



Inspiring Goals

Session Steps Up to Challenge

In the past six months, the Session and its committees have been involved in setting goals for the future, based on the input from the congregational listening meetings.

The challenge put to each committee was not just to do business-as-usual, but to choose one big goal that will help move the church forward. This included an overarching goal for the Session itself.

These goals include:

Session: Work to help the church grow numerically.

Membership Development: Increase the warmth of our welcome inside the church, and our marketing outside the church, so that we reach a goal of growing by 40 new members this program year.

Life Groups: Grow this new committee to build connection and friendship among our members and friends, through new community building events.

Adult Ministry: Expand programming to include a Wednesday night supper and adult classes.

Stewardship: Increase the number of new pledges by 40, and inspire members to increase giving by at least 3%, so we reach our goal of \$1,250,000 in 2020.

Peace and Justice: Educate and engage more people in our peace and justice focus areas.

Mission Outreach: Expand awareness about the vital work HOH accomplishes in its mission support.

Personnel: Update the employee handbook and identify ways to better care for the staff.

Worship, Sacraments and Music: Support the Sunday Series and inspire those who come through our doors to find a spiritual home at HOH.

Arts: Attract visitors by promoting our art exhibits to the public.

Children, Youth and Families: Initiate

three new events for children and families throughout the year.

House and Properties (Trustees):

First, hire a consultant to help us focus direction on a new HVAC system, then engage an architect to render plans for the HVAC and kitchen projects. This will involve getting further input from the congregation regarding potential uses for the building.

These are exciting, practical goals that the Session has taken on. They show the church and Session are moving forward in substantive ways.

The goal of this issue of *The Anchor* is to give a broader picture of the goals and objectives the church is involved in. It is inspiring to see.

Thank you to the Session for their leadership, and thank you to every member for your support in your time, talent and tithes.

—Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald

WORSHIP

10 a.m.

Sunday, November 3
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
All Saints' Sunday
Music Sunday

The Motet Choir:
Requiem, Fauré

Sunday, November 10
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Commitment Sunday

The Motet Choir:
Give Alms of thy Goods, Tye
I Will Praise Thee, O Lord, Nystedt

Choir School:
Brethren we have met to worship,
arr. Currie
With parents and alumni

Sunday, November 17
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Motet Choir:
Lobt Gott mit Schall, ihr Heiden all, Schutz
Domine, ad adjuvandum me, Martini

Choir School:
Holy, Holy, Holy, Smith

Sunday, November 24
34th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Motet Choir:
Gaude et Laetare, Sweelinck
Let All the World in Every Corner Sing,
Argento

Choir School:
Gaelic Blessing, Rutter

Wednesday, November 27, 7 p.m.
Thanksgiving Eve

The Motet Choir:
I Will Praise Thee, O Lord, Nystedt

Choir School:
The Call of Wisdom, Todd

All members and friends are invited to join us in worship and giving thanks. Childcare available. Bring an offering of non-perishable food items or cash for the food shelf.

Taking Steps Toward the Future: HOH Session Goals for 2020

Our main goal is to lead House of Hope to membership growth. Based on the Visioning Report, we worked with each committee to set goals and objectives to accomplish by June 30, 2020. The intention is to help connect our leaders with information and challenge each committee to prioritize activities to help our church grow.

Each committee chair will meet regularly with the Transitional Head Pastor to discuss goals and objectives. A final report on activities and accomplishments will be provided at the September 2020 Session meeting.

Adult Ministry

- 1) Explore faith by advancing our adult enrichment programming.
- 2) Increase participation in quality adult education offerings.

Membership Development

To work with church members and leadership to strengthen current processes and to receive at least 40 new members in the 2019–2020 program year (September 1, 2019–August 31, 2020).

Stewardship

- 1) Increase 2020 pledge income— goal is \$1,250,000. That is an increase of \$56,421 over last year's pledge income.
- 2) Increase new pledges by 40 households.
- 3) Secure 100% participation from Trustees, Session, and Deacons.
- 4) Develop a list of five powerful stories and storytellers impacted by our mission and ministries.
- 5) Develop a theology of stewardship.

