

ANNOUNCER

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Gathering of the Minds: Education Summit

On Saturday, April 16, House of Hope staff, elders, and representatives of the Children and Family Ministries Committee, Adult Ministries Committee, and the Youth Ministries Committee gathered at the Meeting House. The purpose of this "summit" was to consider the purpose and priorities of each entity and to identify commonalities as well as where priorities are similar or intersect.

The gathered group identified the struggles that each committee faces in fulfilling its mission statement and in providing educational experiences that increase knowledge and nurture faith.

Challenges were identified, and the group responded with various ideas about each element. From a list of 11 common challenges, the participants identified the three that were the most important:

- Motivating people and making Christian education a priority. Making the Sunday morning schedule work for that purpose. Identifying competing events and working to reduce those events when possible.
- Communicating with unified messages and branding
- Long-range planning, encouraging the committees involved in education to work together to create a more unified program. Looking at the possibility of introducing into our church life a common educational theme for a church year or season.

The summit concluded by considering the conversation of the morning and agreeing that the committees would continue the discussion as part of their next meetings, and further explore areas of working together and providing a common theme. It was also agreed that there will be more education summits.

Watch for more to come from the education summit participants as they continue to work toward providing opportunities for all ages to learn and grow in their faith.



Children and Family Ministry Committee, left to right: Jan Snell, Jon Cotner, Joann Lee, Andrew Nelson, Dianne Smith, Jill Winter, Jennifer Merriam



Adult Ministry Committee, l to r: Margie Crone, Tom Forster-Smith, Ann Lewis, Don Gruber, A.J. Cook



Youth Ministry Committee, l to r: Joann Lee, Ingrid Verhagen, Amy Greening, Lois Knutson, Brian Burleigh, Paul Schluter, Jeff Foels, Mary Cardinal Peterson

Toward a Generous and Just Church



At the meeting of the Presbytery of the Twin Cities on Tuesday, May 10, we voted overwhelmingly to amend our Book of Order to remove the contested and divisive language aimed at discriminating against gay and lesbian Presbyterians when it comes to their serving in ordained office. We were the 87th Presbytery to cast such a vote, making our vote the decisive vote in amending the constitution of our church. It was quite a

night and commissioners were well aware of the significant impact this would have on the church. As the Co-Moderator of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, I have been working for a more gracious and welcoming church my entire ministry. Even with the discriminatory language now gone from the church's constitution, I will continue to do all I can to help create a church we can all live into—a church where all people are made to feel welcome, even those who disagree with me on this issue and with the decision of the church. Below is the official statement made by the Board of Directors of the Covenant Network, released immediately following the historic vote. In case you missed the news coverage about the vote, here is a link to some of the local coverage. Type this URL into your browser:
http://www.twincities.com/ci_18036950?nclick_check=1

—David

Statement by the Board of Directors of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians on the Passage of Amendment 10-A:

The Covenant Network of Presbyterians is deeply grateful for the passage of Amendment 10-A, which replaces a contested sexual ethic in the Presbyterian Church's ordination standards and reaffirms the Lordship of Jesus Christ in all aspects of life. This is a change for which we and many others have worked for years. We rejoice that gay and lesbian Presbyterians, gifted and called by God, are now able to serve more openly in ordained office. We believe that the church will be strengthened by this change.

At the same time, we recognize that Presbyterians are not of one mind about the wisdom of this reform and the interpretation of scripture in matters of sexual ethics. Amendment 10-A permits Presbyterians to hold and respect diverse views. The Covenant Network has always had the unity of the church as one of its primary goals. We therefore will continue to promote dialogue and shared mission across the church. We pray that all Presbyterians may strengthen and support one another, witnessing to the Gospel, promoting reconciliation through Jesus Christ, and working together to realize the reign of God in all creation.

WORSHIP SERVICES 10 a.m. Sanctuary.

