



Hope UCC Weekly Update: January 18, 2026

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.

Save the Date for Hope's Annual Meeting on January 25

Please plan to stay for Hope UCC's Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 25 following worship. We will discuss and vote to approve Hope UCC's 2025 Annual Report and our 2026 Proposed Budget. These will be available for preview prior to the Annual Meeting. All are welcome to stay for the meeting: EVERYONE has voice in these meetings, however, members of Hope UCC may vote. Reports for the Annual Report are due to Connie in the church office by January 18th. Thank you!

New Grief Support Group Forming January 27, 2026

Tuesdays at 4:30 P.M.-5:45 P.M. - Meeting for Ten Tuesdays

Grief comes to us in many shapes and forms and is caused by all types of loss and hurt. We invite you to navigate your grief in community as we begin a new grief support group using the excellent materials *"Understanding Your Grief: Ten Essential Touchstones for Finding Hope and Healing Your Heart"* by Alan D Wolfelt PhD.

We will meet at 4:30 P.M. on Tuesdays beginning August 8. There are 10 meetings scheduled. Please share this information with anyone you know who you think might benefit from sharing their journey with this group. Please know that even if you've been part of this group or another in the past, you are absolutely welcome to be part of this new group. All are welcome. Please see Pastor Santina for more information or to sign up.

Sojourners Sunday – This Sunday, January 18th!

This month our Sojourners Sunday activity will be focused on caring for our neighbors in need. We will have tables set up with all the ingredients for meal kits and blessing bags and we invite you to help put these together. The meal kits will go into our Blessing Box and the blessing bags are for you to take with you and offer as a blessing to anyone you meet. We will have everything ready for you in Fellowship Hall!

New Ministry Opportunity! Monthly Dinner at Christian Care

For the past few years, Hope UCC has prepared and served dinner for our neighbors at Christian Care on the 5th Sunday of the month. After witnessing the importance of this program and discerning our ability to increase our participation in it, we are excited to be able to now provide dinner on the 3rd Sunday of the month, beginning January 18. We will have a sign up sheet available for volunteering for this great opportunity. We have lots of information about recipes for a crowd and our 2026 Mission and Outreach budget has increased to reflect this ministry and the costs associated with it so that ingredients for the meal will be covered. Thank you for hearing God's Spirit calling you to care for our neighbors!

Welcome to Our Friends from World Relief Citizenship Classes!

Beginning this month, we are thrilled to welcome a group of neighbors into our building who are working on their US Citizenship. Through a program offered through World Relief QC, this free class provides the preparation to find success in achieving US Citizenship. World Relief QC provides the teacher (Anita – she's wonderful!) and the materials, and our church will provide the space and possibly volunteers to help Anita and her students with some conversations to help overcome language barriers. Classes will be held in the Conference Room on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M. each week.

Visitation Committee: Wednesday, January 28th 11am at Culvers

The Visitation Committee will meet Wednesday the 28th of January. We are back to our normal, last Wednesday of the month. We meet at Culver's at 11am.

Thanks, Barb Hawotte

Thank You From Camilla Johnson & Family

Thank you for all of the help and prayers during our family's recent health issues. We are truly grateful.

Ruth Circle: January 19th at 1pm

Ruth Circle will be meeting Monday, January 19 at 1pm in Fellowship Hall. All women of the church are invited to come and enjoy food, fun and fellowship.

Hope UCC Book Club: January 26th at 2:30pm

Please join the Book Club this month at 2:30pm on Monday, January 26 at Hope UCC. All are welcome. See you there!



January Birthdays

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.

David Ward	January 02
Walter Lysell	January 08
Marcia Free	January 14
Dorothy Burdick	January 25
Becky Newton	January 28
Carolyn Jeanine Burke	January 29



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Discovering the Gifts of God

The Gift of Calling

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

Great is Thy Faithfulness



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Have you understood God's thoughts toward us?
Have you listened to glad news of deliverance?

Many: We are here to receive God's message.

Our hearts are open to the Word we will hear.

One: Listen, all who are near and all who are far away;
God is calling us as servants and as saints

Many: Usually we do not think of ourselves in that way.

We resist lowly roles, but we do not aspire to sainthood.

One: Do not be afraid to serve God with your whole being.
Neither fear the call to join the saints of Jesus Christ.

Many: We trust that God will strengthen us for our tasks.

We are ready to be led into new responsibilities.



OPENING HYMN

Gather Us In



***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

God, we wait for you to hear our cries. We come from desperate situations and many moments of despair. Then, when you call us together, we are challenged to be and to do more than we have already faced. We have spent our strength. How can we do more? Will you renew us here? We feel that we have labored in vain. Will you help us make sense out of our failures? Come with your saving help. Amen.



