

2019 Summer Carillon Recital Series Opens July 4



The **25th Annual Summer Recital Series** opens July 4 with an Independence Day program performed by House of Hope Carillonneur Dave Johnson. Rain or shine, the programs will feature outstanding players, all of whom are members of The Guild of Carillonneurs in North America.

Wesley Arai (July 14) serves as University Carillonist at the University of California-Santa Barbara, where he performs regularly on the 61-bell Storke Tower carillon and maintains a vibrant carillon studio. An active recitalist, Wesley has performed extensively across the United States and abroad and last appeared at House of Hope in 2014. Most recently, he performed in Australia, gave the dedicatory recital for the carillon at the University of Washington, and performed at the Eighth Berkeley Carillon Festival and at the 76th Congress of the Guild of Carillonneurs. He is also an annual recitalist at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Spokane, WA. His day job is as an actuary for an insurance company in Los Angeles.

Lyle Anderson (July 21) is Carillonneur Emeritus of the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Although officially retired in 2016, he continues to play regularly. Besides carillon study with John Wright Harvey, he is a 1980 graduate of the Netherlands Carillon School in Amersfoort. On Sunday mornings he plays organ alternately for services at First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, both in Madison. Lyle has been a frequent recitalist at House of Hope.

Jim Fackenthal (July 28) plays the carillons at the Riverwalk Park in Naperville, IL and St. Chrysostom's Episcopal Church in Chicago, IL. He studied the carillon with David Caldwell at the University of Rochester and has since taught many students of his own. He has been a member of the Guild of Carillonneurs since 1985 and has served as a board member, examination juror, and journal editor. Jim has also been a frequent House of Hope recitalist.

Mitchell Stecker (August 4) is the Director of Chapel Music and Carillonneur at The Citadel: The Military College of South Carolina, Charleston. He has studied carillon under Dr. Laura Ellis at the University of Florida and at the Royal Carillon School "Jef Denyn" (Mechelen, Belgium) and served as Carillon Fellow at Bok Tower Gardens, Lake Wales, FL in the fall of 2017 and spring of 2018. In addition to his carillon and church music duties, Mitchell also is active as a composer, a musicologist, and a fasola singer. This performance marks his first concert appearance in MN.

House of Hope carillonneur **Dave Johnson** will complete the 2019 series on August 11. Bring a blanket, folding chairs, a basket filled with treats for you, and enjoy the music of the bells. The 2019 House of Hope Carillon Series is again supported by a generous grant in memory of Sanford "Sandy" Moss, made at the recommendation of Harold and Grace Kurtz, executors of the Moss estate.

Dig into the House of Hope Community Garden

July and August are prime months for harvesting in the House of Hope Community Garden and delivering the vegetables to the Hallie Q. Brown and Neighborhood House food shelves. 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.



Pastor Nominating Committee Update

The Pastor Nominating Committee, guided by Rev. Jim Brasel of the Presbytery Committee on Ministry, has been meeting weekly since their formation in May. Taking some time to work with each other, they have now selected Sue Haigh as Chair and Lisa Yost as Vice-Chair of the committee. Other members include Sherwood Pomeroy, Charley Stewart, Elly Verhagen, Amber Winkelman, Jill Winter, Steve Yetter, and John Zwier. They are diligently working on development of the PC(USA) Ministry Information Form that provides information about our congregation as well as what we are looking for in our next Pastor. Once complete it will be submitted for approval to the Session and then to the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they go about the work entrusted to them by our congregation.

Clergy Message

We want to keep you informed about who is chairing our Session Committees. If you would like to compliment them on their work, offer some helpful insight, or volunteer, please talk with them.

Nominating Committee | Matthew Brenengen, Chair Peace and Justice Committee | Mike Nord and Laurel Gamm, Co-Chairs Worship, Sacraments, and Music Committee | Deb James, Chair Membership Development Committee | Jeff Parkman, Chair Life Groups Committee (New Session committee) | Linda Tuohy, Chair Mission Outreach Committee | Nancy Sabin, Chair Arts Committee | Patty Paulus, Chair Children and Family Committee | Leslie Erickson, Chair Youth Ministry Committee | Lois Knutson and Tim Godfrey, Co-Chairs Adult Ministry Committee | Kimberly Owens-Parenteau, Chair Personnel Committee | Lee Nelson, Chair Stewardship Committee | Sherwood Pomeroy, Chair Budget Committee | Judy Gensmer, Clerk of Session

Thank you to all those who are serving on the Session. It is appreciated very much.

—Andrew McDonald, Transitional Head Pastor

Save the Date Rally Sunday | Sunday, September 8





WORSHIP

10 a.m.

