

ANON HOPE

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Recovery Sunday November 13

On Recovery Sunday, House of Hope member Kris Stenson will preach, and the Adult Enrichment Program will be presented by Roger Svendsen.



Kris Stenson

Kris Stenson served as Director of Christian Education at The House of Hope for ten years, after which she earned a Master of Divinity Degree from United Theological Seminary. She is currently anticipating publication of curriculum she has designed for Children's Christian Education. For the last 12 years she has been very involved in the Recovery Community in the Twin Cities, as a grateful member of ANon and Faith Partners, and as a leader in fundraising for treatment centers in the area.

Roger Svendsen is a former Executive Director of the Northstar Problem Gambling Alliance. He was a senior staff member of the Minnesota Institute of Public Health, serving as Director of the Gambling Problems Resource Center and the Problem Gambling Helpline. Roger has served on the National Council on Problem Gambling, the Governor's Advisory Council and the Minnesota Department of Human Services Gambling Advisory Committee. He is a consultant to Northstar and a community faculty member at Metro State University and Century Community College.



Roger Svendsen

Recovery Sunday is sponsored by House of Hope's Faith Partners Ministry.

Faith Partners

Faith Partners mission statement:
The House of Hope Faith Partners Ministry will serve the needs of our congregation, and the broader community, by addressing addiction in our midst. We will provide educational programs, resource information, outreach and support to people affected by addiction. As team members, we will

be informed and active, always advocating for compassion, understanding and a safe, open setting in which to serve.

Sunday Series

Evelyn Glennie Grammy Award-winning percussionist November 13



On Sunday, November 13, **Evelyn Glennie** will bring her thrilling percussion genius to The House of Hope Sanctuary. One of the most eclectic and innovative musicians on the scene today, she travels world wide, giving over 100 performances each year.

She has collaborated with Nana Vasconcelos, Kodo, Bela Fleck, Sting, Emmanuel Ax, Bjork, Bobby McFerrin, Kings Singers, Fred Frith and the Taipei Chinese Orchestra. She will narrate and perform in an IMAX® film about the Science of Sound, scheduled for release in both 2D and 3D in 2014.

Glennie is a native of Scotland and a Dame of the British Empire. She has been profoundly deaf since age 12. She regularly plays barefoot during both live performances and studio recordings in order to "feel" the music better.

This event features an in-concert conversation led by MPR classical music host, John Zech.

All events of the Sunday Series take place at 2 p.m. in the Sanctuary of The House of Hope and are free and open to the public.

Fall Blessings



Fall is here and life is in full swing at The House of Hope! I want to bring you up to date on some exciting developments in our life together. We successfully launched our new Sunday Series with the author, poet and funeral director, Thomas Lynch. On November 13 we will welcome the world renowned percussionist Evelyn Glennie in concert and conversation. Join us at 2 p.m. on the 13th for what will be a wonderful afternoon. Also,

plan to be a part of The Bash on 11-11-11. This year we will be hosting a dinner and auction in the newly spruced up Great Hall. I am pleased to report that the food, which is being catered by D'Amico's, has been generously paid for by some anonymous donors. This means that nearly every dollar spent at The Bash goes to support this church's mission outreach efforts! Come and spend a lot! I cannot stress enough how important it is that we keep our outreach efforts strong and this is one way we can do that. The Mission Outreach committee has been working hard lining up some wonderful donations for sale and for auction, and it promises to be an enjoyable evening on 11-11-11. Please plan to be a part of it and be sure to invite your friends. It will be a great event. The Housing Task Force, formed by the Session and co-chaired by Jim Wiltz and Jack Sjöholm, has been hard at work exploring ways to meet the needs of homeless youth in the Twin Cities. It is estimated that on any given night there are some 2500 homeless youth in Minnesota, the majority of which are in the Twin Cities. In the City of St. Paul, for example, there are six emergency overnight shelter beds! Partnering with the Plymouth Church Neighborhood Foundation, the Housing Task Force, in cooperation with the Houses of Hope Fund board, is developing plans to launch a major new housing initiative in St. Paul for homeless youth. Program models are being explored and evaluated while locations and possible sites are being visited. This is a very exciting development about which you will be hearing a great deal as we move forward. Clearly the need is real, and so is our ability to make a tremendous difference in the lives of homeless youth in our city. I believe that it's so important for The House of Hope to forge ahead with such a bold initiative at this particular time in our history. We are, after all, in the process of spending a great deal of money on our own building, which needs to be done. But we cannot let that be our singular focus. We always need to maintain our outward focus on the community around us. As always, I am reminded and encouraged by the words of one of my predecessors here at the church, Dr. Henry Swearingen, who had printed as a weekly reminder on the top of the Sunday bulletins, "This church exists for the people outside of it." Not a bad thing to remember as we move forward together. Blessings continue to abound for which I am grateful. I hope to see you, your family members and friends in worship on Thanksgiving Eve at 7.

