

Coming Together

The Stewardship Committee, chaired by Sherwood Pomeroy, has been hard at work laying the ground work for this year's stewardship campaign. The theme of the campaign is: **Coming Together... to give, to serve, to welcome, to grow!**

The Committee has selected Sunday, November 19, as Commitment Sunday. You will soon be receiving important information from the Committee about the church's finances and this year's campaign. Please carefully read the material and prayerfully consider what the church means to you, where the church ranks in the order of your giving, as well as examine the percentage of your income that is designated for giving. These are not just financial questions, but spiritual questions, as Jesus made it clear that where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

As Pastor David Van Dyke told the congregation in his sermon following the announcement of his retirement, "Congregations learn a great deal about themselves in times of transition in pastoral leadership."

As the congregation prepares to bid farewell to David and Nancy, it will be extremely important to come together, to give, to serve, to welcome, and to grow.

**Commitment Sunday
November 19**



NOW THANK WE ALL
OUR GOD,
WITH HEARTS AND
HANDS AND VOICES.



Community Garden Wrapup

It has been a productive season for the HOH Community Garden. We donated nearly 1,800 pounds of fresh produce to Neighborhood House food shelf. Soon it will be time to put the garden to rest, so it can gear up for next year. Our last delivery is scheduled for October 31.

On November 5, we will pull up any remaining plants with the help of the Sunday School children. They have helped the last two years and have done a fantastic job! It's never too soon to get your name on the volunteer list for next year's gardening season. If you are interested, contact Terri Mattila, matt0547@umn.edu or call/text (651) 307-9919.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Thanksgiving Eve Service will be held in the Sanctuary at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, November 22, with music by the Motet Choir and Choir School. Pastor David Van Dyke will preach. All members, friends, and neighbors are cordially invited to join us in worship and thanksgiving. Childcare available.

Thanksgiving Dinner

On Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 23, at noon, HOH will provide a dinner in the Kirk Parlour for members and friends of the church. This event will be casual, with a turkey dinner provided for those who are interested in holiday fellowship or just don't want to cook. To make reservations, please call the church office (651) 227-6311. Reservations are due by November 14. The suggested donation is \$10 per person.



The First Sunday of Advent

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated on the First Sunday of Advent, December 3, at the 10 a.m. worship service. All who put their faith and trust in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Elements served are bread and grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available from the servers.

My Barn is Full

November is a season of Thanksgiving. The leaves have turned and fallen, the air is crisper now, with hints of winter becoming less subtle by the day. In agrarian ways we long ago stopped considering, the summer's harvest has presumably taken place and now is a time for rejoicing and giving thanks. The words of a great Thanksgiving hymn capture it best, "All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin." This year, even more so than in other years and as I prepare to retire, I am gathering in so many wonderful memories from the last 25 years in ministry. And I am reminded of the many reasons I have to be so thankful.

I am thankful for my health and for the days ahead in which I plan to relax and enjoy. I am thankful for my calling and ministerial career. I am thankful for the five congregations I have served, each one different from the other, but each one gracious with me, and giving me, I'm convinced, more than I gave to them.



Cast light through the Summer window in the chancel. Figures are Ludwig van Beethoven on the left, Emily Dickinson in the lower right, and Johann Sebastian Bach in the upper right.
Photo credit: Dick Crone

Not that ministry has always been easy or enjoyable, but it has been challenging in ways that pushed and stretched me—in ways that called out the best in me. I have been thanked, complimented, forgiven, and affirmed along the way far more than I have been criticized. And I have been sustained by the many saints who have come into my life, whose love of the church is real and deep, and who could always be counted on to do the right thing.

Setting out to go to seminary and enter the ministry, I could never have imagined the places my calling would take me, the people I would encounter, the lives and human stories that would intersect with my own, nor the incredible goodness and grace I've seen people live out, sometimes in the toughest of circumstances. Never could I have imagined the deep honor of being invited in, and to stand with people at some of the most poignant times in their lives. And never could I have imagined that the Bible, this ancient text I have mined each week while preparing to preach, would provide a never-ending supply of wisdom, guidance, and inspiration that is as relevant today as it has been in every age leading up to our own. And as always, I am thankful for my family, Nancy, Max, Zoe, and Kelsey, whose love and support of me and my career has always been a balm for my occasionally weary soul. This Thanksgiving season, my barn is full, as is my heart. I will cherish the many aspects of ministry that I have loved and that I know will miss.

