

## Teddy Altman Bids Farwell to HOH

Hubert H. Humphrey died on January 13, 1978, the week I started my job as receptionist at HOH. What I expected to be a quiet church job, instead began with preparations for a high-profile funeral. It was a week of Secret Service clearances, sharp-shooters on the church roof, and ultimately, television cameras and most of the United States government in the Sanctuary. I was astonished.

The job seemed the dream job for me, a single mother of two boys, since it was advertised as "September through May, 9 a.m.–3 p.m." That felicitous schedule lasted one season; then I was promoted to full time. I was so grateful for the job that I was determined to make myself indispensable by taking on additional responsibilities and working hard.

Office technology in those days included the Selectric typewriter, addressograph, mimeograph machine, and 3M Thermofax copier. For the curious, these are all for sale on eBay as antiques and collector's items.

In the 1980s, I went back to school to earn my B.A. in English while continuing to work and raise my children, Mike and Rob Zamacona. They eventually graduated from St. Thomas University and Harvard University, respectively. Mike is

a high school special education teacher and baseball coach in St. Paul. Rob earned his MBA and is the COO of Tan Khoa Distribution Corporation in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. You set these things in motion.

Many of you know that I am a practicing Catholic, albeit an errant and liberal one. My home church, The Church of St. Louis, has been my creative writing muse for 25 years. I have written about worship, musical instruments, stained glass windows, Christian symbols, saints, and holy days.

House of Hope has been my second home; my sanctuary. Whenever I was beset by personal trials or sadness, I knew that I could come to this beautiful place and get busy working for the dedicated staff and congregation. I am proud of the church and the great good it does. What a privilege it has been to work among you. It has been my vocation, and you have been my dear friends, praying and cheering for me along the way.

I worked with a number of pastors over the years. I have learned from the genius of Calvin Didier, the gentle spirit of Jim Carter, the pastoral charisma of Linda Loving, and the profound humanitarianism of David Van Dyke. Working with David has been exciting and challenging. He has engaged me to orchestrate things of which I never knew I was capable (the writing seminars, the Sunday Series, "The Good Funeral" conference), and never doubted my ability. I have deep admiration and affection for him. Thank you, David.

I am sad to leave, but it is time. I need to be with my family, conserve my energy, and enjoy a slower pace. I am 70 years old and dealing with lung cancer (so far, so good!) with my beloved husband's constant attention. My heart is full of the melancholy of change, and gratitude for the blessing you have been to me.

—Teddy



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## SUNDAY SERIES *With Jill Biden*

Jill Biden, wife of 47<sup>th</sup> Vice President Joe Biden, is a mother and grandmother, a lifelong educator, a proud military mom, and an active member of her community. As Second Lady, Dr. Biden worked to bring attention to the sacrifices made by military families, to highlight the importance of community colleges to America's future, and to raise awareness around areas of importance to women, including breast cancer prevention, all while continuing to teach as a full-time English professor at a community college in northern Virginia.

Dr. Biden has always said that community colleges are "one of America's best-kept secrets." As a teacher, she sees how community colleges have changed the lives of so many of her students for the better. As Second Lady, she worked to underscore the critical role of community colleges in creating the best, most-educated workforce in the world.

**Sunday, October 22**

2 p.m. | Sanctuary | Free



## Save the Date

Celebrate Teddy's Retirement  
**November 12**

# Thirty-Nine Years of Devotion

Reverend David A. Van Dyke

Even before I began at House of Hope as your pastor, Teddy Altman was helpful as I prepared for my arrival in St. Paul. Throughout my tenure at the church, I have come to rely heavily on Teddy for her working knowledge of the congregation. Sitting outside the pastor's office for the past 39 years, Teddy has certainly seen and heard it all. And because what happens inside the pastor's office is often of a sensitive, confidential nature, the person who sits outside that office needs to have the full trust of the pastor in matters of discretion and confidence. Without question, Teddy has had my confidence.

In addition, I have come to rely on Teddy for her institutional memory. Like Google or a good reference librarian, I depend on Teddy not only with the details of big things, but for things like, "Doesn't so-in-so have a sister in the congregation?" Or, "How did we do it five years ago?" Teddy could always be counted on to help me fill in the blanks and connect the dots.

