



"Let your light so shine before all, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

Matthew 5:16

At House of Hope, we send people into the neighborhood, community, and world—equipped in both heart and mind—to feed the hungry, house the homeless, and comfort the afflicted. House of Hope is a place where we put faith into action as intentional citizens for social justice and good neighbors within this community. As one of God's gathering places, House of Hope inspires members to understand present needs and to build hope for our future.

This month we celebrate our partner organizations who serve our community every day:

Each October, House of Hope opens its doors to homeless families from St. Paul to provide shelter, food, security, and hospitality through Interfaith Action of Greater St. Paul's **Project Home**.

Prior Crossing provides supportive, affordable housing for homeless youth. HOH volunteers play an active role in tenant life by donating supplies, teaching workshops on cooking, and tending the tenant garden.

Women's Advocates provides shelter for nearly 1,000 women and children each year. A group of volunteers gathers monthly at the shelter to do a craft project, play games, and enjoy a snack with the women and children.

Habitat for Humanity helps alleviate the housing crisis by assisting low-income families to construct or renovate their homes. HOH volunteers support Saturday Work Crews and the Summer Work Camp.

With a mission to respond to the hunger so prevalent around us, the **House of Hope Community Garden** produces fresh vegetables to help feed the hungry in our community. Volunteers from our congregation and the community plant, maintain, and harvest vegetables to help feed hungry families in St. Paul through the Neighborhood House food shelf.

Guided by a vision that all people, regardless of socioeconomic, cultural, or ethnic background, deserve to meet the basic needs for food, dignity and respect, **Loaves & Fishes** serves free, nutritious meals to those in need around Minnesota. House of Hope volunteers meet once a month to help provide dinner at locations in St. Paul.

At **Feed My Starving Children**, volunteers pack meals for some of the world's hungriest children. Volunteers can be as young as eight years of age.

When we reach out to our neighbors, we call it mission outreach. At its roots, it is an answer to the call to love one another as Christ loved us.



Support HOH's Mission at the Harvest of Hope Bash 2018

Coming together to impact the world through faith and generosity

The Bash is a church-wide social event fondly dubbed a "party with a purpose" that allows us to support our community.

We are excited to announce an updated format for this year's Bash. Please join us on Sunday, October 7 and Sunday, October 14 in the Kirk Parlour and Cloister Gallery. We welcome your visit before and after worship (beginning at 9:30 a.m. and ending at noon) either or both Sundays. Refreshments will be served. Children are welcome. On October 14, a balloon artist will make animals for children who make a donation.

Our goal is to raise \$53,000 to support mission outreach efforts. You can make that possible through your generous donations.

This year we will also use a Text to Give option. You can text "HOH Mission" to 73256 to give to Mission Outreach. Standard text messaging rates may apply.

If you can't attend, but still wish to support House of Hope's mission outreach efforts, you can send in a donation by check or through MyHOH.

Clergy Message



Jesus calls us to love the Lord our God with our whole heart, soul, strength, and mind. In this way, God

speaks to us and empowers us to live life to the fullest. This month we have a special opportunity for mission and service through the Bash.

The new format for the Bash is different from the past, especially given that it will take place before and after worship on Sunday morning. It will be simple

and straightforward, giving people an opportunity to support a specific mission cause. It will also give families with young children a more accessible event, as it will take place in the morning rather than in the evening. It is such an important part of our mission life, as members are able to engage in the support of our mission partners.

I hope everyone is able to join in the spirit of love and joy at this special event.

Sincerely,
Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald

World Communion Sunday



The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated on World Communion Sunday, October 7 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.

House of Hope Stewardship 2018

You will soon receive important information from the Committee about this year's campaign.

Please carefully read the material and prayerfully consider what the church means to you, where the church ranks in the order of your giving, as well as examine the percentage of your income that is designated for giving. These are not just financial questions, but spiritual questions, as Jesus made it clear that where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.



Commitment Sunday November 11

WORSHIP

10 a.m.

