

# ANNOUNCEMENT

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## October 2 World Communion Sunday Peacemaking Offering

October 2 is World Communion Sunday and Peacemaking Sunday. Linda Eastwood of the Colombia (South America) Accompaniment Program will be our preacher of the day. Our mission partners, Angélica Múnera and Diego Higueta, will present the Enrichment Program at 11:15 a.m. in the Assembly Room. Diego is the executive secretary at the Iglesia Presbiteriana de Colombia. Angélica is currently a student at McCormick Theological Seminary as a Global Scholar. The Peacemaking Offering, which supports the PC(USA)'s commitment to peacemaking as part of our faithfulness to God, will be received that day.



Linda Eastwood

Leaders in The Presbyterian Church of Colombia are taking great risks in their human rights work and their support of the communities of Colombians who have been displaced by the violence of the forty-year war in their country. They have asked the church to act as international accompaniers in order to provide a measure of safety—international eyes—for their work, and the Accompaniment Program has responded to that request.

The Rev. Diego Higueta-Arango was elected the Executive Secretary of the IPC recently and seeks, through God's grace, to help lead this brave group of South American Christians. One of his main concerns is the Urabá region of north-central Colombia, an area caught in the crossfire of the civil war, where many internally displaced persons live. His ministry includes working with rural populations. He has previously served his denomination in the capacity of Moderator.

## Holy Communion October 2

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated at both services on Sunday, October 2. In the Presbyterian Church (USA), all baptized persons, including children, are welcome to participate in the Sacrament. Elements served are bread and grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available from the servers.

## Sunday Series Inaugural Event

# Thomas Lynch

Author, poet, funeral director  
October 16

Thomas Lynch is the author of *The Undertaking: Life Studies from the Dismal Trade*; *Bodies in Motion and at Rest*; and *Booking Passage: We Irish & Americans*, as well as five collections of poems and three books of essays. A book of stories, *Apparition & Late Fictions*, was published in 2010 to critical acclaim. Paraclete Press has just published *The Sin Eater: A Breviary* which gathers two dozen, twenty-four line poems—a book of hours—on the life and times of Argyle, the sin-eater. The work includes images of the West Clare peninsula in Ireland where the author keeps an ancestral home. His work was the subject of PBS *Frontline's* "The Undertaking," which aired nationwide in 2007, and won the 2008 Emmy Award for Arts and Culture Documentary.



Many will remember Mr. Lynch's engaging presentations at the first Faith and Writing forum at The House of Hope in October of 2009. His warmth, sagacity and humor made him a great favorite of the participants.

"Mr. Lynch emerges as a cross between Garrison Keillor and one of the Irish poets; one thinks of William Butler Yeats... Forceful, authentic and full of a kind of ethical and aesthetic clarity." —Richard Bernstein, *The New York Times*

"...the books I found most helpful were *The Undertaking: Life Studies from the Dismal Trade* and *Bodies in Motion and at Rest: On Metaphor and Mortality*, both by Thomas Lynch, a funeral director and poet, and a brilliant, soulful writer. These two collections of essays about life as an undertaker gave me a sense of the tone I wanted the show to have." —Alan Ball (Creator of *Six Feet Under*)

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.

## Mind the Gap



Each year an annual stewardship campaign is conducted, and church members are asked to pledge their financial support to the church. Supporting the church financially is one of the important ways in which we express our commitment and exercise our faith. And The House of Hope is very dependent on the annual gifts of its members and friends. It is why I want to make you aware of a situation we are facing, because my experience has taught

me that church members want to be made aware of issues as they arise, and they want to know how they can help.

We are currently projecting a \$45,000 shortfall in the annual budget. This is a result of a shortfall toward our pledge goal. If this gap is not made up by December 31, our budget for 2012-2013 will need to be cut by any shortfall incurred this year. Here are some sober facts as we consider how to address this financial situation. The Mission Outreach budget of the church has been cut each of the last three years to address similar shortfalls. These cuts amount to \$100,000. In addition, the budget for building maintenance has been cut by \$193,500 over the past few years.

