

Sunday Zooming!

We host a 15-minute open, unstructured Zoom time for everyone at Hope to connect with one another **each Sunday at 9:15am**. We encourage all of you to join us! In addition, for those who missed our Saturday worship service, we will replay a recording of the service beginning at 9:30am on the same Zoom channel. Zoom mtg. ID: 287 775 281; Passcode: 019752

Offering Info

You can give to the Lord & to Hope four different ways: 1) during our in-person worship service, drop your offering in the offering box in the back; 2) request pre-stamped envelopes from Brian Clements (Brian@go2hope.org / 224-381-

3651); 3) mail your offering to our financial PO Box (PO Box 937, Lake Villa, IL 60046); or 4) request from Brian info about electronic giving. Thank you so much for your continued support of Hope!

Tuesday Morning Women's Coffee Connection

Hope women meet every Tuesday at 9am. Now meeting at Daisy's Artish Cafe in Lake Villa (216 N. Milwaukee Ave.)! We get together to have coffee, smoothies, lattes, tea, a choice of some great breakfast pastries, and just have a great time! For more info please contact Dawn Roitblat (dawnroitblat@gmail.com).

Calendar (see www.go2hope.org for more)

- **TODAY—Congregational Meeting** immediately following the worship service
- **Every Sunday Morning**—8:30am **Prayer & ministry time**; 9:15am **Connection time**; 9:30am Video replay of the Saturday evening worship service (Zoom mtg. ID#: 287 775 281 Passcode: 019752)
- **March 4th**—**Friday Morning Prayer** at 9:30am (Zoom mtg. ID#: 823 3258 1259 Passcode: 021144)
- **March 11th**—**Evening of Worship & Prayer** at 7pm at Liberty
- **New Outreach Cohorts**—Once a month for one hour either in-person after our worship service or via Zoom!



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Welcome to HOPE

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What does love mean?

A group of children were once asked, "What does 'love' mean?" Here are some of their answers:

- Rebekah, 8, said, "When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time—even when his hands got arthritis, too. That's love."
- Nikka, 6, says, "If you want to learn to love better, you should start with someone you hate."
- Tommy, 6, says, "Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well."
- Cindy, 8, says, "During my piano recital, I was on a stage, and I was scared. I looked at all the people watching me, and I saw my daddy waving and smiling. He was the only one doing that. And I wasn't scared anymore."
- Jessica, 8, says, "You really shouldn't say 'I love you' unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot."

So what does love look like in your life? Or perhaps a better question—what should it look like?

Wayne Okamoto, pastor

Are you new?

We're so glad you took the time to visit us this evening! Perhaps you're just beginning to explore spiritual things. On the other hand, maybe you have known God for many years. Either way, we invite you to join us as we travel together in life's spiritual journey to get to know the God of the universe!

What to expect

As we worship God, you may see people express their love for God in different ways. Some people are more expressive and like to clap their hands or even raise their arms. Others feel more comfortable worshipping quietly. But please don't feel compelled to do anything! Feel free to participate in worship or just sit back, relax, and observe.

No strings attached

If you are a guest with us today, please don't put anything in the offering box except your orange welcome card. This service is our gift to you!

Worship Order

Welcome & prayer

Worship

Reminders & Announcements

Message: The Mark of Love

Living Confidently as a Child of God
(part 6)

Pastor Wayne Okamoto

(pre-K through 5th grade are dismissed
prior to the message*)

Final song

*Our Children's Ministries:

Our children are dismissed for their classes just prior to the message. They will be meeting downstairs (nursery/preschool/kindergarten and elementary).

Welcome Cards

We'd like to encourage everyone to fill out a welcome card. If you're visiting with us this evening, please fill out a card & place it in the offering box in the back. Then pick up a free bag from our resource table!

Helpful guidelines regarding the pandemic

Masks: In light of Governor Pritzker's current statewide mask mandate, we highly encourage you to wear a mask. If you need a mask, please pick one up on our welcome table in the lobby.

Not feeling well?: If you are not feeling well, we ask that you stay home. In addition, if you attend our worship service and later test positive for COVID-19, please contact Wayne or an elder ASAP.

Our Mission Statement

To honor God by helping people become Christ-followers who grow, connect, devote, & serve. For more info about Hope, check out our website at www.go2hope.org.

Next Steps

Would you like to take a next step in your spiritual journey? Consider joining a small group! It's a great place to connect with others and grow in your relationship with God. Another option is to meet someone one-on-one for what we call "discipleship" or "spiritual mentoring." It's like having a spiritual trainer to help you grow and develop spiritually. For more info, just check the box on your orange welcome card.

Upcoming Events

Hope Congregational Meeting

We will have a congregational meeting **TODAY**, 6:25-7:25pm immediately following the worship service. We will be discussing a very important recommended proposal by the elder board regarding our Sunday worship venue search. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend, although you must be a member in order to vote. Please plan to stay and join us! (If you cannot stay, we will have a Zoom option: Zoom Meeting ID: 287 775 281; Passcode: 019752).

Evening of Worship & Prayer

A good indication of who a believer is trusting for his help is by how much he prays. The same can be said of our church. When you think of the challenges we face in the world and as a church, it is so obvious that we need to pray! Therefore, **next Friday, March 11th at 7pm we will be meeting here at Liberty**, in the lower level (enter on the south side of the building) for our monthly Evening of Worship & Prayer. Afterwards we'll spend a little time reconnecting and having dessert. We would like to invite everyone to attend and, if you're so inclined, to bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Please join us!

Reminders

Sunday Morning Prayer & Ministry Time

Join us for a time of sharing, prayer, & ministering to one another via Zoom! **Sunday morning 8:30-9:15am**, just prior to our Sunday Zoom connection time: Meeting ID: 287 775 281; Passcode: 019752

Our Mission

To help people become Christ followers who grow, devote, connect, and serve.

*We are so glad you joined us today!
Let us know if we can do anything to serve you.*