



Rally Sunday is September 10

On Rally Sunday our church community comes together again. Many of us have been on a summer vacation at the lake, visiting family, or traveling, but in September the choirs return, education programs resume, and we gather for fellowship. It is a family reunion.

After 10 a.m. worship, we will enjoy an all-church picnic with burgers, hot dogs, and all the trimmings. The suggested donation is \$5 per person or \$20 per family. Greet old friends and make new ones. Leaders of House of Hope fellowship, education, music, and service groups will circulate to talk about their programs and to invite new members.

See you at the reunion!

Harvesting Hope Together

At the core of this church is a deeply embedded commitment to the community. We actively support organizations and programs that align with our values of social justice, human rights, theological education, and artistic expression.

HOH distributes grants to organizations using revenue from the operating fund, restricted endowments, funds raised at the Bash, and designated offerings. Needless to say, each year the church receives far more requests than it can fund.

This is where you come in. The Bash is a church-wide social event fondly dubbed a "party with a purpose." Since its inception in 2003, the Bash has raised more than \$800,000 in support of mission outreach efforts.

On this evening, we come together united in our belief that together we can impact the world through faith and generosity.



Join us! On **Friday, November 3, 2017** at 5:30 p.m. to raise funds to support local organizations in need. Purchase of a \$45 ticket will come with an autumn harvest dinner prepared by Winzer Stube

Restaurant in Hudson, music, games, a live auction, and a silent auction with a new twist.

Want to help? Consider donating an auction item. Items could include a stay at a lakeside cabin, box seats at sporting events, music or theatre events, hosting a gathering in your home, instruction in something you're good at (knitting, pie-making, etc.)—you get the idea. Look for us on Rally Sunday if you have a donation or would like additional information.

Register on the HOH website (hohchurch.org/bash) or buy tickets at the table outside the Kirk Parlour after worship beginning September 17.

Don't miss this evening of fun and fundraising.

Register! Donate! Volunteer!

Seasons

Pastor David A. Van Dyke

Spending a chunk of the summer season in Saugatuck, Michigan, is part of our family's routine. We've been doing it long enough that our children think of Saugatuck as their second home and they equate it with summer. But last summer was fairly consumed with Zoe's wedding to her partner Kelsey. This summer was consumed largely with the illness of Nancy's father and finally his death. Of course a funeral follows death and our entire family gathered to grieve, remember, and give thanks to God for his remarkable life.

So it struck me, at some point during this past summer, that the last two busy summers have been given over to very different seasons—one a hopeful new beginning and the establishment of a new family. The other, an ending—a poignant goodbye and the reminder that life is fragile and time spent with those we love is important. And what a privilege it was to be with Nancy's father in his final days and hours, and to accompany him as he made his final journey. Just as nature has its seasons, its rhythms and cycles, so too does life as we live it and as it unfolds. Ecclesiastes reminds us that there is a time and place for everything under the sun. And it names some of those seasons. A time to be born and time to die. A time to plant and a time to pluck up what was planted. A time to pick up stones and a time to set stones down.

When it comes to the seasons of life, some we can anticipate, while

others we cannot. Events sometimes plunge us into seasons—periods of time that need to be lived and worked through. And those events can be both times of unexpected joy, as well as disappointment and sadness. The good news in all of this, as people of faith, is that God walks with us through the various seasons of our lives. And even when the natural ordering of things is interrupted, God's over-arching love, grace, and steady presence in our lives remains uninterrupted. It has its own order despite all else.

With another summer gone and the fall season now hanging in the somewhat crisper air, we anticipate a new church year ahead. We will "rally" on Sunday, September 10, and launch yet another season in the life of our great church. We will begin again to live into the cycles and rhythms of the church year, anticipating all that is to come. We know there will be work to do. There always is. And surely, there will be challenges ahead. There always are. But that is true of every church, every family, of any community that gathers regularly and seeks, as we do in our case, to faithfully do the will of God in the world and make a difference in the lives of others. It's what The House of Hope Presbyterian Church has been doing in Saint Paul and beyond for the past 168 years. Glory to God!

—David



The Peace and Justice Committee of House of Hope condemns the August 5th bombing at the Dar Al Farooq Islamic Center in Bloomington, MN.