Personnel

Update employee handbook and identify ways to better care for church staff.

Peace and Justice

1) Activate congregational involvement and outreach to the community through peace and justice activities.

Mission Outreach

- 1) Educate all Mission Outreach Committee members about which non-profits HOH has supported.
- 2) Communicate to HOH's congregation and the community about the "time and talents" that are shared and exchanged to "mutually deepen our wells in life."
- 3) Review the Mission Outreach Committee's purpose annually, to revise it as needed, based on diverse input and to communicate it in celebration of God's grace and blessings.

Worship, Sacraments, and Music

- 1) Provide for worship, the administration of the sacraments, and music programs.
- 2) Work with leadership to plan the Sunday Series, offering two events in 2020. We seek to inspire those who come through our doors to find a spiritual home in our community of faith.

Arts

This committee plans and arranges exhibits in the Cloister Gallery to enrich, educate, and inspire House of Hope members, friends, and visitors. The committee also helps monitor and preserve the Church's art and provides guidance for maintaining its architectural and aesthetic unity.

- 1) Inform the congregation and community about Cloister Gallery exhibits.
- 2) Attract visitors to exhibits by promoting them to the public.
- 3) Nurture return visits by non-members by providing an opportunity to sign-up to be informed of upcoming exhibits.
- 4) Invite non-members to House of Hope: plan an annual show that showcases a group of artists and provide an opportunity for them to interact with our congregation.

Children, Youth, and Family Ministry

This committee is committed to building relationships and increasing the engagement of children and families through programming and multi-generational events.

- 1) Initiate three new events for children and families throughout the year.
- 2) Increase and update our communication tools to ensure families, the congregation, and prospective families are aware of activities and programming.
- 3) Enhance a culture of multi-generational support and engagement, inviting congregants to attend children's community activities, volunteer in various aspects of children's programming, and participate in multi-generational events and retreats.

Life Groups

This new committee will plan small and large group activities to build community and connection among members, nurture deeper friendships and faith, and provide offerings of interest to members and visitors.

- 1) Recruit 3–5 additional committee members to brainstorm ideas and help implement activities.
- 2) Offer small-group book/faith-enrichment discussions on Wednesday evenings.
- 3) Identify strong meeting facilitators to lead small-group discussions.
- 4) Research and initiate new interest

Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) Update

The Head Pastor position has been advertised nationally. We are receiving inquiries from candidates and contacting referrals. We continue to meet weekly to keep this process moving forward and are looking forward to finding the best candidate to be our leader.

Your help is still needed. If you have visited a church and feel the Pastor would be a good fit for us, please submit his/her name to our committee. We will research

groups, including outdoor activities, theater outings, etc.

- 5) Research a tour to the Minneapolis Institute of Art during the Christmas or the Lenten season. Theme to be determined, i.e. incarnation, other.
- 6) Work with clergy to implement the Lenten discussion program.

NEW!

Adult Song Group

Thursday, November 7 at 1 p.m.

Kirk Parlour

Come join members of our church to raise our voices together in song. Aaron David Miller and Linda Smith will kick-off this first gathering. We'll sing hymns, show tunes, patriotic and folk songs. *Call/text Linda Tuohy, (651) 246-3027, for more information.*

Bicycling Group

This group will continue to ride this spring. We will provide ample opportunities to ride during the week and weekend.



and gauge interest. You may contact any member of the PNC, leave a note in the PNC mailbox in the office, or email Susan Haigh (hohpnc@googlegroups.com).

Candidate confidentiality is vital in our search. If you suggest a candidate, we cannot share with you whether we have contacted that candidate or whether the candidate has contacted the PNC. Thank you for honoring the confidentiality of the recruitment process.

PNC: Sue Haigh, Chair; Lisa Yost, Vice Chair; Sherwood Pomeroy; Charley Stewart; Elly Verhagen; Steve Yetter; Amber Winkelman; Jill Winter; John Zwier



Earth Care

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and they that dwell therein.