In gratitude to God and bursting with Thanksgiving for all of it. —David



WORSHIP

10 a.m.

Sunday, November 5
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Julia A. Carlson, preaching

Cantamus and St. Andrew Choirs:

Bist du bei mir, J.S. Bach

Litanei, Schubert

Be Thou My Vision, Bob Chilcott

Sunday, November 12
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

David A. Van Dyke, preaching

Motet Choir:

Music is our Breath, Miller

Lord, for thy Tender Mercies' Sake, Farrant

St. Cecilia and St. Nicholas Choirs:

Prayer of the Norwegian Child, Artman

Sunday, November 19
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

David A. Van Dyke, preaching

Motet Choir:

All My Trials, Luboff

Almighty and Everlasting God, Gibbons

St. Cecilia and St. Nicholas Choirs,
family and alumni:

This Little Light of Mine, arr. Helgen

Wednesday, November 22
Thanksgiving Eve Worship

David A. Van Dyke, preaching

Motet Choir:

Stay With Us, Hovland

The Scholars:

The Apple Tree, arr. Scott

Sunday, November 26
34th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Julia A. Carlson, preaching

Motet Choir:

Singet dem Herrn, Pachelbel

Arise, Shine, Rorem

Welcoming Blessing

When you are lost
in your own life.

When the landscape
you have known
falls away.

When your familiar path
becomes foreign
and you find yourself
a stranger
in the story you had held
most dear.

Then let yourself
be lost.
Let yourself leave
for a place
whose contours
you do not already know,
whose cadences
you have not learned
by heart.
Let yourself land
on a threshold
that mirrors the mystery
of your own
bewildered soul.
It will come
as a surprise,
what arrives
to welcome you
through the door,
making a place for you
at the table
and calling you
by your name.

Let what comes,
come.

Let the glass
be filled.
Let the light
be tended.
Let the hands
lay before you
what will meet you
in your hunger.

Let the laughter
Let the sweetness
that enters
the sorrow.

Let the solace
that comes
as sustenance
and sudden, unbidden
grace.

For what comes,
offer gladness.
For what greets you
with kindly welcome,
offer thanks.
Offer blessing
for those
who gathered you in
and will not
be forgotten—

those who,
when you were
a stranger,
made a place for you
at the table
and called you
by your name.

—Jan Richardson
from *The Cure for Sorrow: A Book of
Blessings for Times of Grief*
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Harvest of Hope Bash

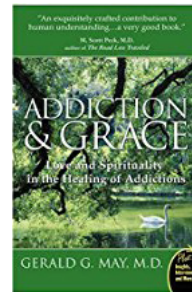
November 3
House of Hope's
Mission Outreach
makes a difference
in our community
because of the
generous support
and spirit of our
church – members
and staff alike.
Thank you to all
who helped make
this year's Bash
such a success!



Recommended Spiritual Read

Addiction & Grace: Love and Spirituality in the Healing of Addictions

by Gerald G. May, M.D. (HarperOne, 2007)

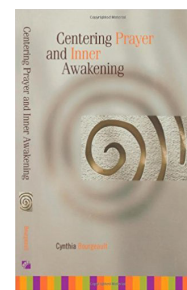


Gerald May was a practicing psychiatrist who became a spiritual counselor and then a Senior Fellow in Contemplation in Theology and Psychology at the Shalem Institute in Bethesda, Maryland. In *Addiction & Grace*, he addresses the disconnect between the way we hope to live and act and what we

actually do, or as the Apostle Paul put it, "I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate" (Romans 7:15).