The reason those two budgets have been targeted is because we cannot cut back on our fixed expenses such as utilities and salaries. This church staff is dedicated, hard-working and deserving of the compensation they receive. Our building bears the marks of not having been properly maintained over the years. Of not having adequate attention given to it. Deferred maintenance. In addition to these two areas that have experienced the most significant reductions, all budgets have been reduced to the point where there is little left to cut.

Simply stated, we need to close the gap before the year end to avoid further cuts that will hurt our mission.

Mission is at the heart of who we are and what we are about. Over the last three years it has become very difficult for the Mission Outreach Committee to respond as the number of requests for funding have increased, and the amounts being requested have increased, and yet the available funds have decreased.

It is not unusual for churches and similar organizations conducting capital campaigns to experience some lag period in their annual giving. The good news is that when a capital campaign ends, annual giving sometimes increases dramatically. In short, I view our current situation as a temporary one and am confident that we can close the gap and not resort to cutting our budget and limiting our effectiveness.

Here is what we can do as a community of faith. If you have not made an annual pledge or if you have not yet given this year, please consider doing so. If you have pledged and have either fulfilled your pledge or are in the process of fulfilling it, please consider making an additional gift. It's tempting at a large church to assume that "others" will somehow "take care of it." The reality, however, is that we are the "others" who need to step up and close this gap.

Another thing I encourage you all to do is purchase a ticket to The Bash on 11/11/11! It promises to be a fun event. We hope to raise a good amount of money

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP

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

10 a.m. Sanctuary. Choral Music.

**Sunday, October 2, 2011**  
**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**World Communion Sunday**  
**Peacemaking Offering**

Linda Eastwood, preaching  
Coordinator of the Colombia Accompaniment Program  
Motet Choir: *From the Rising of the Sun*, Ouseley  
*These are they which follow the Lamb*, Goss  
St. Nicholas Choir: *God is my shepherd*, Dvořák

**October 9, 2011**  
**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

David A. Van Dyke, preaching  
Motet Choir: *Sicut cervus*, Palestrina  
*Tantum ergo*, Duruflé  
St. Cecilia and St. Nicholas Choirs: Psalm 98, Marshall  
Adult Handbell Choir: *Joy and Celebration*, Lee J. Afdahl

**October 16, 2011**  
**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Children's Sabbath**

David A. Van Dyke, preaching  
Motet Choir: *Veni, sancte spiritus*, Lauridsen  
*Give Us the Wings of Faith*, Bullock  
St. Nicholas Choir: *Give Ear Unto Me*, Marcello

**October 23, 2011**  
**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Thomas W. Forster-Smith, preaching  
Motet Choir:  
Psalm 92, Paulus  
*Jesu, the Very Thought of Thee*, Bairstow

**October 30, 2011**  
**Reformation Sunday**

David A. Van Dyke, preaching  
Motet Choir:  
*Sing, My Soul, His Wondrous Love*, Rorem  
*O Sing Joyfully*, Batten  
St. Nicholas and St. Andrew Choirs:  
*My eyes for beauty pine*, Howells

**Note:** November 6, All Saints Sunday  
Morten Lauridsen's cantata "Lux Aeterna"  
for chorus and orchestra

for Mission Outreach that evening. It will be the kind of event to which you'll want to invite your friends and neighbors.

Again, my point in writing is not to nag you about money; that's the last thing I want to do. Rather, I write merely to bring this situation to your attention, believing that you want to know about these things as people who love the church, and because I believe you will also want to respond in a way that helps us overcome this financial gap. Thank you so much.

—David



## Our Hope For Years to Come Capital Campaign

Thanks to your support and commitment, we are a hair's breadth (\$1500) away from meeting our interim capital campaign target of \$5.5 million of the \$7 million total. The funds collected thus far, totaling \$ 5,497,534 and 362 pledges, have been put to good use. The results are obvious.