—Psalm 24:1

Your Carbon Footprint

How big of an impact are you making on the environment? Your carbon footprint measures the greenhouse gases released in the production, use, and disposal of everything you consume—including emissions from transportation, household energy, waste, water, food, goods, and services.

To calculate your carbon footprint go to an online calculator such as <https://coolclimate.org/calculator> or <https://www.carbonfootprint.com/calculator.aspx> where you can find out how you compare to similar households in your zip code, city, or state, and then prioritize what you can do to reduce your climate impact.

Let us know! If you are taking steps to live in mindful stewardship of God's creation, when you sign the Friendship pad during Sunday worship, next to your name put an **E**



Adult Education at HOH

The wellbeing of humans and our environment is an integral part of Christian Discipleship. In November, we're going to explore different areas of human existence and endeavor to discern how God is calling us to heal ourselves, our neighbors, and the world. Everyone is invited to these important discussions and experiences.

Sunday, November 3

Body Wellness

11:15 a.m. | Assembly Room

With Julia Owens

Sunday, November 10

Veterans Wellness

11:15 a.m. | Assembly Room

Speaker TBD

Forum on Peace and Justice Advocacy

11:15 a.m. | Library

Presentation and discussion of the role of peace and justice advocacy in the PC(USA) and the mission of the Peace and Justice Committee.

Sunday Exchange

11:15 a.m. | Room 1

Are Your Beliefs Changing? Why? How? Why Not?

An opportunity to have an honest conversation about life and faith.

If you have children, they can remain in childcare.

Women's Breakfast Book Group

November 1 and 8

Truman's Excellent Adventure:

The True Story of a Great American Road Trip,

by Matthew Algeo

November 15 and 22

Varina by Charles Frazier

November 29

Thanksgiving Break – no meeting

Sunday, November 17

Mental Health and Wellness

11:15 a.m. | Assembly Room

National Alliance on Mental Illness of Minnesota Speaker

Sunday, November 24

Spiritual Wellness

11:15 a.m. | Assembly Room

With Rev. Julia Carlson

Get to Know the Peace and Justice Committee

11:15 a.m. | Library

Learn about the committee's activities and how you can get involved.

Contact: Mike Nord, (612) 384-7675.

Sunday Exchange

11:15 a.m. | Room 1

How Are You Dealing with Differences—People, Ideas?

An opportunity to have an honest conversation about life and faith.

If you have children, they can remain in childcare.

SAVE THE DATE

Women's Retreat

May 1-3, 2020

*Saint John's Abbey Guesthouse
Collegeville, MN*

EAT, CONNECT, EXPLORE: WEDNESDAYS

SCHEDULE:

4:30-5:30 p.m. Choir School

5:30-6:00 p.m. Choir School Dinner

6:00-7:30 p.m. Choir School Rehearsal

6:00-6:30 p.m. Community Dinner

7:00-8:00 p.m. Wednesday Study

7:00-8:30 p.m. Adult Handbell Choir

7:00-9:00 p.m. The Motet Choir Rehearsal



COMMUNITY MEAL

Our Wednesday night meals are a success! You're welcome to come, whether you're singing in choir, attending the Wednesday Study, or just don't want to cook supper. Please register at MyHoH or email Rev. Zach Wilson at ZachW@hohchurch.org.

WEDNESDAY STUDY

7 p.m. | Assembly Room

The Intersections of Judaism and Christianity

November 6

The Christian Roots of Anti-Judaism

November 13

The Jewish Jesus: Reading the New Testament with Jewish Eyes

November 20

Contemporary Judaism and the Rise of Anti-Judaism

Commitment Sunday is November 10

“INSPIRE ONE ANOTHER TO LOVE AND GOOD WORKS”

Hebrews 10:24

At House of Hope, we inspire one another every day. It is where we build community, find solace, and celebrate joy. It is where we can bask in the music that is God’s first language. Here we enjoy good company and work toward spiritual growth. Where our children learn to care about others and where we find the courage to work for social justice.