May's opening premise is that "all human beings have an inborn desire for God," that plays out in our lives as "a longing for love." But we develop other survival behaviors that lead us to attach our energy to behaviors, things or people that lead us away from fulfilling that belonging. In French, the word "attach" means "to be nailed to." Even as this reminds us of images of the cross and human sin, May refers to our attachments as addictions and says, "Addiction is the most powerful psychic enemy of humanity's desire for God. To be alive is to be addicted and to be alive and addicted is to stand in the need of grace." Very few writers have addressed how attached we are to our comforting behaviors and our comfortable beliefs with the hope of shifting us toward our hope of being made new in Christ.

Suggested book on prayer



Centering Prayer and Inner Awakening

by Cynthia Bourgeault
(Crowley Publications, 2004)

This is a complete guidebook for all who wish to know the practice of Centering Prayer. Cynthia Bourgeault examines how the practice is related to the classic tradition of Christian contemplation, looks at the distinct nuances of its method, and explores its revolutionary potential to transform Christian life.

Prior Crossing Update

House of Hope is proud to share the good news that 44 young adults are living at Prior Crossing. Seventy percent of them had no home for more than a year before they moved in. They are on track to achieve one year of stability—nearly 90 percent of initial residents are still living at Prior Crossing. Sixty percent are working in the community and many are enrolled in a variety of educational programs, including Saint Paul College, Minneapolis Community and Technical College, JobCorps, Goodwill Youth Build, and nursing programs.

Here is one story:

Kadijah Parris moved into Prior Crossing in January 2017. Before Prior Crossing, Kadijah felt that her life was out of control, living in a home with domestic violence. She needed to leave, but the move left her homeless. Until she had the opportunity to move into Prior Crossing.

“Living at Prior Crossing helps me fulfill my dreams of becoming a doctor and an artist,” Kadijah shared. Kadijah currently performs spoken word/hip hop at local



Kadijah Parris

schools and has been featured in a documentary about Rondo Artists.

Are you interested in impacting the lives of Prior Crossing residents? There are many bright young people who are doing great things. As illustrated by Kadijah’s story, many are enrolled in education programs and you can help them achieve their dreams. HOH is joining forces with Beacon and Wilder to develop new ways to support their endeavors, such as a scholarship support program.

Internship opportunities for these young



MY HOH

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

If you haven’t already done so, go to www.hohchurch.org and click “My HOH” to set up an account.

people are also needed. Please connect them with contacts in businesses and companies that you are involved with. If you have an idea for an internship opportunity, please contact Jeanne Bailey, jmbailey99@gmail.com to be connected with the Prior Crossing job coach.

HOH plans to help nourish residents through our Crockpot for all Residents campaign. This campaign includes delivering a crockpot, a cookbook, and an onsite cooking event. We will deliver 44 \$50 Cub Foods gift cards to kick off the first crockpot grocery shopping trip. If you would like to donate, please send a check to the office and indicate “Crockpots for Prior Crossing.” Contact: Caroline Stone, chws@mac.com.

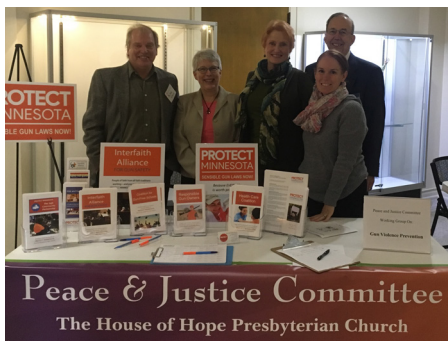
Peace and Justice at House of Hope

“Learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow’s cause.” Isaiah 1:17



As Christians, we are charged with a great responsibility of speaking up for the oppressed and seeking out injustices in our society. At House of Hope, we have created a committee to do just that. The Peace and Justice Committee (P&J) focuses on providing a forum for peace-making and justice issues, and is co-chaired by Mike Nord and Lee Jamison.

“I wanted to work on something beyond the walls of our church...and there are so many peace and justice issues that need a voice from the faith-based community,”



said co-chair Jamison. “It’s been a chance to meet wonderful members of our church, people with a passion for making a difference within the community, state, and nation—and who are willing to put some time into the task.”

