



J. Herbert Nelson,
Stated Clerk of the PC(USA), preaching

Adult Enrichment

April 2, 11:15 a.m. | Assembly Room
Book Discussion, *Democracy in Black: How Race Still Enslaves the American Soul*, by Eddie Glaude, Jr.

Stated Clerk of the PC(USA) will follow as our Sunday preacher.

This combination will offer an unprecedented chance to play our part in the continuing history of the Presbyterian Church and our nation.

Glaude believes the Obama presidency has not brought us a post-racial society, and he says racism has distorted and disfigured our national character.

Friday, April 7 | 7:30-9 p.m.
Saturday, April 8 | 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
\$30 | Register at hohchurch.org.

Sunday, April 9 | Worship | 10 a.m.
J. Herbert Nelson, preaching.



Didier Seminar | April 7-8

Dr. Eddie Glaude, Jr.

Democracy in Black: How Race Still Enslaves the American Soul

The Presbyterian school of thought believed it was the church's responsibility to save the individual over and above any social and political engagement. It was stated that segregation was not inherently anti-Biblical or morally wrong, and it was not "the business" of the church to get involved.

When the Supreme Court ruled on racial integration of public education in 1954 however, concerned Presbyterian clergy at the next General Assembly gathered and determined that if segregation is not merely the separation of two peoples, but the subordination of one people to another, then the church's function

in American society is "to assert moral leadership in the changing patterns of racial and cultural revolution." This group called "The Fellowship," played a vital role in passing the 1962 Civil Rights Act.

This year's signature Didier Seminar will speak to this legacy through the inclusion of two notable speakers addressing the persistent issue: "How Race Still Enslaves the American Soul."

Renowned author and professor of African American Studies at Princeton University, **Dr. Eddie Glaude, Jr.** will be the seminar speaker. **J. Herbert Nelson**, the first African American

Retirement (again)

Reverend Gale Robb

As I write this, I am just days away from a lot of different endings: the last staff meeting, the last session meeting, the last sermon. It's not like I've never been in this exact same place before—and not just at The House of Hope (although, goodness knows, I've said good-bye to this congregation a few times already)! Leaving is always somewhat bittersweet, but it also comes with a profound sense of gratitude for the people who came alongside during the ministry.

This time has been a little different. When I said yes to stepping in while David Van Dyke was on sabbatical, it was with the understanding that it was time-limited (eleven weeks), part-time (24 hours a week), and preaching six Sundays and Ash Wednesday. In other words, a very clear understanding of what I was being asked to do.

Of course, it never quite works out that way, and I have found myself back in the life of the church on a variety of different levels, all of which have been rewarding, if not necessarily fun. Through it all, I have had the good fortune to work with a remarkable staff who made my job a lot easier.

Coming out of retirement was not something I ever planned to do. When I retired, I was advised to take a year before committing to anything having to do with church. That first year, I didn't even come to church very often. I was simply

"churched-out." But then I slowly found ways to step back into ministry, and quite unexpectedly found myself back at The House of Hope.

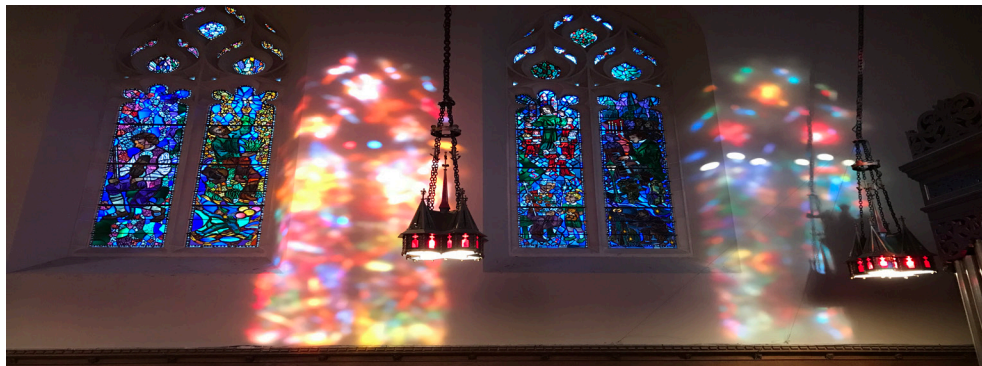


I wonder how many of us who have retired have "floundered" for a while, trying to figure out what's next. Many in my generation have retired later than "retirement age," hoping that we had a few more years left to do the work that we love. Many more are finding it necessary to work longer given the financial realities of retirement. Others are on a quest for a second or even third career. And still others are looking for volunteer possibilities. Retirement looks different these days because aging looks different these days, and we don't seem to have many models for how to do it. Sometime it just feels awkward, because our identity is no longer tied to what we did in our pre-retirement life, and it's hard to know just who we are.