You should have received information about this year’s campaign in the mail. Please prayerfully consider what the church means to you, where it ranks in the order of your giving, as well as the percentage of your income designated for giving.

Bring your completed pledge card on Commitment Sunday when they will be collected during worship. Our members coming together to submit their pledges makes a powerful and inspirational statement. Please consider being part of that. We encourage children to remain in worship until after the pledges have been collected to participate with their families.

Your financial support sustains a place that inspires us to be better, dig deeper, and reach higher.

Our members share a bit about what inspires them. What inspires you?

“At Loaves and Fishes we feed a number of children who come with other kids, no parents. Ray Clark once told me, ‘but for our spaghetti dinner the kids might have a bag of potato chips.’” —Lee Nelson

“The faith I feel at HOH is large and progressive enough to include my passions.”
—Betty Folliard

“I am inspired by the ways that HOH serves our community. Anything I do is multiplied by so many other good and wise members and mission partners.” —Lisa Yost

“The transformation of life and learning in our confirmands inspires me.”
—Kay Solon

“I gain inspiration, comfort, and strength from the sermons and the outreach programs for the community.”
—Jackie O’Keefe

“What inspires me are the people I have met here and through them how we reach out to meet the needs of others.”
—Sherwood Pomeroy

“Caring people inside and outside the church and our community of connections.” —Nancy Sabin

“Enrichment, thoughtful leaders, and thoughtful others in the congregation and from the community who teach and inspire to live deeply and with intention and self-reflection inspire me. House of Hope gathers people whose focus is to be the best one can be.” —Berhrant Sumons

“The worship experience here fills me up and gives me hope and energy to fuel the rest of my days.”
—Laurel Gamm

**Please show your support of the programs that inspire us all.
Every dollar you give sustains our ministry and makes House of Hope such a special place.**

INSPIRE



Children, Youth, and Family Programming

The Children and Family Committee is committed to building relationships and increasing the engagement of children and families. We are building a multi-generational culture—inviting congregants to attend children’s activities, volunteer, and participate in events.

Below are some events to add to your calendar!

Parents Night Out

Friday, November 22 | 5–8 p.m.

Children, birth–fifth grade, are invited to enjoy games, art, snacks, a movie, and more. Bring your dinner and your friends! Cost is \$20 for the first child and \$5 for each additional child. Adult volunteers are needed.

Advent Celebration

Sunday, December 1 | 11:15 a.m.

Enjoy fellowship, make advent wreaths, create art, decorate cookies, and more. Fun for all ages.

Christmas Pageant and Cookie Event

Sunday, December 15 | 11:15 a.m.

Join us for a unique retelling of the Christmas story in the Sanctuary as our Creative Expressions group is writing the pageant this year. Witness the story of Jesus’s birth through the eyes of our children, who worked creatively with the biblical text. Following the pageant, join us for a multi-generational cookie event hosted by our Adult Education Committee.



Friends of Prior Crossing

This group supports residents of Prior Crossing in many ways. Recently, staff mentioned that many residents get no recognition on their birthdays other than the card given to them by the staff, so we decided to provide birthday bags.

If you are interested in supporting Prior Crossing, contact Jan Parkman at janparkman@gmail.com.

Remember to take advantage of pre- and post-holiday sales to pick up items to donate to residents of Prior Crossing.

Thank you for your continued generosity.



House of Hope Choir School

Choir School Alumni and Parent Sing-A-Long Sunday November 10

All Choir School alumni, parents, and grandparents are invited to sing with the Choir School. You are welcome to attend rehearsal on the previous Wednesday or come to Sunday rehearsal at 9:15 a.m. RSVP to Sofia Ardanal at SofiaA@hohchurch.org.

Our next alumni sing-a-long will be Sunday, December 22.



