

ANNOUNCEMENT

The House of Hope Presbyterian Church Issue No. 195 December, 2011



Advent and Christmas 2011 at The House of Hope

Sunday, December 4

The Second Sunday of Advent, David A. Van Dyke, preaching
8:30 and 10 a.m. worship. Candle-lighting ceremony.
11:15 a.m. Children's Christmas Pageant, Sanctuary
12 noon. Advent Celebration, Great Hall

Sunday, December 11

The Third Sunday of Advent, David A. Van Dyke, preaching
8:30 and 10 a.m. worship. Candle-lighting ceremony.
2 p.m. David Baldwin and the Summit Hill Brass
Festive Concert of Christmas Music for Brass

Sunday, December 18

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8:30 and 10 a.m. worship. Candle-lighting ceremony.

Christmas Eve, December 24

3:30 and 9:30 p.m. Carillon Recitals
by David Johnson.

4 p.m. Afternoon Christmas Service
for all ages, child-friendly.

5:30 p.m. Tableaux Service
The Christmas Story with familiar carols and
tableaux adaptations of scenes of the Nativity.
Child care for children under six.

10 p.m. Special Music
including Felix Mendelssohn's *Vom Himmel Hoch*.

10:30 p.m. Candlelight Service
David A. Van Dyke, preaching.
Aaron David Miller, organist.
The Motet Choir and the Bach Chamber Players,
Matthew Culloton, Director.

Christmas Day, December 25

One worship service: 10 a.m.
Carols and Meditations

New Year's Day, January 1

One worship service: 10 a.m.
Tom Forster-Smith, preaching
Holy Communion

Sunday Series

David Baldwin and the Summit Hill Brass



December 11

A Festival Concert of Christmas Music for Brass

David Baldwin is Professor of Trumpet at the University of Minnesota School of Music. He conducts the University Brass Choir, and is an active soloist, ensemble player, and teacher. He has arranged and composed over 100 published works.

The Summit Hill Brass Quintet has eight CDs including *Music for Al's Breakfast*, and *American as Apple Pie*, a lively collection of all-American music.

Baldwin received MM, MMA, and DMA degrees from Yale University, and a Bachelor of Music degree from Baldwin-Wallace College. Baldwin was a member of the United States Military Academy Band at West Point, New York.

He has performed with the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, the Minnesota Orchestra and the Bach Chamber Players of St. Paul. Dr. Baldwin lives in St. Paul with his wife. He is an active calligrapher and has had many sponsored exhibits of his artwork.

Sunday Series events are at 2 p.m. in the Sanctuary
and are free and open to the public.

Christmas Done Differently



Each year when Christmas is over, Nancy and I have the same conversation. It goes something like this: "Next year we really need to cut back on how much we spend at Christmas. There is not much that we need and it doesn't make sense to go overboard. Let's make a vow that next Christmas, things will be different." The fact that we have this same conversation each year tells you we are not very good at fulfilling our good and noble

intentions to cut back—that each year we get caught up in the consumer craze of the season. And I freely admit that I am more at fault than is Nancy. I also acknowledge that as we've gotten older, our gifts tend to fall into the "useful" category. I've been given things like new socks and shave balm, and some of the best gifts Nancy has received are things I've really wanted myself and that we can actually use together—a kitchen appliance or some such thing. But I am fully aware of the ways in which crass commercialization and consumerism have hijacked the holiday, and I have been guilty of joining in with everyone else. Not to the point of racking up huge credit card debt, mind you, but of spending more than I really need to in order to convey my love for my family. Something, however, has given me pause this year. Perhaps it's the ploy by Target and other retailers to be open on Thanksgiving Day so people can start and finish their shopping early, that finally got my attention. When I think about it, I have always loved Thanksgiving for its lack of commercialization—that there are no gifts exchanged and that the focus instead is merely about being together with family and loved ones, expressing our gratitude. Despite the huge preparation for Thanksgiving, it seems far more hassle-free than Christmas with its pressure to purchase. Now even Thanksgiving Day is being threatened. The challenge, and I admit it is a challenge, is to allow myself to fully engage in the fun and merry-making that comes with the season, without going overboard and selling out to the consumer culture that would have us believe that it is all about how much we spend and the gifts we give to each other. For me, observing the season of Advent with its admonitions to watch, wait and keep silence, is helpful in preventing me from going completely off the rails. Without the season of Advent and the way it helps me prepare and focus on the true meaning of Christmas, I would probably be even worse. That's a confession. Here are some more. I still love the season and the good cheer. I love the idea of carefully selecting and surprising those I love with the perfect gifts, but I'm making a real effort this year to do Christmas differently than I have in the past. And when I consider the Christmas claim that we celebrate this time of year, and the amazing gift that we have been given, there is really nothing more we need because it's hard to want for more than that. Merry Christmas.

