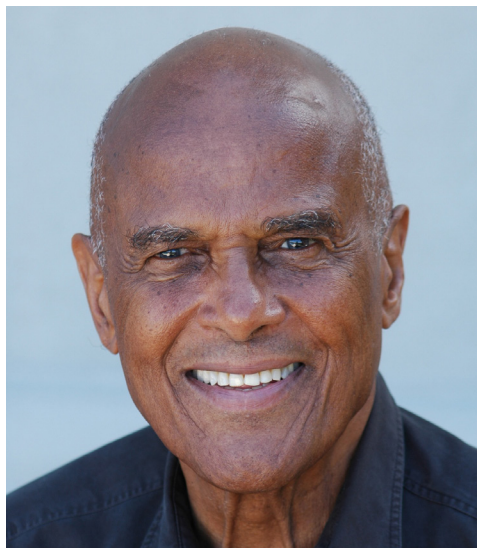




SUNDAY SERIES

Harry Belafonte | January 14



Legendary music artist and actor Harry Belafonte possesses unparalleled experience in the arena of world-wide social justice struggles.

Belafonte has spent decades on the frontlines of struggles all over the world, from the Civil Rights Movement in the United States to anti-apartheid efforts in Africa. Whether drawing on his friendship with the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., his work as a UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador, or his role as celebrity ambassador for juvenile justice issues with the American Civil Liberties Union, Belafonte provides audiences a vital perspective on some of the most pressing issues of our time. This involvement includes the Black Lives Matter movement, equal rights struggles, U.S. foreign policy, and humanitarianism in Africa.

Belafonte was the first black performer to win an Emmy Award and the first recording artist to sell over a million copies of a single album with Calypso (1956) featuring his hit "Day-O."

Belafonte met a young Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on King's historic visit to New

York in the early 1950s. He and King developed a deep and abiding friendship, and Belafonte played a key role in the civil rights movement, including the 1963 March on Washington.

"Each and every one of you has the power, the will, and the capacity to make a difference in the world in which you live."

—Harry Belafonte

In 1985, disturbed by war, drought, and famine in Africa, Belafonte helped organize the Grammy-winning song, "We Are the World," a multi-artist effort to raise funds for Africa. Belafonte was active in efforts to end apartheid in South Africa and release Nelson Mandela.

Belafonte served as the cultural advisor for the Peace Corps, a UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador, and was honored as an Ambassador of Conscience by Amnesty International. Recently, Belafonte founded the Sankofa Justice & Equity Fund, a nonprofit social justice organization that utilizes the power of culture and celebrity in partnership with activism. It is a space for artists to confront issues that negatively impact marginalized communities.

Belafonte has four children, eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. He lives in New York with his wife.



28th Annual MLK Holiday Breakfast Building Bridges for a Bold Dream

Monday, January 15, 7–9:30 a.m.
Multiple neighborhood locations

Each year, the General Mills Foundation and United Negro College Fund (UNCF) present an annual MLK Holiday Breakfast in downtown Minneapolis to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

This year's keynote speaker is David Oyelowo, a British-Nigerian actor and producer. David played the role of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in the Oscar-nominated film *Selma* (2014), for which he was nominated for a Golden Globe and won an NAACP Image Award.

Breakfast entertainment also includes special guests, Sounds of Blackness.

With the help of volunteers, Interfaith Action of Greater St. Paul hosts breakfasts at multiple neighborhood locations, featuring a live broadcast of the General Mills event, as well as a hot breakfast and local programming.

Please reference the Interfaith Action website (<http://interfaithaction.org/mlk>) for a full list of breakfast sites and registration information. Adult \$5, ages 12 and under free.

Please join us in building bridges for Dr. King's bold dream!

Sunday, January 14

Sanctuary | 2 p.m. | Free

Doors open 30 minutes in advance.

