



The East Transept Window is Restored and Ready for the Next Hundred Years

Some of the most impressive and inspiring features of The House of Hope's Sanctuary are the historic stained glass windows. The House of Hope's windows, including the newly-restored East Transept window, belong primarily to the mosaic genre, in which small pieces of colored or stained glass of various thicknesses are used to create entire designs, with painting employed sparingly to delineate faces and other elements not easily made as sections. This style is seen in many iconic gothic churches and cathedrals worldwide.

Over the years, as it has been subjected to condensation, cycles of expansion and contraction, and other environmental stresses, the leaded panels of this nearly 100-year-old window have buckled, lead joints have broken, and some of the glass has cracked. It is often necessary to fully restore a window in order to extend its life for another 100-150 years. In the early 1990's the balcony Apocalypse window, as well as the Transfiguration and Ministry of Healing windows on the east aisle of the Sanctuary underwent full restoration due to their deteriorated condition. Other House of Hope windows are also nearing the 100-year milestone, and some are now at or near the point of needing restoration.

The condition of all of our windows was reviewed, but the East Transept window was identified as being in critical need of work. It had severely buckled and there was danger of additional damage due to vibrations from work about to begin on the roof. The need and timing for restoration of other windows is under continuing review by the Board of Trustees and the Construction Task Force.

Gaytee Stained Glass, one of the nation's premier stained glass studios, was contracted to do the work. In early May, Gaytee carefully removed the twelve large individual panels and adjoining trefoil sections of the window and took them to their workshop in Minneapolis.

Once there, the first step was to make several vellum tracings of each panel: one to use as a record of leading dimensions and other original construction features; and the second to use as a template for reassembly of the panel.

Next, the panels were placed for several hours in a warm water bath to loosen the cement holding the glass and leading together. After cutting and removal of the old lead, the individual glass pieces were arranged on top of the vellum tracing.

The glass pieces were carefully examined for damage to determine which would require restoration or replacement. Cracked glass pieces were glued with conservation-grade epoxy cement and baked in a warm oven to cure the cement. If severely damaged, a new piece of glass was hand painted and fired at high temperature to fuse the new color into the glass. After all the pieces were cleaned and restored, the window was ready for re-leading.

Starting in a corner and working on top of the tracing, new lead came was cut and fitted carefully with the glass pieces. (Came is a slender, grooved lead bar that is cut to length and bent to fit between the individual glass pieces.) Small nails were used to hold the lead came and glass in place until it was soldered. As the joints were soldered, additional came was cut for adjoining sections, working outward until the entire panel was completed.

The final steps were to cement the window by working putty into the joints between the glass and lead and then a final clean-up and buffing of the panel.

Working carefully and efficiently, Gaytee completed the restoration work in 10 weeks and the East Transept window was reinstalled in mid-July.

During disassembly, several interesting features of our window were noted. The East Transept window design makes extensive use of plating. In plated sections, mostly faces and other body features, two or three layers of glass were stacked in order to achieve the



Vellum tracing of window



Glass & leading on vellum



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From the Pastor



At the time of this writing, I am enjoying the last few days of my summer vacation in Michigan and, as the days dwindle down to a precious few, I am happy to report that I'm eager to get back for what I know will be an exciting year. I also want to share my thoughts about some of the "conversations" and "currents" at work in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Even before the passage of Amendment 10-A this past May, which removed arbitrary language in our Book of Order used to prohibit the ordination of gay and lesbian Presbyterians, many in the evangelical or conservative wing of the denomination were upset with the Church. Seven self-appointed pastors of some of the largest churches in the denomination sent out a letter in which they declared the PC(USA) to be "deathly ill." Among their frustrations were things like over-weighted bureaucracies and outdated systems designed to govern a church in a different era. In this regard I share their frustration. But the underlying current in their frustration was the growing sense that the denomination was moving toward full inclusion of gays and lesbians. So the "Deathly Ill" letter went out calling for a gathering of the "like-minded" scheduled for late August in Minneapolis. I'm writing because there will soon be about 2000 Presbyterians from around the country coming to town who are not happy with the Church. The seven pastors who are also the organizers have promised to start a "new Reformed body," whatever that means, (and I've asked).