—David

WORSHIP

Sundays

8:30 a.m. Assembly Room. Holy Communion.
10 a.m. Sanctuary.

Sunday, December 4, 2011

Second Sunday of Advent

David A. Van Dyke, preaching.

10 a.m.: Motet Choir: *I will Sing of Thy Mercies*, Gerald Near; *Ee'n So Lord Jesus Quickly Come*, Paul Manz; *Lullay, My Liking*, Gustav Holst.

8:30 a.m.: Cantamus Choir, *Alleluya, a nywe werk*, English carol.

10 a.m.: Alleluia and St. Cecilia Choirs: *Joseph Dearest, Joseph mine*, German carol; St. Andrew Choir: *Advent Alleluia*, arr. Christopher.

December 11, 2011

Third Sunday of Advent

David A. Van Dyke, preaching.

10 a.m.: Motet Choir: *Lo, How a Rose*, Michael Praetorius; *Jesus Christ the Apple Tree*, Stanford Scriven; *Sleepers, Wake*, Felix Mendelssohn.

Choir School: *Now sing we, now rejoice*, In dulci jubilo, arr. Wolff.

December 18, 2011

Fourth Sunday of Advent

David A. Van Dyke, preaching.

10 a.m.: Motet Choir: *Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light*, J. S. Bach; *The Lord Shall Come and Not Be Slow*, Zebulon Highben; *What Sweeter Music*, John Rutter.

Cantamus Choir: *There is no rose*, English carol.

Adult Handbell Choir: *Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming*, Michael Kastner and Kevin McChesney.

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December 25, 2011

Christmas Day

10 a.m. Service Only

Carols and Meditations



Things are improving. And the congregation approves!

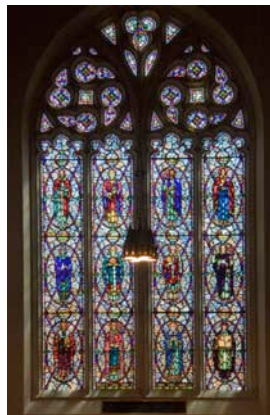
Projects like the youth pantry and restoring the east transept window have been crossed off our to-do list. The roof replacement is nearly finished and work on cleaning and tuck-pointing the exterior of the church is well underway. It's a good time to check in with some church members about the use of their Capital Campaign contributions. Here's what we heard:



Youth Room, Pantry and Storage Area. Dennis Anderson heads the Project Home effort. He trains and recruits volunteers to serve dinner and stay overnight, and works long hours on-site during October when The House of Hope hosts Project Home. "Project Home volunteers have been hoping to see improvements to the aging Youth Room kitchenette that is used to serve homeless families throughout October. Thanks to gifts to the capital campaign this year, the improvements are impressive!"

Donors to the Campaign were invited to tour the pantry and adjacent storage area which have been remodeled. The Youth Room storage/office area, which is also used by Project Home, has been repainted and new flooring has been installed.

