

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT HOUSE OF HOPE



Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24

4 p.m. Multigenerational Service

7 and 9:30 p.m. Carillon Recitals by
David Johnson

7:30 and 10 p.m. Candlelight Services

Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald, preaching

Both Candlelight Services will include
Christmas anthems and feature music
by The Motet Choir and The Bach
Chamber Players.

10 p.m. service also includes J.S. Bach's
Christmas Oratorio, Parts 1–3.

Childcare available at 4 p.m. and 7:30
p.m. services.

Visit hohchurch.org for livestreaming
of the Candlelight Services on
Christmas Eve.

Christmas offerings support the
church's outreach ministries of fighting
hunger, poverty, and homelessness in
our community.

There is no service on Christmas Day.



Traditional Christmas Tableaux

Saturday, December 21 | 5:30 p.m.

A House of Hope tradition for nearly 100
years, this is the Christmas story told
through the Scriptures, through lovely
carols and anthems, and in the adapta-
tion in tableaux vivant ("living pictures")
of well-known paintings and familiar
scenes of the Nativity.

This unique and beautiful service offers a
time for peaceful reflection, and a space
to experience the wonder and joy of the
season.

Recommended for age 6+, childcare is
available for younger children.

WORSHIP

10 a.m.

Sunday, December 1
1st Sunday of Advent

The Motet Choir:

To Thee, O Lord, Have I Lifted Up My Soul,
Near

Thou Shalt Know Him, Sirrett

Choir School:

*Then Shall the Eyes of the Blind be
Opened,* Mendelssohn (arr. Nelson)

Sunday, December 8
2nd Sunday of Advent

Adult Handbell Choir (9:45 a.m.):

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus, Hopson
Lost in the Night, Moglebust

The Motet Choir:

A Crown of Glory, Rutter
O Thou the Central Orb, Wood

Choir School:

Magnificat, Dyson

Sunday, December 15
3rd Sunday of Advent

The Motet Choir:

Dixit Maria, Hassler
Balulalow, Culloton

Choir School:

This Little Babe, Britten

Sunday, December 22
4th Sunday of Advent

The Motet Choir:

Light Everlasting, Christiansen
The Glory of the Father, Hovland

Choir School:

Angel's Carol, Rutter

Tuesday, December 24
Christmas Eve

*see front page for worship details

Christmas Oratorio, J.S. Bach
(10 p.m. only)

Anthems for Choir and Harp

Hallelu!, Paulus

Clergy Message



Mary was shocked when the angel came to her. Perplexed. Afraid of what the angel said. That she would

become a vessel of the holy? That God was doing something world-shaking (perhaps "earthshaking" instead) through her? She doubted, saying, "How can this be?" After she overcame her initial shock, she replied with words to the effect of, Here I am. Let it be.

I think maybe we move too fast from the shock to the acceptance. The truth of the matter is, even for Mary, she began in a disrupted state that must have shook her to the core. When we see that fact about Mary, then we come to an even deeper appreciation of her courage and faithfulness.

Advent is the time when we remember that God's redemptive love takes time. Faith is not about unquestioning belief or easy credulity. Her good news comes as ours does: through the disruptions. The new life that God brings takes patience, time, and discernment before we discover how God is giving birth to something new in our lives. The birth of Jesus is about God becoming present in our world to bring us a new beginning. But it does not happen automatically or easily.

I look forward to the journey through Advent with you, as we take time to discover how, out of the darkness, God brings the Light of the World, in Jesus Christ.

—Andrew McDonald, Transitional Pastor

Thank you to the Smith Family

Thank you to Pat and Linda Smith for their generous gift to replace the window panes in the hallways of the Cloister Gallery and between the main Portland Avenue entry and the Elizabeth Chapel. In addition, their gift will fund the restoration of the large window next to the Summit Avenue door across from the Assembly Room.