If you attended services and the rally on September 11, you saw firsthand how much work is underway. Scaffolding, hoists, trucks, pallets, dumpsters are all part of the current scene, and during the week, the property teems with workers. The East Transept stained glass window, which was buckling and fragile last spring, is now fully restored, is far brighter, and is protected from the extremes of the Minnesota climate. Work is underway to clean and tuck-point the entire exterior. Soon, work will begin to restore and reinforce the Bell Tower. Multiple smaller projects are completed, some of which you may have noticed, like the new youth pantry and storage area, new sidewalks, and other repairs. Soon, storm windows for all the stained glass windows will be installed.

Our priorities are: First, to secure the "envelope" of the building—the roof, the masonry, downspouts, and the bell tower—and prevent further damage (all under-way or committed); second, to improve accessibility to the sanctuary and other onsite common areas (under study and awaiting funding); third, to remodel the main kitchen and meeting facilities (under study and awaiting funding); and finally, to update the mechanical and electrical systems (under study and awaiting funding).

The Construction Task Force, given the economy and slowdown of construction, has been able to negotiate very good prices for our major and most expensive projects. Bids have come in lower than originally estimated. That said, we have committed more than \$4 million to meet the urgency of "securing the envelope." More than \$1 million has been paid, and the remainder of the \$1.5 million on hand is committed and will be paid out shortly. We will soon draw upon a \$2 million line of credit – which is secured by a percentage of pledges to be paid over the next five years.

But, for further work to be planned and completed—like a new kitchen, remodeled meeting rooms, and full accessibility, we need to secure the additional pledges needed to achieve the \$7 million goal.

Thus far, 362 pledges totaling \$5.5 million over the next five years have been made by individuals and families, staff, and a few outside organizations. Those figures also include a few one-time gifts, which may be added to as the campaign progresses. Thanks to all of you who have pledged to make our collective vision a reality.

That leaves at least 1.5 million to raise from our remaining 200 + total pledging units – families, youth, and individuals.

### Your Contribution Will Help Complete the Task.

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 \$1.5 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](http://www.hohchurch.org) to view the information on-line. You can also call the church office at 651-227-6311 to request materials be sent to you.



## The Nonviolent Peaceforce

On Sunday, October 9, **Mel Duncan**, co-founder of Nonviolent Peaceforce, will tell us about the work of this peacemaking organization supported through The House of Hope congregation since 1999. Nonviolent Peaceforce is a nonpartisan, unarmed group of volunteers comprised of global citizens. In consultation with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, it develops and trains civilians to assist in peacekeeping efforts around the globe, reduce violence, and protect citizens in situations of violent conflict. Peaceforce members build bridges between warring factions and help create space for local peacemakers to carry out their work.

On Friday, October 14, and Saturday, October 15, The House of Hope will host "Artists for Peace." This event will feature works of famous artist, Nell Hillsley, and other well-known artists who are donating their works to raise money for Nonviolent Peaceforce. Proceeds from the sale will support peaceworkers in the Philippines, Sri Lanka, South Sudan, and South Caucasus as well as Nonviolent Peaceforce training at the United Nations. Previews of some of the art can be found at [nonviolentpeaceforce.org](http://nonviolentpeaceforce.org) (click on 'Nell and Friends Arts for Peace Exhibit and Sale.') The "Artists for Peace" preview and sale will take place in the Great Hall of The House of Hope on Friday, October 14, from 5 to 8 p.m. (\$20 tax-deductible admission), and on Saturday, October 15, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



## Choir School Christmas Wreath and Poinsettia Sale

Do you like to plan things ahead of time? Should you? The Choir School says YES! We are taking orders for Christmas wreaths and poinsettia starting October 2. Stop by the table outside the Kirk Parlour on October 2, 9 or 16 to place your order. All proceeds will benefit future Choir School tours. Wreaths and plants will be available for pick-up on December 4.

## Change Comes to Sunday School Alice Morehouse Retires

This year brings a major loss to the young children's Sunday School program at The House of Hope. After 51 years of teaching and leading music at Sunday School, Alice Morehouse has retired.

Because of bad winter weather, and the need to spend more time with husband Val and family, Alice made her decision to retire.

Many House of Hope adults recall being in Alice's class, and each of the children, youth and young adults who were in Room 5 for Sunday School were touched by Alice's wonderful spirit.