We can be sure, though, that wherever we are on this journey, God is still with us, calling us to begin new adventures, to take risks, to walk through when unexpected doors open. It's been a privilege and a joy to be with all of you during this sabbatical time. Thank you for welcoming me back. See you in church!

Blessings,
Gale Robb

Acting Pastor and Head of Staff



Light reflected through stained glass, Sanctuary

WORSHIP

Sunday, April 2

Fifth Sunday in Lent

10 a.m. Worship

Julia A. Carlson, preaching.

Motet Choir: *Thou, O Jehovah, Abideth Forever*, Aaron Copland
For God Commanded Angels to Watch Over You, Felix Mendelssohn

Sunday, April 9

Palm Sunday

10 a.m. Worship

J. Herbert Nelson, preaching.

Motet Choir:

Ride On, King Jesus, Larry Fleming
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross, Gilbert Martin

Bell Choir:

Triumphal Entry, Michael Bedford

Choir School:

Behold the Lamb of God, Paul Bouman

Holy Week*

* Please see insert to right

Sunday, April 16

Easter Sunday

7:30 a.m. Sunrise Service,

Elizabeth Chapel, Breakfast following

Julia A. Carlson, preaching.

9 and 11 a.m. Festive Worship, Sanctuary

David A. Van Dyke, preaching.

Motet Choir: *This is the Day*, Anonymous

Christ lag in Todesbanden

(*Chorus 1, BWV 4*), J.S. Bach

Choir School: *Jesus Christus Gottes Sohn*

(*from Cantata BWV 4*), J.S. Bach

Sunday, April 23

Second Sunday of Easter

10 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion

David A. Van Dyke, preaching.

Music from the Motet Choir

Sunday, April 30

Third Sunday of Easter

10 a.m. Worship

David A. Van Dyke, preaching.

Music from the

Motet Choir and the Choir School



Mardi Gras Celebration

Let the good times roll! That phrase has become associated with Mardi Gras and it was definitely the theme of The House of Hope's Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras celebration on February 28. We enjoyed delicious New Orleans fare from Dixie's on Grand and famous King Cakes from Great Harvest Bread Co. The talented Finn Pope entertained us with lively jazz music. It was an evening of intergenerational fun, as members at each table collaborated on a Mardi Gras quiz and worked together to create a Mardi Gras float out of shoeboxes. The evening concluded with a parade of children carrying their floats and marching to *When the Saints Come Marching In* around the Great Hall. It was a wonderful evening of fun and fellowship!

HOLY WEEK 2017

Thursday, April 13 Maundy Thursday

12 noon Worship and
Holy Communion, Elizabeth Chapel
Julia A. Carlson, preaching.

7:30 p.m. The Office of Tenebrae and
Holy Communion, Sanctuary

Motet Choir:

Tenebrae Responses, Willan

Friday, April 14 Good Friday

12 noon Worship, Elizabeth Chapel
Jeffrey T. Foels, preaching.

7:30 p.m. Good Friday Vespers, Sanctuary

Motet Choir: *Lux Aeterna*, Lauridsen



Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated during worship on Maundy Thursday, April 13 (noon and 7:30 p.m.) and Sunday, April 23 (10 a.m.).

In the Presbyterian church, all who put their faith and trust in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

The elements served are bread and grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available from the servers.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Started in 1949, One Great Hour of Sharing is a long-standing ecumenical effort aimed at raising the funds necessary to provide relief and reconstruction for communities in the aftermath of disaster.

What started as an hour-long radio appeal has evolved to include 29 denominations, and has become the most participated-in offering in the PC(USA).

Today, projects supported by One Great Hour of Sharing are underway in more than 100 countries.

THREE WAYS YOU CAN GIVE:

- Through The House of Hope
- Text OGHs to 20222 to give
- presbyterianmission.org/give/oghs



Women's Retreat

**The Greening Power of Faith:
Caring for Body, Mind, and Soul
Facilitated by Rev. Julia A. Carlson**

My first interim ministry ended in April when the world was gathering energy to burst open with new life. By contrast, I felt at loose ends. As I described this to my spiritual director, she pointed outside to where a tree was leafing out in the bright green of spring. She shared her belief that my life was out of sync with the natural world. I was mourning the end of a call and facing advent, while evidence of new life surrounded me.