—David

SUNDAY WORSHIP

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

10 a.m. Sanctuary. Choral Music.

Sunday, November 6, 2011

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

All Saints Sunday

Motet Choir: *Alleluia for All Saints Day*, Gerald Near;
Morten Lauridsen's cantata *Lux Aeterna*
with the Motet Choir
and the Bach Chamber Players.

November 13, 2011

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Kris Stenson, preaching.

Motet Choir: *Kyrie*, Felix Mendelssohn;
O Be Joyful in the Lord, Benjamin Britten;
O How Amiable, Ralph Vaughan Williams.
Cantamus Choir: *Wayfaring Stranger*, traditional.
Adult Handbell Choir: *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*, Michael Helman.

November 20, 2011

Christ the King

David A. Van Dyke, preaching.

Motet Choir: *Ancient of Days*, Horatio Parker;
Oh, Lord in Thee Have I Trusted, G. F. Handel.
St. Cecilia, St. Nicholas, St. Andrew Choirs:
All things bright and beautiful, John Rutter

Thursday, November 24, 2011

Thanksgiving Eve

7 p.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Motet Choir:

We Praise Thee, God, for Harvests Earned, Horatio Parker;
The Heavens Are Telling, Joseph Haydn.
The Scholars: *I Will Sing New Songs of Gladness*,
Antonín Dvořák.

November 27, 2011

First Sunday of Advent

Holy Communion

David A. Van Dyke, preaching.

Motet Choir: *Num komm, der Heiden Heiland*, J. S. Bach;
Lo, In the Time Appointed, Healey Willan;
Thou Shalt Know Him When He Comes, Mark Sirett;
St. Nicholas Choir: *Wake, Awake, for Night is flying*,
Franz Tudor.

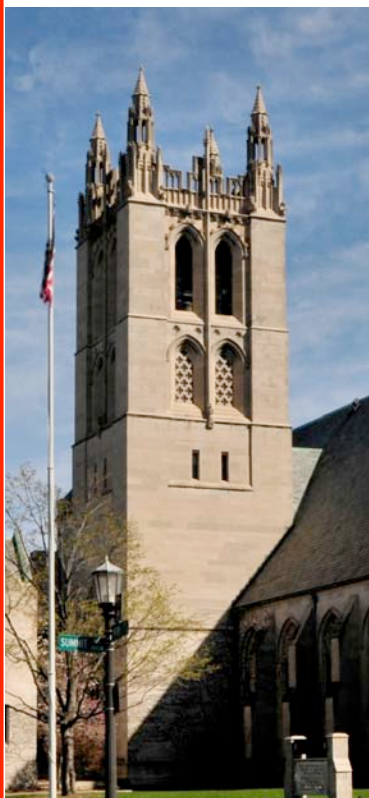
Holy Communion November 27

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated at both services on the First Sunday of Advent, November 27. In the Presbyterian Church (USA) all baptized persons, including children, are welcome to participate.

The word Advent means "coming" or "arrival." The focus of the entire season is the celebration of the birth of Jesus the Christ in his First Advent, and the anticipation of the return of Christ the King in his Second Advent.



Children and Youth “Chime in” to Help Restore our Bell Tower



Rally Sunday, September 11, marked the beginning of the children and youth’s involvement and investment in the Capital Campaign.

The Bell Tower will be the focus for our Sunday School children. They were introduced to their opportunity to help take care of it for the next 100 years. The goal is for the children to contribute \$2,014 to the Capital Campaign over the course of the next year. That amount is significant because the year 2014 marks the Church’s 100th anniversary.

Children in preschool and Kindergarten Sunday School classes learned about how the Bell Tower is almost 100 years old and needs to be fixed so it will be there for 100 years to come. As a way to help them remember to bring their offering each week, the children were given a small bell to take home with them.