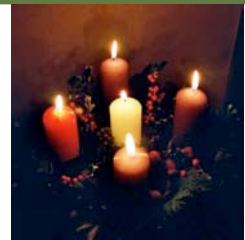
Stained Glass Windows and Restored East Transept Window. Dick Crone is responsible for overseeing the restoration, repair and protection of the stained glass windows throughout the church. "Over the past year I have really enjoyed being involved in the restoration of the East Transept window, assessing the condition of our other windows and identifying where further restoration work is needed. It has been fascinating to learn about this historic craft. Enabled by contributions to the Capital Campaign, the East Transept window is now structurally sound and even more brilliant and splendid in the morning sun for all of us and future generations to enjoy and appreciate."



Cleaning and Repair of the Exterior. Kathy Schubert has done her share of restoring and repairing landmark homes both in St. Paul and Washington D.C. No stranger to dust and debris herself, she says, "Imagine our church foundation is stronger than ever! I arrived this week through a cloud of dust, and when I could see again, old mortar dust was billowing in plumes from the joints in the stone. Let it fly! Give your generous gifts to the campaign for The House of Hope. Our giving will renew and strengthen us and our foundations."

Contribute to the Campaign. As of November 15, we have reached a total \$5.7 million in pledges and contributions! We are steadily progressing toward our goal of \$7 million—over 80% of the way there. But in order to address accessibility issues, mechanical concerns and the Great Hall Kitchen, more contributions are needed.

We thank each and every one of you who has pledged or contributed. But if you haven't yet given, or if you can give more, please let us know. As the end of the year approaches, please make your pledge today. You are Our Hope for Years to Come.



Annual Advent Breakfast
Friday, December 9
7 a.m. to 9 a.m.
Town and Country Club
2279 Marshall Avenue,
Saint Paul

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"Keeping Christmas All the Year"
Our guest speaker is Jeannine Bohlmeier, Professor of English Emerita, who taught literature and writing for thirty years at Bethel University,

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Sponsored by the Women's Breakfast Book Group.
We welcome all women to come enjoy breakfast and conversation in this lovely setting, and hear an inspiring talk for the Advent Season.
Reservations are required.
Please call the church office at 651-227-6311 by Monday, December 5. The cost of \$22 per person is due before or on the morning of the breakfast.

Snowbirds

If you are leaving the frozen northland for a warmer winter climate, please notify the church office of the dates of your departure and return, and the address to which we can forward your church mailings. That way, we can keep you informed of important church events while you are away.

Successful Gardening

Despite the cold and rain of June and the drought we saw in September, we managed to harvest 900 pounds of produce from the community garden this year! Over 35 volunteers spent approximately 140 hours tending the garden and harvesting tomatillos, eggplant, tomatoes, basil, squash, broccoli, cauliflower, peas, beans and spinach—and too many other vegetables to list here! Our partners at Neighborhood House truly appreciated these gifts, which was evident by the instant smiles on the faces of those standing in line at the food shelf whenever we arrived with the harvest. We now have a benchmark, and we're looking forward to an even higher yield next year. While the garden has been put to bed, our plans for it are not dormant. It has been readied for a spring harvest of garlic, rhubarb and asparagus, and we continue to plan for next year!



Kirk Club

On Sunday, December 18, the Kirk Club will meet at 12 noon at the Lexington Restaurant on Grand at Lexington in St. Paul. Our Christmas guest is the Rev. Joann Lee, who will, among other things, talk about her holiday celebrations with her Korean parents. Afterward, David and Nancy Van Dyke have again graciously invited us to the Manse for coffee and dessert. Your reservation for this event is important, so please call the church office, 651-227-6311, by Friday, December 16.