Alice is not replaceable, and it is truly the end of an era, but we will continue to sing, and learn the way Alice taught us. We cannot do any less given the example she set.

Alice is invited to come back and lead a song or two whenever she wishes. We send Alice and Val our heartfelt thanks and best wishes, that their days may be filled with peace.



## Faith Partners

*"C.S. Lewis once said that in our adversity, God shouts to us. God shouted to me when I hit my addicted bottom in the early 1980s. An addict reaches his bottom when he stops digging." —Burt Nordstrand*

I was introduced to a slim, fit and healthy Burt Nordstrand about three years ago. A successful entrepreneur now in his 70s, Burt told me about his years of compulsive overeating and his desire to share the painful details—and the promise of recovery—not only with his family, but anyone who struggles with debilitating food issues.

The result of that first meeting, days of soul-searching and countless hours of work, is "Living With The Enemy," (Beaver's Pond Press), a book co-authored by Burt and me. Since the book was published in 2010, Burt's family foundation has funded creation of a five-day program for people who struggle with abuse of their bodies, using food, at The Retreat treatment center in Wayzata.

Those of us in recovery from addiction always have the right to remain anonymous to the outside world. These days, however, more of us in recovery from alcohol and drug addiction are willing to "come out" and share our story. It is no longer unique to break the silence.

It is unique, however, for a highly successful businessman to reveal the details of his food addiction in print. We have all read stories about bulimic and anorexic women and teens. But a successful man speaking about his own struggles with food?

Why? To help others. To give people hope. To "carry the message," as we say in our 12-Step program of recovery. That is what Burt Nordstrand has done. He has addressed what some say is the next frontier of addiction: compulsive overeating, a key contributor to our nation's obesity epidemic. Not everyone who is obese has a food addiction, but many do. If a person's life has become unmanageable because of food, addiction is likely.

For Burt Nordstrand, his addiction had an innocent beginning. Raised on a farm in Ellsworth, Wisconsin, food was the centerpiece of social gatherings and the reward for hard work. When his appendix burst at age nine and he returned home from the hospital, he was allowed all the homemade ice cream he could eat. Burt Nordstrand quickly discovered that sugar altered his mood and it became his life-long, dependable drug until he got into recovery at age 50. In young adulthood, Burt added more substances to his mood-altering mix: alcohol, nicotine, caffeine and speed (in the form of diet pills). But food was Burt's primary drug; he could leave the others behind, and he did.

Burt had to eat, and that is what makes food addiction the most insidious. Every day, since he got into recovery more than 20 years ago, Burt Nordstrand has faced decisions about how he will use food: to alter his mood and feed his addiction or as a source of healthy and pleasurable nutrition. His program isn't perfect. That's why he attends Overeaters Anonymous meetings (in the early years, he was the only man in attendance). He calls two close, male friends almost daily who are themselves in recovery. Burt has an active and strong spiritual life because he believes "God shouted to him" and pulled him back from certain disease and likely an early death. Daily, Burt makes a decision to turn his will and his life over to the care of God, as he understands God. By making that decision, to the best of his ability, Burt Nordstrand remains in healthy recovery.

This recovery from compulsive overeating has given Burt the courage to speak his truth. His words will surely help others.

—Carol Pine

The House of Hope Presbyterian Church Faith Partners ministry

**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.*

## 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, October 17, 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

On October 23, the Kirk Club will meet at the Lexington (on Grand at Lexington in St. Paul) at 12:30 p.m. Our guest will be the president and CEO of the Wilder Foundation, Maykao Hang. The Wilder Foundation is St. Paul's premiere charity and Ms. Hang is one of the city's most promising new civic leaders. Please make reservations with the church office, 651-227-6311, by noon on Friday, October 21.

## Mission Sewing

Mission Sewing will meet on the first Thursday in October from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in Dining Rooms A and B. Coffee will be provided, but bring your lunch if you are staying for the afternoon. For our November meeting we will be hosting "Quilts for Christmas." This event will be open to all who want to help yarn-tie quilts for delivery to the YWCA's transitional housing program in time for the holidays. Watch for further information or contact Janet Brownell, 651-765-4990.

