



HOUSE OF HOPE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

— Monthly Activities for December 2017 —



Advent Services

Sunday, December 3

The First Sunday of Advent

10 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Advent Celebration and Christmas Carol Sing-a-Long

Sunday, December 10

The Second Sunday of Advent

10 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Choir School Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 17

The Third Sunday of Advent

10 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Christmas Pageant

Saturday, December 23

5:30 p.m. Traditional Tableaux Service.

Sunday, December 24

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Christmas Eve

10 a.m. Worship

7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Carillon Recitals

7:30 & 10 p.m. Candlelight Service

Visit hohchurch.org for live-stream.

Poinsettia Christmas Memorials are available for pick up after the worship service on December 17 or on Christmas Eve.



Study

Men's Breakfast Groups

Tuesdays, 7 a.m. | New Louisiana Cafe

Contact Leo Sawicki (651) 481-9589,

lbsawicki@comcast.net

Thursdays, 7 a.m. | Joseph's

Contact Bill Liike (651) 224-0631

Note change of location.

Bible Studies

Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. | Library

Thursdays, 9:15 a.m. | Library

Except 1st Thursday in Kirby Lounge

Note church office opens at 9 a.m.

Kirk Club

December 17, 12:15 p.m.

Please join us for a Christmas Lunch

at 12 noon at the Manse, following

the Children's Christmas Pageant.

Please RSVP to the church office by

Wednesday, December 13.

Centering Prayer

Mondays, 11 a.m. | Kirk Parlour

Led by Julia Carlson. Introduction to

the practice at the beginning of each

gathering. All are welcome. Please

note no Centering Prayer on Monday,

December 25.

Women's Breakfast Book Group

Fridays, 7-8 a.m. | Kirk Parlour

Breakfast, camaraderie, lively discussion

of scheduled books.

Newcomers welcome. Contact Jan

Dickinson (651) 647-1786 or Elly

Verhagen (651) 293-1924



Fellowship

Women's Annual Advent Breakfast

Friday, December 1, 7-9am

Women are invited to the Town and

Country Club for a relaxed breakfast;

conversation, and camaraderie; and

an inspiring meditation for the Advent

season by Julia Carlson, Associate

Pastor for Spiritual Life and Care.

Mission Sewing

December 7, 9:30 a.m. | Dining Rooms

A&B

Bring a lunch if you'd like to stay for

fellowship following our work.

Faith and Fibers

Second Monday of each month

6 p.m. | Church Library

Needlecraft, conversation, refresh-

ments and devotions.

Grief Support Groups

Thursdays, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Held at House of Hope, sponsored by

Capital City Grief Coalition.

Contact Lois Knutson (651) 227-4430

Hard Hats

First Thursday of each month

9:00 a.m. | Maintenance Shop

Contact Facility Manager Jim

Brzezinski (651) 223-7559, [JimB@](mailto:JimB@hohchurch.org)

hohchurch.org

Sunday Exchange

December 31, 11:15 a.m. in Room 1.

Jesus said, "The Kingdom of God is

within you." How's that going? Child

care available until 12:15 p.m.

For more information please check the church website hohchurch.org or call the church office at (651) 227-6311.

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Service

Women's Advocates

December 21, 6–7:30 p.m.

Join us for a craft project, bingo, and treats with the women and children at the women's shelter. If interested, call the church office (651) 227-6311.

Loaves and Fishes

Go to loavesandfishesmn.org and click on "volunteer" to get to the St. Matthew's page. Contact Kay or Paul Solon (651) 398-0643, solon@macalester.edu.

The Intercessors Guild

If you have a joy or concern for which you would like confidential and consistent prayer, contact Pastor Julia Carlson (651) 223-7553, JuliaC@hohchurch.org.



Children, Youth, and Family

Advent Celebration

Sunday, December 3, 11:15 a.m.
Families will enjoy crafts, snacks, and carols during this festive time.

Children's Christmas Pageant

December 17 at 11:15 a.m. in the Great Hall. Nursery age children and their parents are invited to join Pastor Van Dyke on stage, as he narrates the Christmas story.

Tweens Christmas Party

Friday, December 8 at Sky Zone. Time TBD. Bring a white elephant gift to share. Cost is \$20 per person. R.S.V.P. to Kiera Stegall at KieraS@hohchurch.org or (651) 223-7547.

Parent Meeting

Sunday, January 14, 11:15 a.m. in Dining Rooms A & B. Child care will be provided.

Bible Study for Children

Third graders will receive their Bibles during worship on Sunday, February 11. To prepare, third and fourth graders are invited to join Kiera Stegall downstairs in Dining Rooms A & B on January 14, 21, and 28 from 10:15–11 a.m. for a three-week Bible series.

High School Christmas Party

December 17 in the Youth Room. We will have a white elephant gift exchange and an ugly sweater competition with prizes. Please bring a treat to share.

Year-End Giving

The end of the year is often a time when we make special gifts, a gift to fulfill our pledge or a gift for a specific purpose that has special meaning in our lives. If you are making a gift to HOH at year-end, please let us know what this gift is for. It is especially important if you are making a contribution toward your 2018 pledge in calendar year 2017. If this is the case, be sure to indicate in the memo line of your check or send a note letting us know it is for a "Prepaid Pledge for 2018." Remember, for a gift to be credited toward your 2017 giving

it must be received or postmarked before December 31, 2017. Contact Michelle Freyholtz, MichelleF@hohchurch.org or Diane Smith, DianeS@hohchurch.org with gift information or if you have questions about year-end gifts.

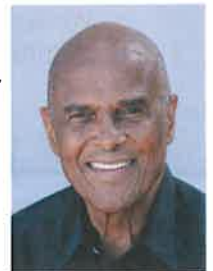
Coming together...to give, to serve, to welcome, to grow.

The church office will be closed December 25 and 26 in observance of the Christmas holiday.



SAVE THE DATE Sunday Series Harry Belafonte January 14, 2 p.m.

Legendary music artist and actor Harry Belafonte possesses unparalleled experience in the arena of world-wide social justice struggles. Through his friendship with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., his work as a UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador, his role as celebrity ambassador for juvenile justice issues with the ACLU, Belafonte provides audiences a vital perspective on some of the most pressing issues of our time—from the Black Lives Matter movement to U.S. foreign policy and humanitarianism in Africa.



Sunday Series events are free and open to the public. Doors will open 45 minutes before the event.

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