***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

We come back to you, O Holy One, to renew our commitment. We confess that pride has led us to embrace false gods. We spend more time with our hobbies than with your cause. We pay more attention to our toys than to your truth. Your law is no longer in our hearts. We have neglected the spiritual gifts entrusted to us. We have forgotten that we have been named and baptized and commissioned for service. O God, bring us back to yourself. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*SHARING GOD'S PEACE

 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

Isaiah 49:1–7

¹ Listen to me, O coastlands;
 pay attention, you peoples from far away!
 The LORD called me before I was born;
 while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
² He made my mouth like a sharp sword;
 in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
 he made me a polished arrow;
 in his quiver he hid me away.
³ And he said to me, "You are my servant,
 Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
⁴ But I said, "I have labored in vain;
 I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
 yet surely my cause is with the LORD
 and my reward with my God."
⁵ And now the LORD says,
 who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
 to bring Jacob back to him,
 and that Israel might be gathered to him,
 for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,
 and my God has become my strength—
⁶ he says,
 "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
 to raise up the tribes of Jacob
 and to restore the survivors of Israel;
 I will give you as a light to the nations,
 that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

⁷ Thus says the LORD,
 the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
 to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
 the slave of rulers,
 “Kings shall see and stand up;
 princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
 because of the LORD, who is faithful,
 the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

NEW TESTAMENT

1 Corinthians 1:1–9

¹ Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

² To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— ⁶ just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— ⁷ so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸ He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*GOSPEL LESSON

John 1:29–42

²⁹ The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰ This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ ³¹ I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³² And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³ I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One.”

³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” ³⁹ He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). ⁴² He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

SERMON

Come & See

SERMON HYMN

Will You Come and Follow Me

Please scan this QR Code for a link to Hope UCC's donations page.



INVITATION TO OFFERING

Remembering all we have spent for nothing and vanity, we now consider how to bring offerings worthy of God's saving grace. Nothing can compare to God's wondrous deeds and thoughts toward us. We can only respond with trust and joy and generosity.

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.

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

 **God of the saints in every age and time, we are grateful for the privilege of being numbered among them as we invest our gifts from you. Because of your generosity, we have not lacked for anything we really need. Grant now that our words and deeds may follow our offering into loving service in your realm. Amen.**



*CLOSING HYMN

In Christ There Is No East or West

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*BENEDICTION

One: We have found the Messiah, God's anointed one.
Let us follow where Jesus leads.

Many: We want to learn from Jesus how to live.

We are eager to be faithful disciples.

One: Know that we can call on Jesus any time.
In every place we go, Christ is available to us.

Many: We give thanks for the grace of God in Christ.

By it, our knowledge and speech have been enriched.

One: God remains steadfast and faithful.
We will be strengthened for all of life's journey.

Many: We put our trust in God for all time and eternity.

We will delight to do God's will. Amen.



*POSTLUDE

You Are My All in All

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Serving in Worship Today: Reverend Santina Poor, Pastor Hope UCC

Liturgist: Nanc Kinley

Ministers of Music: Laurel Filzen Etzel, Greg Etzel

Accompanist: Robyn Carter

Greeter: Kathy Hobson

Fellowship Hour: Barb Spies, Bek Svetlick, Ken Curtis, Bob Morales

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

Here in This Place

Gather Us In



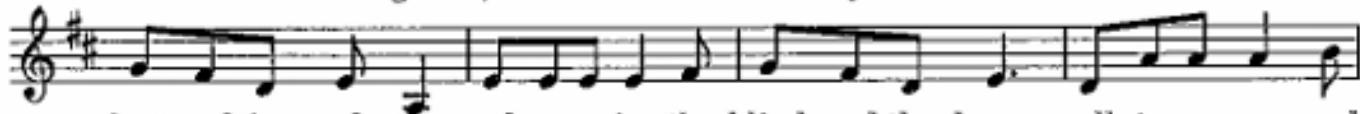
1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day. Gath-er us in, the
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race. Gath-er us in, the
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth. Give us to drink the
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day. Gath-er us in and



lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the blind and the lame; call to us now, and
 rich and the haughty; gath-er us in, the proud and the strong; give us a heart, so
 wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the bread that is you; nourish us well, and
 hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and make us your own; gath-er us in, all



we shall a-wak-en; we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 meek and so low-ly; give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 teach us to fash-ion lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 peo-ples to-gether, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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Will You Come And Follow Me

The Summons

Verse

F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus4 C

"Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
 "Will you leave your-self be - hind if I but call your name?
 "Will you let the blind-ed see if I but call your name?
 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name?
 Lord, your sum -mons e - choes true when you but call my name.

F C7 Dm Gm7 Bb/C F

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris - 'ners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fel - low you and nev - er be the same.

Gm7 Bb Gm7

Will you let my love be shown,
 Will you risk the host - ile stare,
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean,
 Will you use the faith you've found,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go

Am7 Bb Csus4 C

will you let my name be known,
 should your life at tract or scare?
 and do such as this un - seen,
 to re - shape the world a - round,
 where your love and foot - steps show.

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F **C7** **Dm** **Gm7** **Bb/C** **F**

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
 Will you let me am - swer pray'r in you and you in me?
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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In Christ There Is No East or West

1 Cor. 12:13; Gal. 3:28; Eph. 2:14-22

John Oxenham, 1908; alt.
St. 3, Laurence Hull Stookey, 1987

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in Christ no South or North;
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery-where their high com-mu - nion find;
 3 In Christ is nei - ther Jew nor Greek, and nei - ther slave nor free;
 4 In Christ now meet both East and West, in Christ meet South and North;

But one com-mu - ni - ty of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 God's ser - vice is the gold-en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 For men and wom-en live in God, and all are kin to me.
 One joy - ous, true com - mu - ni - ty through - out the whole wide earth.

Singer and composer Harry T. Burleigh studied at the National Conservatory of Music from 1892 to 1896. He is recognized as the first African-American composer to employ spirituals in concert arrangements. This tune is named after the rector of St. George's Episcopal Church in New York City, where Burleigh served as baritone soloist for more than fifty years.

Tune: McKEE C.M.
African-American melody
 Arr. Harry T. Burleigh, 1939
 Alternate setting: ST. PETER