeMaster, Dan Hawotte, Bob Tallitsch, and Grady Birdsell attended a 2 day TPiRC conference in Peoria (Carole Keenan is also on the leadership team but was unable to attend the conference). TPiRC is a program offered by the Illinois Conference to help strengthen pastoral and lay leadership and their congregations. Hope UCC is one of the congregations in our Conference that applied and was selected to participate in this 5 year program. At the conference we attended a variety of workshops related to joys and challenges of leadership. Our church is part of a smaller cohort of 5 churches that will meet three times a year to set goals and discern our progress in them. Hope UCC, First Congregational UCC (Canton), Salem Evangelical UCC (Quincy), Congregational UCC (Pekin), and St. Paul UCC (Pekin) are all in our cohort group. We are looking forward to getting to know each of these congregational teams better as we work together. Our TPiRC Team will be attending our first cohort meeting at First Congregational UCC Canton on November 23. We are thankful to be part of this exciting program!

Quad Cities Interfaith Fundraising Breakfast: November 21 at 7:30 A.M.

Please consider joining the Hope UCC team at the Quad Cities Interfaith Annual Fundraising Breakfast. There is no cost for a ticket, but each attendee is asked to make a donation of any amount to support Quad Cities Interfaith's mission. Hope UCC has started to work more closely with QCI and attending this breakfast is a great way to get to know others involved in QCI. Please let Pastor Santina know if you will be joining her on November 21 for this breakfast.

Hope UCC ONA (Open and Affirming) Survey

Because Hope UCC seeks to be an expression of God's love we strive to be an inclusive and diverse church...a place of unconditional love that inspires all individuals in our community, regardless of socio-economic status, marital status, ability, race, culture, age, gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation. Partnering with the Holy Spirit and the community, we are committed to fighting and eradicating social ills that oppress God's children, preventing them from experiencing a fulfilled life. Following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ, we are working towards declaring ourselves to be an Open and Affirming Church.

Questions:

1. I am comfortable with Hope UCC becoming an Open and Affirming Church

NO _____

YES _____

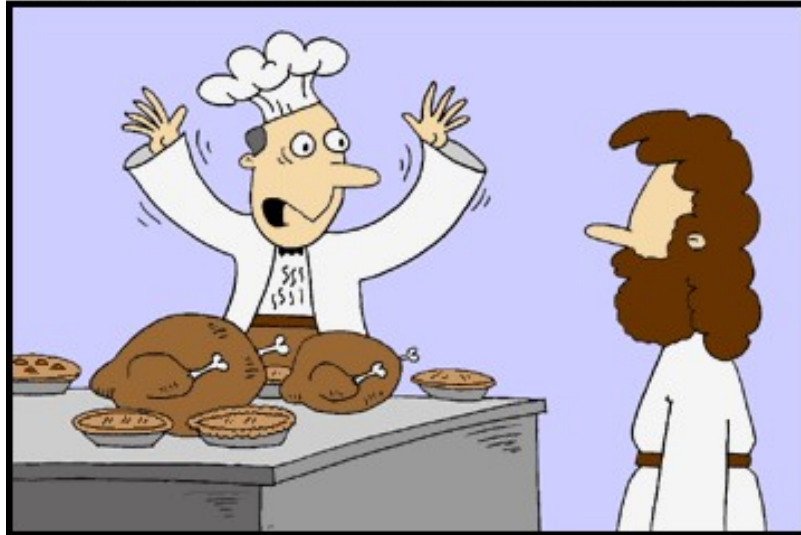
2. I have questions concerning Hope UCC becoming an Open and Affirming Church.

NO _____

YES _____

3. Please place any comments/questions in the box below

Please place this questionnaire in the box in the hall outside the sanctuary no later than the conclusion of the service on November 10th



(See Matthew 14:14-21)

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HONESTLY JESUS, YOU GIVE ME 5 PIES
AND 2 TURKEYS AND EXPECT ME TO COOK
FOR THE 5,000 GUESTS YOU'VE
INVITED?!?