The P&J Committee has decided to focus on eight policy areas and members have developed position statements and ac-

tion plans for each. The areas are: environmental stewardship; child abuse prevention; health care reform; the Equal Rights Amendment; criminal justice, reducing investment in the U.S. Military Industrial Complex; gun violence prevention; and advancing housing equity.

The P&J Committee will provide opportunities for HOH members and friends to learn, engage, and volunteer in the pursuits of justice. We will periodically have tables outside the Kirk Parlour and will host several Adult Enrichment sessions in February and March.

The committee’s next meeting will be Monday, November 6 at 5:30 p.m. Contact Michael Nord, (612) 384-7675, mnord@amerion.com or Lee Jamison, (651) 278-8962, lee@evergreensales.com.



Twin Cities Houses of Hospitality: Sami's Story

By Carrie Moore

Twin Cities Houses of Hospitality is an intentional community, rooted in Christian hospitality, in the Twin Cities. It engages young adults (ages 21–30) around a life of faith, service, justice, and vocation. This venture is supported by HOH and Westminster Presbyterian Church, among others.



Sami Dulak

"No one joins Americorps for the pay," says 23-year-old Americorps volunteer Sami Dulak, a second year Twin Cities Houses of Hospitality (TCHH) resident working with the nonprofit group Reading Partners. "I

teach elementary school kids to read. It is so cool to help them learn a skill that will impact the rest of their lives. I love it!"

Sami's enthusiasm for her service is palpable. But it comes with a price. "By the end of the week, I'm tapped out—physically and emotionally—I'm running on empty. I pour all my energy into these kids."

This is when living in an intentional community comes in handy.

"When Sunday comes, all nine TCHH residents get together to share dinner, tell stories about our week, give each other support, and have fun. They recharge my batteries so I can go back into the world with energy and passion."

Sami appreciates the affordable rent and the support of her fellow residents. "We are like family. They have similar values of faith, service, and community, and they, too, have emotionally and physically draining work. They get it. Working with these kids is hard"

Sami, a Wisconsin native and graduate of UW Eau Claire, credits TCHH with her decision to stay in Minnesota and her plan to lead a service organization in the future. "I think most of the TCHH residents plan to work in the service sector, or to lead non-profit organizations. A big part of that decision is the support and encouragement we are given as part of Twin Cities Houses of Hospitality."

Through a series of short articles, Carrie Moore, Community Coordinator/Grant-writer for Twin Cities Houses of Hospitality, will provide insight into how this intentional community impacts its members and the broader world.



On Grief During the Holidays

Christmas got its name from the traditional celebration of the Christ Mass. The original idea was to focus only on Jesus—he was born, Incarnation and Emmanuel; he came among us, full of truth and grace. We all know that the season has grown far beyond those simple beginnings. Culturally, we are pushed toward happiness and a highly commercialized experience of parties and gift giving. It is a time of family and church traditions that often pushes us into old roles both functional and dysfunctional—bringing comfort and joy as well as anxiety, anger, or sadness.

It is also a time when we remember those who are no longer around the table because they have moved away, are estranged, or due to death. All of our feelings around family, conflicts, and losses are normal. We tend to categorize feelings as good or bad but feelings are neutral, they come and they go. The measure to which we can experience happiness is counterbalanced by the measure of sorrow we can endure; the whole spectrum of feelings is normal and a part of living through "the holidays," as well as all other times. The first Thanksgiving and Christmas, like the first few birthdays and anniversaries without a loved one can be difficult. So, leave yourself some room for extra rest, quiet conversations, and change, even intentional change; and remember to breathe. Give everyone permission for tears including yourself. God gave us the gift of Love which we celebrate at the Christ Mass and Love's way is full of all happiness and all sorrow which teaches us a deeper feeling of true comfort and joy.

—Julia

Women's Annual Advent Breakfast

Friday, December 1, 7–9 a.m.