Sunday, July 7 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time The Motet Choir:

Give Us the Wings of Faith, Bullock Hallelujah, Amen (from Judas Maccabaeus), Handel

Sunday, July 14 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Motet Choir:

Haste Thee, O Lord, Batten O For a Closer Walk with God, Stanford

Sunday, July 21 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exsultate Deo, Scarlatti Lead Us into Fullness of Joy, Miller

Sunday, July 28 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

God Be In My Head, Rutter Awake My Heart, Marshall

Sunday, August 4 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, August 11 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, August 18 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, August 25 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Session Minutes May 21, 2019

Transitional Pastor Report

Distributed "True North Values," five dynamic values that will orient and direct us: Connect, Connect with God – Connect with Us; Explore, Explore Faith, Question Anything, Imagine All Things; Inspire, Inspire One Another; Engage, Engage Real Life; Belong, You Belong Here, Welcome Home. Rev. McDonald also provided Steps Toward Our HOH Future: Session Goal Setting for 2019–2020: Conversation Starters. Each Session Committee should focus on one major goal.

Election of Officers

Judy Gensmer elected as Clerk of Session, Matthew Brenengen as Deputy Clerk of Session, and Christopher McHugh as Treasurer.

Property Sale Workgroup

Workgroup recommended the church proceed with sale of 749 and 755 Summit for \$1,360,000, pending approval by Trustees.

House Property and Insurance

Discussion continues regarding the HVAC system, kitchen, water damage in the Meeting House and in the church, and roof repairs on the church building.

Investments and Audit

Annual audit will begin May 29.

Worship, Sacraments, & Music

Charlotte Jones was baptized on May 12. Communion was celebrated on April 28 and at the Women's Retreat. The next celebration of Holy Communion will take place on June 9, Pentecost.

Mission Outreach

HOH supports Children and Family Director Kiera Stegall as she works on her DMin degree. Executive Presbyter from the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area, Jeff Japinga, sent a thank you letter to HOH for sponsoring a group refugees from Ethiopia.

Membership Development

Committee moved approval of changes to the membership rolls: New Member Class May 19: Paul LeBuhn (Transfer), John Mohr (Affiliate Member), Julia Rogers (Reaffirmation of Faith), Kyle Stageberg (Reaffirmation of Faith), Michael Strommen (Affiliate Member) Request letter of transfer: Leigh Stewart, Lois Brockman, Lois Johnson.

Children and Family Ministry

VBS will take place June 17–21 at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church.

Youth Ministry

Work has begun to form confirmation class and next year's programs.

Personnel Committee

Revision underway of the employee handbook.

Peace and Justice

Ujamaa Place tour and lunch will be held on May 29. Earth Care Workgroup met with other congregations.

Budget

Pledge revenue is down, making us short of our budget goal. Quarterly statements have been sent out.

Nominating

New slate of Deacons, Elders, and Trustees were ordained/installed on May 19. Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) was elected by the congregation.

Associate Minister Reports

Rev. Julia Carlson reported a wonderful pilgrimage to Scotland.



Bells of the Future

When reviewing the future opportunities for handbells, the teaching process has been to begin with children and youth. This paradigm creates a continual process of teaching new ringers while pushing the experienced ringers into more advanced groups. But in this century, children and youth are pulled in so many directions that finding time for their participation in a bell choir may not be possible. I am turning that paradigm upside down and asking for your feedback.

I am soliciting information from adults who once rang bells at House of Hope or elsewhere, with ages from young adults to those who are "young at heart." There may be many reasons why adult ringers no longer participate, but rather than naming barriers, let's investigate a new opportunity. Perhaps there is a way to accommodate a new part to the bell program and create more adult ringing ensembles. I would like to explore the challenges and opportunities to determine if this idea has merit.

If you are interested, please contact me at TimS@hohchurch.org or (651) 223-7546 and I will send you a quick survey. I appreciate your help.

-Tim Short, Music Associate

Work with Us

We are seeking a full-time administrative assistant staff member to provide to provide administrative support to the Director of Administration including human resources, accounting, and general administrative support for the church.

Complete position description can be found on our website under Careers. Send resume and letter of interest to Michelle Freyholtz at MichelleF@hohchurch.org.

Adult Education and Mission Outreach Opportunities

Great Decisions July 9 | 4 p.m. | Kirk Parlour U.S. and Mexico with Robert Scarlett

The United States and Mexico share a long history and have geographic, economic, security, and social connections. Immigration, the war on drugs, and trade issues test the relationship today. What may we expect going forward?

Robert Scarlett has spent the past 50 years living and working in Latin America countries. His expertise is as an advisor and director for start-up and smaller manufacturing companies. All are welcome.

