



Research has shown this simple truth: When people give to God's work through the church, they feel closer to God. They become personally invested. It is deeply meaningful to give in ways that empower the work of God's people.

This is an important time in the life of House of Hope. We are taking a good look at what we love most about this church, and what our dreams are for the future. The greater the response to the Stewardship drive, the more we can plan for a vibrant future.

Our theme this year is "With God, All Things Are Possible" (Mark 10: 27). God has given House of Hope so many powerful opportunities. But it is up to every member to do their part. Our response to God is always in recognition of God's powerful love, which empowers us to love.

Stewardship is all about this: God loves us—and we are moved to respond to God. If we look at our lives, we see all of the wonderful gifts God has given to us. God's love fills us with gratitude. We are moved to want to be part of God's work.

Commitment Sunday is November 11. As all the members bring their pledge cards forward, we encourage parents to bring their young children with them. It is an inspiring sight to see all the gifts given in response to God's love.

House of Hope has a powerful and promising future. We will experience it together more incredibly as we connect to God's work by pledging. With God, all things are possible.

Yours in Christ,
Reverend Andrew McDonald



Thanksgiving Eve Worship | November 21

Thanksgiving Eve Service will be held in the Sanctuary at 7 p.m. with music by the Motet Choir and the Choir School. Reverend Julia Carlson will preach. All members and friends are invited to join us in worship and giving thanks. Childcare available. Bring your Food Shelf offering to the service whether in cans, boxes, or cash.

The First Sunday of Advent

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated on the First Sunday of Advent, December 2, 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.

The Advent Celebration will follow worship at 11:15 a.m.



Farewell from Diane Smith



I've had a long and wonderful working career in several business sectors; advertising and public relations, mortgage

lending and banking, philanthropy, and working for the church. I've enjoyed the professional opportunities and personal growth I've experienced throughout my 40-plus year working life. Forty-plus years, wow that's a long time to work. But if you love what you do, it doesn't really seem like work. Anyway, for me that has always been the case.

Will miss it? Yes, I will miss my colleagues at House of Hope. They have provided support to me in times of sadness and personal trial, laughter in times when I needed it most, and professional support as we accomplished many great things together for this church and congregation. I'll miss all the connections I've made through the years, with vendors and suppliers, colleagues at the presbytery, and connections with other church business administrators here in the Twin Cities and around the country.

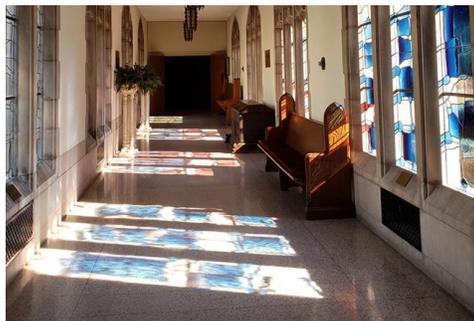
I'll miss the work, too; it's been engaging and rewarding. An opportunity to use so many of the skills I've honed over the years. From the very beginning it felt like the perfect job for a generalist like me. A great variety of things to keep me engaged in and challenged by. And while it's difficult to recall just one example of the many, many great things we accomplished together, I do remember fondly my first days at House of Hope and being asked to serve on the 2014 Capital Campaign Construction Task Force and to provide support to the campaign

fundraising group. What a wonderful opportunity it was to work with such a great group of folks. I will always be proud of the work we accomplished together to improve this building—a new roof, stronger bell tower, cleaner and newly tuckpointed exterior, new terrazzo floors, new elevator and accessible ramps—a lasting memory, indeed.

To say thank you to folks is hard because I fear I might leave someone important out of my litany of gratitude. But I'll chance it to say how grateful I am to Reverend Van Dyke for offering me the position. It's always felt like a dream job to me. Thank you to Michelle, Anne, David, Deb, Malinda, Jim, Shelley, Dan, and Mike for their daily support of the work we do in the administrative and operations areas. You all make me look good each and every day through your hard work, dedication, and professionalism. And to Julia, Jeff, JoAnn, Tom, and Andrew for pastoral support and leadership now and over the past nine-plus years. It has been my great pleasure to work alongside all of you. And to this congregation and all who serve it well, I look forward to our continued work together as I take my seat in the pew on Sunday as a fellow congregant and supporter of the work we will continue to do together at House of Hope.