Town and Country Club, 300 Mississippi River Boulevard North, St. Paul

"Jesus in the Neighborhood," with Pastor Julia A. Carlson

As we think about waiting on the salvation of the world—what has the arrival of Jesus meant in the past, and what does it mean for us today?

All women are invited to the Town and Country Club for a relaxed breakfast; conversation and camaraderie; and an inspiring meditation for the Advent Season by Julia Carlson, Associate Pastor for Spiritual Life and Care.

Cost for the breakfast is \$22.00 per person. Please make your payment and reservation in the church office by Monday, November 27.



Children, Youth, and Family Programming

Sunday School in the Garden

On Sunday, November 5, all first through sixth graders are invited to join us in the garden after the Time for Children. We will uproot the garden, as it moves into a time of sabbath for the winter. Adults are encouraged to pick up their first through fifth graders in Room 5 after worship. Nursery and Kindergarten-aged children will meet in their usual Sunday spaces.

Story Time at Como Zoo

Meet for story time at Como Zoo on Friday, November 17 at 12 p.m. in the Visitor Center. Following story time, take a stroll through the zoo with other HOH families.

Christmas Pageant Rehearsals

It's that time of year! We are preparing for this year's Christmas Pageant, which will take place after worship on December 17. Rehearsals are at 11:15 a.m. on November 5, 12, and 19. Rehearsals will also be held during Sunday School on November 26, December 3, and 10. If you're interested, please plan to attend as many rehearsals as possible. Dress rehearsal will take place in the Sanctuary at 11:15 a.m. on Sunday, November 19.

Save the Date:

- December 3: Advent Celebration
- December 8: Tween Christmas Party
- December 10: Choir School Concert
- December 17: Christmas Pageant

Adult Education

November 5

A History of Music at House of Hope

Join professor, HOH historian, and carillonneur David Johnson as he shares stories about the legacy of music—the choirs, instruments, and people that fill our history—here at HOH.

November 12

No adult education.

November 19

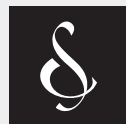
Christmas Books

Sue Zumberge, from Subtext Books in downtown St. Paul, will join us for our annual preview of books to give and receive this Christmas. Hear her recommendations on fiction and non-fiction, cookbooks and coffee table books, gifts for young readers and young adults, and suggestions from local authors.

November 26

Adult Mental Health and Dementia

HOH member Tom Jensen, presenting.



Choir School

A new recording from Choir School is now available. "Sing For Joy!" features anthem favorites *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*, by John Rutter, *The Father's Love*, by Simon Lole, and many more. CDs will be available for purchase after worship starting November 19 outside the Kirk Parlour. It is a great Christmas present for family and friends!

Second annual Choir School Alumni and Parent Sing. On Sunday, November 19, Choir School alumni and parents are invited to join the St. Cecilia and St. Nicholas Choirs in their anthem during the 10 a.m. worship service. To sign up to sing or for more information, contact Sofia Ardan, SofiaA@hohchurch.org.



STAY IN TOUCH

Do you receive the HOH Enews? Sign up today for our weekly guide to upcoming activities and events!

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



House of Hope Parents Facebook Page

We hope you will join our "House of Hope Parents" Facebook page, where you can post invitations to other parents to join you at parks, puppet shows, story times, etc. From time to time staff will add pictures and up-coming event information to the page as well.



❄️ ❄️ Snowbirds ❄️ ❄️

If you are leaving the frozen north-land for a warmer winter climate, please notify the church office of the dates of your departure and return, and the address to which we can forward your church mailings. That way, we can keep you informed of important church events while you are away.

Sponsor a Family Gift Program at HOH

As the holidays approach, we know it's not an easy time for all families. For the past 12 years, the generosity of the Sponsor a Family Gift Program at HOH has eased holiday stress for many local families in need.

Once again, this year we have agreed to deliver to many of the agencies we have supported over the years. In fact, wish lists have been received from families at the YWCA, Neighborhood House, Liberty Plaza, Community of Peace School, and the Wilder Foundation.