Sunday, October 7
20th Sunday after Pentecost
Mission Partners Sunday

Motet Choir:
Ubi Caritas, Gjeilo
Ladate, Nystedt
With Norwegian guest conductor Tove Holter

St. Nicholas Choir:
O, Colored Earth, Heitzeg

Sunday, October 14
21st Sunday after Pentecost
Mission Partners Sunday

Motet Choir:
Let the People Praise Thee, O God, Mathias
Psalm 92, Paulus

St. Nicholas and St. Cecilia Choirs:
Songs of Peace, Sibelius

Sunday, October 21
22nd Sunday after Pentecost
Music Sunday

Motet Choir and
Bach Chamber Players:
Coronation Mass, Mozart

Sunday, October 28
23rd Sunday after Pentecost
Reformation Sunday

Motet Choir:
Antiphon, Williams

St. Nicholas Choir:
Thy Mercy, Jehovah, Marcello

It's time to order 2019 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.



Recommended Spiritual Read



***The Screwtape Letters* by C. S. Lewis**

In a 1969 preface to a special edition of *The Screwtape Letters*, the author writes: "I like bats much better than bureaucrats....The greatest evil is not now done in those sordid 'dens of crime' that Dickens loved to paint. It is not done even in concentration camps and labour camps. In those we see its final result. But it is conceived and ordered (moved, seconded, carried, and minuted) in clean, carpeted, warmed, and well-lighted offices, by quiet men with white collars and cut fingernails and smooth-shaven cheeks who do not need to raise their voices. Hence, naturally enough, my symbol for Hell is something like the bureaucracy of a police state or the offices of a thoroughly nasty business concern."

The smooth-shaven, white collared author of these letters is the demon Screwtape, who's in the business of guiding human souls into the possession of "Our Father Below." He's writing to his nephew, Wormwood, also in the family business as a "junior tempter," lower

down (or maybe one should say, higher up!) in a demon corporate hierarchy (lowerarchy?).

Similar to film negatives before they're developed, where dark and light are in reverse, Lewis cleverly flips the dialogue (Humans are "Patients," "Our Father's House" is Hell, God is "The Enemy") and hopes to wake us up to critical thinking about what is truth, and what are lies in the world; which is not an unfamiliar struggle for those of us living in these political times. Through these letters, written, one can imagine in a well-lighted company office—copied, catalogued, and postmarked by his secretary, Screwtape instructs, cajoles, and reproaches Wormwood as he manages all manner of mundane and mystical matters that will hopefully, if successful, contribute to a smooth, downward slope into darkness for his patient, all while going undetected. The contrast in this apologetic satire is how convenient, neat, tidy, and orderly our nastiest temptations can feel while seeking an ever-clearer, developing picture of the faith and grace, wisdom and kindness we'll need, with "the Enemy's counter-suggestions" to overcome them.

—David Goudzwaard-Vaught

SAVE THE DATE

Women's Annual Advent Breakfast
Rev. Gale Robb,
Guest Speaker

December 7, 7–9 a.m.
Town and Country Club, St. Paul

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



House of Hope Facebook Page

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.



Library Corner

These are some of the books that have been added to the church library during the summer.

Memoir

- Favorite, Janet
Raising Robert
- Roetzel, Calvin
I Knew We Wuz Poor
- Westover, Tara
Educated
- Zimmering, Sabina
Hiding in the Open: a Holocaust Memoir

Poetry & Devotional

- Caine, Clifford
Hollyhocks
- Loving, Linda
A New Song
- Terfa, Natalia
Uplift

Fiction

- Ko, Lisa
The Leavers
- Massey, Sujata
The Widows of Malabar Hill
- Towle, Amor
A Gentleman in Moscow
- Valente, Anne
Our Hearts Will Burn Us Down

History

- Armstrong, Karen
Fields of Blood
- Cargill, Robert
The Cities That Built the Bible



House of Hope Adult Education • Fall 2018

October 7 Celtic Spiritual Pilgrimage to Ireland

Participants from the trip will share their experiences as pilgrims in Ireland.

October 14 Women, Gender, and Early Church *Susanna Drake*

Susanna is a professor of Religious Studies at Macalester College with a focus in early Christianity, biblical studies, and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies.

