



**The House of Hope Presbyterian Church Issue No. 249 January 2017**

### **Weekly Centering Prayer at The House of Hope**

Mondays, 11 a.m., Kirk Parlour  
Beginning January 9, 2017

Centering Prayer is a method of silent prayer that prepares us to receive the gift of contemplative prayer, prayer in which we experience God's presence within us, closer than breathing, closer than thinking, closer than consciousness itself. This method of prayer is both a relationship with God and a discipline to foster that relationship.

Centering Prayer is not meant to replace other kinds of prayer. Rather, it adds depth of meaning to all prayer and facilitates the movement from more active modes of prayer—verbal, mental or affective prayer—into a receptive prayer of resting in God. Centering Prayer emphasizes prayer as a personal relationship with God and as a movement beyond conversation and into communion with The Christ.

Beginners as well as long time practitioners are welcome; there will be an introduction to the practice at the beginning of each gathering.

—Julia A. Carlson  
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### **The Sacrament of Holy Communion January 1, 2017**

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



**Sunday Series, January 15, 2017**  
2 p.m. Free.

### **An Afternoon with Wesley Lowery** Reporter for *The Washington Post*

Wesley Lowery works as a national reporter for *The Washington Post*, covering law enforcement, justice, race and politics. He was a member of a Pulitzer Prize winning report team that developed The Fatal Force database detailing police shootings and the surrounding circumstances. Lowery has won numerous other journalism awards including "Emerging Journalist of the Year" from the National Association of Black Journalists.

Prior to joining the *Washington Post* in February 2014, he worked as a breaking news and local politics reporter for the *Boston Globe*, and has also reported for the *Los Angeles Times* and the *Wall Street Journal*.

Lowery is the author of the recently released book *They Can't Kill Us All: Ferguson, Baltimore, and a New Era in America's Racial Justice Movement*. *The Minneapolis Star Tribune* deemed it an "insightful and unnerving inspection of the police and vigilante killings of black Americans since [Trayvon] Martin." From his reporting in Ferguson, which included an arrest while covering the protests following the fatal shooting of Michael Brown, to more recent coverage of protests following the presidential election, Lowery is at the forefront of modern journalism and the discussion about race in America.

## Sabbatical



Welcome to 2017 and what promises to be a year of national change and adjustment. I am beginning the new year with a three month sabbatical, graciously granted to me by the Session. Unlike a vacation, where I still receive my church e-mail on my all-too-handy phone, meaning I'm never really away from work, this time of sabbatical

will be different. I will not have access to my church e-mail. I will not participate in any social media, with the exception perhaps of posting an occasional photo from some exotic location, letting people know I'm still alive. And I will not watch or listen to any television news, relying instead on newspapers. This, I am particularly looking forward to. My travels will take me first to Vietnam for an extended period of time, then on to Michigan where I will hunker down and write. I hope it snows a ton while we are there since I'm not planning to leave my chair next to the fireplace very often! As I anticipate this special time away from home and familiar routine, the words from Romans 12:2 come to mind, "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." We will then spend some time in Amsterdam, where we always marvel at the way the locals resemble our aunts and uncles, or people we knew growing up, and how connected in our bones that place makes us feel. We will then be in Edinburgh, Scotland, where Nancy and I lived twenty years ago while I was in graduate school. We will make a brief stop in London before returning home and going back to work. My prayer for this time away is that I will discover again ways to drink from God's life-giving waters, allowing me to regain enthusiasm, creativity and energy for the next phase of my ministry.

Upon my return, I will not ease back into things slowly, as the Didier Seminar will be ready to begin. And I couldn't be more pleased about this year's timely topic and speaker. Dr. Eddie Glaude, Jr, will be our guest and we are extremely fortunate to have him joining us. The Didier Committee has put out much information on him, as well as a recommended list of readings and videos. I encourage you to read some of their recommendations and plan to be a part of this important and historic seminar. I am also thrilled The Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, the Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church (USA) will be joining us as well, and will be preaching on Palm Sunday. The highest elected officer in our

## WORSHIP 10 A.M.

**Sunday, January 1, 2017**  
**First Sunday after Christmas Day**  
**Holy Communion**  
Julia A. Carlson, preaching.

**Sunday, January 8, 2017**  
**Baptism of the Lord**  
David A. Van Dyke, preaching.  
Anthems from the Motet Choir.  
St. Cecilia and St. Nicholas Choirs:  
*Unto Him That Loved Us*, Ralph Vaughn Williams.

