



HOH Ice Cream Social Sunday, June 2 | 11:15 a.m.

Join us on the front lawn for the annual Ice Cream Social. Enjoy the unofficial start of summer on the Summit Lawn, following worship, featuring special music from Lynn Deichert and his dixieland band. Come for church, stay for ice cream. Ask for the Trinity Sundae – one scoop of each flavor!

This event is free, and all members, friends, and neighbors are welcome.



Winter, Steve Yetter, and Lisa Yost. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they go about their work.

Clergy Message

It is an exciting time to see the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) chosen by the congregation. Our committee includes: Amber Winkelman, Sherwood Pomeroy, Elly Verhagen, Charley Stewart, Susan Haigh, John Zweier, Jill

The committee members have a number of tasks to perform in advance of their search. In particular, they will take the information from the congregational visioning documents and put together a formal position description. The search process for a PC(USA) pastor is expedited through the online descriptions of churches and pastors. What formerly took months to communicate now can happen in minutes. To further streamline, pastors and committees can, if they choose, communicate through Skype or Facetime. The PNC may also be able to see a pastor's sermons on-line. Nevertheless, it is a process that takes many months of advertising the position, reviewing viable candidates, and scheduling face-to-face meetings. The process averages 9–15 months to complete. It is important to give the Holy Spirit time to speak clearly to the PNC. House of Hope is a flagship church in the denomination and the PNC will receive and review a great many dossiers.

As Transitional Pastor, it is not my role to guide the PNC. They are staffed by the Twin Cities Presbytery representative from the Committee on Ministry, Rev. Jim Brasel. With the leaders that have been chosen for this PNC, it is clear the church can look forward to a wonderful future. God bless House of Hope.

—Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald, Transitional Pastor

Grand Old Day Parking Youth Fundraiser | June 2

HOH youth will be managing the church parking lots to raise money to support youth programming through the year. If you are planning to join in the Grand Old Day festivities, show your support by parking in a church lot. Feel free to throw an extra \$20 to support our youth as they learn about God and care for the community around them.

Interested in volunteering? We are seeking parents or other adult volunteers to help support our youth that day. If you are interested, please contact Doug Snaza at DougS@hohchurch.org or (651) 223-7549.



Dig into the House of Hope Community Garden

Seeds are sprouting and veggies are growing in the HOH food shelf garden. All ages, abilities, experience levels, and schedules of volunteers are welcome—there are jobs to fit everyone. Sit in the sun and pick a few tomatoes or cancel your gym membership and get your workout in the garden. Work with others, or work on your own. Drive the veggies to the food shelf. Volunteer once or all season long. Gardening goes on through late fall and even helping out a couple times is welcome—no commitment required. Interest and queries: houseofhopegarden@gmail.com or see Elizabeth Karre.

Pastoral Nominating Committee Chosen

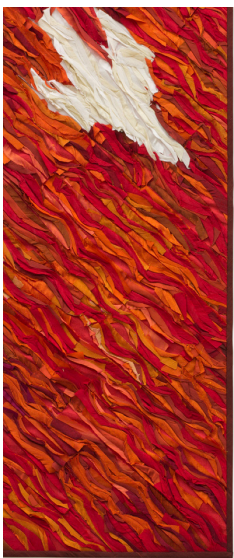
At a congregational meeting on May 19, nine congregants were elected to serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). As a group, they have many characteristics that support their nomination. Each has demonstrated his/her energetic commitment to the well-being of the church by continued, meaningful involvement and service. They comprise a healthy representation of the congregation as a whole and they bring leadership and organizational talent to the difficult task of fulfilling the duties of the PNC. They are thoughtful, friendly, enthusiastic individuals who will be able to competently communicate with and evaluate those who seek the pastoral position. The Nominating Committee would like to thank the members who attended the information sessions to be considered to serve on the PNC.

Save the Date | Rally Sunday | September 8



New Paraments: Pentecost

Created by Tim Harding



By now, many of you are enjoying our first set of new Easter Paraments hanging from the pulpit and the lectern in the sanctuary created by internationally-known fiber artist, Tim Harding. These were revealed on Easter Sunday and will

remain up until June 2. (Please refer to the introductory parament article and photo in the May issue of *The Anchor*.)