Along with a few other progressive leaders in the denomination, I have been in conversation with these seven evangelical pastors since last December, listening and trying to understand their rationale as well as the theological and ecclesial underpinnings for their firmly-held convictions. Like all situations, each of the seven pastors is at a different place and individual context makes a difference. Some are angrier than others and some seem more committed to staying in the denomination, while others seem like they're packed and ready to go. And in all honesty, listening to them describe the gathering of the "like-minded" in August, I fear that it will be unproductive and may do more harm to the Church than good. Two thousand angry people in one room need to be managed by some cool heads for chaos not to ensue. And I'm more than a little put out at their use of the term "like-minded," as are many others who have called them on it. So I write this while still enjoying the waters of Pure Michigan, and about ten days away from a Presbyterian gathering of sorts you will no doubt hear about. I will be attending the gathering, as will several other not-like-minded progressive clergy, in a continuing effort to listen and to reach out to those whose views about gay people I don't share, but who are nonetheless people of sincere faith who are angry and frustrated with an action taken by the Church.

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WORSHIP

The Schedule of Two Worship Services (8:30 and 10 a.m.) Resumes on September 11.
The Motet Choir will sing in the worship services beginning September 11

10 a.m. Sanctuary

Sunday, September 4, 2011
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
David A. Van Dyke, preaching

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

September 11, 2011
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
David A. Van Dyke, preaching
Motet Choir: *Blessed Be the Lord My Rock*, Abbie Betinis
I Will Praise Thee, O Lord, Knut Nystedt
St. Nicholas and St. Andrew Choirs:
I will sing new songs of gladness, Dvorak

September 18, 2011
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
David A. Van Dyke, preaching
Motet Choir: *Jesu, the Very Thought of Thee*, Edward Bairstow
Lobet den Herrn, Hugo Distler
St. Nicholas Choir: *Give ear unto me*, Marcello

September 25, 2011
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
David A. Van Dyke, preaching
Motet Choir:
Kyrie (from Mass in C), L. van Beethoven:
Cantique de Jean Racine, Gabriel Fauré
St. Nicholas and St. Andrew Choirs:
Praise God in His holiness, Weldon

Rally Sunday!

Food! Tours! Stained Glass Show and Tell!
Fun for all ages!

Join us on the Church lawn after the 10 a.m. service on September 11 to celebrate the work accomplished thus far and the progress we've made on the **CAPITAL CAMPAIGN!** Representatives from the roof construction company and from Gaytee Stained Glass, who restored the newly-installed East Transept window, will be on hand for a show and tell and to answer your questions. We will re-dedicate the East Transept Window, which honors saints and church leaders. Climb the bell tower to check out the view or use a telescope to spot the gargoyles at the top. Food and beverages will be available for purchase or pack a bag lunch and stay and play. It promises to be fun for all!

CHURCH GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS will have table displays and friendly people on hand to tell you what they've done and what they plan to do. The House of Hope offers spiritual development, fellowship, education, the arts, volunteer and service opportunities for all ages. If you've been wondering how to get involved in your church community, this is the way to find out what's right for you!

...Glass, from p. 1



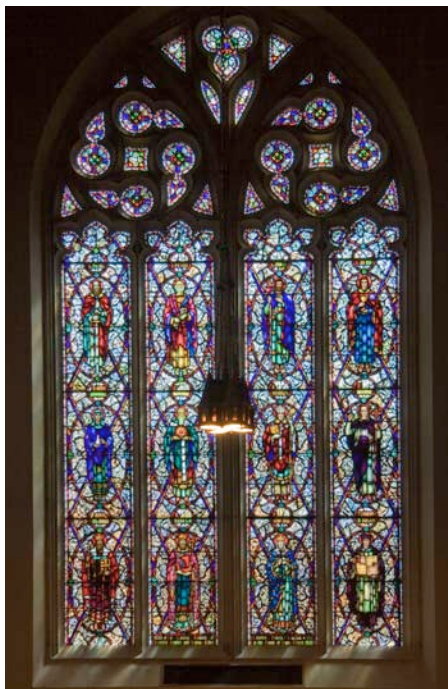
Buffing lead panel

desired lighting and coloring effect. Sections of the window were also constructed with very thick glass slabs. While most of the glass is approximately 1/8 inch thick, some pieces as thick as 1/2 inch were used to achieve the desired color. This presents additional challenges during reassembly, requiring custom fabricated lead came to accommodate the additional thickness.