Children in grades 1-5 listened to the story “God Bless the Gargoyles,” which explains that gargoyles were first created as guardians of churches. Our Bell Tower is visible from far away and not only is a landmark, but also a symbol of hope for many people. It is guarded by our very own House of Hope gargoyles. But nearly a century of harsh Minnesota weather has taken a toll, and the Bell Tower and trusty gargoyles are in critical need of repair and restoration.

The children can play their part in helping to keep the Bell Tower and the gargoyles a strong image of hope for years to come. In the education wing hallway, there

is a “bell box” where the children place their offerings. They can also bring their offerings forward at the Time for Children on Sundays.

Come view the large photo of the Bell Tower on the bulletin board outside of Room 4 that illustrates how their contributions are growing. Each time the children’s offering reaches \$168, a bell will move up the side of the bell tower photo, until the goal of \$2,014 is reached.

Our youth and confirmands are also involved in the campaign.

On Rally Sunday all Church members were invited to consider questions such as “What do you hope the church is doing in 50 years?” and write their answers on a banner emblazoned with the word “Hope” and the Capital Campaign logo. Although many of our adult church members may not experience what the Church will be doing fifty years in the future, the current capital campaign is about investing for future generations.

For our youth, however, the next fifty years of our building and programs will be a life-long experience. In 2061, our current confirmands will be turning 65, and boring their grandchildren with stories about what the Church was like before the renovations back in the 2010s.

Our youth are often of limited means, but are endowed with limitless enthusiasm. While they may have just become members, they’ve been born into the church, grown up in The House of Hope, and/or have been nurtured here in faith and life. With this campaign, they’re excited about the chance to raise \$2,014 for the campaign themselves. Beyond that, they are interested in discussing with folks the meaning and role the church plays in their lives, and the ways that they also look to this church as “Our Hope for Years to Come.”

—Jan Snell and Jeff Foels



**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”
Jeannine Bohlmeyer,
Guest Speaker

Long-time Book Group member Jeannine Bohlmeyer returns by popular request. Professor of English Emerita, who taught literature and writing for thirty years at Bethel University, she delighted and inspired us with her 2006 Advent meditation “It Wouldn’t Be Christmas Without Oyster Stew.”

A story—not traditionally considered a Christmas tale—will provide insights into the permanent differences the coming of the Christ Child can make in the world and in our own lives.

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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.



Women's Advocates 2011

Women's Advocates was founded in 1974, the first battered women's shelter in the nation. In 2010, shelter and support services were provided to 326 women and 486 children. Of the women served in 2010, 89% did not return to former relationships. The crisis line is answered 24 hours a day and receives over 16,000 calls a year. An average stay is two weeks, but can be as long as three months. Women's Advocates can shelter up to 50 women and children in 15 bedrooms with 6 bathrooms.

Women's Advocates provides emergency shelter, food, clothing and personal items; support and counseling; education, employment, housing, health and financial assistance; legal and court advocacy. Children are given child care; safety plans, support groups, education and counseling; animal-assisted intervention and art therapy; facilitation of school enrollment, transportation and tutoring.

Women's Advocates and United Way's Rapid Rehousing Program provide a security deposit and a minimum 6-month rental subsidy, allowing shelter residents to establish and maintain market-rate housing. In 2010, Women's Advocates, the United Way and the YWCA moved 40 families and 4 individuals into market-rate housing.

Women's Advocates is offering dating violence workshops for junior and senior high students. These are free and open to any school in the St. Paul area. Topics include: healthy vs. unhealthy relationships, the cycle of abuse, warning signs of an abusive relationship, how to help a friend and how to end an abusive relationship.

A group of women under the leadership of Liz Boyd volunteers every Third Thursday from 6 to 7:30 pm. They do a craft project or play Bingo with the women and children and provide a treat for them. Projects have included making pencil boxes for school; beading; and making seasonal crafts and decorations. If you (men included) would be interested in joining this group, leave your name in the church office, 651-227-6311.

Dayton Avenue Joint Projects

The House of Hope has joined forces with Dayton Avenue Presbyterian Church to provide school supplies to Community Academy of Peace and clothing to the Dayton Avenue clothing shelf. This combined effort began in 1996 when The House of Hope was exploring ways to become more active in the community. The Academy of Peace student body is mostly Asian and African-American, and has grown to K-12.

