

# ANCHOR

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## Macalester Sunday February 5

Macalester Sunday is the day we celebrate our historic ties to Macalester College, including our mutual founder the Rev. Dr. Edward Duffield Neill. Neill was Superintendent of Public Instruction for the Minnesota Territory in 1851–53, and chancellor of the State university in 1858–61. During the Civil War he served in the army as a hospital chaplain from 1861–64. He worked for Presidents Lincoln and Johnson, who in 1869 nominated him United States Commissioner of Education. He served as the president of Macalester College in 1873–74, and afterwards as professor of history and literature.

Our preacher on Macalester Sunday will be David Colby, Macalester alumnus and pastor of Central Presbyterian Church in downtown Saint Paul. Macalester President Brian Rosenberg will bring greetings from the college. Service music will be provided by the Macalester College Concert Choir under the direction of Michael McGaghie, with bagpipes leading the procession and recession.



## Mardi Gras

Join us for an intergenerational Mardi Gras celebration on Tuesday, February 28. Music, crafts, activities, food and fellowship. Watch the bulletin and website for details.

## Lent Begins on Ash Wednesday March 1, 2017



Lent at The House of Hope begins with 7 p.m. worship on Ash Wednesday, March 1, including Holy Communion, the imposition of ashes, and music by The House of Hope Motet Choir and Choir School.

Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. Ashes also symbolize grief, in this case, grief that we have sinned and caused division from God. Writings from the Second-century Church refer to the wearing of ashes as a sign of penance.

The season of Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and self-examination in preparation for the celebration of the resurrection of the Lord at Easter. It is a period of 40 days—like the flood of Genesis, Moses' sojourn at Mount Sinai, Elijah's journey to Mount Horeb, Jonah's call to Ninevah to repent and Jesus' time of testing in the wilderness. (The Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days of Lent, because every Lord's Day is a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.)

*All who put their faith and trust in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Elements served are bread and grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available from the servers.*

## Sabbatical and Keeping Sabbath



The story is told of the American engineers who were invited to a developing country to complete a building project of some kind. They arrived, went into the neighboring villages and recruited people to work on the project, all of whom showed up on the first day and worked tirelessly from dawn to dusk. The next day, the same thing happened, and the Americans were very pleased, given that it seemed the project could conceivably come in ahead of schedule and under budget if the work continued at this pace.

The third day, however, the engineers arrived at the building site to find everyone sitting on the ground refusing to continue. Nothing seemed to change their minds, not cajoling, bribing, cheering or demanding. Finally, one of the workers offered this explanation, saying, "We have been working so hard and so fast, that our souls have been left behind. We're going to sit here until our souls have had a chance to catch up."

That is probably the best definition of "sabbatical" that one could find—a chance for our souls to catch up after working so hard and so fast for so many years.

When you think about it, it's kind of remarkable that it took the Presbyterian Church as long as it did to figure out that pastors and congregations could greatly benefit from regular pastoral sabbatical leave, especially in the case of a long-term pastorate.

The seeds may have been planted some twenty years ago when the Presbyterians decided to tackle the idea of encouraging all of us to be more intentional about keeping the Sabbath. As in all good Presbyterian endeavors, they created a "Sabbath Keeping Work Group, and gave them the mandate to explore all aspects of Sabbath keeping.

At the end of their time together, the work group presented its report, which began by reminding all of us that to live the gift of Sabbath is to hallow time, to make time holy. Giving our pastors sabbatical leave is one way that we can encourage them to live the gift of Sabbath.

We can offer the gift of Sabbath to one another as well, of course. Sometimes we lose sight of the fact that we need specific time away from our regular routines to open space for God in our lives. While many of us can remember when the pace of life slowed considerably on Sundays, we have become a 24/7 culture. It gets more and more difficult to find balance, to find time for Sabbath keeping, when we are whirling faster and faster

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## WORSHIP 10 A.M.

### Sunday, February 5, 2017 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Macalester Sunday

David Colby, preaching,  
Pastor of Central Presbyterian Church.  
Music by Macalester College Concert Choir  
under the direction of Michael McGaghie.  
Macalester Bagpipe and Drum Ensemble, Michael  
Breidenbach, director.

### Sunday, February 12, 2017 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Youth Sunday

Youth preaching.  
The House of Hope Choir School:  
*Dona Nobis Pacem*, arr. Hal Hopson;  
*The Father's Love*, Simon Lole;  
*Goin' Up a Yonder*, Walter Hawkins.