Hildegard of Bingen would have said we

were looking at the verdant presence of God on earth; she developed a theology she called *Viriditas*, or the "greening power of God." Anyone who has experienced grief understands the dissonance between a feeling of loss so great and the reality of seeing others go on with their errands, their work, and their joys. To find God present in experiences both good and bad, and come to desire re-birth, takes deep faith. To grow into faith, we engage with the Christian mystics and become practicing contemplatives.

Our Women's Retreat will focus on the work of Hildegard, who centuries ago wrote about the connection between faith and life; head and heart; body and soul; creature, creation, and Creator. Here is an invitation to engage Spirit, "the Life of the life of all creatures." Hildegard says that "God is life," and "God lives in every created thing" we are bid to tell our life stories, reflect on what God is up to, and grow more green and lush in our souls.

Join us!

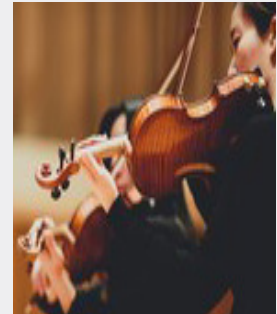
**Friday, April 28-30, 2017
Assisi Heights, Rochester**

Women are invited for a weekend of renewal and reflection at Assisi Heights with its beautiful chapel, building, grounds, and outdoor labyrinth.

—Julia A. Carlson

Register outside the Kirk Parlour on April 2 or 9 or in the office. Cost: \$140, Space is limited; registration is due by April 19.

**Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra
Discounted tickets
for House of Hope members
Easter Weekend**



Enhance your Easter worship experience this spring by joining The Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra on Easter weekend for performances of Italian composer Giovanni Pergolesi's *Stabat Mater*.

Church members can save 20% off scale 1 and 2 tickets for adults, and as always, child and student tickets are free!

To purchase discounted tickets: Visit thespc.org to order tickets. Enter coupon code `stabatmater20` at checkout to apply the discount.

You can also call our Ticket Office at (651) 291-1144 and mention code `stabatmater20`.

Centering Prayer | Mondays at 11 a.m. | Kirk Parlour

Centering is a form of contemplative prayer. Some might call it meditation. It is a practice of focusing on God, or resting in God, and when thoughts distract us from that intent, it becomes the practice of noticing and returning our focus to God through the use of a sacred word. Many practitioners say that it helps bring calm even in the most stressful situations and others have noted lower blood pressure among its health benefits. Attendance varies each week; all are invited. Beginners as well as long-time practitioners are welcome; there will be an introduction to the practice at the beginning of each gathering.



Do you receive the e-news from The House of Hope? Sign up today for our weekly guide to upcoming activities and events!

Visit hohchurch.org or call the office (651) 227-6311

Adult Education & Events

Men's Breakfast Groups

Tuesdays, 7:00 a.m. | St. Clair Broiler
Study the lectionary for the upcoming Sunday's Scripture Lessons.

Contact Leo Sawicki (651) 481-9589,
lbsawicki@comcast.net

Thursdays, 7:00 a.m. | St. Clair Broiler
All House of Hope men are welcome.

Contact Bill Liike (651) 224-0631

Sunday Morning Adult Enrichment

11:15 a.m. | Assembly Room
April 2

Book discussion: *Democracy in Black*,
Eddie Glaude, Jr.

April 9

J. Herbert Nelson, PC(USA) Stated
Clerk will offer reflections on the Didier
Seminar.

April 16

No Adult Enrichment - Easter Sunday

April 23, 2017

Julia Carlson speaking on a topic of
death and dying.

April 30

House of Hope member Kent Wilson
speaking on Health Care Directives.

Bible Studies

Wednesdays, 10 a.m. | Church Library
Thursdays, 9:15 a.m. | Church Library
Except 1st Thursday in Kirby Lounge

Loaves & Fishes

House of Hope volunteers provide a hot
meal to those in need. Prep starts at 2:30
p.m., service begins at 4:45 p.m.