Sunday, June 5, 2011

**Seventh Sunday of Easter
Holy Communion**

David A. Van Dyke, preaching
Motet Choir: *For Everything There is a Season*,
Stephen Paulus (Premiere)
Ubi caritas, Maurice Duruflé

June 12, 2011

Pentecost

David A. Van Dyke, preaching
Motet Choir: *Rejoice in the Lord Always*, anonymous
O How Amiable, Ralph Vaughan Williams
Dedication of the Community Garden,
Summit Avenue

June 19, 2011

Trinity Sunday

David A. Van Dyke, preaching
Motet Choir: *Laudate Nomen Domini*, Christopher Tye
Lead Me, Lord, S.S. Wesley

June 26, 2011

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

David A. Van Dyke, preaching
Motet Choir: *Grant Us Thy Peace*, Felix Mendelssohn
O Thou the Central Orb, Charles Wood

Motet Choir to Premiere Newly Commissioned Work by Stephen Paulus

On Sunday, June 5, the Motet Choir will premiere "For Everything There is a Season" by Stephen Paulus for choir and organ. This new work was commissioned by Linda and J. Patrick Smith in celebration of the life of Marjorie J. Bowers, Linda's mother. The well-known text from Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 was a favorite of Mrs. Bowers, and was read at her memorial service. "For Everything There is a Season" will be premiered during the service on Sunday, June 5, with Aaron David Miller at the organ and Choirmaster Matthew Culloton conducting.

THE HOUSE OF HOPE IN THE NEWS

Community Garden

Enthusiastically and in record time, the City of Saint Paul Heritage Preservation Commission granted The House of Hope a permit to build a community garden. Mary Senkbeil, chair of the Mission Outreach Committee, reported on May 11 that the commission approved the permit which was effective the following day. Read Ruben Rosario's *Pioneer Press* article about The House of Hope's Community Garden by pasting the following URL into your browser:
http://www.twincities.com/ci_17912015?nclink_check=1

Historic Vote on Ordination Standards in the Presbyterian Church (USA)

Pastor David Van Dyke was quoted in a May 11 St. Paul *Pioneer Press* article regarding the national vote on ordination standards in the Presbyterian Church. To see the article, paste the following URL into your browser:

http://www.twincities.com/ci_18036061

For additional information, see the pastor's article on page 2.

Holy Communion June 5

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated at the 10 a.m. service on Sunday, June 5.

In the Presbyterian Church (USA), all baptized persons, including children, are welcome to participate in the sacrament.

Women's Breakfast Group



The Women's Breakfast Group meets Friday mornings at 7 a.m. in the Kirk Parlour for breakfast and discussion of good books. Newcomers are always welcome. First-time visitors, please call Jan Dickinson, 651-647-1786, or Esther Kellogg, 651-699-6006, for important information.

June 3: Informal discussion and book swap

June 10: Planning for summer

June 17, 24: *Stuff: Compulsive Hoarding and the Meaning of Things*, Randy O. Frost and Gail Steketee



Stewardship 2011

Growing the Spirit

An average of five hundred members, visitors and friends attend worship at The House of Hope every Sunday. Imagine the things we could grow if everyone put a penny, a nickel, a dime, a quarter or a dollar into the plate each week.

500 pennies (that's just 1 penny per person) is \$5 per week. In 52 weeks, \$260 would buy enough seed to grow vegetables for several families a year in the community garden

500 nickels is \$25 per week. In one year, \$1300 would buy enough food for a family living in poverty in Africa or South America.

500 dimes or \$50 per week, or \$2600 a year would buy diapers for several babies in the Jeremiah program.

500 quarters, \$125 per week, or \$6500 could provide rent, supplies and other support to homeless families in the winter.

500 dollars or \$26,000 a year could pay for the supplies for a new home through Habitat for Humanity.

The next time we worship together, and the offering plate is passed, think about how much The House of Hope can do, if we each do a little.

How can you watch the plate go by, and not help it grow?