### Sunday, February 19, 2017 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gale Robb, preaching.  
Motet Choir: *O Come Let Us Sing Unto the Lord*,  
Morten Lauridsen;  
*Brother Sun, Sister Moon*, Dominick Argento.  
St. Nicholas Choir: *O Lord Most Merciful*, César Franck

### Sunday, February 26, 2017 Transfiguration of the Lord

Julia A. Carlson, preaching.  
Motet Choir: *Jauchzet dem Herrn all Welt*;  
Kyrie (from Thanksgiving Mass), Knut Nystedt.  
St. Nicholas Choir: *This Is My Beloved Son*, Knut Nystedt;  
Adult Handbell Choir: *Joy and Celebration*, Lee J. Afdahl.

## Annual Meeting

The Session of The House of Hope Presbyterian Church has called a meeting of the congregation for Sunday, February 12, following 10 a.m. worship in the Sanctuary. The purposes of the meeting are to elect officers to the governing boards of the church; to elect members of the 2017-2018 Nominating Committee; and to approve the clergy terms of call.

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just to keep up with the changes that seem to constantly bombard us.

Now and again our souls need a chance to catch up. In observant Jewish homes, Sabbath, or *Shabbat* begins each Friday night at sundown. Centuries of debate and cultural change have shaped the law and liturgy of contemporary *Shabbat* observance. What it means to keep the day holy has been a question on the minds of observant Jews for centuries.

What is clear is that for those who observe *Shabbat*, it is a practice that alters their relations to nature, work, God and other. It is a shared way of life, a piece of time that opens space for God. Rabbi Abraham Heschel wrote, "On the Sabbath, we specifically care for the need of eternity planted in our own soul." One of the opening *Shabbat* prayers begins with these words, "Days pass and years vanish, and we walk sightless among miracles."

As Christians, as followers of Jesus, we remember the story of Jesus and his disciples walking through a field on the Sabbath and picking and eating grain. The Pharisees, waiting and watching for just that sort of infraction of the law, accused Jesus of breaking the Sabbath. And Jesus responded by saying, "The Sabbath is made for human beings, not human beings for the Sabbath." The whole purpose of the tradition is the nurturing and healing of human life.

We are commanded to "remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy." We need Sabbath even though we doubt that we have time for it. As we walk through this sabbatical time together, I would encourage you to think about creative ways that we can keep the Sabbath, both individually and as a community, so that we don't just "walk sightless among miracles."

—Gale Robb  
*Acting Pastor and Head of Staff*

## Sunday Weekday Connections

Susan Davis Price, a writer, author and new member of The House of Hope, will speak at Sunday-Weekday Connections on Tuesday, February 28, at 6 p.m. in the Kirk Parlour. Susan grew up in Louisiana, where she met her husband, the sculptor Michael Price. They moved to Minnesota and raised two boys who are now married with children of their own. Susan's first book, "Minnesota Gardens: An Illustrated History," won a Minnesota Book Award; she has also written about ethnic gardening and the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. She joined The House of Hope last year.

Sunday-Weekday Connections brings together women of The House of Hope for food, fellowship, and stimulating conversation.

- Our evenings begin with a social time with appetizers and wine or soft drinks at 6 p.m. We enjoy a light supper at 6:30, and then hear from our speaker.
- A House of Hope woman shares her story, reflects on her Monday-Saturday experience and how it connects to her faith.
- Cost is \$25 per person for the meal and related expenses.
- For more information, or to reserve your seat, look for the registration table outside the Kirk Parlour after church beginning February 19, or call Linda Lane at 651-690-9661 or the Church Office.

### Coming up:

March 28, 2017 Speaker: Gale Robb

Watch the bulletin and the weekly e-newsletter for more information.



Phil Romine

## Men's Retreat

The 2017 House of Hope Men's Retreat will feature guest speaker Phil Romine, a House of Hope congregation member, graduate of United Seminary, and candidate for ordination in the PC(USA). Phil will explore the topic of listening, serving as an entry point into deeper spiritual practice, in-depth biblical study, and transformative justice. The retreat will be held Friday, February 3, from 7-9 p.m., and on Saturday, February 4, from 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. The fee is \$20, and reservations are requested to the church office by February 1, 651-227-6311. Childcare is available on Saturday morning by request! Please contact Jeff Foels with any questions at [jfoels@hohchurch.org](mailto:jfoels@hohchurch.org) or at 651-223-7545.