Take a moment sometime to enjoy this magnificent work of art as well as the many other beautiful windows and other architectural features and symbols in our sanctuary and church building. They are treasures that we all share in our worship experience together.

The East Transept window will be re-dedicated on Rally Sunday, September 11. Representatives from Gaytee will be on hand to answer questions and to demonstrate the tools and processes used for restoration.

The East Transept window was one of the original stained glass windows in the Sanctuary designed and executed according to the original plan developed by building architect Ralph Adams Cram. Charles J. Connick, of Boston, Massachusetts, was chosen to create the East Transept and other windows as part of the original design. The East Transept window was given to The House of Hope by Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Bigelow and dedicated to the memory of Charles H. Bigelow, Sr. It presents a group of Apostles and heroic figures of the later Christian Church. In the first tier are St. Paul, carrying a sword; St. Peter, holding the keys to the kingdom; St. James Major, said to have been the first missionary to Spain; and St. John, holding a cup, symbol of purity of heart. In the second tier, St. Mary Magdalene carries a jar of precious ointment. St. Athanasius holds the interlaced triangles, symbol of his championship of the orthodox faith in the Trinity. St. Augustine holds the pastoral staff and a book. St. Columba, who established a church and monastery at Iona, Scotland, carries the staff of the Abbot of Iona. (Missionaries from Iona converted northern Scotland, and Presbyterians regard St. Columba with special affection.) In the third tier are King Alfred, St. Anselm, St. Margaret, and St. Thomas à Kempis.



FUNDRAISING

Thus far, the capital campaign has received pledges totaling \$5.484 million (356 pledges) toward our \$7 million dollar goal. This is great progress, but for work to continue and to meet critical needs, we need to reach our goal, and as important, fulfill our pledges as scheduled. Please, if you have not already done so, make your 2014 pledge. Our volunteers will call you, but please don't wait for a call. Step up. Every contribution counts.

Pastor, from p. 2

You may wonder why I'm committed to doing this. I'm going because on many occasions and after a painful vote, I've found myself standing where they now stand. I'm doing it because I love the Church. John Calvin once said if God is our father then the Church is our mother. Despite the twists and turns, the times of elation and the times of disappointment, the Church has nurtured me at every stage of my existence and in a very real way, has given me the life I have, and so I love her and am committed to her and her well-being.

And part of what I love about the Church is its deep diversity. The Church was never meant to be a gathering of the like-minded anymore than it was to be a collection of people who look alike. There is strength in diversity and from being in community with those who are different from yourself. Whatever happens at the August gathering, I'm sure some churches will decide to leave the denomination. Sadly, that's the easy way out and will not surprise anyone on the outside looking in that some got angry and left. My prayer, however, is that many more congregations will stay—bearing witness to our unity in Christ, and to the fact that Christian unity doesn't mean uniformity, and that people of good character can differ. In a day and age of polarization and division, of political entrenchment and of partisan warfare that is so discouraging, the Church of Jesus Christ needs to model something different to a world desperately in need of a better model. It needs to bear witness to the fact that in spite of our differences—in fact because of them—we are the body of Christ.

—David



Accompanying Colombia



The House of Hope travelers and new friends in Colombia

In March, I was fortunate to travel with six other members from The House of Hope to visit our brothers and sisters in the Iglesia Presbiteriana de Colombia. Together we shared stories with each other that covered a range of themes; from human rights and internal displacement, to weather differences and gardening methods. For the past few months, I've been thinking about that visit and what it means for us as a community to be in partnership with

another community. Indeed many of you who attended the Adult Enrichment session in May asked what we could do to be of service to our friends in Colombia. I think we can do three things: first we can accompany, then we can listen, then we can act.

The concept of accompaniment is what our partners in Colombia use to guide their relations with communities at home and abroad. To accompany means to work together, to walk together, to live together. It means that our lives are inherently intertwined. We share experiences with one another that enrich our lives, and we learn to support each other in all the ways that humans need support. As a church community, this should sound familiar to us. We build relationships with one another during Sunday worship, participate in activities through the church, donate our many resources in service to God and neighbor. Our partners in Colombia called us to accompany them in much the same way.

What will make this mission partnership unique for The House of Hope are the second and third verbs I mentioned earlier: to listen and to act. Again, as many of us know from our experiences at The House of Hope, it is when we listen to our neighbors that we learn more about them, and about ourselves. We learn about the state of our community with one another, both the good and the not-so-good parts. We hear stories that resonate with us; stories that resemble many of our own, both difficult and delightful. We also hear stories that confound us, that pull us out of our own realm of experience.