A Grateful Goodbye

Reverend David A. Van Dyke

As I write my last Anchor article, my heart is overflowing with gratitude for the opportunity and privilege of serving as your pastor for the past ten-and-a-half years. Serving this amazing congregation has been a tremendous honor, and I tried to always be mindful of the many saints who went before, paved the way, sacrificed and worked. Saints who poured their devotion, resources, and energy into making this church a leading institution in St. Paul and the denomination. I was mindful every day that I was a steward of this tradition and of the historical commitment to excellence in all we do, whether it's our mission outreach efforts, worship and music, education, the arts, or tending to our beautiful building.

But in a much broader sense, I am grateful to have spent most of my working life serving in parish ministry. I am indebted to the other congregations I have served. The Reformed Dutch Church of Prattville, NY; The Forest Hills Presbyterian Church and Central Reformed Church in Grand Rapids, MI; and The Broad Street Presbyterian Church in Columbus, OH. In each place I have served, I have learned far more important things than how to be a better preacher and run an organization. I have learned powerful lessons about grace, commitment, sacrifice, perseverance in the face of obstacles, and what it means to be human. I have seen lives fall apart and, by God's grace, get put back together. I have celebrated with people in their highest moments and stood with them in their lowest hours. I got to listen as people shared things with me they'd never told another soul. And I am deeply honored for the extraordinary privilege of having been invited in, to share in those moments.

Looking back at my ministerial career, I am grateful for my parents who planted the earliest seeds of faith in me, and who lived long enough to see me flourishing and happily serving in ministry. I am



grateful for clergy colleagues and friends throughout the years and across the church, and for their wisdom, support, and good humor. I am thankful for those who mentored me and taught me early on how to "do church." For Presbyterians, there are ways to do it and ways not to do it!

I am grateful for the encouragement and affirmation I have received throughout my career, that offsets by a large margin the criticisms and complaints that simply come with the territory. And I could have had no better partner in this journey than Nancy, who has lovingly and graciously embraced my calling and vocation, making it something of her own.

I will miss so many things about serving here and living in St. Paul, but I am looking forward to a new chapter that has yet to be written. My family and I look forward to celebrating with you on January 21. And so to you, the members of House of Hope, know that you are standing on a solid foundation, and are boldly engaged in the community in which you reside. You are blessed with an incredibly talented and committed staff and you have so much to offer so many. Clearly, the wind is at your back and I can't wait to see where God leads you in the days and years ahead.

In Christ's love,

—David

WORSHIP

10 a.m.

Sunday, January 7
Baptism of the Lord

Sacrament of Holy Communion
David Van Dyke, preaching

Sunday, January 14
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

David Van Dyke, preaching

Motet Choir
Anthems

St. Cecilia and St. Nicholas Choirs
Praised by the Lord, Greene

Sunday, January 21
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

David Van Dyke, preaching

Motet Choir
Anthems

St. Nicholas Choir
Lead Me On, Schmidt

Sunday, January 28
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeffrey T. Foels, preaching

Motet Choir
Anthems

St. Nicholas Choir
If Ye Love Me, Tallis

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.

Transitional Pastor Update

On behalf of the Session and its Personnel Committee, we want to update you on the search process for our Pastor, Head of Staff. In accordance with Presbyterian polity, we will have a period of transition—guided by a Transitional Pastor—as the first step in this search.

The process of securing a Transitional Pastor began promptly after David Van Dyke announced his retirement from parish ministry. The Session with the approval of the Presbytery, is charged with obtaining the services of a candidate in a temporary pastor relationship. The Personnel Committee is currently recruiting candidates and reviewing applications. It will soon interview applicants and then recommend to the Session an individual to become our Transitional Pastor. No formal call will be issued and no formal installation will take place. The person serving in a temporary pastoral relationship is contracted for one year. If the need arises, the term may be extended with the approval of the Presbytery. The Transitional Pastor will not be a candidate for the Pastor, Head of Staff position.

The Personnel Committee is working to have a Transitional Pastor in place as soon as possible and will keep the congregation updated as we move through the process.

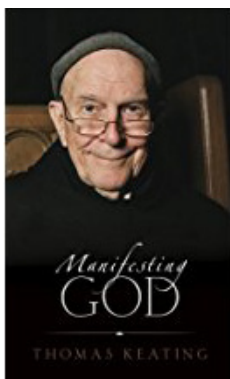
Once the Transitional Pastor arrives, we will formally begin the process of finding a new Pastor, Head of Staff. Initial steps include completing a mission study to discern both the present and the potential of the ministry and mission of House of Hope, then electing a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) to find and nominate the right person for the role of our senior pastor.