In God's Service,

—The 2011 Stewardship Committee

Summer Office Hours

Monday: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Tuesday through Thursday: 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Friday: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: 9 a.m. to 12 noon

Summer Worship

There will be one worship service (10 a.m.) during the summer. The schedule of two services will resume on Rally Sunday, September 11.



Our Hope for Years to Come Capital Campaign

Summer is here, but the living won't be easy—at least at Summit and Avon. Work on several major projects has started, and the grounds and interior of The House of Hope will be teeming with activity now and throughout the summer and fall.

Roof replacement over the sanctuary and administrative offices is one of the major projects "slated" for this summer. A congregation-wide construction kick-off and blessing was held on Sunday, May 8. Since then, scaffolding has been erected around the sanctuary building. Soon, the existing roof will be removed down to the wood deck. The wood deck will be repaired as needed and a weather shedding membrane and insulation added before reinstalling new slate. And, finally, new copper gutters and downspouts will be added.

Stop by the church during the week and you will see cranes, trucks, workers, construction materials and a lot of activity. The roof replacement project should be completed by late fall.

Meanwhile, changes will be made to the interior of the church as well. You may have noticed that the East Transept window—one of the original stained glass windows in the sanctuary—has been removed, both for much needed repair and to prevent further damage during roof construction.

A subcommittee has been formed to begin addressing issues of accessibility to and within our building, including tackling the replacement of our old and sometimes nonfunctioning elevator. And, on the other end of the lower level, the well-used pantry, which services the Youth Room and Project Home, will be enlarged and remodeled—an improvement that will be much appreciated by both our youth and Project Home volunteers and clients when they return in the fall.

Your contribution will help complete the task. This summer will be a busy time, but work will continue over the next several years, as pledges to the campaign are realized. There is much to be done, and many more projects are on the "to do" list. We need your help to raise just under \$2 million remaining to reach our campaign goal of \$7 million. If you haven't yet done so, please make a pledge to the campaign. Campaign materials are available in the church office or visit www.hohchurch.org to view the information online. You can also call Jana Robbins, Campaign Coordinator, at 651-223-7555 to request materials be sent to you.

—Chris Langer

2014 Capital Campaign Committee



Great Decisions

On Tuesday, June 21, at 7 p.m. in the Church Library, the topic *Horn of Africa* will be addressed by Tom Gitaa.

Since the 1990's, the U.S. has monitored the Horn of Africa due to security concerns, weak governments in some countries, regional rivalries and a lack of development. All have contributed to an environment conducive to terrorism. Can the U.S. protect its national interests while mitigating the dangerous conditions in the region?

Tom Gitaa is president and publisher of Mshabe, an African community newspaper in Minneapolis that reports on activities of the African immigrant community in the Upper Midwest. He also hosts a talk show, *The Talking Drum*. Tom was born in Mombasa, Kenya, and is graduate of Metropolitan State University with a major in marketing. He has family in Kenya, visits often and is knowledgeable about conditions in the region.

Great Decisions is a program of discussions focusing on U.S. Foreign Policy issues. It is sponsored by the Foreign Policy Association and administered here in Minnesota by the Minnesota International Center.

For more information, contact Bob Mairs, 651-222-3423, or the church office, 651-227-6311.



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!

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

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

- **The Men's Breakfast**, Thursday mornings, topical discussions at the St. Clair Broiler, Snelling Avenue at St. Clair in St. Paul. Call Rev. Tom Forster-Smith for further information, 651-223-7553.



SUMMER SUNDAY MORNINGS FOR CHILDREN Through September 4:

•One worship service at 10 a.m.

•Nursery and Toddler rooms are staffed each Sunday all summer long.

•Infants-18 mos. are cared for in the Noah' Ark nursery, Room 6.

•Toddlers up to age 4 are cared for in the Garden of Eden room, Room 2.