The United States is built on religious freedom and tolerance. In the words of Reverend Curtiss DeYoung, head of the Minnesota Council of Churches: "An attack on a mosque is an attack on a synagogue, an attack on a church, an attack on all communities of faith. We have to stand up to this kind of hate."

We ask all House of Hope members to do likewise.

WORSHIP

10 a.m.

Sunday, September 3
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

David A. Van Dyke, preaching

Sunday, September 10
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

David A. Van Dyke, preaching

Motet Choir:

Let Peace then Still the Strife,
Mack Wilberg

Antiphon (Let All the World in Every Corner Sing), Ralph Vaughan Williams

St. Nicholas Choir:

Bound for the Promised Land,
arr. Cristi Cary Miller

Sunday, September 17
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

David A. Van Dyke, preaching

Motet Choir:

Teach Me, O Lord, Byrd
Cantate Domino, Hans Leo Hassler

St. Nicholas Choir:

Song of Peace, Jean Sibelius

Sunday, September 24
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

David A. Van Dyke, preaching

Motet Choir:

Saints Bound for Heaven, Shaw/Parker
One More Thing, Josh Marshall

St. Nicholas Choir:

At the River, arr. Aaron Copland



SUNDAY SERIES

with Jill Biden | October 22



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Jill Biden, wife of 47th Vice President Joe Biden, is a mother and grandmother, a life-long 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 particular 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.

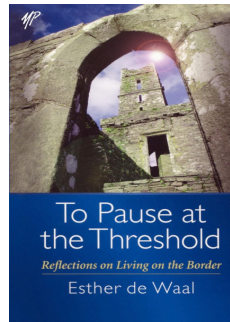
Dr. Biden joins us for an intriguing conversation on October 22 at 2 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Free and open to the public.

Recommended Reading

A good spiritual read is a friend on the way, a place to explore doubts, an opportunity for an "aha," an in-breaking of the Spirit, or a feast for the theological imagination. Here are two suggested reads, one on spiritual life and one on prayer for personal growth and discussion among friends. Bon Appetit! —*Pastor Julia A. Carlson*

***To Pause at the Threshold: Reflections on Living on the Border*, by Esther de Waal**

"A threshold is a sacred thing," according to ancient wisdom. This short volume is about reclaiming wisdom of thresholds in our fast-paced, high-tech lives. De Waal writes about real borders and county lines in Wales where she grew up and then goes on to use the idea of borders as a metaphor of how we might gain wisdom through life's changes.



As we enter fall, with another school year beginning and another winter ahead, this book offers a way to approach the changes in season and light with the eye of the heart; she addresses our rites of passage in the church as well as the veil between life and death to lead us into our own opus Dei, to make our lives "a work of God."

As De Waal discusses the border between our inner and outer lives, her challenge is to learn to live more deeply as a spiritual being. De Waal has a unique spiritual voice, combining her Celtic roots with Christian scholarship and Benedictine spirituality.

Suggested book on prayer: *The Celtic Way of Prayer*, by Esther de Waal

Waken In Me a Sense of Joy

O extravagant God,
in this ripening, red-tinged autumn,
waken in me a sense of joy
in just being alive,
joy for nothing in general
except everything in particular;
joy in sun and rain
mating with earth to birth a harvest;
joy in soft light
through shyly disrobing trees;
joy in the acolyte moon
setting halos around processing
clouds;
joy in the beating of a thousand wings
mysteriously knowing which way is
warm;
joy in wagging tails and kids' smiles
and in this spunky old city;
joy in the taste of bread and wine,
the smell of dawn,
a touch,
a song,
a presence;
joy in having what I cannot live without –
other people to hold and cry and
laugh with;
joy in love,
in you;
and that all at first and last
is grace.

—**Ted Loder**

From *Guerrillas of Grace: Prayers for the Battle* (Fortress Press, 2005)

New Books

Look for these and other new books on the New Book Shelf behind the conference table in the Church library.

On Care for our Common Home, Pope Francis

Democracy in Black, Eddie S. Glaude, Jr.

Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City, Matthew Desmond

The Innkeeper of Ivy Hill, Julie Klassen



Great Decisions

Foreign Policy and Petroleum
Ross Wilson, Speaker

What is the effect of U.S. petroleum security on foreign policy? For 45 years, the country has alternated between periods of energy security and insecurity.

Despite the so-called “energy revolution,” the U.S. is by no means disentangled from foreign dependence and global trends. To be successful makers of petroleum and foreign policy, we must recognize both petroleum security circumstances and partners in the relationship between petroleum and foreign policy.

Ross Wilson is a former U.S. Ambassador to Turkey and Azerbaijan. He served Secretaries of State James A. Baker, Lawrence Eagleberger, and Warren Christopher with deep involvement in relations with the new independent states

of the former USSR. From 2010–2014, he was director of the Atlantic Council’s Eurasia Center work with the former Soviet States and Turkey on regional energy and economic issues.

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

Register in the office or (651) 227-6311.

Great Decisions
September 12 | 4 p.m.
Kirk Parlour | \$60 per family
(annual fee includes book)

Sunday-Weekday Connections

Betty Folliard will kick off the new season of Sunday-Weekday Connections on Tuesday, September 26 at 6 p.m. in the Kirk Parlour.

Betty joined HOH this year. A former three-term state legislator, she has worked in theatre, as a business and political consultant, and as a congressional staffer. Betty is president of ERA Minnesota, an organization dedicated to passing the Equal Rights Amendment, and executive producer and host of the radio show, “A Woman’s Place,” on AM950.

Sunday-Weekday Connections brings together HOH women for food, fellowship, and conversation. All women of the church and their guests are welcome.

- We begin with social time at 6 p.m., light supper at 6:30 p.m., followed by a speaker.
- Cost is \$25 per person.
- Save the dates:
 - October 24, 2017
 - January 23, 2018
 - February 27, 2018
 - April 24, 2018

A registration table will be outside the Kirk Parlour after worship beginning September 17. Reservations can also be made through the Church Office.

Stephen Minister Training Begins Week of September 10



Are you interested in learning more about Stephen Ministry? Our volunteer group of Stephen Ministers works with HOH members and in the community to provide Christ-centered emotional and spiritual care to those who are suffering. Prayer and spiritual support can help us cope with challenges, illness, trauma, loss, and life transitions.

We will begin training a training the week of September 10. For more information about being a caregiver or a care receiver, contact Pastor Julia Carlson, (651) 223-7753 or JuliaC@hohchurch.org.

Get involved with Project Home

A project of Interfaith Action of Greater Saint Paul, Project Home engages area faith communities to provide emergency shelter space and volunteer support for Ramsey County families facing homelessness. For the last 20 years, HOH has hosted 20 emergency shelter beds during the month of October.

This October we need your help. We are looking for volunteers—adults and their children—to welcome homeless families into our church. There will be a sign-up table in the Kirk Parlour each Sunday morning or call the church office to register. We are grateful that House of Hope will be a welcoming place to spend the night for those without a home in October.

An optional orientation session for both new and past volunteers will be held on Sunday, September 24th at noon in the Youth Room (take the lower level stairs next to the Assembly Room). If you would like further information, please contact Jenny Stevens at (651) 263-5273, jnn.stevens@gmail.com or Dennis Anderson at (651) 730-4003, dennis-st.paul@q.com.

Adult Education and Events

Men's Breakfast Groups

Tuesdays, 7 a.m. | St. Clair Broiler
Contact Leo Sawicki (651) 481-9589,
lbsawicki@comcast.net

Thursdays, 7 a.m. | St. Clair Broiler

Contact Bill Liike (651) 224-0631

Bible Studies

Wednesdays, 10 a.m. | Church Library

Thursdays, 9:15 a.m. | Church Library

Except 1st Thursday in Kirby Lounge

Resume Wednesday, September 13 and
Thursday, September 14.