She also anticipated things for me and has been terrific at prompting me on pesky details that could otherwise easily fall through the cracks. "You are remembering to write that letter, aren't you?" she would say, and never in a way that sounded like nagging.

On many days, Teddy functioned as my better brain.

And I came to appreciate the way in which her deep devotion to this church and its mission was really an extension of her own faith. Throughout my ministerial career, two of the best administrative assistants with whom I've been fortunate to work, have both been Roman Catholic. I don't think that's a coincidence either. There often comes with being Catholic an unwavering devotion and commitment to the institutional church that, frankly, is sometimes the envy of Protestant clergy. In a true spirit of catholicism, Teddy Altman loves this church as she devoted her working life to it—as nothing less than a calling from God.

Sunday, November 12, we will return that love as we celebrate Teddy's remarkable career and ministry at House of Hope, both in worship and with a lovely reception to follow. Please join me in thanking her and wishing her all the best in the days ahead.

—David



## World Communion Sunday

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated on World Communion Sunday, October 1, 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.

## WORSHIP

10 a.m.

**Sunday, October 1**

**26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jeffrey T. Foels, preaching

The Motet Choir:

*Set Me as a Seal*, Rene Clausen

*Singet dem Herrn*, Johann Pachelbel

St. Nicholas Choir:

*At the River*, arr. by Aaron Copland

**Sunday, October 8**

**27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

David A. Van Dyke, preaching

The Motet Choir:

*Arise, Shine*, Ned Rorem

*Sing Joyfully*, William Byrd

St. Cecilia and St. Nicholas Choirs:

*In Heavenly Love*, Jonn Beck

**Sunday, October 15**

**28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

David A. Van Dyke, preaching

The Motet Choir:

*Wade in the Water*, Aaron David Miller

*The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee*, Jean Berger

St. Nicholas Choir:

*O Colored Earth*, Steve Heitzig

**Sunday, October 22**

**29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

David A. Van Dyke, preaching

The Motet Choir:

*O Give thanks to the Lord*, Arthur Bliss

*Adoramus te, Christe*, Eric Barnum

**Sunday, October 29**

**30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Reformation Sunday**

David A. Van Dyke, preaching

The Motet Choir:

*Praise to the Lord*, Hugo Distler

*Grant Us Thy Peace*, Felix Mendelssohn

St. Nicholas Choir:

*Ein Feste Burg*, Martin Luther





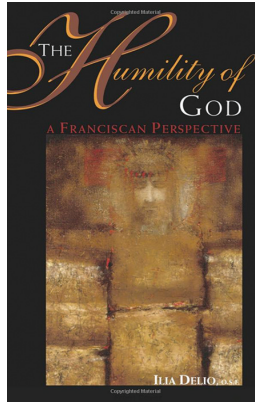
## Recommended Spiritual Read

"It cannot be that the people should grow in grace unless they give themselves to reading. A reading people will always be a knowing people." —Charles Wesley

### ***The Humility of God*, by Ilia Delio**

(St. Anthony Messenger Press, 2006)

This is a book about love—God's love for us and for the world. Ilia Delio provides an entry point into and pathway through the mystery of God. It begins with very humble images of God because ultimately love is such a vulnerable experience. As Orthodox theologian Vladimir Lossky wrote, "God is a beggar of love waiting at the soul's door without ever daring to force it." God's love for us is immeasurable and yet so often unrequited. She encourages us to enter the mystery because God will not invade us without our permission. Her pathway includes addressing evolution and modern physics alongside the older wisdom and the theology of Francis of Assisi, Bonaventure, Thomas Aquinas, and Pierre Teilhard de Chardin.



Franciscans are known for their theology of humility, hospitality, and love for life and the Creation. Delio weaves all of this into an understanding of who God is, how God relates to us, and how we might relate more closely to God.