Beginning on Sunday, June 9, the Pentecost Paraments will be revealed to the congregation. Typically, these paraments are only up for one Sunday a year, but we may extend it an additional Sunday so that the congregation has another opportunity to view these beautiful silk liturgical textiles. The color red used in Pentecost Paraments symbolizes "tongues of fire" and spiritual energy. The white dove represents the Holy Spirit descending on the Apostles and other followers of Jesus on the day of Pentecost which symbolizes the birth of the Christian church.

Next month: Ordinary Time Paraments will be featured.

WORSHIP

10 a.m.

Sunday, June 2
Seventh Sunday of Easter

The Motet Choir:
Ascendit Deus, Phillips
Sing Unto God, Handel

Sunday, June 9
Day of Pentecost

The Motet Choir:
How Lovely Are the Messengers,
Mendelssohn
As Torrents in Summer, Elgar

Sunday, June 16
Trinity Sunday

The Motet Choir:
The Lord is My Shepherd, Rutter
Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord, Mathias

Sunday, June 23
Second Sunday after Pentecost

The Motet Choir:
With a Voice of Singing, Jennings
I Will Arise, Shaw-Parker

Please note: GRAND AVENUE WILL BE CLOSED from Dale Street to Fairview Avenue on Sunday, June 2 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., for Grand Old Day, so plan your trip to church accordingly.

Work with Us

We are seeking a part-time facility staff member. Work hours include evenings and some weekends at approximately 25–30 hours per week. The work performed includes custodial, housekeeping, grounds maintenance, and building security.

Complete position description can be found on our website under Careers. Send resume and letter of interest to Ellen Lewandoski at EllenL@hohchurch.org.

Session Minutes

April 16, 2019

Presbytery Moderator's report

The Moderator of the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area, Rocky Rockenstein, is visiting all the Sessions in the presbytery to lead a conversation titled "Presbytery Leadership Team: Questions for Sessions," with a goal to support congregations and better equip their leaders.

Worship, Sacraments and Music

Elder Ingrid Verhagen reported that the Sacrament of Baptism was celebrated April 14 for George Mack, son of Benjamin and Ann Mack and will be celebrated on May 12 for Charlotte Elizabeth Jones, daughter of Alex and Emily Jones. The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated by Intinction on Maundy Thursday, April 18, at both services; as well as Sunday, April 28 during worship.

Arts

Elder Patty Paulus reported that fiber artist Tim Harding's work is on display and he will be speaking at the Adult Enrichment on May 5. The HOH Members Art Show will begin May 14 and will run through the summer.

Mission Outreach

Elder Bill Geery reported that the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area and the local Synod of the ELCA are sponsoring a group of Ethiopian refugees of the Anuak Tribe. HOH will sponsor three of their youth to attend either a summer camp or the PC(USA) Triennium youth gathering at Purdue University. The cost is \$575 per youth, totaling \$1,725 for all three and will come from the Mission Outreach budget. Work continues on Van Dyke Scholarship with Ujamaa Place.

Membership Development

Elder Phil Bolinder reported that three of the new workgroups are moving ahead: a reader's theater group, a spiritual practices group, and a group focused on hiring food trucks for a summertime neighborhood event at the park.

Children and Family Ministry

Elder Jenny Stevens reported the HOH Community Retreat is June 7–9. Vacation Bible School sign-ups are ongoing. Confirmation Sunday is May 5 with 16 youth being confirmed.

Adult Ministry

Rev. Zach Wilson reported that the committee will meet to map out adult ministry for the fall. Lenten Life Groups will be assessed as to whether they will continue in another form.

Peace and Justice

Elder Mike Nord stated we will apply to be an Earth Care Congregation. An open house will be held at Ujamaa Place. Elder Nord read an email from Elder Betty Folliard that the ERA will be discussed by Congress for the first time in 36 years.

Nominating

Elder Judy Gensmer reported that the committee will be working on the PNC from the candidates that attended the three meetings with Presbyterian Liaison Jim Brasel. Congregational meeting requested for May 19.

Presbytery

Elders Leslie Erickson and Betty Folliard have agreed to attend, which will be held on Tuesday, May 14 at the University of Minnesota Masonic Children's Hospital.

Associate Minister Reports

Rev. Julia Carlson has been visiting members, focused on Holy Week Services, and the upcoming Scotland Pilgrimage trip.