Flower Memorials

House of Hope invites you to purchase a poinsettia (\$15) or make a donation in any amount to the Mission Outreach Fund in memory or in honor of loved ones this Advent and Christmas Season. Their names will be included in the bulletin on December 22. Visit or call the church office to sign up and pay or sign up and pay online. To sign up and pay online, click the "Giving at House of Hope" link at the very top of the home page, or "Learn More" in the Donate section at the bottom of the home page, and then follow the instructions and links for Flower Memorials. You may pick up your poinsettia(s) following worship on December 22 or Christmas Eve. The deadline for reserving Christmas Memorials is December 15.



Music Director **Aaron David Miller** was recently honored by the American Guild of Organists with the Pogorzelski/Yankee Award for Music Composition. This international award is given to a single composer with the intention of creating a lasting and impactful composition for the pipe organ. Aaron's new composition will be premiered in 2021 at Indiana University and continue to receive performances internationally. Aaron's ability to understand and write for mechanical action organs, similar to the ones we enjoy at House of Hope, was of particular importance as he was being considered for this award. Please join us in congratulating Aaron on this wonderful recognition.

Elizabeth Chapel Organ Recital Series

Advent Program: Works by Georg Telemann

Sunday, December 1 at 4 p.m.

The program will include two Advent cantatas sung by Krista Costin and accompanied by Barb Leibundguth on the flute, and Aaron David Miller on the chapel organ. The program will also include oboe sonatas of Telemann played by oboist Sarah Carmack. Free and open to the public. Reception will follow.

Reverberations

You will want to be sure to be at House of Hope on Sunday, January 5, 2020 for the prelude: Carols for Handbells and Harp. The prelude will begin at 9:45 a.m. The Adult Bell Choir will be assisted by Rhonda Grobe, harpist, for musical offerings that will continue the festive season of Christmastide. Invite your family and friends to join you for this special musical event that will bring our twelve days of Christmas to their conclusion.



Christmas Offerings

Our annual Christmas Offerings will be received at all three worship services on Christmas Eve.

Your gift to this offering supports the church's mission and ministry in our community. As faithful followers of Christ and active citizens of the world, we believe that God calls us to be generous and joyful givers. We have so much for which to be grateful. House of Hope offers tremendous programs, has a committed clergy and staff, and participates actively in mission outreach within our commu-

nity. Each year House of Hope works hard to meet its budget, so your contribution is not simply giving, but giving back.

Thank you for your consideration and for your commitment. You may place your envelope in the offering plate at any of the Christmas Eve services, or mail it to the church.

Text **HOH Christmas** to **73256** to give to the Christmas Offerings fund using your text messaging. Standard text messaging rates may apply.

Christmas Sponsor-A-Family

This year, House of Hope congregants are sponsoring 76 families for Christmas. Still needed are donations to purchase grocery store gift cards for each family. Donations can be included in the offering plate, as well as mailed or dropped off in the church office. Please include a notation that your gift is for "Christmas Sponsor-A-Family." As a reminder, wrapped gifts for the sponsored families should be delivered to the Assembly Room by December 8. Thank you for your generosity and help this holiday season, and thank you to Stacy Paleen for coordinating this project.

Women's Annual Advent Breakfast

Friday, December 13, 7-9 a.m.

Town and Country Club, Saint Paul
300 Mississippi River Boulevard North

All women are invited for a relaxed breakfast, conversation and camaraderie, and an inspiring meditation for the Advent season 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 by Sunday, December 8.

“INSPIRE ONE ANOTHER TO LOVE AND GOOD WORKS”

Hebrews 10:24

It's inspiring to see the such a positive response to this year's campaign launch. We are making great progress toward reaching our goal —with many individuals and families having already made their 2020 financial pledge to the church.

We've also heard a lot about what inspires you at House of Hope. Have you shared a bit about what inspires you?

You can share your inspiration at: www.cognitoforms.com/HouseOfHopePresbyterianChurch/SpreadTheLove



If you haven't already, please show your support for House of Hope. We celebrate that every gift of every size matters. Make your commitment today. Pledge cards can be found in the pew racks or you can make your commitment online: www.hohchurch.org/donate-online. Thank you!