## Women's Advent Breakfast

Mark your calendar for the annual Women's Advent Breakfast on Friday, December 9, 7 to 9 a.m. at the Town and Country Club, 2279 Marshall Avenue in St. Paul. All women are welcome to enjoy breakfast and conversation in this lovely setting, and to hear an inspiring talk for the Advent Season. Please make reservations with the church office, 651-227-6311, by Monday, December 5. The cost is \$22, due on or before the morning of the breakfast. Please watch church news for further 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.

## THIRD GRADE BIBLES

Children in third grade, along with a parent or significant adult, are invited to attend a "Bible and Me" class in preparation for third graders receiving their very own Bibles on Sunday, October 30, at the 10 a.m. service. The preparation class will be offered on Sundays, October 9 and 23, from 11:15 a.m. to 12 noon. We will also offer the class on Wednesday, October 16, at 5 p.m. Please contact Jan Snell at 651-223-7547 or [jans@hohchurch.org](mailto:jans@hohchurch.org) if your third grader has not received information about receiving a Bible. If a family is unable to attend one of the classes in October, please contact Jan and an alternative will be worked out.

## PROJECT HOME HALLOWEEN PARTY

Saturday October 29, 4:30 to 9 p.m.

We will host a fun Halloween party for the Project Home families that are staying at The House of Hope and at two other host churches.

This year, students in grades 4 and 5, along with parents and siblings, will be the "hosts" and will decorate, run the games and activities, and make the evening a special one for our guests.

This traditional event is a wonderful way for the children to incorporate the values of giving time and talent to others.

Donations needed: If you have any old costumes to donate to the project home families, or Halloween decorations, individually wrapped candies or small toys/books for prizes and/or larger Bingo prizes for adults and children, please bring them to the Christian Education office. You may contact Jan Snell with questions at 651-223-7547 or [jans@hohchurch.org](mailto:jans@hohchurch.org)

## THE HOUSE OF HOPE PARENT GROUP

This group for parents of young children will gather on Tuesday, October 11, and Tuesday, October 25, in the Kirk Parlour. All parents of young children are invited to participate. Contact Jan Snell for more information and to reserve childcare if needed, 651-223-7547 or [jans@hohchurch.org](mailto:jans@hohchurch.org).

## SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE:

### World Communion Sunday, October 2

All children in Kindergarten and up will remain in worship on World Communion Sunday. Regular Sunday School classes for K-5 will not meet that day.

## PIZZA PARTY!

Last spring the Sunday School children took a vote to decide what they wanted the children's section of the Community garden to be—a pizza garden or a salsa garden. The pizza garden won, and all sum-

mer tomatoes, peppers and herbs have been growing vigorously!

Some of the children attending HOH Awesome Summer Day Camp created "pizza" stepping stones for that part of the garden (see photo at bottom of page).

A pizza party for Sunday School children and their parents will be held to celebrate the first year of the garden on Sunday, October 2, from 11:15 a.m. to 12 noon. Cheese pizzas will be ordered, and we are hopeful that the children will have the opportunity to add chopped tomatoes, peppers and basil that has been picked from the garden. RSVPs are requested, in order to have enough pizza! Watch for more information in the bulletin and in the weekly e-news. Questions can be directed to Jan Snell: [jans@hohchurch.org](mailto:jans@hohchurch.org) or 651-223-7547.



Sunday School children created pizza-like stepping stones for the children's section of the garden. The children voted to have their section be a pizza garden.

## The Bash—A New Night! Save the Date!

The Bash this year has changed dramatically. While we'll still have a live and silent auction, and we'll bring back the successful Holiday Bazaar, this year we're holding it on a Friday evening, November 11, 2011 (11/11/11) with appetizers from D'Amico's to fill you up, and refreshments. Jazz Savvy will be entertaining us in the Great Hall starting at 7 p.m. and ending at 10 p.m. Also new this year will be about 10 professional artists selling their wares, and donating a portion of the proceeds to Mission Outreach. Last year, more than 300 people attended and more than \$20,000 was raised for the important Mission Outreach programs supported by The House of Hope. Let's have another great day and raise more than \$30,000 for these programs.