Scotland Pilgrimage 2019

While stopped at a small shopping and rest area along Scotland's Great Glen, I looked out the front window of the bus and saw four members of our group standing in the parking lot working to remember the motions that went along with our morning-prayer song. My heart swelled. I dashed out, and we did them together. The song we shared at the end was in Gaelic, *Oscail mo Chroi*, which translates, Open My Heart. Hearts are opened in amazing ways while on intentional spiritual travel. God continues to work in and through the relationships formed, and we are grateful. Watch for future pilgrimage opportunities.

The photo above is on the edge of Loch Lomond on the last day of travel, from Iona back to Glasgow.



Adult Education and Mission Outreach Opportunities

Great Decisions

June 11 | 4 p.m. | Kirk Parlour
Nationalism in Europe with Todd Lefko

Mass migration and the problems associated with it have directly led to the rise of populist parties in Europe. Between 2015 and 2016, over two million asylum seekers and migrants arrived in Europe illegally.

Todd Lefko has worked in Russia for more than 30 years and has homes in both Minnesota and Russia. He is the president of an import-export firm that deals with water purification and other technologies. He currently works with the Russian University establishing relationships with American Universities. All are welcome.

Sunday Exchange

Sunday, June 30 | 11:15 a.m. | Room 1
Anything changing in your life?

Some of our lives are overrun with change. Or maybe you look ahead and wish desperately you could change something. We wrestle with questions such as these the last Sunday of each month in Sunday Exchange. June 30 it's: *When is the last time the spiritual side of your life changed in a way that really helped you?* Maybe you'll want to talk—or just listen. Either way, grab a cup of coffee and join us. If you have children, they can remain in childcare.

You were here. We noticed.

Wouldn't it be great if first-time visitors to House of Hope received an email or some other sort of contact from us within 48 hours of their first visit? It could be to let them know we noticed them, welcome them, make ourselves available to them, and invite them back. We are looking for volunteers to help us make this a reality. If you want to be involved or just want to find out more information, email Rev. Zach Wilson at ZachW@hohchurch.org.

Volunteers Needed for the 2019 Summer Habitat for Humanity Faith Builders Project

The desire to fight against the abounding homelessness in our community is a central belief at House of Hope. Please volunteer with other members in the Faith Builders project the week of June 24–28 when we are building Habitat housing for eligible families. You



can volunteer for one day or multiple days, 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m. You do not have to be an expert carpenter to volunteer. In fact, all skill levels are welcome. We have professional staff on hand to teach you. Volunteer with your family members and friends to learn and have fun. This year's project is located at 1025 Seminary Avenue in St. Paul. Sign up at: <https://tchabitat.volunteerhub.com/lp/faithbuilders/>.

Prior Crossing Birthday Bag Project

Everyone enjoys being remembered on their birthday. This is especially true for the young residents at Prior Crossing who have experienced housing insecurity. At the winter party, Brenda Delaney, the director at Prior Crossing, mentioned to House of Hope volunteers that for some of the Prior Crossing residents, the birthday card signed by their staff is the only recognition they receive on their birthdays.



Hearing that, we decided to give "Birthday Bags" to residents on his or her birthday. With funding from Mission Outreach Committee, we have delivered 18 gift bags containing a card, a \$15 Target gift card, and some small gifts for all residents who have birthdays through June 2019. We will deliver bags for the remaining birthdays later this year. "Our youth really enjoyed receiving that special recognition," reports Brenda Delaney.

Thank you to House of Hope for supporting the residents of Prior Crossing. In addition to non-perishable food items, other current needs include can openers, full-size mattress pads, and wastebaskets. —Jan Parkman

Easter 2019 at House of Hope



All Things Are Possible



As the warmer weather will take many of you away from House of Hope this summer, please

remember that the church continues its work year-round. We are here: worshipping each Sunday, shepherding our youth, and doing good work out in our community.

To add a dose of simplicity to your summer, consider setting up your giving through automatic withdrawal to avoid falling behind in pledging while on vacation. Automatic giving benefits the church and the people we serve. It saves the church time and money. And it's easy to set up a one-time gift, an automatic recurring donation, or check your giving

history at MyHOH. You can also donate by texting "HOH" to 73256. (Standard text messaging rates may apply.)