Each summer, House of Hope members donate school supplies for the coming year, based on the previous year's donations, and the need projected by the school. Bob Hennesy makes purchases and, with Bill Liike, delivers the supplies. Our Mission Sewing group donates hand-knitted hats and mittens to this cause.

House of Hope members donate clothing, shoes, and linens to the clothing shelf. These are transported by volunteers, often with Bill Liike's truck, and are made available, free, to anyone in the community. A House of Hope fund enables volunteers to purchase new underwear and socks for adults and children. The center is open two Saturdays a month from 9 a.m. to noon, except July and August. House of Hope volunteers assist with sorting, displaying items, registering clients, checking out and packaging selections, then making the areas ready for church services the following day. We try to have enough volunteers so that each team works just once every other month. The average number of clients is 35 each Saturday. To volunteer for this worthwhile project, contact the church office at 651-227-6311 or receptionist@hohchurch.org.

— Sue Doty

The Charitable IRA Rollover

On December 17, 2010, President Obama signed the charitable IRA rollover extension into law. The provision allows eligible donors to make charitable gifts directly from their IRA without incurring a tax on the withdrawn funds. Under the provision, taxpayers 70 1/2 years or older are allowed to make a tax-free rollover of up to \$100,000 from a traditional IRA or Roth IRA directly to a qualified charitable organization, such as The House of Hope Presbyterian Church. This extension runs through December 31, 2011.

Only donors who are sure they will not need these assets at a later date should consider a charitable gift from their IRA. Donors of any age can make a deferred gift of an IRA or other retirement account by naming The House of Hope Presbyterian Church as a beneficiary of the account at their death.

Donors wishing to take advantage of this provision should contact Michelle Freyholtz 651-223-7556 or michellef@hohchurch.org for further information.



Mission Sewing

Service Opportunity!
One morning only, Tuesday, November 8, from 9:30 to 12 noon. Help spread the warmth of the holiday season by hand-tying quilts and fleece blankets for the YWCA's transitional housing program in time for Christmas. Please join us downstairs in Dining Rooms A and B anytime between 9:30 and noon. Coffee, cookies and conversation will be provided by Mission Sewing.

Kirk Club

On Sunday, November 20, the Kirk Club will meet at 12:30 p.m. at the Lexington Restaurant on Grand at Lexington in St. Paul. If you have a Thanksgiving memory you would enjoy sharing, the stage is yours! Price: \$14 and up, including tax and tip. Please make reservations with the church office, 651-227-6311, by noon on Friday, November 18.

Loaves and Fishes

The Apostles team will rally to the cause of the Loaves and Fishes Program again this month when the team serves guests on Monday, November 21, at Faith Lutheran Church, Charles and Mackubin Streets in Saint 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

Seekers

Plan to get together on Monday, November 28, at 7 p.m. in the Church Library to discuss the book *Man's Search for Meaning* by Viktor E. Frankl. Read Part 2. We will end our session with centering prayer. All are welcome. Call Margie Crone, 651-735-8043, for more information



SUNDAY MORNINGS FOR CHILDREN

The program year schedule begins on Sunday, September 11. Here is what you need to know:

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.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

On Sunday December 4 the children's annual Christmas pageant will be presented immediately following the 10 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary. This is a wonderful way to get into the Christmas spirit as we see Christmas through the eyes and voices of our children.

TRADITIONS OF CHRISTMAS!

Immediately following the Children's Pageant on December 4, the annual Advent Celebration will be held. Please join everyone in the Great Hall for lunch and then crafts that will add a festive Christmas spirit to your home. We have so many cherished traditions that are part of our Christmas preparations and celebrations. We will learn about the origin of some of the most common traditions as we create keepsakes that reflect that tradition. For example, what is the origin of the traditional pine bough swags or wreaths that adorn our front doors? Find out while you create your own door swag with Mickie Scott. Make a new ornament and learn why we decorate Christmas trees. We will add some figures to the nativity scenes that were created last year! If you did not make one, not to worry! There are still some available! Of course it wouldn't be the Advent celebration without decorating cookies. For more information and registration details, please look for sign-up tables on Sundays or contact Jan Snell. Cost is \$5 per person or \$20 per household. We hope to share this celebration with you!

THE HOUSE OF HOPE PARENT GROUP

The House of Hope parent group will gather with some of the members of the Mission Sewing Group on Tuesday, November 8, to tie quilts for families who are transitioning to their own apartments. The Mission Sewing group has done all the hard work, so the tying will be fun and an opportunity to do something for others. The group will gather from 9:30 to noon. Child care will be available. All are welcome! Contact Jan Snell with questions and to reserve child care: 651-223-7547 or jans@hohchurch.org

PIZZA GARDEN PARTY A SUCCESS!