New this Year—Artists in House! Professional artists explaining their art, allowing you to buy and donate a portion to Mission Outreach!

We need you to do three things:

**First—Plan on attending the Bash!** This year, the Benevolence Bash will be held on Friday, November 11, 2011, starting at 7 pm. This is a time to enjoy the company of your friends from The House of Hope and beyond—we encourage you to invite your friends for this evening of fun!

**Second—Volunteer your time!** Your help is needed to plan and support the event that day. Please contact Mary Senkbeil or Kyle Schmidt to lend a hand. Contact Mary at 651-270.9914 or mary.senkbeil@gmail.com or Kyle at kwschmidt03@yahoo.com or 612-303-4567.

**Third—Consider your resources and talents!**

\*Again this Year—Donate and sell your crafts at the Holiday Bazaar! We are looking for donations of your homemade crafts to sell for Christmas and other presents!

You can also directly support this event by making a donation to the Bash. What can you donate to support the auction? Do you own a vacation home that you would let a family use for the weekend? Do you have tickets to a Wild game or to the Ordway that you could donate? Do you know an author who would donate autographed books or autographed sports memorabilia? Are you an artist, woodworker or other hand crafter? Can you donate your professional services or gift cards? Your help in all of these areas is needed to make this event a success!

—Phil Romine and Mary Senkbeil

## Living the Questions for Young Adults

This is a 5-part series that critically engages our faith and what it means to be a Christian in the 21st Century. We will meet on Sundays, October 9 through November 6, at 11:15 a.m. in the Meeting House (761 Summit). Led by Joann H. Lee and Tom Forster-Smith, this series includes short, 20-minute DVD segments featuring twenty-five progressive theologians discussing faith themes like "Faith as Journey," "Stories of Creation," "Reconciliation," "Jesus," and "Risk"—springboards for conversation as we discuss and form together a spiritual foundation for today's world.



## Enrichment Programs

**Sundays, 11:10 a.m. to 12 noon** in the Assembly Room (unless otherwise noted)

**October 2:** Colombia Mission Partners: Diego and Angelica

**October 9:** *An Expression of Peacemaking: The Nonviolent Peaceforce*

**October 23:** *Antarctica: A Journey in Photos* with Roxann Hoganson

**October 30:** *Homelessness in the Twin Cities, Part I: The Situation for Youth.* Margaret Lovejoy of the Family Place and Sara Liegl of Project Home

## First Thursday Literature Series

The book for Joy Davis' October 6 literature seminar is *Roman Fever and Other Stories*, but the story to be read is "The Other Two," not "Roman Fever." Meeting time is 10:30 a.m. Joy also wants to share with you her just-published book on Billy Collins and dedicated to her husband John.

## Great Decisions

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

**October 18**

Topic: *Global Governance*  
Speaker: Ellen J. Kennedy, Interim Director, Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies at the University of Minnesota, and founder and executive director of World Without Genocide. This organization works to protect innocent people at risk, prevent genocide, prosecute perpetrators and remember those who have lost their lives and cultures. Dr. Kennedy is a sociologist who has taught at St. Thomas, the U of M,

Carleton and many institutions overseas. She has a B.A. from the University of Michigan and an M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota. She also spoke at a church gathering here about six months ago.

*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.

## 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: October 27 at Billy's on Grand.

## Wednesday Evening In-Depth Adult Education

October 12 through November 2, 7 to 8:30 p.m., in the Kirk Parlour: *Reading Our Sacred Scriptures Together: A New Interfaith Exercise in Scriptural Reasoning.* An interfaith team of scriptural scholars and members of the St. Paul Interfaith Network will lead this comparative reading of scriptural texts in the three Abrahamic faith traditions. This is an opportunity to appreciate how Christians, Jews and Muslims both agree and differ with each other's interpretations of Scripture. For more information contact Ann Lewis at annlewis9@earthlink.net or Rev. Tom Forster-Smith at tomf@hohchurch.org or 651-223-7553.