Here is a quick snapshot of our recent campaigns:

Food shelf collections (as of April 30, which includes the March Food Drive):
\$5,830

This reflects an increase from the same period last year by \$1,300.

Per Capita collected as a result of the special mailing: **\$9,661**

Of this amount, \$4,110 are non-pledged gifts that have been collected. This reflects an increase from the same period last year by \$6,698.

Stewardship update (as of April 30): 358 households have pledged a total of \$1,190,300—94% of our budgeted goal. If you haven't already, show your support.



Earth Care

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein.

— Psalm 24:1

Alternative Transportation Sunday

Americans produce an average 21 tons of carbon annually—four times the global average. Transportation accounts for the biggest share of our carbon footprint, and 60 percent of that comes from passenger vehicles. It follows then that most of us can make the biggest reduction in our individual carbon footprints by cutting transportation emissions—through greener driving habits and driving the least-polluting, most-efficient vehicle we can afford. But, also, by choosing alternative transportation whenever possible.

So now that the weather is warm, the Environmental Stewardship group encourages you to walk, bike, bus, or carpool to church on at least one Sunday in June. Take in nature's sights and sounds as you walk or bike. Relax while someone else does the driving as you take the bus. Enjoy the company of others as you carpool. And, help accomplish another action for our application to become an Earth Care Congregation PC(USA).

Let us know! If you support this effort, when you sign the Friendship pad during Sunday worship, next to your name put an





Children, Youth, and Family Programming

Focus on God's Beautiful Creation this Summer

As the days turn warmer, challenge your family to find God in ordinary moments.

Three snapshots

Challenge your family to take three mental (or actual) snapshots of special or beautiful moments throughout their day. At the end of the day, share your snapshots with each other.

Observe God's creation

Go outside and find something beautiful, such as a sunset, a flower, an interesting cloud formation, etc. Recreate the scene by drawing or painting it. Or write about it. Just take the beauty to another format.

Picture Prayer Walk

Take a camera with you on your next outing. Snap pictures of interesting things along the way. Share your findings with your family and say thanks to God for the wonderful world God created.

Prayer Walk Go for a walk—with a trash bag and gloves. Pick up trash along the way, being mindful of sharp objects. When you return, sort out the recycling from trash and dispose of properly. Say a prayer, asking God to help us care for all of creation.

Middle School Mission Day June 13

Our middle schoolers will walk through three phases of service: home, local, and global. To focus on the home portion, we spend a couple hours in the House of Hope Community Garden, collecting food for Neighborhood House, planting, pruning, and otherwise caring for the garden. To focus on local, we take a walk around Como Lake with gloves and trashbags to collect garbage. Finally, the global portion brings us to Feed My Starving Children as we work together to supply nutritional food to children living in poverty around the world.



Neighborhood Puppet Show June 30

Join us for a fun, free family event on the front lawn. This year we will host a performance of *Ms. Marvel's Sandbox Circus*. Ms. Marvel, the cat, is the mad-cap, merry-maker that lives and prowls in your neighborhood. Every summer, Ms. Marvel transforms the sandbox into an amazing circus where a cavalcade of antics, thrills, chills, and spills await. Step right up to *Ms. Marvel's Sandbox Circus* and witness the Acrobatic Ants, the Daredevil Squirrel, the Caterpillar Catapult, and the Earthworm Orchestra. For the past 16 years, The Open Eye Figure Theatre has been traveling around the Twin Cities providing outdoor puppet shows that are fun for all ages.

Bring a blanket and enjoy! Refreshments will be provided. Please invite friends, family, neighbors. The more the merrier!



Welcome to HOH, Confirmands

This year's confirmands, all 16 of them, engaged deeply with scripture, the Reformed tradition, science and faith, and each other to prepare themselves for a life of continued growth in faith, hope, and love. At the final class they all wanted to keep meeting on Wednesday nights—which was both surprising and deeply gratifying to Doug Snaza, our Director of Youth Ministries, and me. We're looking forward to next year's class and maintaining our relationships with this fine group of young people. —Rev. Zach Wilson

Evan Bergstrom
Lily Bergstrom
Nora Bolsoni
Andrew Brenengen
Izzy Crane
Ray Dean

Liza Essig
Christa Feldbrugge
Bella Kottke
Merete Nelson
Quinn Nelson
Ridley Nelson