Last May, the Sunday School children voted to have their section of The House of Hope Community Garden be a pizza garden, and a pizza party was promised at harvest time. Well, the growing season ended a bit early, but the pizza party was held and it was a great success! Cheese pizzas were provided, and children and adults were encouraged to cut up tomatoes and peppers that came from the garden. We gathered by the garden on Sunday, October 2, in beautiful sunshine, and celebrated the wonders of creation and the good things that come from God's earth.



Sunday School Pizza Party!

Habitat for Humanity December 17

Our next Saturday workdate is December 17. The location has not yet been determined but we will be working in St. Paul from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Please arrive by 8:20 a.m. to get signed in.) Please help us provide affordable housing for low income families in St. Paul.

We are always looking for new people. People of all experience levels are welcomed, and no construction experience is necessary. Training, tools and materials, and lunch are provided. If you don't want to do construction, we are looking for people to help with lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

To sign-up or for more information, please contact Kyle Schmidt at 612-801-2249 or kwschmidt03@yahoo.com.



Enrichment Programs

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

November 6: A report on the work of the St. Paul Area Council of Churches: The Rev. Patricia Lull (Executive Director) and staff.

November 13: Recovery Sunday speaker Roger Svendsen (Page 1)

November 20: *Antarctica: A Journey in Photos* with Roxann Hoganson.

November 27: *Holiday Season Book Review:* House of Hope member and former Bethel faculty member, Jeannine Bohlmeyer.

First Thursday Literature Series

Joy Davis' First Thursday Literature Series will convene as usual in the Church Library at 10:30 a.m. on November 3. The text again will be Edith Wharton's *Roman Fever and Other Stories* with discussion of "Xingu," a satirical piece featuring seven misguidedly arrogant characters.

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: November 17 at Senor Wong's.

Wednesday Evening In-Depth Adult Education

Through November 16: *Reading Our Sacred Scriptures Together: A New Interfaith Exercise in "Scriptural Reasoning."* Led by a team of scholars from the St. Paul Interfaith Network, this study opportunity will engage in a comparative reading of selected scriptural texts contained in each of the Abrahamic faith traditions, Judaism, Christianity and Islam, using the Tanakh, the New Testament and the Quran. This is an opportunity to learn how much we agree and differ with faith traditions other than our own.

The series will be facilitated by John Marboe, a Lutheran Pastor in St. Paul who is fascinated with stories as conveyers of spiritual meaning. He has recently completed his doctoral thesis entitled: *Jesus as Storyteller: A Midrashic Reading of the*

Gospels. He is also a part of the St. Paul Interfaith Network Planning Team. For more information, contact Ann Lewis at annlewis9@earthlink.net or Rev. Tom Forster-Smith at tomf@hohchurch.org or 651-223-7553.

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. Molly McMillan 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

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.

Myths About Planned Giving

In each issue of *The Anchor* throughout the next year, we will highlight one "myth" about planned giving, with the hope that you will learn more about how you, too, can make a planned gift to The House of Hope.

Myth: My annual pledge to Stewardship covers the operating costs and maintenance of the church, and supports all its program and outreach efforts.

Each year, generous donors to the Stewardship campaign at House of Hope help pay yearly expenses like salaries, monthly and yearly operating and many program expenses. But, an annual draw on the endowment also provides a portion of the funding needed for all our operations, helps support our community outreach, music and speaker programs, and is also drawn upon for extraordinary unbudgeted expenses. A deferred gift through your will or as a beneficiary on an IRA, 401 K or an insurance policy will support these efforts to keep our church properties in good repair, its programs and community outreach vibrant and ensure House of Hope remains an essential asset to our community for another century. Join the Anchor Society by making a planned gift. For information contact Diane Smith at dianes@hohchurch.org or 651-223-7554.

Great Decisions

Programs are presented the third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Church Library.

November 15

Topic: *Crisis in the Caucasus*

Speaker: Tom Hanson

The countries and regions of the Caucasus all have strong national identities but have long lived in the shadow of their larger neighbors, Russia, Iran, and Turkey. Tom Hanson is a retired foreign service officer who had State Department postings in the USSR, Estonia, East Germany, France, Norway, Sweden, Mongolia and Georgia. He is Diplomat in Residence at the University of Minnesota Duluth.