"When one door closes, another one opens, but we often look so long and regretfully at the closed door that we fail to see the one that has opened for us." This quote from Alexander Graham Bell is a reminder to me to look at retirement as an opportunity to learn something new, experience new places and people, and be open to all that is possible in my future.

—Diane



**Celebrate Diane's
ministry of
administration**

November 11, 2018

WORSHIP

10 a.m.

Sunday, November 4
24th Sunday after Pentecost
All Saints Sunday

Motet Choir:

Lay Me Low (from Shaker Songs), Siegfried

The Scholars:

God Be In My Head, Martin How

Sunday, November 11
25th Sunday after Pentecost
Commitment Sunday

Motet Choir:

Thou Wilt Keep Him, Sumsion
O Sing Unto the Lord with Thanksgiving,
Harris

St. Nicholas and St. Cecilia Choirs:
Tree Song, Medema

Sunday, November 18
26th Sunday after Pentecost

Motet Choir:

Heavenly Display (from Shaker Songs),
Siegfried
Walk Together, Children, Hogan

St. Nicholas and St. Cecilia Choirs:
At The River, arr. Copland

Wednesday, November 21
Thanksgiving Worship, 7 p.m.

Motet Choir:

Stay with Us, Hovland

The Scholars:

All Things Bright and Beautiful, Rutter

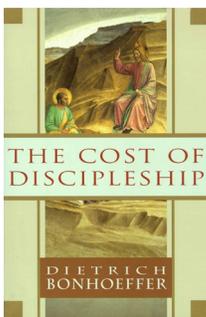
Sunday, November 25
Christ the King Sunday

Motet Choir:

Cantate Domino, Schutz



Recommended Spiritual Read



The Cost of Discipleship by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

After escaping Nazi Germany with the help of friends in 1939, Bonhoeffer made the decision to return. He felt he needed to be

reconstruction of Christian life in Germany after the war if I do not share the trials of this time with my people.”

Bonhoeffer is perhaps best known for this book. In it, he expounds on grace—both cheap grace and costly grace. His is a voice like no other, as he works with the realities of living in the world with a mind toward sacrifice and ethical consistency as disciples of Jesus Christ.

faithful to the oppressed and persecuted citizens of his homeland. He was motivated by a sense of hope, as he wrote, “I shall have no right to participate in the



Women's Annual Advent Breakfast

Friday, December 7, 7–9 a.m.

Town & Country Club
300 Mississippi Blvd N, St. Paul

“The Gospel According to Uncertainty”
Rev. Gale W. Robb, Guest Speaker
A look at various Advent texts—and how we live well (or not so well) with uncertainty.

All women are invited to the Town & Country Club for a relaxed breakfast, conversation and camaraderie, and an inspiring meditation for the Advent Season by Rev. Gale Robb. Gale is a retired Presbyterian pastor who spent her entire career in interim ministry. She served three different terms at House of Hope—as Stated Supply Associate Pastor for Membership and Growth, Interim Associate Pastor, and acting Head of Staff.

Cost for the breakfast is \$20 per person. Please make your reservation with payment at the table outside the Kirk Parlour on Sundays during November.

House of Hope Christmas Wreaths

November 27–January 6



This year, House of Hope members are invited to have a favorite Christmas wreath displayed during the Christmas season in the Cloister Gallery.

Please drop off either a fresh decorated wreath or an artificial wreath that is a favorite of yours. Wreaths can be dropped off on the Sunday after Thanksgiving, November 25 (before or after the service in the Bridal Room) or Monday, November 26. More detailed information will be forthcoming as we get closer to the date.

SAVE THE DATE

Women's Retreat
April 26–28, 2019
St. John's Abbey Guesthouse

Love After Love

By Derek Walcott

The time will come
when, with elation
you will greet yourself arriving
at your own door, in your own mirror
and each will smile at the other's
welcome,

and say, sit here. Eat.
You will love again the stranger who was
your self.
Give wine. Give bread. Give back your
heart
to itself, to the stranger who has loved
you

all your life, whom you ignored
for another, who knows you by heart.
Take down the love letters from the
bookshelf,

the photographs, the desperate notes,
peel your own image from the mirror.
Sit. Feast on your life.