Contact Paul and Kay Solon
(651) 398-0643 or solon@macalester.edu

Kirk Club

April 23, 12:15 p.m.
Meet for Sunday brunch at Green Mill
on Grand Avenue and Hamline Avenue.
Pastor David Van Dyke will report on his
sabbatical. Parking is available in the lot
across Grand Avenue.

Reserve by April 21: (651) 227-6311

Hard Hats

First Thursday of each month
9:00 a.m. | Maintenance Shop
Volunteer to keep the church building
and grounds in good condition.

Contact Facilities Manager Jim
Brzezinski (651) 223-7559,
jim@hohchurch.org

Joy Davis' First Thursdays Literature Seminars

April 6, 10:00 a.m. | Church Library
All are welcome. RSVP not required.

Grief Support Groups

Thursdays | 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
March 2 - May 25, 2017
St. John the Evangelist Episcopal
Church, 60 N. Kent Street, St. Paul
Sponsored by Capital City Grief Coalition,
for those who have suffered the loss of a
loved one.

Contact Lois Knutson (651) 227-4430

Faith & Fibers

2nd Monday of each month
6:00 p.m. | Church Library
Needlecraft, conversation, refreshments
and devotions.

Contact Jan Dickinson (651) 647-1786

Women's Breakfast Group

Fridays, 7:00-8:00 a.m. | Kirk Parlor
Breakfast, camaraderie, lively discussion
of scheduled books. Guests and
newcomers are always welcome.

April 7: *Washington Square*, Henry James

April 14: No meeting

April 21 & 28: *Becoming Nicole: The*
Transformation of an American Family,
Amy Ellis Nutt

Contact Jan Dickinson (651) 647-1786 or
Elly Verhagen (651) 293-1924

Mission Sewing

April 6, 9:30 a.m. | Dining Rooms A&B
Bring a lunch if you'd like to stay for
fellowship following our work.

Centering Prayer

Mondays, 11:00 a.m. | Kirk Parlour
Led by Julia Carlson. All are welcome.
Introduction to the practice at the
beginning of each gathering.

Women's Advocates

April 20, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
Join us for a craft project, bingo, and
treats with the women and children at
the women's shelter. If interested, call the
church office (651) 227-6311.

TEXT TO DONATE

The House of Hope
Presbyterian Church now
offers text giving.

Text HOH to 73256. Click
the link to complete your
gift. It's that easy!

Great Decisions | April 11, 4 p.m.

The Future of Europe Thomas C. Wolfe, Speaker

The outcome of the United Kingdom referendum of European Union membership (Brexit) sent shockwaves across the globe. It even caught British voters by surprise. The European Union has helped secure peace in Europe for the past 70 years, but now faces an uncertain future.

Amid a refugee crisis, lingering financial recession, and the constant specter of terrorism, unity seems more imperative than ever. But the Brexit vote underscores the complexities of integrating an extremely diverse continent. What will post-Brexit Europe look like, and how can U.S. foreign policy adapt?

Thomas C. Wolfe is an Associate Professor of History at the University of Min-

nesota. He is affiliated with the Department of Anthropology, the Institute for Global Studies, and the School of Journalism and Mass Communications.

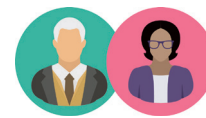


Great Decisions is a non-partisan U.S. Foreign Policy discussion group established by the U.S. Foreign Policy Association and Global Minnesota.

Please register in the church office or (651) 227-6311.

Tuesday, April 11 | 4:00 p.m.

Kirk Parlour | \$60 per family
(includes companion book)



My HOH

Introducing our new online directory for members—a way for members to connect in deeper, more meaningful ways.

It will allow you to:

- Join small groups online
- Contact fellow HOH members and small groups
- Keep an eye on your giving and pledge records
- Stay in contact: update your address, phone number, or preferred email.

My HOH is convenient, private, and secure.

Watch your email for information. If you haven't received an email by April 24, go to: hohchurch.org and click "My HOH" to sign in and set up a login.

A note from the Endowment Committee



Throughout the long history of The House of Hope, generous members have made

decisions to direct legacy gifts to our church. What a record of thankfulness and praise to God!

This legacy is all around us. Gifts to our Endowment Fund sustain and support much of what we do here at this church. Donors have passed their gifts forward to us. So, we remember today, those who have gone before us, who loved this church and made a plan to support it beyond their days. We currently have 80 households who have stated their intention to leave a gift to the church. These individuals and families make up The Anchor Society. We appreciate you and thank you for your faithfulness.