*Eddie Glaude*

## Mark Your Calendars For:

### The Didier Seminar:

*Democracy in Black:  
How Race Still Enslaves the American Soul*  
April 7 and 8, 2017

**Speaker: Dr. Eddie S. Glaude, Jr.**

Born in Moss Point, Mississippi, Professor Eddie Glaude, Jr., is the son of the second black person ever hired by the post office in neighboring Pascagoula. His family's 1978 move from the east side of town, with its majority black population, to the sparsely integrated west side, with "sidewalks instead of dirt pathways," generated what he calls a "foundational experience."

"Our first full day in the neighborhood," he recounts, "I was playing Tonka trucks with the kid across the street. ...As we pushed dirt into a pile...I heard a loud yell from the boy's father, 'Get over here! Stop playing with that nigger.' I don't remember much after that," Glaude writes. "I think the boy looked at me. I looked at him. When I recall the moment even today, I want to believe his eyes said he was sorry. I grabbed my truck and went inside."

Eddie Glaude, Jr., went on to graduate from Morehouse College in 1989, earn a master's degree in African-American studies from Temple University, and complete his Ph.D. in religion at Princeton. After chairing the Department of Religion at Bowdoin College, he came to his current position, chair of the Center for African-American Studies and the William S. Tod Professor of Religion and African-American Studies at Princeton University.

Glaude's voice is one of the most valued and sought-after in America today as we as a nation, and as a local community, consider "How Race Still Enslaves the American Soul."

*It's not too soon to mark your calendar. Don't miss this opportunity to hear and interact with Dr. Eddie Glaude, Jr., on April 7 and 8.*

### Adult Enrichment leading up to the Didier Seminar Sundays, 11:15 a.m. in the Assembly Room

- March 12.** Bethel Professor Dr. Tim Essenburg:  
"White Privilege/White Fragility – What Does this Mean?"
- March 19.** Dr. Bruce Nordstrom-Loeb, St. Olaf College Emeritus Professor of Sociology; former director of the St. Olaf Race and Ethnic Studies Program  
"Brief History of Black America Since the Reconstruction"
- March 26.** Melvin Carter Jr., Retired St. Paul police officer and founder of "Save Our Sons":  
"The Rondo Neighborhood - Past, Present and Future"
- April 2.** Book Discussion:  
*Democracy in Black: How Race Still Enslaves the American Soul*, by Dr. Eddie Glaude, Jr.

**Seminar: April 7 and 8**

**Palm Sunday, April 9, 10 a.m. worship**

Dr. J. Herbert Nelson Preaching, first African American Stated Clerk of the PC(USA)

**Register now for the April 7 and 8 seminar: [www.hohchurch.org](http://www.hohchurch.org) (click on "Events" and scroll down to Didier Seminar). The cost for the seminar is \$30 per person. Other events are free. If you have questions, call the church office, 651-227-6311.**

## The House of Hope Women's Retreat

Friday evening, April 28 through Sunday morning, April 30  
Assisi Heights, Rochester



### *The Greening Power of Faith: Caring for Body, Mind, and Soul*

Rev. Julia Carlson, Speaker and Facilitator

*When a forest does not green vigorously, then it is no longer a forest. When a tree does not blossom, it cannot bear fruit.  
Likewise, a person cannot be fruitful without the greening power of faith. The soul that is full of wisdom is saturated  
with the spray of a bubbling fountain: God.*

—Hildegard of Bingen, translation by Gabriele Uhlein

Guided by the Reverend Julia Carlson, we will connect this 12th century German mystic and remarkable woman—who was also an “abbess, artist, author, composer, pharmacist, poet, preacher, and theologian”—to modern writers, poets, theologians, doctors, and scientists. We will look at her concepts of Virtue, Verdancy, and Wisdom; her interesting images of God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit; and her ways of talking about evil in the world and in the self.

Beginning when she was three years old, Hildegard received visions throughout her life. She took ten years to write them down in her book *Scivias* (*Know the Ways*) and, after Pope Eugene III read it, he encouraged her to continue her writing. She also wrote over 300 letters to people who sought her advice, and composed short works on medicine and physiology. “Hildegard’s visions caused her to see humans as ‘living sparks’ of God’s love, coming from God as daylight comes from the sun.” In 2012, Hildegard was canonized and named a Doctor of the Church by Pope Benedict XVI.



All women are invited for a weekend of renewal and reflection at Assisi Heights with its beautiful chapel, building, grounds, and outdoor labyrinth. Besides the presentations, discussions, and community with others, there will also be time for relaxation, rest, and solitude.

Mark your calendar and register beginning Sunday, March 26.