End of Year Giving

As the year draws to a close, please make your 2020 Stewardship pledge today.

We welcome your contributions in many ways, including check, credit card, or stock transfer, among others. You can set up your donation through automatic giving on the HOH website. Visit hohchurch.org and click "My HOH" in the top menu bar. To create an account, select "Need a Log in" or log into your My HOH account and manage your donations online. Gifts of stock or securities and qualified distributions from IRAs are always welcome and the process is not difficult.

If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Freyholtz, MichelleF@hohchurch.org, (651) 223-7556. If you are making a payment toward your 2020 pledge in calendar year 2019, be sure to indicate in the memo line of your check that it is for a "Prepaid Pledge for 2020." Please remember that to be credited for the 2019 tax year, checks must be postmarked by no later than midnight on December 31, 2019.

Thank you for your contributions. Your generous support is vital to this ministry.



House of Hope Gives Time

Along with your generous financial gifts, we appreciate the many, many volunteer hours that our members donate both within the church and out in the wider world. The beautiful gift of your time provides strength and comfort to many.

2019 Project Home Volunteers

During October, HOH served as an emergency shelter for families experiencing homelessness through Project Home. Our church members set aside time from their busy lives to prepare and share meals, play games with children, and even spend the night in our Youth Room. We extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to all volunteers who helped accomplish this important project this year. We also want to thank Jenny Stevens for coordinating the volunteer schedule for Project Home.

Bonnie Alton, Paul Anderson, Jan Anderson, John Anderson, Katie Anderson, Sofia Ardan, Walt Bailey, Ginger Bailey, Marilyn Bjorklund, Mary Ellen Bland, Phil Bolinder, Kathe Bolinder, Georgia Bond, Ron Bongard, Dixie Brachlow, Stephen Brachlow, Emily Brenengen, John Brenengen, Matthew Brenengen, Amy Brenengen, Andrew Brenengen, Amy Caron, Graham Caron, David Cleveland, Judie Cooper, Isabelle Crane, Dick Crone, Margie Crone, Ray Dean, Elizabeth Decourt, Barbara Donoho, Bonnie Eidman, Vernon Eidman, Lelia Ellison, Leslie Erickson, Nick Erickson, Jan Favorite, Allan Floyd, Michelle Freyholtz, Debby Fulton, Laurel Gamm, Ann Geery, Bill Geery, Tim Godfrey, Mary Sue Godfrey, Paul Godfrey, Jean Godfrey, Elizabeth Golnik, Georgia Hagerty, Sue Haigh, Margot Haining, Dave Hutchinson, Lee Jamison, Erika Jamison, Sarah Jensen, Roger Jensen, Andrew Karre, Susan Koebrick, Linda Lane, Joe Lane, Renee

Lane, Seale Lea, Rob Lea, Bill Liike, Pete Mayer, Becky Mayer, Sherla Mayer, Dave Mayer, Ava Mayer, Leo Mayer, Otto Mayer, Donna McCarthy, Dennis McCarty, Chris McHugh, Doug Melena, Mike Meyer, Leslie Meyer, Margaret Miller, Jan Munson, Bill Munson, Joan Nelson, Mike Nord, Jackie O'Keefe, Dave Olson, Mary Patton, Dave Pearson, Bianca Perez, Dave Phillips, Connie Phillips, Sherwood Pomeroy, Cathy Pomeroy, Derek Robb, Gale Robb, Julia Rogers, Nancy Sabin, Muffy Sewall, Leah Shipp, Gregg Shipp, Evan Shipp, Dan Simpson, Julian Simpson, Gretchen Sjoholm, Jack Sjoholm, Dianne Smith, Paul Solon, Kay Solon, Kiera Stegall, Charles Stephens, Jenny Stevens, Addie Stevens, Geoff Stevens, Caroline Stone, Jeffrey Stone, William Stone, Evelyn Sunness, Linda Tuohy, Bernie Tuohy, Ingrid Verhagen, Shana Wagner, Kevin Walli, Kelly Webster, Zach Wilson, Jill Winter, Katie Wollan, Lisa Yost

Faith and Fibers Slipper Project Update

House of Hope collected more than 70 pairs of slippers (knit and crocheted in various sizes and colors). We gave 24 pairs to the families who were at the church in October for Project Home. We will donate the remaining slippers to Women's Advocates.