August 13 | 4 p.m. | Kirk Parlour Global Migration with Suda Ishida

Every country in today's global system has its own laws and policies about who is permitted to cross its borders and how they will do so. There are internal migrants and international migrants. How do refugees and asylum seekers fit into the migrations process?

Suda Ishida was born in Thailand and worked as a teacher in an Indochinese refugee camp run by the United Nations. Today, she is a professor of Communication Studies at Hamline University. All are welcome.

Feminist, Womanist, and Mujerista Theology: From Its Beginnings to Intersectionality

July 14, 21, 28, August 4, 11 11:15 a.m. | Room 1

Theology has never been a strictly male genre as we witness Miriam and Hannah's songs along with our well-known and loved Magnificat sung by Mary. Ecclesiology is another story; the interpretation of God's life and work has been dominated by male theologians. There have been women in every century who have written and preached; however, not until the suffrage movement and more recent women's movements has there been a lasting harvest and then a true bourgeoning of women's theological and spiritual thought and experience that has changed the church, synagogue, and even the mosque. These are forms of liberation theology, and, as always, theology changes the world. Led by Rev. Julia Carlson.

July 14: The Grandmothers and Valerie Saiving's "The Human Situation"

July 21, 28: The Mothers: Gender, Race, Body, and God

August 4: Trauma and Grace: Theology in a Ruptured World by Serene Jones

August 11: Spirituality and Power

Sunday Exchange: Talk, Listen or Just Be Together Sunday, July 28 | 11:15 a.m. | Room 1

Sunday, August 25 | 11:15 a.m. | Room 1

No. We don't often sit down together with the clear intent of talking about what's happening with our faith. Not really. That's what Sunday Exchange offers on the last Sunday of each month. Get a cup of coffee. Come and share—or just listen. If you have children, they can remain in childcare.

Sunday School Teachers

Children and Family Ministry is in need of Sunday school teachers for the 2019– 2020 school year. Age groups to lead include: K–1st grade and 2nd–3rd grade. The commitment is teaching roughly once a month from September–May. Teachers work on teams of four to create their own schedules. Curriculum lessons and supplies will be provided. A teacher training will take place in August. For more information or to sign-up to teach, please email Kiera Stegall at KieraS@ hohchurch.org.



Curious About What's Going on at House of Hope?

Would you like to be part of sharing that news—perhaps even writing a bit of it from time to time? We're putting together a workgroup to keep people informed about what's happening behind the scenes at House of Hope in quick, informal updates. If that intrigues you, even a little bit, contact Phil Bolinder at (651) 335-1495 or usuallyforthemostpart@gmail.com.



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, invite them back. We are looking for volunteers to help us make this a reality.

If that's something you might want to help make happen or you just want to find out more about what it might involve, contact Rev. Zach Wilson at ZachW@hohchurch.org.

Your Life: Outside the Lines

"Providence is the power of latent blessing that forebrightens our pathway."

- What are the limits you have set for your life?
- Where are the lines of these limits?

Why do you think you cannot go beyond them?

How real are they?

Did you construct these limits out of anxiety and fear?

If you were to go beyond your most solidly set limits, what difference would it make to your life?

What are you missing by remaining confined?

-from Divine Beauty: The Invisible Embrace, by John O'Donohue

Faith and Fibers Charity Slipper Project

Please join in suppling handmade slippers for two groups supported by our church: Women's Advocates and Project Home. By providing a basket of slippers to these organizations, we are demonstrating our care and concern for our neighbors in need. All sizes and colors of slippers are needed, infant through adult. Slippers must be delivered to the church office by September 15.

Work at home, at the cabin, in the car, or wherever you can find time. Patterns are available in the church office or use one of your favorites. Provide a label with the yarn content, and make sure they are washable. If you don't crochet or knit but have a yen to help, you can donate yarn, help make a label, put the finishing touches on such as buttons or pom-poms, or if you'd like to learn to knit or crochet, contact the church office and we'll find a coach for you.

Our Faith and Fibers group meets on the second Monday of the month. We will take a break for the summer (July and August), but begin again in September.

Questions?

Contact Janice Dickinson at janice.dickinson@att.net or (651) 647-1786 or Diane Smith at smith-diane@comcast.net or (651) 686-0910.





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

— Psalm 24:1

Connecting with Other Churches

Members of the Environmental Stewardship group attended a meeting of Earth Care Congregations at Oak Grove Presbyterian Church in Bloomington. It was a chance to get acquainted, share each congregation's activities, and brainstorm ways to foster earth care across the Presbytery. Of the 62 churches in the Presbytery of the Twin Cities, nine are currently Earth Care Congregations—so we have an exciting challenge ahead of us.