Inspiring young singers since 1982

Our five choirs offer children PreK–Grade 12 an opportunity to learn musical skills in an affirming and welcoming environment and develop teamwork and community. Singing provides a means of expression and enriches our worship and our lives. New choristers welcome! **Register at: www.hohchurch.org/choir-school.**

The hallways are filled with music on Saturdays here at HOH! This fall we expanded the music program to include individual instruction in piano and voice. Lessons are for all ages, PreK-adult, and all levels, from the very beginner to the adult returning to lessons, to the aspiring music major. New students are welcome, and you do not need to be part of the choir to take lessons. **Visit www.hohchurch.org/choir-school to register or contact Director Sofia Ardanal at SofiaA@hohchurch.org.**



Mino Oski Ain Dah Yung Grand Opening November 20

The first group of residents will begin moving into their new home soon, so we are collecting bedding for new residents.



Any donations (new pillows, full size sheet sets, mattress pads, and comforters) or financial donations are welcome. The approximate cost of supplying a set of bedding for a resident is about \$75. *Please leave donations in the coat room, and mark your check for "MOADY."*

Bash Update

Thank you to all who supported the Harvest of Hope Bash—we raised \$43,300! That leaves less than \$10,000 remaining to reach our Mission Outreach goal. *If you haven't already, please donate before the end of the year.*

Support our mission outreach partners as they put our faith into action every day—feeding the hungry, sheltering those in need, and empowering others to improve their lives.

CLOISTER GALLERY



*Closed Area: Whitefish Dunes State Park
Acrylic, 40" x 40"*

Charlotte Schuld: In Search of Beauty and Incredible Place

October 15–December 1

**Artist Reception:
Sunday, November 10 at 11 a.m.**

Charlotte Schuld specializes in landscapes rich in color, texture, and detail. Building up multiple layers, she creates works that lead the eye through lush landscapes found in Minnesota and from travels.

Charlotte lives and works in Stillwater. Her works can be found at: charlotteschuld.com and at the Waters of Superior Gallery in Duluth, MN.

Women's Annual Advent Breakfast

*Friday, December 13, 7–9 a.m. * Note date change **

**Town and Country Club, 300 Mississippi River Boulevard North, St. Paul
Rev. Ashley Bair, Guest Speaker, Associate Pastor at Central Presbyterian**

All women are invited for a relaxed breakfast, with conversation and an inspiring meditation by Rev. Ashley Bair. She is passionate about the vital connection of church to community, is an environmental and peace activist, and received this year's Emerging Earth Care Leader Award from Presbyterians for Earth Care.

Cost for the event is \$25 per person. Please make your reservation with payment at the table outside the Kirk Parlour after worship.

Christmas Sponsor-A-Family 2019

Please help ease a local family's holiday stress by adopting a family this year.

In 2018, Christmas was a little brighter for 76 families because of HOH's generosity. This year we're hoping to spread joy to 80 families. A list of families and gift ideas will be available for "adoption" in the Kirk Parlour after worship on Sunday, November 3, 10, or 17. The suggested amount per family member is \$50/person.

Consider sharing sponsorship with another church member. Or if you don't like to shop, donations are welcome and will be used to provide a grocery gift card for each family. Donations (including checks) can be dropped off in the Kirk Parlour or at the church office with a note indicating "Christmas Sponsor-A-Family."

Your generosity will make this Christmas season warm and memorable.

Call for "Christmas Memories"

The Arts Committee requests nostalgic Christmas items to display in December. Ornaments, creches, old sheet music, Christmas books, a favorite recipe, family photos from long ago, Christmas cards, nutcrackers, etc. Donation boxes will be available in November.

Start searching for that special item to share with our members!

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All Saints' Sunday and Music Sunday November 3



Worship at House of Hope on All Saints' Sunday provides time to reflect on friends and loved ones who have joined the church eternal.

The Motet Choir and Bach Chamber Players will present Gabriel Fauré's *Requiem*, which is a musical contemplation to commemorate the day. The choir and orchestra will be conducted by Matthew Culloton, with Aaron David Miller on the Fisk organ. Fauré's beautiful setting of the "Pie Jesu" will be sung by Hannah Armstrong. Music Sunday celebrates the outstanding music that The Motet Choir, Choir School, organists, and guest musicians have offered to worship for decades, *Soli Deo Gloria*.

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