### Cloister Gallery February 2017 Minnesota Ming Chiao Chapter of the Sumi-e Society

The Sumi-e Society was formed in 1963 by Motoi Oi to foster and encourage the appreciation of East Asian brush painting. Sumi-e is Japanese for “ink painting” which originated from Literati Painting in China centuries ago and later spread throughout Japan and Korea. Contemporary styles range from realistic to abstract. All Asian brush painters use the same tools and similar techniques. The tools are traditionally called the four treasures—brush, ink stick, ink stone and rice paper. Watercolors may also be used. All Asian brush painters strive to capture the essence or spirit of the subject.

Ming Chiao, or Minnesota Bridge, signifies a link between East and West. There is a long history of scholarly interchange between China and Minnesota, including strong ties within the arts community. For more information, go to [www.mingchiaoosumie.org](http://www.mingchiaoosumie.org).

## Youth

### Souper Bowl Sunday

On February 5 the youth are raising money for Souper Bowl Sunday, which helps feed people across the nation! They will be asking for donations immediately following the service.

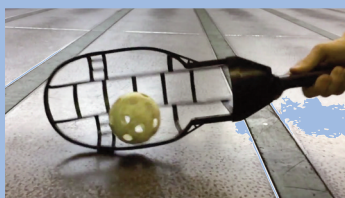


### Youth Sunday

February 12 is Youth Sunday! House of Hope youth will preach, lead worship and assist as ushers. Music will be provided by the Choir School. Join us for this wonderful chance to see what new things God is inspiring in our midst.

## High School

### Whirly Ball and Laser Tag!



On Saturday, February 11, high school youth are invited to join the St. Cloud First Presbyterian Church youth group at Whirly Ball and Laser Tag in Maple Grove from 2 to 4 p.m. We will carpool from the church (Portland Avenue parking lot) at 1:15 p.m. and return to the church parking lot around 4:45 p.m. The cost is \$35.

### Lock-in

The Senior High youth are invited to a Lock-in on Friday, March 10, in the Youth Room! We will arrive at 7 p.m. and enjoy games, snacks, sleep(?) and fellowship with each other. Breakfast will be provided, and the Lock-in ends at 9 a.m. on Saturday.

### Mission Trip

The Senior High youth are headed to Detroit this summer for a mission trip! The dates are July 16-22. If you are interested in participating, the cost is \$500, and the deadline to sign up is March 1, with either Jeff Foels (jfoels@hohchurch.org or 651-223-7545) or Doug Snaza (dougs@hohchurch.org or 651-223-7549). If there are still spots available after March 1, 8th graders (finishing 8th grade) are invited to join us as well.



## Middle School

### Lock-in



The Middle Schoolers are invited to a Lock-in on Friday, March 24, in the Youth Room! We will arrive at 7 p.m. and enjoy games, snacks, sleep(?) and fellowship with each other. Breakfast will be provided, and the Lock-in ends at 9 a.m.

## Tweens

### Gatherings

The next Tweens dates are Fridays, February 3 and March 3, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the youth room.

## March Food Drive

It's almost time for the 2017 Minnesota Food Drive March Campaign. This is the largest food and fund drive to restock Minnesota food shelves; 100% of donations go toward feeding the hungry. One in ten Minnesotans, or more than 500,000 state residents, are food insecure on a regular basis. More than half of the 3 million annual visits to state food shelves are made by children and seniors. Leave your non-perishable food items in the shopping carts by the Sanctuary doors, or use a white offering envelope from a pew rack and mark it "March Food Drive." Food and monetary donations are split between the food shelves at Neighborhood House and the Hallie Q. Brown Community Center.



## Adult Education/Events

### Men's Breakfast Groups

**Tuesday Men's Breakfast Group** meets weekly at 7 a.m. at the St. Clair Broiler on Snelling and St. Clair to study the lectionary for the coming Sunday's Scripture lessons. Contact: Leo Sawicki, 651-481-9589 or lbsawicki@comcast.net.

**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: Bill Liike, 651-224-0631. Newcomers welcome!

### Bible Studies

**The Wednesday Bible Study** meets at 10 a.m. in the Church Library. For information, call the church office, 651-227-6311.

**Thursday Bible Study** meets at 9:15 a.m. in the Church Library (except on the first Thursday, when we meet in Kirby Lounge). For information, call the church office, 651-227-6311.

### Hard Hats

**The Hard Hats** are volunteers who work to keep the church building and grounds in good condition. They meet on the first Thursday of the month at 9 a.m. in the maintenance shop. Their efforts are directed by Facilities Manager Jim Brzezinski, 651-223-7559, jimb@hohchurch.org. Next meeting: February 2.