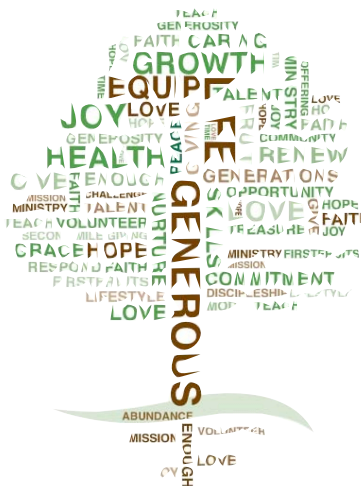
Northside Women's Space

The Northside Women's Space is a new ministry of Kwanzaa Community Church to help women needing shelter and safety from the sexual exploitation trade in North Minneapolis. They are in need of the following items to distribute to the women who seek refuge with them: women's briefs (all sizes), winter hats and gloves, hand warmers, feminine hygiene supplies, individually wrapped sample-sized soap, lotions, tooth brushes, tooth paste, socks and Cub Foods gift cards. A box marked Northside Women's space will be at the table near the Elizabeth Chapel to collect donations. For more information or to arrange pick-up of donations, contact Mary Cardinal Peterson at her e-mail address: petecardfive@q.com or 651-341-7173 or visit Kwanzaa's website <http://www.kwanzaachurch.org> and click on Northside Women's Space. (This organization is supported by the Deacons Community Service Committee.)

Stewardship Sunday is January 22

Through your generosity, the 2011 stewardship campaign will have virtually reached its goal of \$1.1 million by the end of the year. Your support makes a difference in the ongoing work and mission of the congregation. We are very grateful for the gifts you make as an expression of your faith and the gratitude to God for your many blessings that enrich our fellowship in the church. We thank you.

Our theme for the 2012 stewardship campaign is "Living Generously" based on Paul's letter to the church in Corinth (I Corinthians 16:1-4). It will celebrate the fruits of your giving through the many activities of The House of Hope's community services, mission outreach, youth ministry and adult enrichment. On Sunday, **January 22, 2012**, we will honor God's invitation to present our personal commitment card as an act of worship. Along the way we will explore what it means to live generously and how we can share in the ministry and mission of The House of Hope.



Stewardship 2012
Living Generously
—1 Corinthians 16:1-4 (NRSV)

Loaves and Fishes

The Saints team will rally to the cause of the Loaves & Fishes Program again this month when the team serves guests on Monday, December 19, at Faith Lutheran Church, Charles and Mackubin Streets in St. Paul. The food prep team starts at 2 p.m.; servers and expecters begin at 5 p.m. Questions? Please call Kay or Paul Solon at 651-690-3024

Myths About Planned Giving

Myth: *It's too expensive to write or even change my Will.*

Will, health care directive, and power of attorney are important documents to have in place and up to date. And, if your estate isn't large or complex, you can have the paperwork done affordably. Making a beneficiary designation on an IRA, 401K or insurance policy is an easy and affordable way to leave a legacy. It costs nothing but a little time to contact your plan administrator. Make sure your assets will be distributed the way you want them to be, reflecting the values you have lived by. Include The House of Hope in your estate planning to preserve our beloved church and support its programs. Join the Anchor Society, fellow church members who have designated House of Hope as a beneficiary of their estate. For more information, contact Diane Smith at dianes@hohchurch.org or 651-223-7554.



Women's Breakfast Group

The Women's Breakfast Book Group meets Friday mornings from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. in the Kirk Parlour to enjoy breakfast, conversation and camaraderie, and engage in lively discussions of scheduled books. Guests and newcomers are always welcome. If you plan to attend for the first time, please call Jan Dickinson at 651-647-1786 or Esther Kellogg at 651-699-6006 for important information.

December 2: *The Sisters of Sinai: How Two Lady Adventurers Discovered the Hidden Gospels*, Janet Soskice.

December 9: Advent Breakfast, Town and Country Club.

December 16: *The Sisters of Sinai*, continued

December 23, 30: Holiday Break. No meetings.



SUNDAY MORNINGS FOR CHILDREN

Nursery/Toddler Care

- Nursery/toddler care is provided each Sunday morning from 8:15 a.m. to 12:15.
- Infants (birth-18 months) go to the Noah's Ark nursery in room 8.
- Toddlers (19 months-35 months) go to the Garden of Eden in Room 2.

Both of these rooms are staffed by trained paid staff and volunteers.