## 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.

**October 7:** *Sweet Land, New and Selected Stories*, Will Weaver

**October 14, 21:** *The Big Burn: Teddy Roosevelt and the Fire that Saved America*, Timothy Egan

**October 28:** *Nightingales: The Extraordinary Upbringing and Curious Life of Miss Florence Nightingale*, Gillian Gill

## Christmas Sponsor-A-Family

It's hard to believe with the sunny 80° days we've been having that it's almost time to start thinking about our generosity to others during Christmas—but the time is almost here. It won't be too long until you start seeing the big table in the Kirk Parlour covered with the sheets describing families that House of Hope members will be sponsoring this Christmas.

Once again, House of Hope members will be partnering with a number of agencies to provide Christmas gifts and a holiday meal to approximately 80 families in need this Christmas. The families who will participate are being determined at this time. In November, we will have the exciting time of House of Hope members finding their match. This has been a great program over the years, with both the recipient families and sponsoring families receiving great benefit. I particularly remember the excitement the days when my kids were young and we went out Christmas shopping for someone they would never know by anything other than a first name, age, and gift requests. The Christmas Sponsor-A-Family program provides a way to transform the materialism of Christmas into thought of helping others. You will have your opportunity to find your family soon.

With warm Christmas wishes on a beautiful fall day,  
—Michael Nord

## Caring Visitors Conversation

This summer 30 of The House of Hope's homebound members were being visited by 27 Caring Visitors. Three times a year the Caring Visitors gather to swap stories, share techniques and learn about medical developments in aging. On October 15, 9 to 10:30 a.m., at the Meeting House, House of Hope member Dr. John Hill, a geriatric physician, and Mary Bullock, a geriatric nurse practitioner, will cover topics requested by the Caring Visitors—hearing, eyesight, environmental hazards, and Calcium/Vitamin D needs. More of our homebound members would like to be visited, so if you are intrigued by the program, please join us for conversation, skill-building and light refreshments. Mark your calendars for October 15, 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., at the Meeting House. Questions? Contact Frank Berdan, 651-343-5226, Linda Diekvoss, 651-224-2609, or the Rev. Tom Forster-Smith 651-223-7553.



## 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.

## Sunday Weekday Connections

This intergenerational House of Hope women's program continues its seventh season. House of Hope women of all ages and backgrounds enjoy stimulating discussion, friendship and fellowship.

**Join us on Tuesday, October 25, 2011, when House of Hope member Liz Boyd is our speaker**

- The evening begins with a social time at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 and the speaker's presentation. The evening ends at about 8:30 p.m.
- Our meals are catered by Jan Favorite and are always great!
- Listen to another House of Hope woman reflect on her Monday-Saturday experience.
- Talk together about how our faith works throughout daily life.
- Our meetings are at the Meeting House (former manse, 761 Summit).
- Cost is \$25 per person for a meal and related expenses.

Future Dates: January 31, 2012; February 28, 2012; March 27, 2012

Watch the bulletin and the weekly e-newsletter from The House of Hope for more information.

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## Congregation

**Baptism**  
**September 18, 2011**

**Brynn Marie State**  
Daughter of  
Lindsay Shaffer and  
Zachary State

### In Memoriam

Walter Hansen  
**August 31, 2011**

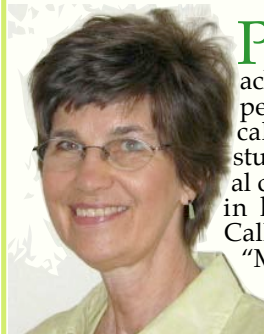
### The House of Hope Adult Gathering Christmas Dinner Party December 4



Mark your calendar for the annual House of Hope Christmas Dinner Party on Sunday, December 4, at the Midland Hills Country Club in Roseville. The evening will start with a social time at 6 p.m., followed by dinner and entertainment. Watch for additional information in *The Anchor*, the weekly e-newsletter, and the bulletin.

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### October 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." Meet the artist and enjoy coffee in the gallery on Sunday, October 9, following the 10 a.m. worship service.

### 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 October, the offering goes to The St. Paul Area Council of Churches' **Project Home**—which provides emergency shelter in Ramsey County for homeless children and their parents.