This project truly made a difference. Adults and children alike enjoyed and appreciated the slippers. One mother commented on how comfortable and warm they were. A 12-year-old boy had his slippers on and said he really liked them.

Blessings to all the members and friends of our church who made this project a reality by donating slippers.

—Janice D., Faith and Fibers member



Thank you from our friends at the Community of Peace Academy

"Thank you to the members of the congregation for supporting this worthy community service program at Community of Peace Academy. This fall, HOH member Bill Liike took two staff members shopping for school supplies, spending \$750 in total. They were able to extend our budgeted \$750 to purchase more than \$1,600 (standard retail price) worth of school supplies.

Bill's kind spirit is a gift, and your generosity helps us provide supplies for many, many families in need. We couldn't be more thankful."

—David Nunez and Sadie Fischer at Community of Peace Academy



Adult Education at HOH

Sunday, December 1

11:15 a.m. | Assembly Room

Advent Celebration co-sponsored by the Adult Ministry Committee

Sunday, December 8

11:15 a.m. | Sanctuary

We invite everyone to stay for the Choir School Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 15

11:15 a.m. | Assembly Room

Adults are invited to remain in the Sanctuary for our Annual Christmas Pageant written this year by our children. A cookie giveaway will immediately follow the Pageant.

Sunday, December 22

11:15 a.m. | Assembly Room

Christmas Carol Sing-Along

Sunday Exchange

11:15 a.m. | Room 1

Listen or Just Be Together

Sunday Exchange is a twice-a-month opportunity to talk (the second and last Sundays), to connect in a deeper way, about things that matter. Pick up coffee, tea or whatever and join us. If you have children, they can remain in childcare until noon.

December 8: We'll ask *What Christian values aren't American—or visa versa?*

December 29: *Are you satisfied? What do you want?*

Sunday Weekday Connection

January 28 | 6 p.m. | Kirk Parlour

With guest Mary Cardinal Peterson

Preview of Adult Education in 2020

Civic Engagement

January 5 - Sofia Ardalan - Global engagement with a presentation on the Choir School's Tour in Latvia

January 12 - Speaker from State of Minnesota Paul Mandell - Capital Renovation Findings

January 19 - TBD

January 26 - TBD

Science and Faith

February 9 - Paul Ohman "Emergence"

Cookie Bakers Needed

The Adult Ministry Committee is hosting a cookie giveaway after the Christmas Pageant. We need volunteers who will bake Christmas cookies and help bag cookies on December 15. Please contact the church office if you are interested in helping. Our goal is to collect 75 dozen cookies, and we're well on our way!



Wednesday Evening Community Dinners and Study have been a terrific success—thank you to all who have made this offering a success. We'll take a break in December and return in January!

Women's Breakfast Book Group

7 a.m. | Kirk Parlour

December 6: *News of the World*, Paulette Jiles

December 13: Annual Advent Breakfast (see page 3)

December 20: *News of the World* continued

December 27: no meeting

January 3: no meeting

Adult Song Group

Thursday, December 5 at 1 p.m. | Kirk Parlour

Join us this first week in Advent as we sing well-loved Christmas carols, led this month by HOH member Shana Wagner, an elementary school music teacher for 40 years. All are welcome!