*Gloria Olsen, Personnel Committee Chair
Kay Solon, Clerk of Session*



Recommended Spiritual Read

Chosen by Julia Carlson



Manifesting God, by Thomas Keating
Lantern Books, 2005

What if to repent is to change the direction in which you are looking for happiness? Thomas Keating wants each one of us to get better acquainted with “the Ultimate Reality” than we think possible. Keating believes that God is “not an image but an experiential presence.” This is comparable to another Catholic, Karl Rahner, who once stated that “you will either be a mystic (one who has experienced God for real) or nothing at all.”

Contemplatives like Keating and practices like Centering Prayer offer the opportunity to go deeper, get closer, and seek growth in God. God uses invitation, Keating urges readers to move from not praying to praying, to turn from one understanding of prayer as talking to God to the many ways of prayer as listening for God.

New Year . . . new read . . . new practices! Happiness may lie in another direction. This book is now available in the church library.

Suggested book on prayer:

Friendship with Jesus: A Way to Pray the Gospel of Mark, by David L. Miller
(Augsburg Books, 1999)

The Guest House

by Rumi

This being human is a guest house.
Every morning a new arrival.

A joy, a depression, a meanness,
some momentary awareness comes
as an unexpected visitor.

Welcome and entertain them all!
Even if they're a crowd of sorrows,
who violently sweep your house
empty of its furniture,
still, treat each guest honorably.
He may be clearing you out
for some new delight.

The dark thought, the shame, the malice,
meet them at the door laughing,
and invite them in.

Be grateful for whoever comes,
because each has been sent
as a guide from beyond.

The Essential Rumi (Harper Collins, 1997)

New in the Church Library

The Art of Janet McKenzie,
edited by Susan Perry

In the Footsteps of Jesus,
by Jean-Pierr Isbouts

What the Mystics Know, by Richard Rohr

Manifesting God, by Thomas Keating

The Man Who Invented Christmas,
by Les Standiford



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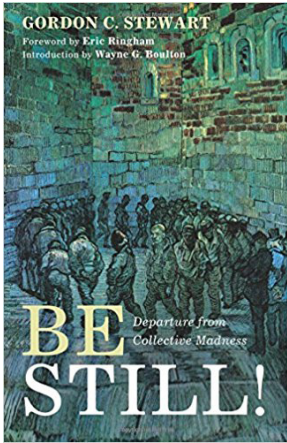
Sign up today for the HOH Enews to stay up-to-date about upcoming activities.

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



Adult Education

Lent 2018 In-Depth Study



The season of Lent is a time of prayer, fasting, and self-examination in preparation for the celebration of the resurrection of the Lord at Easter.

This year, HOH will use Gordon Stewart's new book *BE STILL! Departure from Collective Madness* as a launching point for our discussion and learning. This six-week study will take place on Wednesday evenings February 21–March 28 at 7 p.m. with ordained minister Gordon Stewart.

"Gordon Stewart's Be Still! touches the pulse of our times with the rare combination of unwavering candor and tender mercy."

—Lucy A. Forster-Smith,
Sedgwick Chaplain, Senior
Minister in the Memorial
Church, Harvard University

The essays in *Be Still!* zoom in on moments of time where the world is making headlines, drawing attention to the sin of exceptionalism in its national, racial, religious, and cultural manifestations.

Adult Enrichment

January 28: Cancer in Antiquity

Bob McKinnell is a HOH member and an esteemed emeritus professor of genetics, cell biology, and development at the University of Minnesota. He will share from his current writing projects, on a history of cancer in antiquity.

Peace and Justice

Sunday Enrichment Series

Join the Peace and Justice Committee on Sundays in February to learn about our focus areas.