Great Decisions: discussions of U.S. foreign policy issues based on a reading guide from the Foreign Policy Association and led by speakers recommended by the Minnesota International Center. Guests are welcome. For more information, call Bob Mairs, 651-222-3423, Dennis Anderson, 651-730-4003, 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!



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.

- November 4:**
Nightingales: The Extraordinary Upbringing and Curious Life of Miss Florence Nightingale, Gillian Gill.
- November 11, 19:**
Your Inner Fish: A Journey into the 3.5 Billion-Year History of This Human Body, Neil Shubin.
- November 25:**
 Thanksgiving Break. No meeting.

The House of Hope Adult Gathering Annual Christmas Dinner Party Sunday, December 4, 6 p.m.

Singles, couples, new and long-term members and friends—plan to join us. This year's Adult Christmas Party at the Midland Hills Country Club in Roseville, begins with a social time followed by dinner, carol-singing and entertainment. You'll hear from Aaron David Miller, Phil Bolinder and ... there are always a few surprises. The cost is \$45 per person. Make reservations and pay at the church office by Monday, November 28. You can also sign up at the table outside the Kirk Parlour on Sundays, November 13, 20 and 27. Make your checks payable to The House of Hope. Hope to see you there.

Watch the bulletin and hohchurch.org for more information.



Christmas Sponsor-A-Family

Christmas is the season for joy, peace and celebration. However, it can also be a painful time for families in need. The House of Hope's Christmas Sponsor-a-Family program for 2011 is underway. This is an important seasonal outreach program in which House of Hope members have participated for many years, providing families in need with gifts and gift certificates to local grocery stores. Families are identified and screened through organizations already supported by The House of Hope, such as the YWCA, Habitat for Humanity, Episcopal Community Services, Liberty Plaza and Jackson Street Village.

Individual family lists will be available for your sponsorship on November 6 and 13 in the Kirk Parlour after worship. Groups, families or individuals can sponsor a family or share sponsorship of a family. You will have until December 11 to complete your shopping.

Please consider this opportunity to support those in our community who are less fortunate. For more information on this program, or to inquire on how you can contribute, please contact Jane and Paul Schluter at schluter@q.com or 952-922-2197.

—Michael Nord

Chapel Recital Series

On November 20 at 4 p.m., the Elizabeth Chapel Organ Recital Series opens with a concert featuring concertos and sinfonias of J. S. Bach written for organ and strings. These were some of Bach's favorite compositions having written and reused them for numerous occasions. Many of these works have multiple versions as Bach recycled the compositions for various concerts and worship services. This concert welcomes back the Bel Canto String Quartet. Sofia Ardalán will be conducting with Aaron Miller on the Jaekel organ. The program will include the *Concerto for Organ and Strings* in D Minor, BWV 188 and the *Sinfonia* from *Cantata 29*.

Choirchimes for Handbell Choir

The House of Hope Adult Handbell Choir was delighted to inaugurate its new season on October 9 with the addition of Choirchimes! The five-octave set of hand-held chimes was the generous gift to the Handbell Choir from two current ringers, Pat Freeburg and Nancy Harris. The handbell ringers, under the direction of Kirsten Falc Uhlenberg, are enjoying the challenge of mastering the chimes and hope that the congregation is uplifted by their addition to the music of the church.



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Congregation

Baptism October 16, 2011

Ella Elizabeth Sherwood
daughter of
Michelle and Andrew
Sherwood

Jackson Miles Dady
son of
Lylah and Adam Dady

In Memoriam

Clyde Eklund
October 2, 2011

Craig Alexander
October 11, 2011

November in the Cloister Gallery Judy Dodds



Penscriptions by Judy Dodds are calligraphed messages beautifully achieved with watercolor, brush and pen. Judy began her Penscriptions calligraphy studio in 1984. She has studied extensively, attended national conferences, and taught and served in her local guild, Colleagues of Calligraphy. Of her work, she says, "My response to life's journey is to work with words, be blessed and inspired by great texts, express the abstract more tangibly, and apply the results to the ups, down, joys, sorrows and wonderful surprises life brings to all."

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 November, the offering goes to Amicus, a Minnesota not-for-profit organization helping inmates and ex-offenders through positive relationship-building, restorative justice practices and individualized transition services.

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