Didier Seminar



Sunday Series

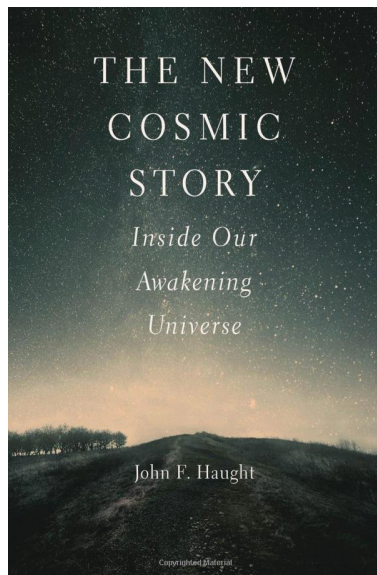
Join us as well-known speakers to discuss key issues of our day and artists to share their artistic engagement with life and faith.

February 29 and April 1

***The New Cosmic Story: Inside our Awakening Universe* with Internationally Renowned Theologian John Haught**

How has our idea of the universe changed over the past 2000 years? What is the new cosmic story, and how does it invite a new understanding of the religious quest? Do the stories we've been telling about the universe and religion still work? Do they compete or interact? Does human experience—what we now know, how we feel, what we do—have an impact on the evolving universe? Is there an inside story and an outside story?

February is Science and Religion month at House of Hope. Look forward to dynamic enrichments and study.



**January 19, 2020
Pulitzer-Prize Winning Writer
Leonard Pitts, Jr.**

Martin Luther King weekend 2020, House of Hope presents Pulitzer Prize winning writer Leonard Pitts, Jr.

Pitts is the author of the bestseller, *Becoming Dad: Black Men and the Journey to Fatherhood*, a poignant account of the meaning of black fatherhood in the contemporary US. His *Miami Herald* column on current affairs and human rights is syndicated in more than 250 newspapers.



**March 29, 2020
David Brooks**

David Brooks has a gift for bringing audiences face to face with the spirit of our times with humor, insight and quiet passion. He is a keen observer of the American way of life and a savvy analyst of present-day politics and foreign affairs. He holds several prestigious positions as a commentator: Bi-weekly Op-Ed columnist for the *New York Times*, regular analyst on PBS NewsHour and NPR's All Things Considered.

In his most recent book, *The Second Mountain: The Quest for a Moral Life* (Random House), David explores the four commitments that define a life of meaning and purpose: to a spouse and family, to a vocation, to a philosophy or faith, and to a community.

EXPLORE

New Paraments: Advent

Created by Tim Harding

We trust that your worship experience continues to be enriched by the new sets of paraments created by internationally known fiber artist, Tim Harding. So far, three of the six sets of paraments have been revealed, beginning with Easter (yellow golds), Pentecost (reds), and Ordinary Time (greens) which coordinate with the liturgical calendar of the church. Many layers of silk are stitched together, cut, and pressed in different ways to reveal what is partially hidden underneath.

The fourth set is the Advent Paraments, which were revealed on Sunday, December 1 and will remain up until December 24. The term Advent is a version of the Latin word *Adventus* meaning "coming". The various shades of dark blue and purple beginning at the bottom and moving upward to a lighter blue and eventually white, represent God's light bringing us out of darkness as we anticipate the birth of Christ during this glorious season of Advent.

The vibrant and lustrous colors of our new paraments reflect the depth, vitality, and forward thinking of our members as God's Spirit leads us into the future.



CLOISTER GALLERY

Get in the holiday spirit with a visit to the Cloister Gallery this month.

A variety of favorite Christmas items from long ago shared by our members, adorn the gallery and provide nostalgic memories for our congregation. Stop by to view these special treasures during the month of December.



Thank you to Mission Sewing

Mission Sewing has completed making dust covers for the beautiful new paraments. Special thanks are due to Jeanne Andeweg who bought the fabric and did the sewing and Joyce Nelson who helped with planning and design. In addition, the group has assembled a number of quilts and fleece blankets for distribution before the holidays.