If you are coming to worship at 8:30:

- Childcare will be provided for age 4 and younger. Toddlers and 3- and 4-year-olds go to Room 2 during 8:30 worship.
- Children age 5 and up participate in worship with their families.

If you are coming to the 10 a.m. worship service:

- Infants and toddlers go to Room 8 or 2 (see above).
- Three-year-olds go to Room 6 beginning at 9:45 for supervised play. Children must be 3 by August 31.
- Children ages 4 through grade 5 attend the beginning of the worship service.
- Following the *Time for Children*, age 4-K go to their classrooms. Grades 1-5 go to Sunday School. The weekly schedule for grades 1-5 is always printed in the Sunday bulletin.

Sunday School classes for age 3-grade 5 conclude at 11:30 a.m.

An enrichment program will be provided each Sunday for all children. Age 3-Kindergarten will gather in Room 5. Grades 1-5 will gather in Room 1.

During the month of December, the focus of the Sunday School turns to Jesus' birth.

SUNDAY MORNINGS FOR CHILDREN IN DECEMBER:

December 4: Children's Christmas Pageant! 11:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary

December 11: Sunday School classes focus on the Christmas Story.

December 18: Grades 1-5 participate in worship and then attend the carol sing-along in the Assembly Room with their families. Age 3-K attend the Birthday Party for Jesus.

December 25: NO Sunday School or childcare.

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS

On Sunday, December 18, children in the 3, Pre-K and Kindergarten classes will participate in a Birthday Party for Jesus. This will take place from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Room 1. We will make crafts, sing, hear the Christmas story, and do other fun activities. Of course, there will also be treats! Children are asked to bring a new pair of socks or mittens for those less fortunate, in honor of the Baby Jesus.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

December 4
Everyone is invited to attend the pageant, which will be held at approximately 11:15 a.m. in the sanctuary on December 4. This is a wonderful opportunity to begin the season with a reminder of what it is we are anticipating. Experience the familiar story from the Gospel of Luke through the songs and voices of the children.

COME TO THE ADVENT CELEBRATION

"Traditions of Christmas" Sunday, December 4, 12 noon to 2 p.m. immediately following the pageant. All are welcome to enjoy a lunch of sloppy joes and other good things, and then dive in for the crafts! Create an angel and shepherd to add to the stable we made last year, or if you did not make a stable last year, there is a limited supply of stables available. Create a family keepsake "hand print" banner. Make an Advent wreath, or a fresh swag for your front door, guided by Mickey Scott. Enjoy yummy cookies that you decorate yourself. There is something for all ages at the Advent Celebration! Cost is \$5 per person, or a maximum of \$20 per household. Children under 3 attend at no charge.

CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDCARE

will be provided for children age 6 and younger from 5 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. for the Tableaux service. Childcare is not available at the 10:30 p.m. service.

AFTERNOON WORSHIP ON CHRISTMAS EVE

This 4 p.m. service is held in the Sanctuary, and includes the story of Jesus' birth, along with singing of the traditional carols, candles, and beautiful music. This service is especially friendly for the very young, but all ages are welcome.

SAVE THE DATE

The third annual CHILI CONTEST will be held on Sunday, January 29, in the Great Hall. Start looking for your own special recipe and watch for details!



Advent Celebration and Children's Pageant



Adult Education

Enrichment Programs

Sundays, 11:15 a.m. to 12 noon in the Assembly Room (unless otherwise noted)

December 4: Children's Pageant and Advent Celebration. No program.

December 11: *A Report from House of Hope member and Executive Director of The Metropolitan Council, Sue Haigh*

December 18: *The Annual Christmas Carol Sing-along with Phil and Lynda Jorgenson.*

First Thursday Literature Series

On December 1, Joy Davis' First Thursday Literature Series will continue discussion of Edith Wharton with "Souls Belataed," a story of the complex entanglements of marriage and divorce. As usual, we meet in the Library at 10:30 a.m.

Young Adults Thursdays on T.A.P.