Loaves and Fishes

Go to loavesandfishesmn.org and click
on "volunteer" to get to the St. Matthew's
page. Contact Kay or Paul Solon
(651) 398-0643, solon@macalester.edu

Hard Hats

First Thursday of each month

9:00 a.m. | Maintenance Shop

Contact Facility Manager Jim Brzezinski
(651) 223-7559, JimB@hohchurch.org

Grief Support Groups

Thursdays | 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Held at Unity Unitarian (September–November)

Sponsored by Capital City Grief Coalition.
Contact Lois Knutson (651) 227-4430

Faith and Fibers

Second Monday of each month

6 p.m. | Church Library

Needlecraft, conversation, refreshments
and devotions.

Contact Jan Dickinson (651) 647-1786

Mission Sewing

**September 7, 9:30 a.m. | Dining
Rooms A&B**

Bring a lunch if you'd like to stay for
fellowship following our work.

Women's Breakfast Book Group

Fridays, 7–8 a.m. | Kirk Parlour

Breakfast, comraderie, lively discussion of
scheduled books.

September 8: Book Swap, Potluck

Breakfast, Kick-off

September 15, 22: *The Death of Ivan Ilyich*,
Leo Tolstoy

September 29: *The Nightingale*, Kristin
Hannah

Titles subject to change. Newcomers
welcome. Contact Jan Dickinson (651)
647-1786 or Elly Verhagen (651) 293-1924

Centering Prayer

Mondays, 11 a.m. | Kirk Parlour

Led by Julia Carlson. All are welcome.
Introduction to the practice at the
beginning of each gathering.

Women's Advocates

September 21, 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.

The Intercessor's Guild

has been in prayer for House of Hope
members and mission for nearly one
hundred years. If you have a joy or
concern for which you would like
confidential and consistent prayer,
contact David Goudzwaard-Vaught,
DavidGV@hohchurch.org, (651) 223-
7540 or Pastor Julia Carlson, JuliaC@hohchurch.org, (651) 223-7553.



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.



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guide to upcoming
activities and events!

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

Greeters Needed

HOH values warm, welcoming
hospitality. Please consider becoming
a greeter to offer members and visitors
a warm welcome as they enter church.
The commitment is generally one
Sunday per month, with occasional
opportunities for extra time. If you are
interested or if you have questions,
please contact Shana Wagner at
sharon.k.wagner@gmail.com.



House of Hope Parents Facebook Page

Join our "House of Hope Parents"
Facebook page to post messages to
other HOH parents, such as
invitations to join you at parks,
puppet shows, story times, etc. From
time to time staff will add pictures
and upcoming event information to
the page as well.



Children, Youth, and Family Programming

Children's Ministry on Sunday Mornings

Modeling Jesus and his words in *Mark 10:14* to "let the children come," HOH welcomes children with their voices to join their families in the Sanctuary for worship.

Infants and toddlers are welcome to join our professional staff and volunteers in the nursery, where they will feel God's love while engaging in a safe and nurturing environment. The nursery opens at 9:45 a.m.

- **Nursery Room 8:** birth through 18 months
- **Nursery Room 2:** 18 months through three years

PreK–4th Graders are invited to begin in the 10 a.m. worship service with their families. Worship bags are available in the Narthex and Sanctuary entrances. After the Time for Children, children will leave the service for an age-appropriate worship experience in the East Wing.

PreK–2nd Graders: Godly Play. Children develop a language around the mystery and history of our faith, our lives, and our existential limits.

3rd and 4th Graders: Sunday Studio. Children explore their faith through story, gain religious language, and enhance their spiritual experience through wonder and play.

5th and 6th Graders: Tween Transitions. Tweens are invited to stay in the worship service until after the sermon, then they will exit to discuss the sermon and worship elements with volunteer leaders.

What to Bring to the Nursery. Please provide a diaper bag or backpack with a full change of clothes, diaper or pull-up, bottle, pacifier, or other items that fit the needs of your child during worship. This fall, pagers will be replaced with a texting system.



HOH hosted a *Neighborhood Puppet Show* on Sunday, August 6th. Despite the drizzly weather, about 40 neighbors and church members gathered and enjoyed an entertaining show. We set up under the porte cochere and managed to stay dry and cozy!

Meet our Children and Family Ministry Support Staff

Hi! My name is **Kelsea Gilliland** and I am the Godly Play Storyteller and Children's Artist in Residence. I have a degree in art education and have been at HOH since 2016. I love helping children explore art and spirituality. I also enjoy large cups of tea and sharing recipes with friends.