Personally, I had been meaning to make

a planned gift for years. I completely understood the process of donors leaving gifts, which continue to enhance our experience every day. Our Victorian founders and contemporaries of F. Scott Fitzgerald on the Avenue had a vision for a church and built it. Those who made and lost fortunes in the Great Depression still added their gifts, as did those of the Greatest Generation. During World War II, our members stocked a shelter under the sanctuary and left us their gifts. And in the prosperous 1950s, in spite of threats of nuclear war, they built the East wing.

When is it our turn? When is it *my* turn I asked myself. These gifts have touched my life, my heart, my song, my family and my spiritual "grounding." It was time, my turn. One day in the office, I simply said to Michelle, "I'm doing it, here it is, and I'll get you any details you need." Done! It felt great! It felt like I was folded into

a historic wave of members going back over a century.

At Session the other night someone asked, "Do you have to be dead to give to the Endowment?" No! Here's an example: a few years ago, Carol and Shel Damberg established an endowed fund for the Choir School. It has been helping to fund our wonderful Choir School for several years and will continue to do so.

Be inspired and imagine what you will pass forward to this church, and then go one step further... establish that legacy to the church we love.

—Kathleen Schubert

Children, Youth, and Families Programming



Upcoming Events

Tweens

April 28, 6-7:30 p.m.

Volunteer at Feed My Starving Children.

Middle School

April 9, 11:15 a.m.-noon | Youth Room

Gather to dye Easter eggs.

High School

April 9, 11:15 a.m.-noon | Youth Room

Gather to dye Easter eggs.

April 23 and 30, 11:15 a.m.-noon | Youth Room

Gather for fellowship.



Choir School Update

From our choristers:

Choir School lets me.....

"sing with friends, learn new things, have fun, worship and praise God, sing with passion, work with others to reach goals, build my confidence, be creative."

The Choir School is open to all children ages 4-18, both members and non-members of the congregation. Previous musical training is not required. Choristers in the Choir School learn the basics of music and singing, and also learn teamwork, discipline, and the joy of creating something beautiful together. Singing in weekly worship is a vital part of the Choir School, as music is a way to form and express our faith.

Family Camp

June 9-11 | Clearwater Forest

Contact Jill Winter jcwinter75@gmail.com.

Summer Camp in the City

June 26-30 | 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Day camp at House of Hope for children who have completed K-5, led by staff from Clearwater Forest.

Mission Trip | July 16-22

HOH 8-12th graders will travel to Detroit to participate in volunteer opportunities. Our trip will include visiting a sustainable farm that supplies food shelves, helping an elderly congregation with projects around their church, and volunteering with children and youth at a community center. We will also spend an evening sightseeing to learn more about the city and people of Detroit. Contact Jeff Foels jFoels@hohchurch.org or Doug Snaza DougS@hohchurch.org.



Upcoming events include

- Annual Spring Concert, May 14
- Registration for 2017-18, May 21-24

For more information or to sign up for an audition appointment please contact Sofia Ardalan, Choir School Director, at (651) 223-7548 or sosiaa@hohchurch.org.

Choir School Spring Concert
Sunday, May 14
Sanctuary | 2 p.m. | Free

CLOISTER GALLERY



Works by Marjorie Moody

April 2017

Marjorie Moody brings color, mood, rhythm, and spontaneity to her paintings. She paints on location in watercolor and oils, and works in the studio on larger canvases in an expressionistic style. Her subject matter includes florals, landscapes, figurative, and abstracts. Beautiful melodies and peaceful surroundings are close to her heart and she tries to capture these experiences on canvas. Her paintings are an affirmation of life, joy, freedom, beauty, and peace.

Marjorie has had solo exhibitions nationally and internationally. Her work is in private collections throughout the United States, Germany, Switzerland, Japan, Norway, Canada, and Italy.

Visit www.marjoriejmoody.wix.com/artist-painter to view more of her work.

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 **Sunday Series**
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Beschloss will tell original and unforgettable stories that illuminate the behind-the-scenes lives of American presidents and other titans, as well as describe the leadership skills essential to success.

"A national treasure." — Bloomberg News

Beschloss is working on a major history of American presidents and wars from 1812 to the present, which will be published later this year.



Sunday, May 21
Sanctuary | 2 p.m. | **Free**

"Easily the most widely recognized presidential historian in the United States." —The New York Times Book Review