Join us for Thursdays on T.A.P. (Theology and Practice) once a month at 5:30 p.m. for drinks, fellowship and good conversation. Next gathering: December 22 at Salut Bar Americain.

'Tis the Season

On December 4, the Christmas wreaths and poinsettias ordered through the Choir School will be ready for pick-up! We have a list and are checking it twice, so if you have not yet paid, please bring payment when you pick up your order. Thank you for supporting The House of Hope Choir School!

Lectionary Studies

Weekly opportunities for study of the coming Sunday's lectionary scripture lessons:

• **The Men's Breakfast each Tuesday, 7 to 8:15 a.m.** at the Copper Dome Restaurant, 1333 Randolph Avenue, St. Paul

• **Wednesday Morning Bible Study with Rev. Tom Forster-Smith** meets in the Church Library at 10 a.m.

• **Thursday mornings with Rev. Tom Forster-Smith, 9:15 to 10:30 a.m.** in the Church Library,



Men's Ministries

Breakfast Groups

Tuesday Men's Breakfast Group meets weekly at 7 a.m. at the Copper Dome at 1333 Randolph to study the lectionary lessons from the coming Sunday's Scripture lessons. **Thursday Men's Breakfast Group** meets weekly at 7 a.m. on Thursdays at the St. Clair Broiler on Snelling and St. Clair. All House of Hope men are welcome to attend. Contact for Men's Breakfast Groups: Rev. Tom Forster-Smith, 651-223-7553. Newcomers welcome!

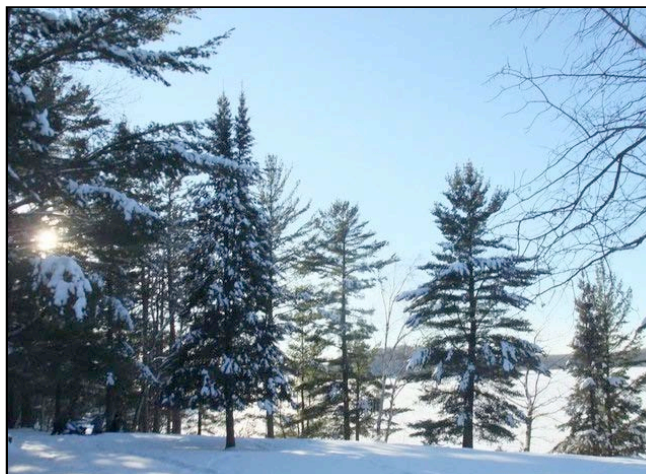
Youth Ministry at The House of Hope

Fall has flown by, and our youth have been busy with retreats, lock-ins and Sunday gatherings. The high schoolers have been cooking dinners together in the Meeting House; confirmation kicked off with a lock-in; and the middle school spent a weekend at Presbyterian Clearwater Forest. Please check the bulletin and your emails for upcoming events and opportunities, and mark your calendars for Snow Camp: January 27 - 29, 2012.



2012 Snow Camp!

All **Middle and High Schoolers** are invited to join us for Snow Camp, January 27 to 29 at Clearwater Forest. Last year, we played broomball, went sledding, built snow caves, and had lots of fun warming up inside. Get your registrations in by January 10, and contact Jeff Foels at jfoels@hohchurch.org with any questions.



Project Home's 14th Year at The House of Hope

We recognize and thank those individuals who have served in **Project Home** during the month of October. Our House of Hope volunteers provided fellowship, hospitality, nourishment and caring to children, mothers, and fathers. The need for emergency housing for families increased significantly in 2011 compared with 2010. All three facilities housing homeless families were at capacity every night in October and there were many nights in which a waiting list was established for space in the churches. This includes 65 people at the Ramsey County Shelter, 20 people each at both The House of Hope and St. Peter Claver, for a total of 105 family members in shelter.

We extend a special thanks to those who served as Project Home team leaders this year (an * precedes their names), to volunteers that served multiple times during the month of October (a + precedes their names), to all of those who made the Halloween party a terrific success (a & precedes their names) and to all of the House of Hope staff members that helped to keep the shelter clean and the plumbing operational (an ! precedes their names). We apologize to those whose names may have been inadvertently left off this list.