#### **Suggested book on prayer:**

*The New Seeds of Contemplation*, by Thomas Merton (New Directions, 2007)

## Welcome Morning

by Anne Sexton

From the book: *Cries of the Spirit*,  
edited by Marilyn Sewell

There is joy  
in all:  
in the hair I brush each morning,  
in the Cannon towel, newly washed,  
that I rub my body with each morning,  
in the chapel of eggs I cook  
each morning,  
in the outcry from the kettle  
that heats my coffee  
each morning,  
in the spoon and the chair  
that cry "hello there, Anne"  
each morning,  
in the godhead of the table  
that I set my silver, plate, cup upon  
each morning.

All this is God,  
right here in my pea-green house  
each morning  
and I mean,  
though often forget,  
to give thanks,  
to faint down by the kitchen table  
in a prayer of rejoicing  
as the holy birds at the kitchen window  
peck into their marriage of seeds.

So while I think of it,  
let me paint a thank-you on my palm  
for this God, this laughter of the morning,  
lest it go unspoken.

The Joy that isn't shared, I've heard,  
dies young.

Support HOH's  
Mission Outreach  
while enjoying the  
camaraderie of  
fellow church  
members

Food • Games •  
Silent Auction in a  
Box • Live Auction

\$45 / person

register at  
[hohchurch.org/bash](http://hohchurch.org/bash)



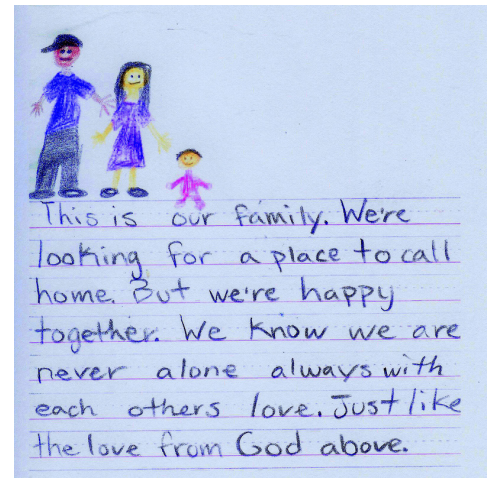
### Harvest of Hope Bash

A Benefit for House of Hope's  
mission outreach efforts

Friday, November 3, 2017  
5:30–9:00 p.m.

## It's time to order 2018 offering envelopes.

If you are already using them, you will automatically receive them for next year. If you are not currently using envelopes, but would like to do so, please contact Michelle Freyholtz, (651) 223-7556 or [MichelleF@hohchurch.org](mailto:MichelleF@hohchurch.org).



*Written by a 9-year-old girl who stayed at House of Hope in 2016.*

## Homelessness: What does it mean to be Homeless?

This October HOH celebrates the 20<sup>th</sup> year of hosting Project Home at HOH, a program that invites us to open our doors to homeless families. We provide shelter, food, security, and hospitality to families in need. Operated by Interfaith Action of Greater St. Paul, Project Home engages two different area faith communities to provide emergency shelter space and volunteer support for families facing homelessness in Ramsey County.

Ask yourself...

If you lost your home because of fire or flood, what would your family do?

How would you feel if you had to tell your friends that your family could no longer afford to stay in your home because your father or mother had lost a job?

Imagine if your mom and dad are both working, but their combined income is not enough to pay for food, clothing, and shelter for your family. What kind of stress would this cause in your family's life?

How would you feel if your parents told you that you could only take with you the things that would fit in a backpack?

How many of you have heard how important it is to get a good education? What would happen if you missed a lot of school because your parents were struggling to find a home for you to live in?

If you were homeless, what do you think you would pray for each night before going to sleep?

Respond by searching your heart to consider reaching out to welcome these children of God into our House of Hope.

Interested in helping? Sign up at the table in the Kirk Parlour on Sunday mornings or call the church office to volunteer. For more information on Project Home, please contact Jenny Stevens at (651) 263-5273, [jnn.stevens@gmail.com](mailto:jnn.stevens@gmail.com) or Dennis Anderson at (651) 730-4003, [dennis-st.paul@q.com](mailto:dennis-st.paul@q.com).

## Building Generosity

Stories of living generously are abundant in our congregation. From the way we made blankets for the residents of Prior Crossing, to the pounds of vegetables grown for Neighborhood House food shelf, to the hours spent pounding nails into Habitat for Humanity houses, HOH's generosity is at the core of who we are as a worship community. And yet, how do we invite and inspire our community to use God's gifts to grow as joyful and generous givers?