Sunday, February 18

Dr. Joel Light, Assistant Professor of Biology at the University of Northwestern–St. Paul, will present the topic of Climate Justice and the Church. Dr. Light will provide an overview of the Biblical call to care for God's Creation and the vulnerable through the integration of science and theology. He will help to define what climate justice is in the context of the Christian church. He will tell stories about our neglect of these principles and the imperative for Christians to struggle well in our protection of the environment and the people who depend on it. He will explore practical methods of engagement in climate justice work.

Sunday, February 25

How are the youth at Prior Crossing doing? Why are so many people homeless? What are the issues underlying the housing crisis? What can a collaborative of over 80 faith communities really do to end homelessness?

To learn more about Advancing Housing Equity, one of the focus areas of the Peace and Justice Committee, Lee Blons, the Executive Director of Beacon Interfaith Collaborative will be at House of Hope to help us learn more about the present work at Prior Crossing and the future hopes and actions that are "in the

works" across the Collaborative to end homelessness.

Because of the work of many, more than 800 people currently have a stable home in 17 Beacon properties, including Prior Crossing, but that is just a start. More than 80 communities of faith and counting, Beacon congregations are called by faith to take action to assure all people have a home. As a collaborative of congregations, Beacon creates homes in partnership with congregations, and advances equitable housing by calling for solutions in our communities. Please join in this important conversation. House of Hope can help pick the next housing and policy initiatives that Beacon takes on.



Prior Crossing is a housing partnership between House of Hope, Beacon Interfaith Collaborative, and Amherst H. Wilder Foundation that provides 44 units of subsidized housing to youth aged 18–24.

More than just housing, tenants also have access to a suite of comprehensive services and full-time staff to help them achieve their educational goals and find employment. Young tenants pay a designated portion of their income in rent, allowing them to budget and develop personal finance skills needed for independent futures. Prior Crossing's location on the Green Line also reduces transportation barriers many youth face in getting to work or school, making sustained employment and education more attainable goals.



Thank you to all who have pledged for 2018. If you have not already contributed, we welcome your donations at hohchurch.org. Click the blue button on the home screen labeled "My HOH."

Your generous support is vital to this ministry. Thank you.

For details or to register, call the church office or visit: <http://bit.ly/DavidRetirement>.



"Individuals make up the lion's share of charitable contributions," says Una Osili, Ph.D., director of research at the Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy.



We need interest from at least 20 people to meet requirements for the group travel company. Contact Julia Carlson, (651) 223-7553, JuliaC@hohchurch.org.

In a true pilgrimage, an outward journey serves to frame an inner journey: a journey of repentance and rebirth; a journey which seeks a deeper faith, greater holiness; a journey in search of God.

\$18.55 billion from corporations
\$30.36 billion from bequests
\$59.28 billion from foundations
\$281.86 billion from individuals



Children, Youth, and Family Programming

Save the Dates:

January 7: One-room Sunday school;
Twins in worship

January 10: Children and Family Com-
mittee Meeting at 6 p.m.

January 21: Twins in worship

February 4: One-room Sunday school;
Twins in worship

February 9: Twins event

February 11: Third graders receive their
Bibles in worship

The Bible Tells Me So Class

January 14, 21, and 28

Third and fourth graders will meet in Din-
ing Rooms A & B during Sunday school
for a fun-filled time exploring the Bible.
In this class, children will learn about the
history of the Bible, the types of litera-
ture it contains, and how to navigate the
Bible. Each week will be filled with treats,
bizarre stories, and skill development.
Third graders will be presented with their
Bibles during worship on Sunday, Febru-
ary 11.

January Parent Meeting

Sunday, January 14, 11:15 a.m.

As House of Hope moves into a time
of transition, we are excited about new
ministry offerings and social events for
our families. Come to a parent meeting
in the Great Hall to learn more and voice
your opinions. Nursery will be available.
Pre-K through fifth graders are invited to
take advantage of activity pages in the
Great Hall during this time.

January Tween Event

Friday, January 19, 6–7:30 p.m.

Fourth through sixth graders are invited
to an evening of pizza, fellowship, and
service in the Youth Room. Merete Nel-
son will share a special project, inviting
us to partner with her and her Girl Scout
troop to support the patients and fami-
lies at Gillette Children's Hospital. Please
bring \$5 for dinner.