October 21 *Betty Foliard*

Betty is the founder of the ERA, an organization that strives to pass Equal Rights Amendments into our state and national constitutions. This past year, along with 18 other Presbyterians, she attended the 62nd session of Commission on the Status of Women. Foliard has future aspirations of increasing women's access and proximity to leaders.

October 28 Stephen Brachlow on Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Stephen is a retired professor of spirituality at Baptist Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia, and the author of *The Communion of Saints: Radical Puritan and Separatist Ecclesiology 1570-1625* (Oxford Theology and Religion Monographs).

Sunday Exchange

Lose 10 pounds in the first hour. Maybe having a place to talk honestly with people you trust about trying to live a faithful life can take a weight off your shoulders. That's what we do the last Sunday of every month in the Sunday Exchange. It's an opportunity to sit down with a cup of coffee and talk over how

our beliefs are actually working in the real world. Join us at 11:15 a.m. in Room 1. No preparation required. If you have children, they may remain in childcare. Sunday, October 28 the question is: Being really "spiritual" – what does that mean, anyway?

November 4 Dementia Friends

Wendy Fields

Wendy is a former Christian Education Director at Valley Community Presbyterian Church in Golden Valley, coming on behalf of the Disability Concerns Ministry of the presbytery.

Greeters Needed

House of Hope is once again organizing our greeters for the next year. The congregation and staff truly value the hospitality of our greeters. We need new greeters! Please consider making a commitment of greeting once a month, with an additional time or two as needed throughout the year. Contact Shana Wagner at sharon.k.wagner@gmail.com, if you are willing to volunteer in this much-needed hospitality service.

Box Tops for Education

The Mission Sewing group is collecting Box Tops for Education for the Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission (NELM) school in Rockport, AZ. Thank you for your contributions over the years that have supported this mission. We would appreciate your continued support. Please deposit your box tops into the box in the church office. Thank you.

Great Decisions October 9 | 4 p.m. Russia's Foreign Policy

Under President Vladimir Putin, Russia is projecting an autocratic model of governance abroad and working to undermine the influence of liberal democracies. Putin failed in his attempt to bring Ukraine under Russian control, but instability in the Ukraine remains. Washington, DC and Moscow relations remain at a post-Cold War low. The two countries have clashed over the Ukraine crisis and the Syrian civil war. What are the ramifications of these disagreements?

Margo Squire was a career diplomat with the U.S. Information Agency and the U.S. Department of State, serving in Munich, Moscow, Melbourne, Baku, Ankara and Washington, DC. She served at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow and also as Director of the Press and Public Outreach in the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs.

Sunday-Weekday Connections October 30 | 6 p.m.

Ingrid Verhagen has worked for 32 years as a scientist at the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. She joined House of Hope in 1989, and met her husband, Bob Wojcicki, singing in the Motet Choir. She and Bob have two children—one in college and one in medical school. Ingrid enjoys volunteering on Habitat for Humanity projects and serves as a Session Elder.

All HOH women and their guests are welcome. The cost is \$25, which includes a light supper. To reserve your spot, look for our table outside the Kirk Parlour after worship beginning October 21 or call the church office.

Save the dates:

- January 29, 2019
- February 26, 2019
- March 26, 2019



Welcome Sunday

We celebrated our dynamic church community and welcomed the surrounding neighborhood with a picnic and other festivities on the church lawn. It was a beautiful day and a great way to greet old friends and make new ones.



House of Hope Community Garden

This summer we have harvested and delivered about 1,400 pounds of fresh, delicious produce—an average of about 200 pounds a week. At this point in the harvest, what is ripe is heavy. (I wish we had a caloric or happiness measure—cilantro is light, but it makes a lot of people excited!) We are hoping the weather will let us keep going until November—everything keeps flowering and the bees are busy. Even if the cool days come, we have replanted cool weather crops so we can end the season with lots of greens.

Volunteers can jump in at any point—even just picking beans, tomatoes, or

You Are Invited to the Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative Lunch Tuesday, October 30 | 12-1 p.m., check-in begins at 11:30 a.m.