Prior Crossing Update

During this time of year, many stores offer great sales and bargains for “Black Friday” and their pre- and post-holiday sales. This is a good time of year to take advantage of these bargains to pick up items that can be donated to residents of Prior Crossing. Lists of the items that are provided to new residents have been placed in a pocket on the Prior Crossing donation bin and around the church, for you to refer to if you are interested in making donations. When we were there hosting the Winter Party last December, staff mentioned that many residents also lacked warm winter hats, gloves, and scarves. If you want to donate warm winter items, these can also be placed in the Prior Crossing bin for delivery to residents who need them. Thank you all for your continued generosity!

Our fourth annual Winter Party for residents of Prior Crossing is scheduled for December 12. Dinner will be provided, and Target gift cards will be given to all the residents. We will also offer activities including cookie decorating, a craft to make, and this year we will also be playing Bingo with prizes for winners. This party is always a fun event for the young people there.

Friends of Prior Crossing is a group that works to support the residents in a variety of ways. If you are interested in being involved at Prior Crossing, please contact Jan Parkman at janparkman@gmail.com.

Meals – Kindness – Comfort

Loaves and Fishes is a program to provide nutritious meals in a welcoming atmosphere to those in need. Paul and Kay Solon have served devotedly as House of Hope’s coordinators of the Loaves and Fishes Program for the last ten years. Kevin Loney and Norma Herther have graciously agreed to become our new coordinators. For more information about the program, please contact them at normaherther@msn.com or 612-356-7203. Our next day to serve at St. Matthew’s Catholic Church is Monday, December 16. Thank you, Paul and Kay, for many years of coordinating this program!

ENGAGE

Bedding for Mino Oski Ain Dah Yung (MOADY)

On November 1, staff from MOADY arrived at House of Hope to load up bedding that had been collected for the new residents who would be moving in within days. They expressed much gratitude for all we were able to collect for them.

“Chi Miigwetch” means “Big Thank You” in Ojibwe. We offer a big thank you to everyone for helping make this possible through your donations, and we thank Jan Parkman for managing the bedding needed for the first residents in a short timeframe. MOADY celebrated the opening of their new facility on November 20. House of Hope has supported this housing project for American Indian young adults through a multiple-year grant from the Houses of Hope Fund.





Earth Care

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

—Psalm 24:1

PC(USA) Programs

In this season of Advent and Christmas, we celebrate some of the many programs through which the Presbyterian Church (USA) supports care for our planet and all who dwell in it.

- Environmental Ministries – produces, promotes, and distributes faith-based eco-justice resources, and responds to and provides education about PC(USA) environmental policies.
- Earth Care Congregations – commit to the “Earth Care Pledge” and accomplish activities in worship, education, facilities and outreach; in early 2020, House of Hope will apply for this certification.
- Enough for Everyone – includes the Presbyterian Coffee Project, Sweat Free t-shirts, Eco-Palms, and Just Living Series.
- Office of Public Witness – provides information and helps the church advocate the social witness perspectives and policies of the Presbyterian General Assembly.
- Presbyterian Hunger Program – works with congregations and partners around the globe to alleviate hunger and eliminate its causes.

For more information, visit <http://presbyearthcare.org/resources/pcusa-programs>

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**



2020 Pilgrimage to France

September 25–October 6, 2020

Each travel group I've led has made a covenant to guide the group. The Ireland group stated, "We will allow the group to develop at 'a pace'; welcome laughter and fun, and take this seriously enough." For me, this encapsulates pilgrimage.

Next year we plan to visit religious and historical places in France with a retreat at Chartre Cathedral led by Rev. Dr. Jill Geoffrion as a centerpiece. Information is available on the HOH website, as well as in the church office. All are welcome. If this fits your schedule, I hope you will join this wonderful, spiritual opportunity.

—Rev. Julia Carlson

For more information about the pilgrimage, visit hohchurch.org/hoh-2020-pilgrimage

Hospitality at HOH - A Research Project Begins

Pastor Julia Carlson needs your input by December 20 in a survey about hospitality! Find the survey at: hohchurch.org/programs/pastoral-care



I have been taking classes in the Congregational Mission and Leadership Doctor of Ministry track at Luther Seminary.