Storytime at Red Balloon

**Wednesdays, 10:30–11 a.m.,
beginning January 10**

House of Hope invites infants through
preschoolers and their guardians to a
special storytime at Red Balloon Book-
shop, located at 891 Grand Avenue, St.
Paul. Storytime is free to the public.

Creative Expressions

Pre-K through fifth graders are invited to
join Kelsea Gilliland and Kiera Stegall in
Dining Rooms A & B for a new children's
ministry offering beginning Sunday,
February 11. We will bring spirituality and
the arts to life from 11:15 a.m.–noon, as
we explore our faith through a variety of
visual art materials and projects. Children
will select their favorite pieces to display
in the church gallery in May.

Parents Night Out

Friday, February 23, 5–10 p.m.

Register your child for our Parents Night
Out Pajama Party at House of Hope.
The cost is \$20 for the first child and \$5
for each additional child. Pizza, apple
sauce, carrots, cookies, lemonade, and
water will be provided for children, two
years old through fifth grade. Infants and
toddlers need to bring their own meals.
Reservations for this event are required
by Sunday, February 11. Contact Kiera
Stegall at KieraS@hohchurch.org or
(651) 223-7547 for more information.



Spotlight on the Alleluia Choir



Geared for children age 4–first grade, the Alleluia Choir
meets Wednesday afternoons for music and singing—
and now theater too! Celebrating 18 years as a Choir
School instructor, Jessica Bandelin leads our youngest
choristers in joyful song. Through games and singing, children expe-
rience music and church community in a positive and fun way.

Beginning in January, we are excited to welcome Kiera Stegall to lead
a theater and drama class, geared specifically for this age group. Both
singing and drama classes will culminate in a performance in May.
Children can participate in singing only from 4:30–5 p.m. or singing
and drama from 4:30–5:30 p.m.

To register your child or for more information, contact Choir School
Director Sofia Ardan, SofiaA@hohchurch.org by January 8.

Sunday–Weekday Connections

Start the New Year by making a new connection with women of faith. On Tuesday, January 23, at 6 p.m., we'll gather in the Kirk Parlour to hear from Kiera Stegall.

Kiera joined the House of Hope staff as Director of Children and Family Ministry in June 2017. Born on Long Island, New York, Kiera grew up in West Palm Beach, FL, and earned her Master of Divinity from Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta, GA. She now lives in South Minneapolis with her husband, Jonathan, daughter Leila (a first-grader), a 14-year-old cat, and a recently adopted

seven-year-old dog. When not at work Kiera enjoys teaching children's theater classes, attending cultural activities with her family, reading Harry Potter and, "drinking coffee much more often than I should."

Sunday–Weekday Connections brings together HOH women for food, fellowship, and stimulating 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 January 14. Reservations can also be made through the Church office.



Habitat for Humanity Update

The site for our January 27 project will be in West St. Paul at 1081 Gorman Avenue. This is an older house that is being rehabbed and we will be working inside on trim. Our site supervisor is Melissa whom many of you know from prior projects.

For details and to sign up please go to: <https://tchabitat.volunteerhub.com/lp/faithbuilders/events>.

All levels of experience are needed. Contact Dave Olsen, davewolsen@yahoo.com.



CLOISTER GALLERY



Works by Gordon Coons

January 9–February 19, 2018

Gordon Coons' heritage is Ojibwa from the Lake Superior Chippewa Band of Wisconsin (father) and Ottawa from Michigan (mother). He is an enrolled member of the Lac Courte Oreilles Tribe of northern Wisconsin and lives in Minneapolis.

Gordon is a self-taught artist, creating works in a variety of mediums including linoleum block prints, paintings, pen and ink, creations in stone and wood, and assembled sculptures. Although his artwork is contemporary, each piece portrays a unique view of traditional native stories.

Visit gordoncoons.com to view more of his work.

Save the date: April 6-8, 2018 Women's Retreat

St. John's Guesthouse in Collegeville, MN

The theme will be "Baptismal Waters" and Reverend Dixie Brachlow will facilitate.

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