**Sunday, January 15, 2017**  
**Second Sunday after Epiphany**  
David A. Van Dyke, preaching.  
Anthems from the Motet Choir.  
St. Nicholas Choir: *Sing for Joy*, G. F. Handel

**Sunday, January 22, 2017**  
**Third Sunday after Epiphany**  
Gale Robb, preaching  
Anthems from the Motet Choir.

**Sunday, January 29, 2017**  
**Second Sunday after Epiphany**  
Gale Robb, preaching.  
Anthems from the Motet Choir.  
Adult Handbell Choir: *Acclamation in G Minor*,  
Karen Thompson.  
St. Nicholas Choir: *O Lord, Our Governor*,  
Benedetto Marcello

denomination, Dr. Nelson is the first African American Stated Clerk in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and we are honored to have him with us for that weekend.

The issue of race is one that continues to plague and haunt us as a nation. As we have all read, the news is particularly troubling for black people living in Minnesota. This year's Didier Seminar is as important and relevant for us as any topic I can imagine, and I hope we will give both Eddie Glaude and J. Herbert Nelson a warm welcome. Please do not miss an opportunity to invite your friends to join you at these events. I wish you all a safe and happy 2017, and look forward to seeing you upon my return. Blessings and Peace!

—David

## Sunday Weekday Connections

Women of the church and their guests are invited to Sunday-Weekday Connections on Tuesday, January 24 at 6 p.m. to hear from our congregation's Director of Administration, Diane Smith. Now in her eighth year at House of Hope, Diane previously held similar roles at The Saint Paul Foundation and The Minnesota Community Foundation. She and her husband, Bill, joined House of Hope as members in 2013. They live in Eagan and together have four children, nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren—as she says, a big blended family.

Sunday-Weekday Connections brings together women of House of Hope for food, fellowship, and stimulating conversations on five Tuesday evenings a year.

- 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 January 15, or call Linda Lane at 651-690-9661 or the Church Office.

### Coming up

February 28, 2017

Speaker: Susan Davis Price

March 28, 2017

Speaker: Gale Robb

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



Children's Christmas Pageant, December 18, 2016



### Register for the MLK Breakfast near you

Monday, January 16, 2017

7 - 9:30 a.m.

Nine neighborhood locations

Each year, the General Mills Foundation and UNCF present an annual Martin Luther King Holiday Breakfast at the Minneapolis Convention Center to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. With the help of countless volunteers, Interfaith Action of Greater Saint Paul hosts breakfasts at nine neighborhood locations, featuring a live broadcast of the General Mills event as well as a hot breakfast and local programming. Attend one of these uplifting community celebrations in your neighborhood. The keynote speaker will be Myrlie Evers-Williams, author and civil rights activist. Evers-Williams was the wife of murdered civil rights activist Medgar Evers. While fighting to bring his killer to justice, Evers-Williams also continued her husband's work with her book, *For Us, The Living*.

**Tickets:** Adult \$5. Ages 12 and under FREE.

**Register:** [interfaithaction.org/mlk](http://interfaithaction.org/mlk)

St. Paul locations closest to The House of Hope:

#### Summit-University St. Paul

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer  
285 Dale St N., St. Paul MN 55103

#### East Side/Downtown St. Paul

Progressive Baptist Church (*Start time is 7:45 a.m.*)  
1505 Burns Avenue, St. Paul MN 55106

#### West Side/West St. Paul

St. Stephen's Lutheran Church  
1575 Charlton St., West St. Paul MN 55118

For other locations, go to the Interfaith Action website, [interfaithaction.org/mlk](http://interfaithaction.org/mlk).





Eddie Glaude

**Mark Your  
Calendars For:**

**The Didier  
Seminar:  
*How Race Still  
Enslaves the  
American Soul***

**Dr. Eddie Glaude, Jr., Chair of African  
American Studies, Princeton University,  
and popular esteemed talk show guest.  
April 7 and 8, 2017**

**Upcoming Events to Note:**

**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; Didier Seminar Enrichment speaker  
Sunday, April 9, 2017:  
**"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.**

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

**Look for additional references in future Sunday  
bulletins.**

**Register now for the April 7 and 8 seminar.  
Online registration begins January 10, 2017, at  
[www.hohchurch.org](http://www.hohchurch.org). The cost for the seminar is  
\$30 per person. Other events are free. If you have  
questions, call the church office, 651-227-6311.**



Choir School Christmas Concert  
December 11, 2016

**Electronic Giving**

**W**e offer electronic giving as a way to automate  
your regular weekly offering. Click on the "Give"  
button on our website: [www.hohchurch.org](http://www.hohchurch.org) to make a  
pledge or create your online profile for making dona-  
tions. Having a profile will allow you to manage all of  
your own online donation activity. You will still be able  
to make one-time donations and set up automatic dona-  
tion plans, as well as to log in 24/7 to make changes or  
view your own donation history. For more information,  
please contact Michelle Freyholtz, Administrative  
Manager, at [michellef@hohchurch.org](mailto:michellef@hohchurch.org) or 651-223-7556.