The ever-evolving religious and cultural landscapes are my focus, with the overarching theme of hospitality. Please join me in this journey.

Questionnaire

We begin with a questionnaire that was shared with the congregation (available on the HOH website or in the church office). Please return by December 20.

Dwelling in the Word

There will be an opportunity to read scripture in a new way at a practice called Dwelling in the Word on the four Sundays in Advent. This alternative biblical study will be held in Room 1 at 8:30 a.m.

Talk to a Neighbor

In January, you are invited to interview a neighbor who does not attend church. There will be informational training sessions on January 5 and 8. Who might you talk to? How might this broaden a friendship or make an acquaintance into a friend? This is not connected with any fundraising or evangelism efforts, but simply an opportunity to listen to what others outside the church think and feel.

This is a personal invitation to each of you to take part; please watch for more details as we go along.

—Rev. Julia Carlson





Children, Youth, and Family Programming

Advent Celebration

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

Join us for a multi-generational Advent celebration. Adult volunteers are needed to lead crafts and table activities. This event is free and open to all. Donations welcome to off-set the cost of materials. Stop by the community art table to participate in an art piece that will be displayed at the Pageant. Bring a 4x6 or 5x7 family picture to add to our collage. For more information or to volunteer, contact Kiera Stegall at KieraS@hohchurch.org.

Tweens and Middle School Christmas Party

Friday, December 13, 6–8 p.m.

Fourth through eighth graders are invited to join us for an evening of gift wrapping, walking tacos, and games. Cost is \$5 for dinner. Please bring a \$5 gift card for our gift exchange and one assigned gift for Sponsor-a-Family. Adult chaperones are needed. R.S.V.P. to Kiera Stegall at KieraS@hohchurch.org by Wednesday, December 11.



Choir School

And Heaven and Nature Sing! Choir School Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 8, 11:15 a.m.

This festive, 30-minute program features anthems, carols, and hymns sung by our choristers PreK-Grade 12. Come celebrate with sounds of the season from the voices of our Choir School!

Choir School Alumni Sunday

Sunday, December 22

All Choir School Alumni are welcome to join the choir in the anthem. Meet in the Choir School Room at 9 a.m. We'll have music for you!

Doug Snaza, our Director of Youth Ministry, has accepted a position as Director of Outreach and Programs at Presbyterian Clearwater Forest. We're excited to see him continue his ministry with one of our partners and wish him the best. Doug has provided a fun, faith-filled experience for our youth as well as working to connect with our young adults in college and the military. The Personnel Committee is working on a plan for staffing youth ministry and will communicate about the way forward as personnel decisions are made. Please contact the Youth Committee if you have insights about the future of youth ministry at House of Hope.

Christmas Pageant Rehearsals

Sunday, December 1, 8, 15.

All children, ages 3-years-old through fifth grade, will meet for rehearsals in the Great Hall during Sunday School December 1–15. Costumes will be distributed December 8.

Christmas Pageant

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

Celebrate Jesus' birth at our annual children's Christmas pageant in the Sanctuary after worship. This year's pageant was written by our Tweens, based on the theme of "community." Stage lines were written by children, kindergarten–fifth grade. We hope you will join us for caroling and this beautiful and humorous retelling of the birth of Jesus.



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Wishing you a joyous Christmas from the House of Hope staff!

Seated, from left: Zach Wilson, Julia Carlson, Andrew McDonald, Aaron Miller, Matt Culloton, and Sofia Ardalan
Standing, from left: Shelley Baumgart, Shaun Weinberger, Mike Rowles, Janice Dickinson, Dan Frankfurth,
Malinda Johnson, Dave Johnson, Michelle Freyholtz, Mark Schwister, Debbie Tschida, Ellen Lewandoski, Kiera Stegall,
and David Goudzwaard-Vaught. Not pictured: Jim Brzezinski and Tim Short.