Transitional Associate Pastor Update

House of Hope is delighted to welcome the Reverend Zach Wilson as our Transitional Associate Pastor. He is a graduate of Augustana College in Illinois and Princeton Seminary in New Jersey. Zach comes to us with a range of experience in churches in Minnesota and Wisconsin where he has worked with programs for people of all ages, from young children to seniors. His expertise with social media has allowed him to serve as a consultant to many groups. His hobbies include using and repairing fountain pens and typewriters as well as playing the classical violin, bluegrass, and the Celtic fiddle. He and Jennifer, his wife, live in St. Paul not far from House of Hope with their two daughters, thirteen-year-old Eleanor and nine-year-old Adelaide.
—Kay Solon, Chair, Personnel Committee



House of Hope Adult Education • Fall 2018

November 4 | Assembly Room

Dementia, Caregiving, and the Church *Julie Nygren*

Julie is a member of the Presbytery Disabilities Task Force with focuses in dementia and caregiving and how that plays into the role of the church.

November 4 | Library

Interfaith Alliance for Gun Safety

Rev. Nancy Ford Bence

As Executive Director of Protect Minnesota, Rev. Bence leads the only independent, state-based advocacy organization dedicated to preventing gun violence through legislation, education, and policy reform. Having presided over six funerals for gun violence victims as a parish pastor, she is passionate about the need to protect the rights of every American to life, liberty from the threat of gun violence, and the pursuit of happiness in safe communities.

November 11 | Library

Criminal Justice: Is It Working?

November 18 | Assembly Room

Criminal Justice: Is It Working? Follow-up session

November 25 | Assembly Room

Christmas Books

Sue Zumberge, from Subtext Books, will provide our annual preview of books to give and receive this Christmas season. Hear her recommendations on fiction and non-fiction, cookbooks and coffee table books, gifts for young readers and young adults, and suggestions of books written by local authors.

November 25 | Room 1

Sunday Exchange

How do you live out love and peace with a constant stream of other forces pushing and pulling at you? That's what we'll be talking about together the last Sunday of November at 11:15 a.m. Come, join the conversation—we need to talk. If you have children, they can remain in childcare.

December 2 | Library

Healthcare Advocacy Working Group on Single Payer Healthcare

This discussion is one of the most important social justice issues of our time: affordable, quality healthcare for ALL, from a doctor's perspective. Why we need change, and how we will get there. We will learn about the single payer model, and current Medicare-for-All bills and proposals.

Dave Dvorak, MD, MPH is an emergency medicine physician who practices at the Minneapolis VA Medical Center and the NorthPoint Health and Wellness Center.

Laurel Gamm, MD is a family practice doctor serving patients who are experiencing homelessness. She works at a primary care clinic on the Higher Ground campus in downtown St. Paul and is employed by Westside Community Health System.

Both Laurel and Dave are members of the Minnesota chapter of Physicians for a National Health Program, a nonprofit organization of physicians who support universal health care access through single-payer reform.

Peace and Justice Election Update

What is the Christian's responsibility to help choose leaders? "Choose for your tribes wise, understanding leaders and I will appoint them as your heads." —Deuteronomy 1:13

House of Hope Peace and Justice Committee wants to help voters make informed decisions when they go to the polls on Election Day. They have prepared a document that identifies candidates for U. S. Senate and Minnesota Governor —complete with links to find further information. It can be found on the House of Hope website under the Mission tab.

Great Decisions November 13 | 4 p.m.

China's Geopolitics

China is a geopolitical, economic, and security competitor with whom the U.S. will have to negotiate cooperation. There are potential gains to be had from collaboration. Once China joined the World Trade Organization in 2001, its trade and investment abroad grew, as did the U.S. bilateral trade deficit with China. In the last 15 years, China has implemented a strategy of economic outreach and expansion of its national capacities—military and diplomatic.

President Xi moved to champion economic globalization and ecological responsibility. (The U.S. withdrew from the Trans-Pacific Partnership and the Paris Climate Agreement.) What are China's geopolitical objectives? What leadership and political conditions underlie the Sino-American tensions?

Professor Duncan McCampbell is a lawyer and professor of international business and law at Metropolitan State University, where he also serves as MBA Program Director.

House of Hope Stewardship 2019



Commitment Sunday is November 11. You should have received information about this year's campaign in the mail. Please 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.



Why pledge?

Pledging is a central Christian practice.

Christian stewardship entails everything we do after we profess our belief. This includes what we do with our financial resources. We return to God a portion of what we have received, recognizing that all we are and all we have is a gift from God. The Biblical portion is a tithe (10%) of our income. You can choose whatever percentage makes the most sense for you. Pledging allows the Budget Committee to plan the budget for the coming year.