## Arts Committee Exhibit and Sale

The Arts Committee invites the congregation to a special and unique January Art Exhibit in the Gallery. The show this month features art that is no longer being displayed around the church. This is a rare opportunity to purchase a piece of art that may have sentimental value to you or perhaps just because you like it!

Most of the work for sale is from the beloved collection of "Whimseys" water colors that hung for many years in the Sunday School corridor.

The Arts Committee has determined that all money/donations received from this show will be used to purchase new art and not used for operational expenses of the committee. It is our desire to encourage members and future generations to develop an appreciation for art in the House of Hope setting.

## Library Corner

Look for the following books on the New Book Shelf in the church library.

### Fiction:

*Hush Little Baby*, Suzanne Redfearn  
*The Invention of Wings*, Sue Monk Kidd

### Nonfiction:

- 284.1 *Accidental Saints: finding God in all the wrong people*, Nadia Bolz-Weber
- 305.8 *A Good time for the Truth: Race in Minnesota*, Sun Yung Shin, ed.
- 353.4 *Just Mercy: a story of Justice and Redemption*, Bryan Stevenson

## 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. Childcare is available on Saturday morning by request! Please contact Jeff with any questions at [jfoels@hohchurch.org](mailto:jfoels@hohchurch.org) or at 651-223-7545.



Phil Romine

## Strive to Tithe III

It Takes a Community: Our House of Hope

Please Remember  
to Hand in  
Your Stewardship  
Pledge for  
2017.

We Are A Generous Congregation.

STEWARDSHIP 2017 "Strive to Tithe III" To date, 315 individuals and families have made a 2017 financial pledge to the church for a total of \$979,963. The more of a commitment we all make, the more we can all do. Make your commitment today. Pledge cards can be found in the pew racks or you can go to [www.hohchurch.org/donate-online](http://www.hohchurch.org/donate-online) to make your commitment online. Thank you!



## High School Youth 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.

## High School & Middle School Youth Snow Camp!

Snow Camp at Clearwater is coming up on the weekend of January 20-22! If you are interested in going, check it out at [www.clearwaterforest.org](http://www.clearwaterforest.org), and when you register, please let Doug ([dougs@hohchurch.org](mailto:dougs@hohchurch.org), 651-223-7549) or Jeff ([jfoels@hohchurch.org](mailto:jfoels@hohchurch.org), 651-223-7545) know so we can be sure to have enough carpool room.

## Youth Activities 2016



Middle School Mission Day: cleaning up around Como Lake & working in the HOH Garden



2016  
Confirmation Class



Teens packed meals at Feed My Starving Children.



High school mission trip to New Orleans



Getting ready for the velcro wall on Rally Sunday



Middle School Retreat



Hurricane Booth at Skyzone



Christmas Party



## 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.

### 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.

**January 6, 13:** *Prudence*, David Treuer.

**January 20, 27:** *The Big Roads: The Untold Story of the Engineers, Visionaries, and Trailblazers Who Created the American Superhighways*, Earl Swift.

### 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. December through February at Unity Church Unitarian, 733 Portland Avenue in St. Paul. For further information, contact coordinator Lois Knutson, 651-227-4430.

### 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 January 9 in the Church Library. For more information, contact Jan Dickinson, 651-647-1786.

### Loaves & Fishes

The Loaves & Fishes team will be active again in January when House of Hope volunteers provide dinner on Friday, January 27, at Saint Matthew's Catholic Church at 490 Hall Avenue in St. Paul. In the odd-numbered months, volunteers are asked to register in advance. If you can help, please sign up by going to the Loaves and Fishes home page ([loavesandfishesmn.org](http://loavesandfishesmn.org)) and click on "Volunteer." Then click on "St. Paul."

If you have not signed up in advance, there is no need for you to come and you are not expected. 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](mailto:solon@macalester.edu).

### 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](mailto:jimb@hohchurch.org).

### Joy Davis' First Thursday Literature Seminars

The Literature Seminars will meet on January 5, at 10 a.m. in the Church Library! All are welcome! Registration is not required.

### Mission Sewing

Mission Sewing will meet on Thursday morning, January 5, 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](mailto:jjbewb488@comcast.net).

### 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: January 19. If you would be interested in joining this group, leave your name in the church office, 651-227-6311.

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**Save the Date:  
Women's Retreat  
April 28 - 30, 2017  
Assisi Heights in Rochester**

**Holiday Office Hours**

**T**he church office will be closed on Monday, January 2.

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