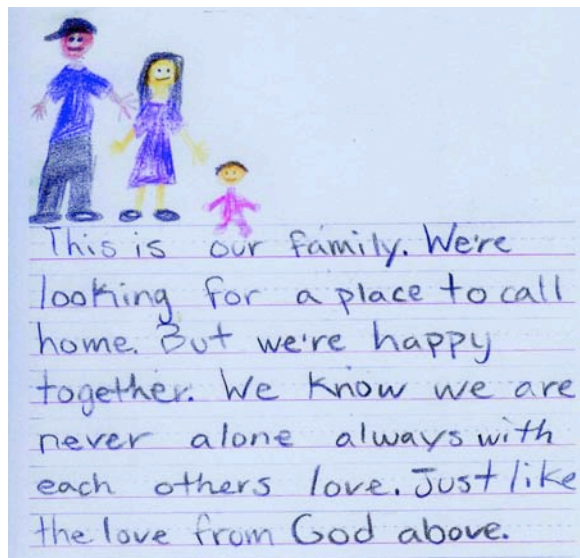
We want to share with you a drawing with an expression of love that was done by an 8-year-old girl that stayed with us in Project Home in October.

Beth Anderson
 * Dennis Anderson
 + Jan Anderson
 Nicholas Anderson
 Nick Anderson
 + Paul Anderson
 & Francis Atmore
 & Lane Atmore
 & Oliva Atmore
 Ginger Bailey
 Matt Bailey
 Walt Bailey
 Jim Barge
 Silvey Barge
 Carolyn Bedingham
 Bill Bedingham
 Ellie Bedingham
 Jacquelyn Bedingham
 Gus Bjorklund
 Marilyn Bjorklund
 Mary Ellen Bland
 Kathe Bolinder
 Phil Bolinder
 & Liz Bolsoni
 & Michael Bolsoni
 & Nora Bolsoni
 Georgia Bond
 * J.C. Bosse
 & Ian Boylan
 Emily Brenengen
 John Brenengen
 Julia Brooks
 + Sue Browne
 Andrea Canty
 Richard Buggs
 Randy Castle
 & Henry Cheney
 & Quinn Cheney
 & Terry Cheney
 David Cleveland
 Judie Cooper
 Mackenzie Cramblit
 Miggie Cramblit
 + Quinette Crenshaw
 Dick Crone
 Margie Crone
 + Judy Day
 Doley Daigle
 Mark Daigle
 Jane Davis
 Joe Davis
 John Davis
 & Chris Duliere
 & Eric Duliere
 ! Lenny Eaves
 Barb Edgar
 Lavonne Ellingson
 Allan Floyd
 Lucy Forster-Smith
 Tom Forster-Smith

Sue Fox
 Debby Fulton
 ! Fernando Garcia
 ! Mauricio Garcia
 * Ann Geery
 Bill Geery
 Katie Gogerty
 Tim Godfrey
 Diane Gordor
 Darrel Gubrud
 Georgia Hagerty
 Bruce Harrington
 & Marcy Hartford
 & Sallye Hartford
 Aimee Heffernan
 Doug Hemer
 Paula Hemer
 Barbara Horlbeck
 Donna J Hill
 Mary Lou Hudnut
 Dave Hutchinson
 Carter Inskeep
 Zach Inskeep
 Danita Jackson
 Holly Jacobson
 + Ericka Jamison
 Lee Jamison
 Hailey Johnson
 * Bruce Johnson
 Dion Johnson
 Eleanor Johnson
 Megan Johnson
 Sarah Johnson
 Stacy Johnson
 Michael Jordan
 Emma Kalish