•Summer Sunday School begins June 5 and is available for children age 4 through Grade 3. Children attend the first part of worship with their families, and then leave for Sunday School following the Time for Children

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES at THE HOUSE OF HOPE!

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS JUNE 12!

Children age 4 through Grade 3 will gather in Room 1 following the Time for Children. Summer Sunday School will NOT meet on July 3 and August 7.

CHILDREN AND PARENTS! SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL "ON THE ROAD"!

Summer is a time of relaxation, travel and new experiences. It may be much harder to get to church regularly. But you don't have to miss out on what is happening in Summer Sunday School!

Whether you are at the cabin or on a trip far away, or having a picnic with your grandparents in the back yard, take time wherever you are to read the Bible passage that we will be reading in Summer

Sunday School.

You can find the information online at www.hohchurch.org Look for the link for Summer Sunday School. There will even be some suggestions of things you can do "on the road."

We are also going to create a "God Goes with Me Wherever I Go" bulletin board!

When you come to church this summer, bring something from your summer activities! It can be a postcard from a place you visited, or a photograph of your family doing something fun at the cabin or in your back yard. You can even mail it to Jan Snell at church.

When we all come back together in the fall, it will be fun to see where we went and what we did, and to celebrate the fact that God is with each of us, no matter where we are.

SUMMER MEANS FUN for KIDS at THE HOUSE OF HOPE

For detailed information about specific summer programs at The House of Hope, please contact Jan Snell at 651-223-7547 or jans@hohchurch.org or go to www.hohchurch.org

•Celebrating God's World of Color and Sound! June 20-23, ages 3 through K

•OOPS Your Manners are Showing, August 22-25, ages 3 through K

•Camp in the City, July 25-28, for children who have completed Kindergarten through Grade 5 (9 a.m.-3 p.m).

•Awesome Summer Day Camp, August 22-26, for children who have completed Kindergarten through Grade 5 (9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

For information about Family Camp and summer programs at Clearwater Forest, go to: www.clearwaterforest.org

NEW! FOR PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN!

Parents and their young children (Kindergarten age and younger) are invited to gather at The House of Hope during the summer for conversation, a time to get acquainted, and fun with the children. Come when you can. We will gather on six Tuesdays from 9:30-11 a.m. (See schedule below.)

CHILDCARE is available for the "parents only" gatherings. We do need to know how many children to expect, so please contact Jan snell regarding child care. Watch for e-mail updates! Contact Jan Snell with questions 651-223-7547 or jans@hohchurch.org

June 14: House of Hope Park. Children and parents together.

June 28: Kirk Parlour. Parents only. Child care available. (Contact Jan Snell, 651-223-7547, with the number and ages of children needing care.)

July 12: House of Hope Park. Children and parents together.

July 26: Church Library. Parents only. Child care available.

August 2: House of Hope Park. Children and parents together.

August 16: Kirk Parlour. Child care available.

Youth Notes

We need LOTS of youth help on June 5 for **GRAND OLD DAY!** Update your calendars: "June 5, I will be at The House of Hope starting at 10 a.m. to work the parking lots, raise lots of money, and have lots of fun in the sun. I will be enjoying a grill-out after I'm done, at about 4 p.m., and it'll be great."

YOUTH SUMMER MISSION TRIP TO CHICAGO.

After worship on June 26, there will be a required orientation meeting in the Youth Room for the mission trip. We ask that students and their parents attend, bringing any outstanding registration materials and the balance of the \$450 fee for the mission trip.

Contact Jeff at jfoels@hohchurch.org with any questions.

—Jeff Foels, Director of Youth Ministries



Loaves and Fishes

The SAINTS team will rally to the cause of the Loaves and Fishes Program again this month when the team serves guests on Monday, June 20, at Faith Lutheran Church, Charles and Mackubin Streets in St. Paul. The food prep team starts at 2 p.m.; servers and expeditors begin at 5 p.m. Questions? Please call Kay or Paul Solon at 651-690-3024.