This past August, a team from HOH took a day to reflect on living generously at the Luther Seminary conference, "Beyond Abundance: Faithful Stewardship Language to Fit Our Realities."

Giving is a spiritual discipline and practice. It is as important as other practices such as worship, prayer, and service. The conference inspired us to ask mind-set changing questions, such as how do we practice using and appreciating the gifts God has blessed us with—our gifts of time, talent, and resources both individually and collectively? How do we build a vibrant worship community, while connecting each of our members with stewardship in a relationship and community-oriented way?

As we move faithfully forward into 2018, we invite you to share in conversations about growing the practice of giving in our worship community.



# The Three Hermits

## An opera by Stephen Paulus

On November 2 and 4 at 7:30 p.m., HOH will present a 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert.

The opera features a libretto by Michael Dennis Browne and is based on a short story by Leo Tolstoy. *The Three Hermits* gave birth to one of the most well-known choral works of the late 20<sup>th</sup> century, "The Pilgrim's Hymn," which has been performed thousands of times around the world.

Conducted by Matthew Culloton, the concert features many of the instrumentalists who premiered the work 20 years ago.

On October 15, Adult Enrichment will discuss *The Three Hermits* with librettist Michael Dennis Browne and past music directors Tom and Nancy Lancaster. They will share their experiences commissioning and presenting this first ever church opera at HOH.



Check out the new  
Monthly Activity Calendar.

Find your copy today in the  
Church office, at the Welcome  
Kiosks, or at [hohchurch.org](http://hohchurch.org).

## Sunday-Weekday Connections

Looking to connect with other women of faith? On Tuesday, October 24 at 6 p.m., gather in the Kirk Parlour to hear from Jan Favorite.

Jan is a longtime member of HOH whom many know as a talented caterer. This part-time work allowed her the flexibility to care for her special-needs son. She has written a book called *Raising Robert*, which shares how her family coped with her son's life-threatening syndrome. "House of Hope provided support through challenging times," Jan says, adding, "I choose every day to live a happy life."

Sunday-Weekday Connections brings together HOH women for food, fellowship, and conversation. All women of the church and their guests are welcome. The cost is \$25 per person.

Register at the table outside the Kirk Parlour after worship beginning October 15, or call Linda Lane at (651) 690-9661. Reservations can also be made through the church office.



## Great Decisions

### Nuclear Security with Speaker George Wells

Nuclear proliferation was a top priority for the Obama administration. While the Iran deal was a diplomatic victory, major threats were emerging to challenge the new U.S. administration. Foremost was North Korea, but also included ongoing threats from Russia, India, and Pakistan. All were challenging non-proliferation efforts. The possibility of terrorists using a "dirty bomb" made from captured materials looked increasingly real. In a fractious world, which way is forward for U.S. Foreign Policy?

**George Welles** is Principal and Founder of Imaging Futures, Inc. and a Senior Fellow at the University of Minnesota. He had 22 years of experience in leadership positions at research and development technology labs at telecommunications companies before starting his own company. He has worked with many government agencies and Fortune 500 companies including work on nuclear security.

**Great Decisions**  
October 10 | 4 p.m.  
Kirk Parlour | Visitors welcome.



## Christmas Sponsor-A-Family 2017

Seeing hundreds of boxes loaded into a U-HAUL truck last December was a testimony to the caring people who attend this church, who are willing to share with those in need.

**This year's goal is to sponsor 55 families.** Families will be available for "adoption" the weekend before Thanksgiving. Coordinate with friends, sharing a family works well.

# Children, Youth, and Family



## New Worship Bags

Check out the new worship bags located by the entrances to the Sanctuary. Children are encouraged to complete the trivia pages and leave them in their worship bags or return them to their Sunday school teachers. Each time a child completes the trivia, their name is entered into a quarterly drawing for a \$5 ice cream gift card. Complete multiple pages to increase your chance of winning. These items are meant for families to explore faith together at home.