When I first moved to St. Paul, I went to Plymouth Congregational Church one Sunday because I grew up going to a Congregational church in Milwaukee. It was too far from our home to make Plymouth our church home, but I'll never forget how deeply committed that church was to the homeless people in its neighborhood. So much so, that they built an apartment building for them next to the church. This first apartment building that Plymouth Congregational Church built turned into a model that other churches would emulate. The success of one building inspired a collective effort from people who wanted to help build housing for homeless people and Beacon Interfaith Collaborative was born.

Beacon is a collaborative nonprofit that works with faith communities to help build housing for the homeless all over the Twin Cities. After living in New



York City for 10 years after college, my empathy and compassion for homeless families and people has been a priority of mine. I saw how easy it was to become homeless and felt the wolf at my own door as I was working to pay my rent each month. I couldn't imagine missing a payment and the consequences that would follow. My ministry of outreach is fueled by my passion for helping with homelessness and hunger around me.

I would like to invite you to join me for lunch on Tuesday, October 30 at the Minneapolis Convention Center to help support those experiencing homelessness and hear the stories of hope. It is truly inspiring to be among those who care and those who hear

the call for help. I would be so honored to have you come and sit at the table of 10 that I have promised to host. I have attended so many of these before, but I have taken this next step, filling a table on my own. So, this is a first for me, and I know it's a first for you to hear from me. Attending this luncheon is something tangible that you can do, as a citizen of the great Twin Cities, with a vibrant population of successful people, to impact those we live among who struggle everyday for life's simple necessities.

Pull on your heart and say yes, I will come. A life will be changed for the better if you do. Simply email me, and I will be truly joy-filled to see you.

We all deserve a home. Let's help that dream come true.

With gratitude, Caroline Stone
(651) 699-5089, chws@mac.com

Project Home marks its 21st year at House of Hope this October

Thank you to House of Hope families and volunteers who come back every year to spend time with the homeless families. And thank you to those who are volunteering for the first time.

This is the first Project Home that I am undertaking without the partnership of my dear friend Dennis Anderson. Dennis passed away this past year, but his legacy lives on. He and I came together through our passion to help those who are undeserved and unrepresented. We formed a long friendship through Project Home.

Dennis was well known for living out the values that were emblazoned on his favorite t-shirt: Love Thy Neighbor.

Love Thy Neighbor
Thy Homeless Neighbor
Thy Muslim Neighbor
Thy Black Neighbor
Thy Gay Neighbor
Thy Immigrant Neighbor
Thy Jewish Neighbor
Thy Christian Neighbor
Thy Athiest Neighbor
Thy Disabled Neighbor
Thy Addicted Neighbor

From a letter he wrote shortly before he died:

My plan is to attend church again this Sunday, the Good Lord willing and the pain manageable. Perhaps we could get together at the Lake Elmo Coffee Shop for a conversation about life and how we can help those who struggle with poverty every day of their lives.

I couldn't be more honored to have had Dennis as a friend. He is greatly missed. —Jenny Stevens



Peace & Justice Activities

Last year the Peace and Justice Committee (P&J) had an active year. We sponsored four Adult Enrichment speakers, advocated on a variety of issues, and organized HOH participation in the March for Our Lives to protest gun violence.

At the March for Our Lives, thousands of students and supporters marched peacefully in St. Paul, as part of the student-led movement that emerged after the February 14 mass shooting that left 17 students and educators dead at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, FL. House of Hope was pleased to support the March for Our Lives event by offering free park-and-ride bus service for HOH members, their friends, and other Presbyterian churches in the St. Paul area. Approximately 130 people participated, about a third of whom were from other churches or were friends of church members. The day was a powerful reminder of the impact we can have together to shine light on injustice and transform our world and as we act out our faith.