Kirk Club

The Kirk Club will meet at 12 noon on Sunday, June 24, (location to be determined). Our guest will be Dr. John Davis who will answer questions about his career with the Minneapolis Public Schools, Macalester College and Mankato State University. Make your reservation with the church office, 651-227-6311, by noon on Friday, June 22.

Ice Cream Social

The annual Ice Cream Social will be held after the worship service on Sunday, June 12. Delicious ice cream will be served by the deacons under the canopy on the Summit Avenue lawn, to the lively tunes of a dixieland jazz band. Everyone is welcome—friends, neighbors, passers-by!

House of Hope Garden Tour

Save Sunday afternoon, July 17, for the second annual House of Hope Garden Tour. Would you share your garden?. All types are welcome, small or large, informal or formal, annual or perennial, shade or sun, deciduous or evergreen. Questions, comments, or suggestions contact Sherwood Pomeroy at pomer123@earthlink.net or 651-429-5479.

Young Adults Thursdays On Tap

On June 30, Young adults will gather for fellowship and conversation at 5:30 p.m. at the Green Mill, 1342 Grand Avenue in St. Paul.

Baptism Class

New or prospective parents interested in Baptism must attend one of the quarterly baptism classes. The classes provide information about the sacrament, an opportunity to meet other parents, and a tour of the nursery. The next class is Sunday, June 5, at 9 a.m. in the Church Library. Please call Michelle Freyholtz, 651-223-7556, to schedule your baby's Baptism and to register for the class, which is a prerequisite for Baptism. Baptisms are ordinarily celebrated on the third Sunday of the month.

National Night Out Tuesday, August 2

Mark your calendar for the 5th annual House of Hope National Night Out on Tuesday, August 2, 2011. This has become a great opportunity to build relationships with fellow congregation members, our immediate neighbors, and community leaders. The past few years we have treated 250 to 350 neighbors to hot dogs, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, a cake walk, free photo booth, door prizes, in addition to crime prevention and safety information, and had live performances by Sheltered Reality. We have been fortunate to have area leaders, several police units, and the local fire truck visit with us. As this event continues to grow, we need your help for planning, recruiting sponsors, distributing flyers, setting up, hosting and cleaning up. The National Night Out committee is beginning to plan this year's celebration. If you are interested in helping with this event, or have ideas and suggestions, please contact Mary Cardinal Peterson at 651-341-7173 or petecard-five@q.com. Join us! We need your help to make National Night Out a success again this year!

New Staff Members

Leonard (Lenny) Eaves joined our staff in the position of Custodian/Maintenance Worker. This is the full-time position we've had open since last fall. Lenny has custodian, manufacturing and maintenance experience, has his boiler license (special engineer) and experience operating a forklift and Bobcat®. You'll see Lenny during the week and probably on Sunday too.

Jana Robbins has joined our staff as Capital Campaign Coordinator. Jana graduated from the University of Minnesota with her BA, Magna Cum Laude, in English and French. She has experience in fundraising in a non-profit setting as well as a strong marketing and communications background. Jana will usually be in the office Tuesday through Thursday and can be reached at capitalcampaign@hohchurch.org or 651-223-7555.

Please welcome these two great additions to our staff.

“Values Oriented” Estate Planning

A *Star Tribune* article indicated that there has been an increase in the number of individuals who are making planned gifts to organizations in lieu of leaving their entire estate to family members. In the article, one couple stated that their true inheritance to their daughters will be "the wisdom that work provides and a sense of responsibility for the community where they live." This particular couple chose to leave much of their estate to their "cherished Lutheran church and to a family foundation providing for local charities."

This view of planned giving is called "values-oriented" estate planning, according to the *Star Tribune* article, and is particularly appealing to individuals who have been philanthropic during their lifetime. Generally these individuals want to continue making gifts to churches and other charitable organizations after their death.