Andrew Karre
 Stacy Klage
 Louise Klas
 Molly Kleven
 Russ Koebrick
 Sue Koebrick
 + Patricia Lacy
 John Lane
 Renee Lane
 & Joann Lee
 Dave Leitzke
 Ann Lewis
 Herb Lewis
 Chris Lienert
 Jahna Lindquist
 Terri Mattila
 Betsy McDonald
 Nan McDonald
 * Chris McHugh
 Hanna McQueen
 Doug Melena
 Alesia Metry
 Maria Metry
 Margaret Miller
 Nancy Moyers
 & Gabby Nadeau
 & JoAnn Nadeau
 Andrew Nelson
 Isabel Nord
 Mike Nord
 Caitie Ryan-Norton
 Ellie Norton
 John Norton
 Jackie O'Keefe
 Dee Oliveira
 David Olsen

+ Peggy Olson
 Haley O'Taggaff
 Dave Pearson
 Cliff Peet
 Dianne Peet
 Carrie Peffley
 Tyler Penniman
 & Brianna Peterson
 & Christina Peterson
 & Mary Peterson
 & Tom Peterson
 Brenda Powell
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 Sherwood Pomeroy
 Noelyn Porter
 Truman Porter
 Megan Remtema
 Sarah Roberts
 Derek Robb
 Nancy Sabin
 + Liz Sanson
 ! Patricia Sargent
 Leo Schluter
 Katie Schwanke
 Kathy Schubert
 Mary Senkbeil
 Tim Sheldon
 Dianne Smith
 & Chrissy Smithberg
 & Lauren Smithberg
 & Jan Snell
 + Kay Solon
 + Paul Solon
 Heidi Staloch
 Mac Staloch
 Mailin Staloch
 Mark Staloch
 Geoff Stevens
 * Jenny Stevens
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 Rick Sutherland
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Change of Heart Offering

The Change of Heart offering provides an opportunity for us to be intentionally more generous with our monetary gifts to the work of the Church in God's world. Each week the loose coins, currency, and checks with a memo note "Change of Heart" will be set aside and given to a special ministry. During the month of December, the offering goes to Bill's Pantry, an all-volunteer organization dedicated to meeting the nutritional needs of persons living with HIV/AIDS in the Twin Cities.

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Congregation



Baptism November 20, 2011

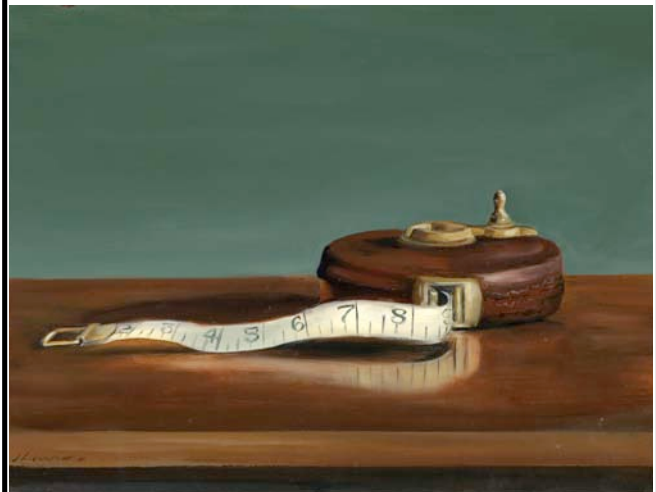
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son of Lindsey and
Aaron Guetter

Vivan Margaret Kaatz
daughter of Molly and
Ryan Kaatz

Margot McCarron Mack
daughter of Ann and
Benjamin Mack

Inga Faye Marsden
daughter of Annie and
Brian Marsden

December in the Cloister Gallery Joy Liberman



As a visual person I enjoy surrounding myself with interesting objects. Among my collections I have scales, magnifying and measuring instruments, clocks, globes, birds, eggs and nests. Many of these objects find their way into my paintings. In addition to an object's aesthetic appeal, I am also interested in juxtaposition and the multiple meanings that we can read in images. This body of work spans about ten years. I chose the older pieces for their relationship to the more recent paintings in both objective and symbolic content. Though I "read" much in my paintings, I hope that they will also be enjoyed for their simplicity and straightforwardness.