Pledging supports the House of Hope community. We are created in the image of God to be co-creators of our community of faith. We each bear a responsibility to ensure that House of Hope remains vital and strong. Full participation from the congregation is essential to fund our ministries.

Pledging helps other people in need. We bear a responsibility for the world

around us. What we pledge supports people and organizations beyond House of Hope: through the work of the clergy and staff, through the use of our building, and through the outreach ministries we support.

Pledging focuses our priorities. Jesus calls us to focus on giving ourselves to the things that matter. Many of us lead very busy lives. Yet so much of what we do may not be central to who we are. What matters to you? If House of Hope is on that list, fill out a pledge form and support the community.

How much should I pledge?

Only you know what you can give. The dollar amount is not the most important detail of your pledge. We want you to participate. We want you to do the best you can. We understand that we live in uncertain economic times. Our ultimate goal is broad participation.

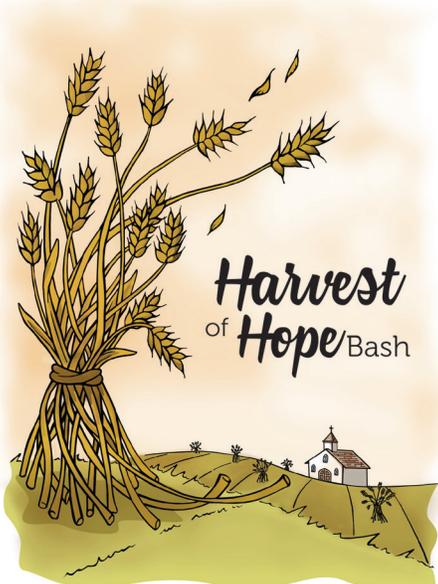
End of Year Giving

We welcome your donations through automatic giving on the HOH website. Visit hohchurch.org and click the blue button labeled "My HOH."

Gifts of stock or securities and qualified distributions from IRAs are always welcome and the process is not difficult. If you have any questions or would like more information, contact Michelle Freyholtz at MichelleF@hohchurch.org, (651) 223-7556.

If you are making a payment toward your 2019 pledge in calendar year 2018, please indicate in the memo line of your check that it is for a "Prepaid Pledge for 2019." This ensures the correct allocation of your gift and allows us to process your gift acknowledgement in a timely manner.

Your generous support is vital to this ministry.



Harvest of Hope Bash Report

Thank you to all who supported the Bash. We are proud to have raised nearly \$50,000 from 130 families and counting.

Your generous donations provide vital financial assistance to our mission partners, such as Ujaama Place, Project Home, Habitat for Humanity, and Prior Crossing, among others. We are proud to work with partners who work to feed, to shelter, to empower others to improve their lives and play an active role in our community. *Together our faith and generosity make the world a better place.*



Follow House of Hope on Facebook to see faith in action.

Parents can 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 too.



Children, Youth, and Family Programming



How to talk to children about giving?

How do you help your children live out their faith? As an adult, when you earn money, you determine where it goes. You decide how much you spend on necessities, how much goes to extras, how much is saved, and how much is donated to support organizations or causes that mean something to you. Do you involve your family in these decisions? What opportunities do children have to decide

how to spend their money and time? What does Jesus tell us to do?

Children and youth should have the opportunity to express their gratitude for God's love by making their own choices, to make a pledge on their own terms.

Please talk to your children about what inspires you to give and how you determine the amount to donate to your church community. These discussions are important in helping them set a pattern of giving.

Commitment Sunday will allow an opportunity for you to bring your gifts forward as a family. It is a powerful sight to see our members come together to submit the gifts that are offered in response to God's love. Please wear the stickers that were sent to you to illustrate your commitment.

What gifts might you share?

Making a pledge is a way we can give thanks to God for all of the love shown to us and to the world. Pray about what you would like to share this coming year.

In 2019, I Pledge

- I will faithfully attend Sunday school or Youth Group.
- I will be a caring friend to others in my Sunday school or Youth Group.
- I will share the gift of my voice by singing in the Choir School.
- I will be brave in standing up for others at my school and in my community.
- I will volunteer for Feed My Starving Children or another organization to give back to my greater community.
- I will recycle and be a good steward to the environment.
- I pledge my age of \$(insert age) to House of Hope.

Cookies and Canvas Event

November 11, 11:15 a.m.–12 p.m.

Kelsea Gilliland, our Artist-in-Residence, will lead a canvas painting activity for adults and children. HOH tweens and youth will provide delicious cookies for the event. All HOH adults, children, and friends are welcome.