Hi! My name is **MeeAe Kim** and I am the Nursery Coordinator and work in the infant room. I have been at HOH for 13 years. I love feeling a sense of belonging at HOH. I hope you will get to know our amazing staff and bring your children to the nursery on Sunday mornings.

Hi! My name is **Lelia Ellison** and I am the lead Nursery Caregiver in the toddler room. Working with children has been a passion since I could babysit.

Hi! My name is **Julie Jacobsen** and I am a lead Nursery Caregiver in the infant room. I have a degree in education and also work with the Jeremiah Program. I am excited to participate in the nursery ministry and get to know families at HOH! I enjoy the great outdoors, winters, and a good book.

Hi! My name is **Alice Andrastek** and I am a Nursery Caregiver in the toddler room. I am a senior at Highland Park High School and have been with the nursery ministry since 2014. I love playing with children and being part of the community at HOH. When I am not at school or in the church nursery, I enjoy running and working at Jamba Juice.

Hi! My name is **Robert Dean** and I am a Nursery Caregiver in the toddler room. I am a senior at Central High School and have been with the nursery ministry for two years. I love meeting new people at HOH and am a calming presence for young children. I enjoy playing the piano and anything Harry Potter.



Choir School

Choir School CD: Sing for Joy

The beauty of children's voices shines in this new recording from House of Hope Choir School. ***Sing for Joy*** is a wonderful collection of anthems, including favorites such as John Rutter's *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*, *The Father's Love* by Simon Lole, and many others.

Purchase your copy on Rally Sunday. CDs are \$20 and support Choir School events.

Hmm, Choir School?

Not sure about choir, but interested in trying it out? Children are encouraged to visit rehearsals before joining. New choristers of all ages are always welcome.

Contact Choir School Director Sofia Ardan at SofiaA@hohchurch.org for more information or to arrange a visit.



Connecting Through Godly Play

This year the PreK–K and 1st–2nd grade Sunday School classes will utilize the Godly Play curriculum, helping kids explore their faith through story, gain religious language, and enhance their spiritual experience through wonder and play.

Godly Play:

- Offers a creative, imaginative approach to Christian formation and spiritual guidance.
- Has a Montessori foundation with 40+ years of research and practice.
- Values process, openness, discovery, community, and relationships.
- Models the worship life, stories, symbols, and rituals of Christian congregations.
- Allows practitioners to make relevant and personal theological meaning.
- Nurtures participants to larger dimensions of belief and faith through wondering and play.

This year the 3rd–4th grade Sunday School class will utilize the Dwell curriculum (Marvel), helping kids find a place in God's story. The curriculum includes:

- **Gathering for God's Story:** Coming together to greet one another and greet God in worship via an opening question or activity.
- **Entering the Story:** The heart of the session in which the Bible story is presented to kids.
- **Living into the Story:** Kids revisit the story by retelling it in creative ways, wondering about it, and allowing it to sink into their hearts.
- **Living Out of the Story:** Brings the story back to the kids' lives, putting them in touch with familiar situations in which God is speaking to them as God spoke to biblical characters in the story.

More information is available at:
www.godlyplayfoundation.org.

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"Front and Center"
Michael Wong

CLOISTER GALLERY | September 2017

Photographer Michael Wong
Japanese Brush Painting Artist Ben Wong

Michael and Ben Wong are first cousins who create art using two different forms of artistic expression.

Michael takes photographs to express his view of the world. He is attracted to images with strong elements of line, form, pattern, texture, and of course, light. He reveals moments that are mostly quiet, unnoticed or overlooked. And creates a story or metaphor to go along with the visual aspects of a photograph to share that experience with the viewer.

Ben's form is Japanese ink painting (Sumi-e), created with brush, ink stick, ink stone, and rice paper. His work strives to capture the essence or spirit of the subject, whether it be a bird, flower or landscape. Ben is a member of the Minnesota Ming Chiao Chapter of the Sumi-e Society of America. This past February, Ben co-ordinated the Minnesota chapter's Cloister Gallery exhibit, which featured over 20 artists.



"Witches Tree"
Ben Wong