When we act, we have a choice before us: we can act on the stories we've heard, or we can ignore them. We can seek to enrich those aspects of our community that are for everyone, or we can seek only what's good for a few of us. We can share our resources to mend the wounded parts of our community, or we can hoard what we have and deny the needs of others.

I believe that our partners in Colombia seek accompaniment. They want us to listen to them. They want us to speak out, to act on their behalf as citizens of a country whose foreign policy has, in large part, damaged the social and political fabric of their country. They want to learn more about how our own citizens effectively advocate for themselves.

I also believe that they want to accompany us. They want to hear our stories. And I hope they teach us how to be more hospitable, among ourselves and in our immediate community of St. Paul. They have much to teach us about being more energetic about our faith and identity as Reformers, constantly reforming ourselves and our world.

I believe we have a lot to learn from one another, and a lot to teach each other. But first, we must get to know one another. A few of our friends from Colombia will be visiting The House of Hope for World Communion Sunday in October to see our corner of the world. They will offer Communion to us, just as some of us offered Communion to them in March. We will show them parts of Minnesota that are important to us, just as they showed us parts of Colombia that are important to them.

It is my deepest hope that through this partnership, The House of Hope feels more compelled to accompany, to listen to, and to act with our neighbors here in Minnesota as well. When we host our friends from Colombia and hear their stories about millions of people being displaced from their homes in the name of profit and power; when we call our national politicians to lobby against destructive U.S. trade policies in Colombia, I believe we should also consider if we would listen as intently, if we would lobby as fiercely on behalf of our neighbors here in Minnesota. Would we listen to our neighbors' stories of generations of displacement and discrimination in the name of profit and power? Would we call our state politicians to lobby against destructive education policies that exacerbate the achievement gap in our local schools?

Acting with one another for the benefit of one another, discouraging judgment and encouraging love; that is what it means to me for one community to be in partnership with another community. I'm deeply grateful to our friends in Colombia who taught me this, and I look forward to the many lessons we will share, the bonds we will build, and the violence and hate we will dismantle as we accompany one another in the years to come.

—Phil Romine

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, September 19, 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 for brunch at 12 noon at the Lexington (on Grand at Lexington in St. Paul) on Sunday, September 18. Our guest speaker will be House of Hope member Laura Lamb who served as a mission assistant in The House of Hope's partner congregation in Malungeni, South Africa, in 2006 and 2007. Menu prices, including tax and tip, start at around \$14. Make your reservation with the church office, 651-227-6311, by noon on Friday, September 16

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.



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.

GATHERING SUNDAY, HOMECOMING SUNDAY, RALLY SUNDAY! SEPTEMBER 11

"Rally Sunday" is a term that has been around for a long time, signifying a new program year and a new excitement about getting back to church after a summer of travel and recreation. In many ways, Rally Sunday is Homecoming, Happy New Year, and Family Reunion, all rolled into one morning.

It is the first day of the new Sunday School year, and for children, missing Rally Sunday is a little like missing out on the first day of school.

We look forward to seeing familiar faces and welcoming new faces on September 11.

At the 10 a.m. service, children will be excused from worship following the *Time for Children*.

Children in the pre-K and K classes will go to their classrooms, then to Room 5 for music and other activities.

Children in grades 1 through 3 will go directly to their workshop rooms for activities with their leaders.

REMINDER TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS: Registration materials have been mailed to all households. If you have not received them, please pick them up from the table in the education wing, or contact Jan Snell and they will be sent to you.

WELCOME BACK, SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS!

This fall, children age 3 through Kindergarten will be using curriculum that will be engaging and volunteer-friendly, with an emphasis on the basic Bible stories.

PARENTS OF FIRST

GRADERS: BIBLE ADVENTURE! Welcome to Bible Adventure! You are invited to come upstairs to the Bible Adventure rooms and take a tour with your first-grader. You will be able to meet the camel, see the movie theater, and check out the art room. This is also an opportunity for you to learn what the rotation model is, how it works, and what your child can look forward to this year! Dates for this are: Wednesday, September 7 at 5 p.m. Sunday, September 11 at 9:15 a.m.

CHANGE IS AFOOT IN SUNDAY SCHOOL!