Clara Paleen
Tyson Sanders
Julian Simpson
Porter Staloch



"The rhyming and the chiming of the bells" —Edgar Allan Poe

The Bell Choir program marks the end of its 40th year at House of Hope. The handbells were a gift to the congregation from Frederick and Margaret Blumer in 1979 and were made by Great Britain's Whitechapel Bell Foundry. Whitechapel created such notable bells as Big Ben, the Liberty Bell, and a large set of tower bells for the Washington National Cathedral. The firm saw a surge of business during the years of the popular drama series *Downton Abbey*. *After all, who doesn't want a table bell to summon the butler?*

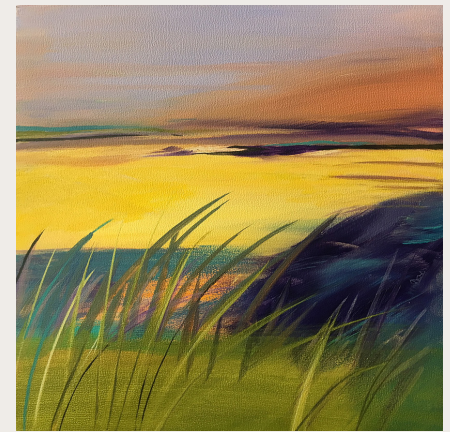
Would you like to join us for our 2019-2020 season? Ringers at House of Hope are diverse in age, ringing skills, and faith formation. The group meets weekly for a 90-minute rehearsal. The choir could

use at least five more ringers, in order to use the full set of five octaves. A ringer needs music-reading skills; the ringing technique is easy to learn. Come join us from September to May—you'll be glad you did.

Bravo Bells

Stephen Paulus wrote a challenging work of this title for the House of Hope carillon (played several times by HOH Carillonneur Dave Johnson). The title also describes the work of our 2018–2019 Bell Choir ringers for a tremendous musical adventure. Despite a tough winter, the choir played every four weeks and learned 10 pieces of literature as musical offerings to worship services. During worship, all ringers played more than two bells, some rang two in each hand, some crossed over to other ringers to grab bells, some used mallets. Many thanks to Maureen, John, Beth, Mary, Nancy, Christina, Pat, and Martha for their gifts of time and talent. And thanks to our resident Young Musician Ian Boylan, who collaborated with the ringers. In the words of Stephen Paulus: "Bravo bells. Thank you, ringers!" —*Tim Short, Music Associate*

CLOISTER GALLERY



MEMBER ART SHOW May 14–Summer

Paintings, drawings, photography, and other artwork by members of our congregation and friends will be on display in our annual exhibit in the Cloister Gallery. Always a favorite—this exhibit showcases the varied media and styles through which our members express their creativity. During this quieter season in the church calendar, stop by the gallery to savor these works of art at your leisure.



Choir School

Choir School Tour

Choristers and alumni from the HOH Choir School, along with parents, Director Sofia Ardalan, and Rev. Julia Carlson will travel to Latvia June 13–23 to perform concerts, participate in worship, share music, and experience a culture where singing is part of the national identity. The choristers will sing in worship and present concerts at Aizpute Lutheran Church in Aizpute, St. Saviours Anglican Church, Church of Jesus Lutheran, and St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Riga. Thank you to all who have donated and made this tour possible.



Thank you, Choir School.

Thank you to choristers, parents, and families for another wonderful year of Choir School. We had a well-attended Spring Concert on May 12 and look forward to more music and singing in the fall.



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Thursday, July 4 at 4 p.m.

David Johnson, Carillonneur
The House of Hope Presbyterian Church, St. Paul, MN

Sunday, July 14 at 4 p.m.

Wesley Arai, Carillonneur
University of California, Santa Barbara, CA

Sunday, July 21 at 4 p.m.

Lyle Anderson, Carillonneur Emeritus
University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI

Sunday, July 28 at 4 p.m.

Jim Fackenthal, Carillonneur
St. Chrysostom Episcopal Church, Chicago, IL

Sunday, August 4 at 4 p.m.

Mitchell Stecker, Carillonneur
The Citadel, Charleston, SC

Sunday, August 11 at 4 p.m.

David Johnson, Carillonneur
The House of Hope Presbyterian Church, St. Paul, MN