Please consider adopting a family this holiday season. On November 5 and November 12, the Christmas Sponsor a Family sheets will be in the Kirk Parlor awaiting generous hearts. The suggested

amount per family member is \$50/person. Consider sponsoring a family as a team with another family. HOH will also contribute a \$50 Cub Foods gift card for each family's Christmas meal. Please send a check to the office and mark it "Christmas Sponsor a Family." We will be collecting checks until December 8.

Thank you all for participating, and may the spirit of generosity sustain us all. "You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you." (John Bunyan)

If you have any questions, please contact Stacy Paleen, spaleen@yahoo.com or Caroline Stone, chws@icloud.com.



Elizabeth Chapel Organ Recital Series

On **November 12 at 4 p.m.**, the Elizabeth Chapel Organ Recital Series will feature the Mirandola Ensemble with organist Aaron David Miller. The Mirandola Ensemble is one of the Twin Cities best known vocal ensembles specializing in stylish performances of historic vocal music. They will be led by artistic director Nicholas Chalmers. The vocal ensemble includes HOH's Choirmaster Matthew Culloton. The concert is free and open to the public.

Great Decisions

Saudi Arabia in Transition Molly Hayes

As Saudi Arabia struggles to adjust to the drastic decline in oil revenue, Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman attempts to transform the country and shift more power to the younger generation. At the same time, many countries such as the US point out the lack of democracy, women's rights, and human rights in Saudi Arabia, and blame its promotion on Wahhabism, an extremely conservative version of Islam. Bipartisan criticism of Saudi Arabia is rising in Congress.

Molly Hayes served as a foreign policy advisor for the State Department on the Middle East and East Africa from 2008–2014. As the counterterrorism advisor, she organized extensive engagement to counter violent extremism.

Year-End Giving at HOH

We welcome your donations through automatic giving on the HOH website. Visit hohchurch.org and click the blue button on the home screen labeled "My HOH." To create an account, select "Need a Log in" or log into your My HOH account and manage your donations online.

Thank you for taking a few moments to update your information. Your generous support is vital to this ministry.

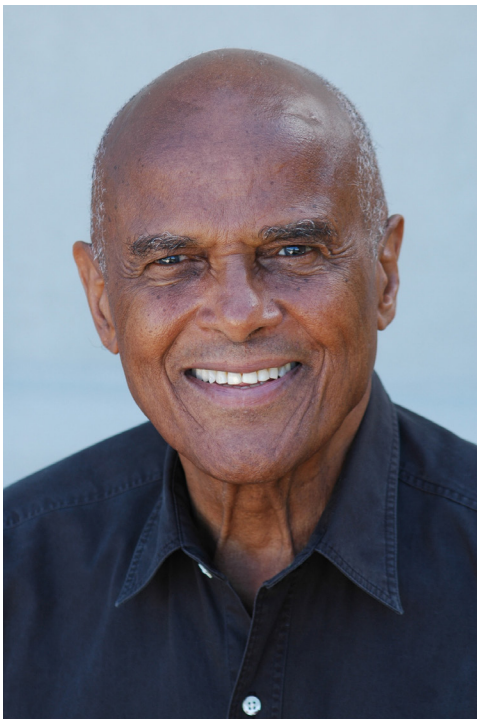
If you have any questions or would like assistance in setting up the account, contact Michelle Freyholtz, MichelleF@hohchurch.org, (651) 223-7556.

If you are making a payment toward your 2018 pledge in calendar year 2017, please indicate in the memo line of your check that it is for a "Prepaid Pledge for 2018." This ensures the correct allocation of your gift.

Great Decisions
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Join us! Guests welcome.

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SUNDAY SERIES

Harry Belafonte | January 14, 2018

Legendary music artist and actor Harry Belafonte possesses unparalleled experience in the arena of world-wide social justice struggles. Through his friendship with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., his work as a UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador, his role as celebrity ambassador for juvenile justice issues with the ACLU, Belafonte provides a vital perspective on some of the most pressing issues of our time—from the Black Lives Matter movement to U.S. foreign policy and humanitarianism in Africa.

Sunday Series events take place at 2 p.m. in the Sanctuary.
Free and open to the public.