The Peace and Justice Committee is a standing committee of House of Hope Session with the following purposes:

1. To provide a church forum for peacemaking and justice issues
2. To identify issues in which advocacy is needed
3. To provide information and education for the congregation
4. To bring to the attention of the congregation opportunities for advocacy
5. To operate in a non-partisan manner recognizing that people of goodwill, found in both and all political parties, are interested in peace and justice but may differ in approach and solutions
6. To respond to local, national, and international issues that affect the church, eliciting its response

The P&J Committee is planning another



active year, but to be truly successful in accomplishing our mission, we need your involvement. This year, we are organized into seven working groups focused on the issue areas listed below. We have developed position statements and action plans that outline the focus each working group is bringing to the issue. To get a copy of a position statement, or to become involved, simply contact the working group leader listed. The P&J Committee will also be using the HOH web site (under the Mission heading) as a place where church members can find current information about the actions of the committee. We look forward to an exciting and active year. —Deb James and Michael Nord, Co-Chairs

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Gun Violence Prevention: Michael Nord, (612) 384-7675, mnord@amerion.com

Advancing Housing Equity: Jeanne Bailey, (651) 343-8516, jmbailey99@gmail.com



Children, Youth & Family Programming

We have now settled into our fall routines and we begin October by digging into the iconic stories of the Old Testament. Children in Sunday Studio will focus on parables. They are an ideal tool for teaching children; while they contain some of Jesus' most profound lessons, they are also simple and easy to understand. Older children will discuss belonging and anti-bullying.

Third Grade Bible Class October 7 & 14 | 11:15–noon

Third graders are invited to participate in Bible class before receiving their Bibles. We will talk about the history of the Bible, learn navigation skills, explore the types of literature in the Bible, and share some crazy stories hidden in its pages. Participation is not required, but highly encouraged. **Bibles will be presented to third graders during the Time for Children on October 28.** To ensure your child receives a Bible, send your child's full name to Kiera Stegall at KieraS@hohchurch.org. If you cannot attend on October 28, you can still request a Bible for your third grader.

October Tweens Event October 12 | 6–8 p.m.

Tweens (4th–6th) and their friends are

Donations for Family Service Project

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

- New books (especially books featuring people of color)
- New games (travel size or small games like Uno, Connect Four, Candy Land, Spot It, etc.)
- New teething toys, rattles, sippy cups, bottles, bath toys
- New earphones
- New house shoes and slippers for toddlers through adults

We will accept donations through December. Items can be dropped off at the Sunday school sign-in table by the Narthex or in your child's nursery or Sunday school room.

"When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things." (Psalm 104:28)

invited to an evening of Minute-to-Win-It games. We'll enjoy a variety of fast-paced, silly games and activities throughout the evening. Cost is \$7 per person for dinner. RSVP to Kiera Stegall at KieraS@hohchurch.org by Wednesday, October 10.



Tweens working together on an outdoor art project.

Project Home Halloween Party for Families October 25 | 6–8 p.m.

Families and friends are invited to join House of Hope and Project Home for a Halloween Party. Enjoy games, art activities, face painting, snacks, goody bags, and more. Costumes are highly encouraged. Donations are appreciated to offset the cost of this event. RSVP to Kiera Stegall at KieraS@hohchurch.org by Monday, October 22.

CLOISTER GALLERY



Photography Exhibit: Pictures from Guatemala

House of Hope Youth Mission Trip

September 25–October 21
Reception: Sunday, September 30

House of Hope youth went on a mission trip to La Fragua, Zacapa, Guatemala in July 2018. We stayed at an orphanage called Casa De Esperanza, which means House of Hope in Spanish. This orphanage partners with ministers to many nearby villages, one of which we drove 23 miles in the height of the mountain jungle to reach. The youth spent time in these villages, with children and adults at the orphanage, and also a day in Antigua near El Fuego, the volcano that erupted in June.

The photos on display represent stories from the trip; many more can be told by the youth and adults who experienced it.

—Doug Snaza, Director of Youth Ministry

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Christmas “Sponsor a Family” at House of Hope is in its 14th Year

The caring tradition of sponsoring a family is a beautiful reminder of God’s love and compassion in the world.

House of Hope’s “Sponsor a Family” will be up and running again this holiday season. We plan to sponsor 65–70 families this year, through partner organizations: Neighborhood House, YWCA Transitional Housing, Liberty Plaza, and Community of Peace School.

Please consider sponsoring a family this holiday season. Wish lists will be displayed in Kirk Parlour on Sunday, November 4, 11, and 18, so members can select a family. Consider sharing 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 through this ministry of love.