## Nursery Texting System

Our nursery is implementing a texting system to “page” parents. Staff will text “911” to the parents if there is an emergency. Other texts will include the nature of your child’s need. Set your phone to vibrate and keep it with you.

## The Bash Childcare

Let us care for your children while you attend The Bash on November 3. Support this fundraiser and enjoy fellowship at HOH. Childcare is available from 5–9 p.m. Calling middle and high school youth to volunteer to babysit.

## Family Halloween Event

Families with children aged birth through third grade are invited to a Halloween-themed family fun event in October. Details to come.



## Tween Service Project

Fourth through sixth graders are invited for a night of service and fun at Feed My Starving Children in Eagan on Friday, October 6, 6–7 p.m. Help us pack meals for hungry children around the world.

Adult chaperones are needed. Carpool is available, but limited.

RSVP to Kiera Stegall at [KieraS@hohchurch.org](mailto:KieraS@hohchurch.org) by noon on Thursday, October 5. Let us know how many children will be attending, if parents are available to chaperone, and if carpool is needed. Friends in fourth through sixth grade are welcome.

## Afton Corn Maze

High school youth are invited to come to the Afton Corn Maze on October 22, 1–4 p.m. Cost is \$9 for youth.

## Middle School Retreat

October 6–8 at Clearwater Forest. Register at [clearwaterforest.org](http://clearwaterforest.org) and contact Doug to reserve a carpool seat. Adults interested in coming as chaperones are more than welcome and the church will pay their way.

## Tweens at Project Home Halloween Party

Fourth through sixth graders are invited to join us for the Project Home Halloween Party in the Great Hall on Wednesday, October 25, 6–8:30 p.m. Help us set up, enjoy, and clean up this fun event for the people we serve through Project Home. To RSVP contact Kiera Stegall at [KieraS@hohchurch.org](mailto:KieraS@hohchurch.org) or (651) 223-7547.



Ninth grade confirmation students participating in a team building exercise at Camp Saint Croix in September.

## Baptism

Baptism is a sacred time for children, families, and our church community. Our next baptism class is scheduled on Sunday, October 8, at 9 a.m. in the Library. Children are welcome to attend the class with you or you can contact Kiera Stegall at [KieraS@hohchurch.org](mailto:KieraS@hohchurch.org) or (651) 223-7547 to request childcare. Baptisms are scheduled for the third Sunday of the month. To schedule a baptism, contact Debbie Tschida at [DebT@hohchurch.org](mailto:DebT@hohchurch.org). We look forward to celebrating with you.

## Post-Sermon Discussion Leaders

We are looking for adult volunteers to lead the fifth and sixth grade discussion group on Sundays. Individuals should commit to a 15-minute discussion with tweens, as they reflect on the sermon and ask questions. No experience is necessary. If you are interested in facilitating this group once a month or once a quarter, please contact Kiera Stegall at [KieraS@hohchurch.org](mailto:KieraS@hohchurch.org) or (651) 223-7547.



**House of Hope  
Parents  
Facebook Page**

Please 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. Staff will add pictures and event information as well.





# Rally Sunday 2017

To "rally" means to come together again, or to regroup for a common purpose; it's a mass gathering, a time to renew our life together. When HOH rallies, we worship, then play, climb, bounce, and picnic.



## CLOISTER GALLERY



### Joy Hartl

**October 3–November 6**

"Growing up on a farm, I learned that Nature is the most sublime artist of all. When I thought of becoming an artist, that realization turned into a challenge. How could one capture the palette of a sunrise or sunset? Colors that constantly evolve into new hues and shades. How could one ensnare the monochromatic journey of clouds on canvas, ever shifting from glowing pastels to gloomy tones? How could one reveal the essence of a flower? The exquisite inner architecture that embraces galaxies of light and color.

More than a decade ago, I began intensive study to help me unlock the subtle beauty created by Nature. If my efforts allow you to see the beauty of a flower in a different way...appreciate the illusiveness of a cloud...admire the majesty of a sunset or sunrise, well, then, it's worth it.

**Visit [joyhartl.com](http://joyhartl.com) to view more of her work.**



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With the help of dedicated volunteers from our congregation and the community, **we donated over 150 pounds of fresh produce to Neighborhood House food shelf in September.**