One of the ways Oak Grove is encouraging their members to curb climate change is to make their next car an electric vehicle. While that may not be affordable for a lot of us, if it is something you've been considering, you may want to save the date for their Electric Vehicle EXPO on Saturday, September 14 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. It will include informative talks, vehicles to "behold, ride, and drive," electric bikes, and much more. For further information: (952) 888-4561 or www.oakgrv.org.

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

HOH Community Retreat | June 2019

House of Hope's Community Retreat for members and friends of all ages was a great experience for the 35+ kids and adults who participated. We're looking forward to next year and making plans for even more people to come. Doug, Kiera, and I had activities planned for all ages—somethings we did together and other things in break-out groups based on age or interest. A highlight of the trip for me and many others was the Scavenger Hunt that Doug planned. I don't always enjoy such things, but this was a ton of fun and we got all around the camp to see the many locations and activities available. It was so creative!

And speaking of creative, the process art projects that Kiera prepared were

amazing. More of us would have liked to do the paint pour especially—but the weather was even more amazing (sorry Kiera). Kids were running around all over, in and out of the water, playing games with adults and without close supervision as well. It was beautiful—a true exhibition of the kingdom of God! It is not an experience to miss.

And about God—the Holy Spirit infused the whole experience. From the goofy games to the time of prayer we enjoyed the presence of the living God. The adults had the option to study the Pentecost texts and discern how they are called to be prophets in their lives. One of them wrote: "We live in a very connected world, but a lot of those connections are a little shallow—a Facebook friend is not the same thing as a friend. We, as individuals and a church, need to take the time to connect. This, but even more." I couldn't put it better myself—I hope even more of you will bring yourselves and your friends and family up next year to get more connected to each other and the new friends God is preparing you to make at House of Hope!

-Rev. Zach Wilson



Make a Joyful Noise with the House of Hope Choir School!

The House of Hope Choir School offers outstanding music education and choral training to children PreK–Grade 12 in a positive and enthusiastic setting. Choristers meet Wednesdays for choir rehearsals, instruction in voice, classes in music theory and Orff instruments, and dinner. Choir School runs September–May, and the program is open to all children.

Visit www.hohchurch.org/choir-school for more information. Registration is August 26–28; please contact Choir School Director Sofia Ardalan at SofiaA@hohchurch.org to make an appointment.











New Paraments: Ordinary Time

Created by Tim Harding

We hope you are enjoying the new paraments hanging from the pulpit and the lectern in the Sanctuary created by internationally-known fiber artist, Tim Harding. The first set of Easter Paraments was revealed on Easter Sunday and remained up until the second set of red Pentecost Paraments graced the Sanctuary on June 9. All of the paraments are created using many layers of richly colored silks that are stitched, cut, and pressed to reveal different layers of silk underneath as part of the design.

The third set of Ordinary Time Paraments were revealed on Sunday, June 23 and will remain up until Advent. The various colors of green represent new growth, lyrical movement, and the hope for spiritual growth during this longer time of the liturgical year when the church focuses on the life and ministry of Jesus. The three-dimensional "wave" design suggests the depth, vitality, and forwardthinking of the members of this congregation as well as musical staves representing our fantastic music program. Smaller amounts of blue silk interspersed at the top and bottom of the paraments suggest sky and water as important elements for continued growth.

We are pleased to announce that the Ordinary Time Paraments were generously gifted to House of Hope in memory of Norm Schindler from his wife, Lynn Schindler and their daughter, Audrey Schindler.





CLOISTER GALLERY





Member Art Show

May 14-summer

Paintings, drawings, photography, and other artwork by members of our congregation will be on display in our annual exhibit in the Cloister Gallery.

Always a popular 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.



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HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

National Night Out | Tuesday, August 6 Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for friendly, fun, and dedicated people to help host the 13th annual House of Hope National Night Out (NNO) neighborhood event. NNO is the nationwide, annual event to get neighbors out to meet each other, interact with law enforcement, fire departments, and elected officials to build safer communities.

House of Hope provides this free event for members of our diverse community, including the YWCA Transitional Housing Program, Women's Advocates, Ujamaa Place, Jeremiah Project, and Prior Crossing residents and families. It's a great opportunity to build relationships with fellow congregants, neighbors, and community leaders. Enjoy food, activities, entertainment, and learn about crime prevention, safety, and community resources.

Several volunteer opportunities are available from distributing flyers to neighborhood residents, to set-up and tear-down, and everything in between. Stop by the table outside the Kirk Parlour before or after worship on Sundays starting July 14. Donations of cakes/ cupcakes/brownies, etc. for the cake walk and soda, juice boxes, and bottled water will be accepted in the church office beginning August 4 through the event. Questions? Contact Mary Cardinal Peterson at PeteCardFive@outlook.com or (651) 341-7173.

Please join us for this popular neighborhood event!