### Mission Sewing

**Mission Sewing** will meet on Thursday morning, February 2, at 9:30 a.m. Bring a sandwich if you would like to stay for lunch. Coffee and conversation will be available. For questions call or e-mail Janet Brownell, 651-765-4990, jjbewb488@comcast.net.

### Joy Davis' First Thursday Literature Seminars

**The Literature Seminars** will meet on **February 2**, at 10 a.m. in the Church Library to discuss Morris West's *The Devil's Advocate*. The novel reveals Giacomo Nerone's transformation from World War II deserter and Nazi collaborator to nominee for sainthood. All are welcome! Registration is not required.

### Women's Breakfast Book Group

**Women's Breakfast Book Group** meets Friday mornings from 7 to 8 a.m. in the Kirk Parlour to enjoy breakfast, camaraderie, and lively discussion 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 Elly Verhagen at 651-293-1924 for important information.

**February 3, 10:** *Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania*, Erik Larson.

**February 17, 24:** *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*, Betty Smith.

### Faith and Fibers

**This group** meets monthly to work on needlecrafts of all kinds. Join us for good conversation, refreshments, and a time for devotions on the second Monday of the month at 6 p.m. The next meeting is on February 13 in the Church Library. For more information, contact Jan Dickinson, 651-647-1786.

### Women's Advocates

**Women's Advocates** shelter for battered women serves nearly 1,000 women and children a year. A group of volunteers under the leadership of House of Hope member Liz Boyd gathers every Third Thursday from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the shelter. They do a craft project or play bingo with the women and children, and then provide a treat for them. Next gathering: February 16. If you would be interested in joining this group, leave your name in the church office, 651-227-6311.

### Kirk Club

**The Kirk Club** is House of Hope's fellowship group for people age 55 and better. We will meet for brunch on Sunday, February 19, at 12:15 p.m. at the Green Mill on Grand and Hamline. Our guest will be Jeff Japinga, Transitional Executive Presbyter of the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area. All are welcome! Please make reservations with the church office, 651-227-6311, by noon on Friday, February 17. Parking for the Green Mill is in the lot right across Grand Avenue.

### Loaves & Fishes

**The House of Hope Loaves & Fishes** team will provide dinner on Monday, February 20, at Saint Matthew's Catholic Church at 490 Hall Avenue in St. Paul. The food prep team starts at 2:30 p.m.; servers and expeditors begin at 4:45 p.m. Questions? Please call Kay or Paul Solon at 651-398-0643 or e-mail us at solon@macalester.edu.

### Centering Prayer

**Takes place** on Mondays at 11 a.m. in the Kirk Parlour. Centering Prayer, in the words of one long-time practitioner, is a prayer of rest, a prayer of our resting in the arms of God much like a trusting child who is content in the arms of a loving parent. It is perhaps helpful to note that the Greek Orthodox Church uses the term 'hesychastic prayer' for Centering Prayer – hesychia is a Greek word meaning 'to be at rest.' Beginners as well as long-time practitioners are welcome; there will be an introduction to the practice at the beginning of each gathering.

### Grief Support Groups

**Sponsored by the Capital City Grief Coalition**, these groups are for those who have suffered the loss of a loved one through death. The groups will meet from 5:30 to 7 p.m. through February at Unity Church Unitarian, 733 Portland Avenue in St. Paul. For further information, contact coordinator Lois Knutson, 651-227-4430.



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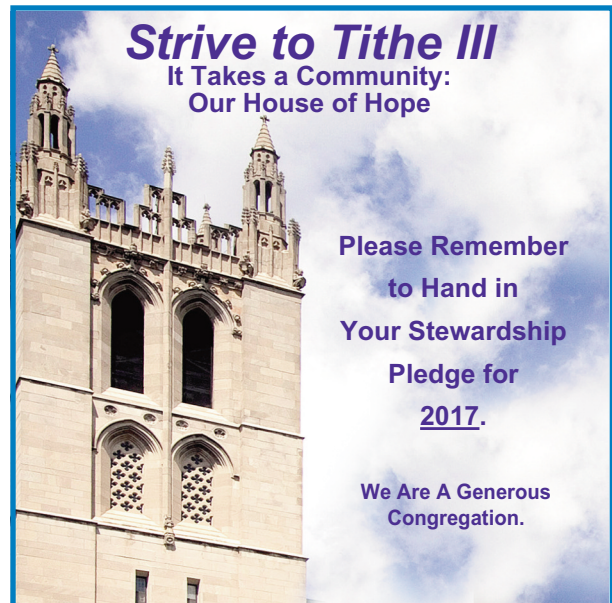
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