In response to parent surveys, student surveys, and round-table discussions last spring, there are some new opportunities for Sunday School students in grades 1-5. We are excited about these changes and the opportunities for helping our children learn and grow in their faith.

Changes are as follows:

- Children in grades 1-3 will be doing the rotation model of Sunday School. They will be learning in 3-week units, instead of 5-week units. The first unit will focus on Creation.
- Students in grades 4 and 5 will experience a new curriculum and model: the new material is called DWELL Marvel which is written specifically for this age group, and allows them to go deeper into the lessons in ways that reflect their growing maturity.

The focus will be on the parables.

•On the 4th Sunday all children in grades 1-5 will gather for a large group worship activity led by Joann Lee and Jan Snell, with help from others.

COMMUNION

INSTRUCTION will be offered for all kindergartners and first-graders, accompanied by a parent, on Wednesday, September 21, from 5-6 p.m. and on Sunday, September 25, from 11:15 a.m. to 12 noon. Families should choose ONE of these to attend. Children who are older than grade 1 who have not yet participated in Communion instruction are also welcome to attend. All children will participate in the Sacrament of Holy Communion on Sunday, October 2, as we celebrate World Communion Sunday.

HOH PARENT GROUP

will gather on Tuesday, September 13, at 9:30 a.m. This group is open to all parents of young children. The purpose of the group is to provide an opportunity for parents of young children to get to know one another, to talk about common concerns, and to learn and grow in their own faith. All are welcome. The group meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month, and childcare is available. Contact Jan Snell with questions, or to reserve childcare, 651-223-7541 or jan@hohchurch.org.

Preschool Patter Monthly News From The House of Hope Weekday Preschool

The rooms are clean, the supplies are ordered, the staff is ready, the children are excited and The House of Hope Preschool is ready to begin another wonderful year. Classes will begin on September 13 and we look forward to seeing the excited familiar faces of returning students and welcoming the newest members of our preschool family. We invite you to come visit us during the year and see what a wonderful program The House of Hope has sponsored for over 50 years. Contact Paige Hagstrom to arrange a visit, or for more information: 651-223-7546 or phagstrom@hohchurch.org.

**Project Home
Family Emergency Shelter
Rally Sunday Volunteer Sign-up
September 11**

"For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore I command you, 'You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.'"

—Deuteronomy 15:11

Please come to the Project Home table on Rally Sunday, September 11, to learn more about Project Home and to sign up for a shift to help staff our family shelter. This will be our fourteenth year of hosting Project Home at The House of Hope and we couldn't do it without the help of all of our wonderful volunteers. For those of you who are not familiar with this community outreach program, this is what it's all about.

Beginning October 1, and for the entire month of October, our church, The House of Hope, will be offering emergency shelter to those who have no home. It's called, appropriately, Project Home, and our Youth Room will house up to 20 homeless family members each night so that they will have shelter, food, security and hospitality when they stay with us.

Our guests will be thankful for a friendly smile after a long day seeking housing. The children especially will enjoy and appreciate having volunteers play games and help them with their schoolwork. Mostly, the families need to know they're in a safe, family-friendly place where they can get a good night's sleep.

The minimum staffing for the shelter is 4 people per night. Two shifts of volunteers are scheduled each night the shelter is open. Between 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., volunteers are needed to greet shelter guests, orient them to the facilities and provide an evening snack. Between 8 p.m. to 7 a.m., a second shift of volunteers help the guests settle in for the night, help with clean-up in the morning and see the guests off in the morning.

If you can't make it to the Rally Sunday sign-up, you can call the office at 651-227-6311 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday or look for the Project Home table in the Kirk Parlour on Sunday mornings. For more information on Project Home, please contact either Dennis Anderson (dennis-st.paul@q.com / 651-730-4003) or Rev. Tom Forster-Smith (tomf@hohchurch.org / 651-223-7553). Please check the upcoming Sunday bulletins for the time and location for Project Home orientation and training sessions.

—Dennis Anderson

Anchor Society Brunch

Members of the Anchor Society will gather at the Manse on Sunday, October 9, at noon for brunch. The Anchor Society celebrates those individuals who have made a commitment to include The House of Hope in their wills or estate plans.

If you have recently made a decision to include The House of Hope in your will or estate plan, you should contact Diane Smith, 651-227-6311, to receive an invitation to this event. Invitations to all members will be mailed in September.