Cookie Competition

Tweens and youth are invited to bring in two dozen homemade cookies to serve at the Cookies and Canvas event. One yummy cookie will win its baker a prize.

Middle and High School Retreat at Clearwater Forest

November 2–4

For more information, please visit clearwaterforest.org.

HS Dinner and Discussion

November 25 | 6–8 p.m.

Gather to discuss today's topics while cooking and eating a meal together.

Family Service Project

In January, families will pack winter care packs for the women and children served by Women's Advocates.

- Books
- Games (travel size or small games like Uno, Connect Four, Candy Land, Spot It, etc.)
- Teething toys, rattles, sippy cups, bottles, bath toys
- Earphones
- Slippers for toddlers through adults
- \$5 or \$10 gift cards to Walgreens, Walmart, Target, etc.

All items must be new; gender neutral items and books featuring people of color are highly encouraged. Donations can be dropped off at the Sunday school sign-in table by the Narthex or in your child's nursery or Sunday school room.

Mark your calendar for December events

December 2: Advent Celebration (11:15 a.m.–12:00 p.m.)

December 9: Children's Christmas Pageant Practice during Sunday school

December 16: Children's Christmas Pageant Practice during Sunday school and Children's Christmas Pageant (11–11:30 a.m.)

December 23: One-Room Sunday school

December 24: Childcare for birth–1st grade during Christmas Eve services

December 30: No Sunday school

CLOISTER GALLERY



HOH Tweens visited Afton Apple Orchard in September.



Dow Gallery Artists

October 23–November 25
Reception: Sunday, November 4

The Dow Gallery, located in the Dow Building (2242 University Avenue W, St. Paul), represents more than 40 local artists in a beautiful, light-filled gallery. Each artist in the gallery has their own area to display and sell their art to the public. The Dow Art Gallery, developed and owned by Khanh Tran, is open during the business hours of his adjoining Dow Picture Framing business. Learn more on the website: dowartgallery.com

Please visit the Cloister Gallery to see a sampling of some of the various artists represented in the Dow Gallery. Khanh Tran and several of the participating artists will be present at the reception on Sunday, November 4 to give you an opportunity to meet and visit with them about their art.

The studios at the Dow building as well as the Dow Gallery will be open to the public for the annual "Do the Dow" art crawl held on Friday, November 9 from 6–10 p.m. and Saturday, November 10 from noon–8 p.m.

Please come and support your local artists.

Sponsor a Family this Christmas Season

This caring tradition is a beautiful reminder of God's love and compassion.

Please consider sponsoring a family this holiday season. Stop by the Kirk Parlour on Sunday, November 4, 11, or 18 to check out wish lists and sign up.

If that sounds like too much, you could share a family with another church member or make a financial contribution and our committee will do the shopping for you. Each family also receives a Cub gift card to buy Christmas dinner for their family. All donations (including checks) can be dropped off in the church office with a note indicating they are for "Sponsor a Family."

Help make a Christmas miracle happen this season by sponsoring a family.

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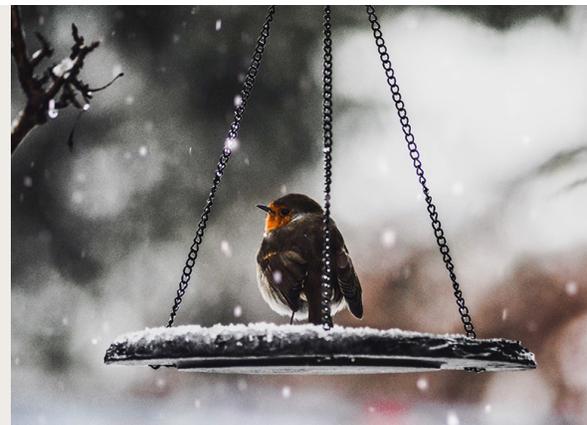


Organ Recital

On November 11 at 4 p.m., the Elizabeth Chapel Organ Recital Series will present a performance of the "Stabat Mater" by Giovanni Pergolesi.

This well-known work will be sung by Soprano Linh Kauffman and counter-tenor Fernando Bustos from Panama. A string ensemble with organ accompaniment will be led by House of Hope choirmaster Matthew Culloton.

Come and enjoy this lyric baroque piece performed in the intimacy of the Elizabeth Chapel. The concert is free and open to the public.



Snowbirds

If you are leaving the frozen north 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.