More than 55 individuals and couples have now notified the church that they have chosen to include The House of Hope in their estate plans. These donors realize that every gift is important regardless of its size, and each gift helps to ensure the future of this church we love.

If you would like to make a commitment to include The House of Hope in your estate plan in some way, please call Diane Smith, House of Hope Director of Administration, at 651-223-7554. She can provide you with information about the options available to you in making a gift.

If you have already included a gift to The House of Hope as part of your estate plan, notifying the church of your gift will add your name to the growing list of Anchor Society members. This group of individuals will gather later this year to celebrate their decision to continue their generosity into the future. A telephone call or e-mail to dianes@hohchurch.org will let the church know of your decision.

—The Endowment Gift Committee

June in the Cloister Art Gallery *Artability*

During the month of June, the Cloister Art Gallery will feature some of the works of **ARTABILITY**, an exhibit of works by artists who use creativity in their journey towards mental health. *Artability* is vital to the work of People Incorporated Mental Health Services. The program helps individuals living with mental illness strive to achieve their goals for living independent and enriched lives. *Artability* is a source of inspiration and pride for the area's mental health community, as it encourages artists to explore their interests, share their love of art, and gain confidence in their skills.

Habitat for Humanity - Faith Builders

This is the ninth year of The House of Hope's participation in Faith Builders, a coalition of churches in St. Paul that will be working on a Habitat for Humanity project in St. Paul. Coalition members include Assumption Catholic Church, the Cathedral of St. Paul, St. Clement's Episcopal, St. John's Episcopal, and Unity Unitarian.

We are scheduled to work from Monday through Friday, June 6 through June 17, at 315 30th Avenue North in Minneapolis.

The coalition will need a crew of up to 12 people each day, and volunteers can work for as little as one day up to the full two weeks. People of all experience levels are welcomed. No construction experience is necessary and training, tools and materials, and lunch are provided.

If you do not want to do construction work, we need site hosts each day, people to help with the food committee, and a food coordinator for each week.

For more information, please contact Kyle Schmidt at 763-972-4015 or kwschmidt03@yahoo.com.

Carillon Recitals 2011 on the Noyes Memorial Carillon

The 2011 Summer Carillon Recital Series begins on **Monday, July 4, at 4 p.m.** with recitalist **Trevor Workman** of Bournville, England, Past President of the British Carillon Society.

The series continues on the following Sundays at 4 p.m.:

July 10, Anna Kasprzycka, Carillonneur, Gdansk, Poland

July 17, Margo Halsted, Pasadena, California

July 24, Jim Fackenthal, Chicago, Illinois

July 31, David Johnson, House of Hope Carillonneur

Carillon recitals can be heard from the church lawns. Bring a blanket or chair, your family and friends, and a picnic lunch to enjoy while you listen. In case of inclement weather, seating will be provided indoors where the carillon can be heard.

Gifts of Stock

If you have occasion to donate stock in fulfillment of your pledge obligation, please contact Michelle Freyholtz, Assistant for Administration and Stewardship, 651-223-7556, or mail or fax to her (fax number: 651-227-9969) the following statement: I/We hereby make a legal gift of (number) shares of (stock name) to The House of Hope Presbyterian Church in payment of my/our pledge to the Operating Fund (or other fund).

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In Memoriam

Mildred Shogren
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May 19, 2011

Baptism May 15, 2011

**Elizabeth Kathleen
Golnik**
daughter of Allison and
Ben Golnik

Evan Michael Henry
son of Greta and Michael
Henry

Camden Michael Meyer,
son of Kristin and
Matthew Meyer

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 June, these gifts go to Kwanzaa Community Church. Kwanzaa's community engagement programs include the Imani Center for Youth Violence Prevention (includes Freedom School for children age 8 through 18 who are at risk of failing in school); Sidewalks Saving Lives (includes HIV / AIDS prevention and care, community organizing); Northside Women's Space (includes teen pregnancy prevention, teen education and art projects).

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