Enrichment Programs

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

September 11: Rally Sunday (Summit Avenue lawn).

September 18: Report of the Youth Mission Trip to Chicago.

September 25: Colombia: The Background and Broader Picture.

First Thursday Literature Series

Joy Davis' First Thursday Literature Seminars will resume on October 6 with a special series on Edith Wharton. Discussion will focus on her STARTLING short story "Roman Fever," available in the collection (paperback) *Roman Fever and Other Stories*. The group will meet as usual in the church library at 10:30 a.m.

Great Decisions

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

September 20
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. How does this influence the Caucasus of today? How do the region's energy resources play into its relations with the outside world?

Tom Hanson is a retired Foreign Service Officer who held State

Department postings from 1973 to 1994 in the USSR, Estonia, East Germany, France, Norway, Sweden, Mongolia and Georgia. He has worked for the Foreign Relations Committees of both the U.S. House and Senate. Currently he is Diplomat in Residence at the University of Minnesota Duluth. Last year he spoke to us on *Russia and its Neighbors*.

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.

Wednesday Evening In-depth Adult Education Wednesdays, September 14 through October 5

7 to 8:30 p.m.
in Kirk Parlour

How Are We Growing through our Volunteer Service?

This is an Action / Reflection / Discussion Group for those wishing to reflect on their engagement in community service. Led by Rev. Tom Forster-Smith and local area non-profit community engagement resource people, this group will offer an opportunity for reflection on why we work in the community as volunteers, what we are learning about the community and our place in it, and how we can grow spiritually through the interaction. Contact Rev. Tom Forster-Smith at 651-223-7553 or tomf@hohchurch.org for further information. To register, please call the church office at 651-227-6311.

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.

September 2: *A Wrinkle in Time*, Madeline L'Engle
September 9: Welcome and Introductions
September 16, 23: *Driftless*, David Rhodes
September 30: *Sweet Land: New and Selected Stories*, Will Weaver

National Night Out 2011

It was another hot and humid evening for the 2011 National Night Out, but that did not deter people from coming out and visiting with neighbors and having fun. In addition to Bonnie Alton's wonderful peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and Sherwood Pomeroy's great grilled hot dogs, Grand Ole Creamery donated ice cream, which was enjoyed by many. Over 300 people ate, were entertained by Sheltered Reality, took souvenir pictures in Todd Erickson's photo booth, participated in the cake walk, had massages, visited with law enforcement, fire fighters, North Star Search and Rescue, and won door prizes donated by local businesses. *Thank you* to all of the volunteers who helped make it an enjoyable evening for the neighborhood!

—Mary
Cardinal
Peterson



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 starts its seventh year this September. House of Hope women of all ages and various backgrounds enjoy stimulating discussion, friendship and fellowship.

We'll meet five times throughout the fall and winter on the last Tuesday of the month.

Mark these 2011-12 dates on your calendar now!!

September 27, 2011	January 31, 2012
October 25, 2011	February 28, 2012
March 27, 2012	

- 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 meeting on Tuesday, September 27, is at the Meeting House (former manse, 761 Summit). You can get to the Meeting House back door from the Portland parking lot if you prefer to park there, or park on Summit Avenue and use the front door.
- Cost is \$25 per person for a meal and related expenses.
- Watch the bulletin and the weekly e-mail from The House of Hope for more information.

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Baptism
July 17, 2011

Tyler Joseph Wickum,
son of Jessica and Daren
Wickum

In Memoriam

Glenn Stratton
June 17, 2011

John B. Davis
July 5, 2011

Jessie Bockstruck
August 1, 2011

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.

September in the Cloister Gallery Richard Abraham

Richard Abraham studied art at the University of Wisconsin at Green Bay and has trained in the technical craft of classical realist painting at the Atelier, the Bougie Studio and H&P Studios. Abraham exhibits his work extensively—both locally and regionally—and is represented in numerous private collections. In October of 2010, Abraham was invited (along with 50 other artists, nation-wide) to participate in the prestigious 12th Annual Laguna Beach Plein Air Invitational. Abraham's pristine compositions are of noted delicacy and go a long way to acknowledge the beauty and mystery of his engagement with the sentient world.



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 September, the offering goes to The African American Aids Task Force of Minneapolis, whose mission is to increase the availability of culturally specific service providers to address the needs of African American people who are living with or at risk of HIV/AIDS, and to empower communities to help themselves.

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