



Welcome to the Barger Elliotts

We are pleased and excited to announce that Lynn and Mark Barger Elliott will begin their call to serve as our new Co-Pastor Head of Staff beginning August 1, 2020.

"The Barger Elliotts have served together in three different congregations and will bring a passion for mission, the arts, and youth and family ministry to House of Hope. We admire how they model teamwork as a couple along with their intellect, calmness, and humility."
—PNC Committee



Seeds of Hope: The Church in Tumultuous Times **Seven Lessons from the Gospel of Matthew**

Preaching Series: August 2–September 13

How does scripture help us navigate the tumultuous times that we face in our world? How does scripture instruct us to scatter seeds of hope in our hurting world? Join us as we turn to Matthew's Gospel for answers in this seven-part sermon series.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 2, 2020
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Rev. Lynn Barger Elliott, preaching
Communion (see page 2)

Sunday, August 9, 2020
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Rev. Dr. Mark Barger Elliott, preaching

Sunday, August 16, 2020
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Rev. Lynn Barger Elliott, preaching

Sunday, August 23, 2020
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Rev. Dr. Mark Barger Elliott, preaching

Sunday, August 30, 2020
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Rev. Lynn Barger Elliott, preaching



August Events

Virtual Communion

Worship on August 2

When circumstances limit the congregation to gather in person for a lengthy period of time, worshippers are invited to participate virtually in the Lord's Supper.

Christianity is an embodied faith. The first Christians worshiped at the temple and in synagogues, homes, catacombs, and prisons. The important thing was not the place, but the gathering of Christ's body—the people of God—and the presence of Christ among them in Word and Sacrament. The Lord's Supper is at once God's gift of grace, God's means of grace, and God's call to respond to that grace.



Prior to the service, you may want to prepare your own table with bread, crackers, or goldfish crackers and juice, wine, or even grapes. Use what you have at hand; Jesus used ordinary things—the basic elements of water, bread, and wine—to proclaim the extraordinary love of God. If you wish to fast from the bread and cup until we can be together again in the Sanctuary, please take this time to join in the prayers and enjoy the music.

Blessing of the Animals

Wednesday, August 12, 4–7 p.m.

During our online worship service on Sunday, August 16, we will honor the animals who share our lives and touch our hearts. If you're able, please join us—with your pets—on August 12, 4–7 p.m. on the church lawn. **Don't miss this opportunity to meet our new pastors and celebrate the wonders of God's creation and our relationships with its creatures, great and small.** We look forward to seeing many of the stay-at-home companions featured in the June 2020 issue of *The Anchor*.



Faith Builders

Join us for Habitat for Humanity's Faith Builders **August 17–21**. This is a fun mission outreach opportunity—with plenty of volunteer safety measures in place! For more information or to volunteer, contact Dave Olsen at dwo823@yahoo.com or Jenny Stevens at jnn.stevens@gmail.com.



Intergenerational Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, August 22 at 10 a.m.

Join us for storytime in the House of Hope park and a church-wide scavenger hunt. You will need a vehicle, as you will be visiting three houses, collecting clues, taking socially-distanced selfies, delivering cards, and hearing stories from members of the congregation. At your last stop you will receive a lawn flamingo. Take it home, dress it up to give it some personality, and send us a family photo with your decorated flamingo. One family will win a prize. We will display all the decorated flamingos on the House of Hope lawn in celebration of Rally Sunday.



Calling All Congregants

We invite all House of Hope congregants to sign-up to receive brief **physically distanced visits** from one of our families. Visits will take place on Saturday, August 22.

Your role is simple: Sign-up to participate by **emailing Kiera Stegall at KieraS@hoh-church.org**. On August 22 be available to receive a card and share one of your favorite House of Hope memories with a family. You can then take a physically-distanced selfie with the family and give them a clue to lead them to their next destination. ***Will you help us connect with our church community this summer?***



Carillon Recital

Sunday, August 2 at 4 p.m.

Carillonneur Dave Johnson will perform on the Noyes Memorial Carillon.

Fall 2020 Preview

Leadership Retreat | September 12, 9–11:30 a.m.

Drawing from the work of Max De Pree, Elders, Deacons, and Trustees are invited to a retreat at House of Hope as we explore the topic of “Leadership Jazz: On Guiding the Church During Tumultuous Times.”

Rally Sunday | September 13

Join us as we kick off an amazing fall at House of Hope. Current plans include socially distanced outdoor activities that follow the Governor’s guidelines. We hope to have special music, food, and will offer sign-ups to provide a safe environment to gather at our church facility. More information to come!

NEW! Festival of Hope

Where can we turn for signs and roadmaps that point us towards hope in our troubled world? This fall we are excited to announce our new “Festival of Hope” where we will offer virtual conversations with local and national leaders in the areas of faith, politics, science, and the arts. More information to come!



National Night Out

National Night Out has been moved to October 6, 2020.

Staffing in a Pandemic

A core element of our church is worshipping together on Sunday. When COVID-19 arrived, our church shifted to delivering services virtually. We would not have been able to make this transition so smoothly without the talents, experience, and dedication of everyone on our staff.

We recognize the staff who contribute to the evolution of our livestream services. Because our **Motet Choir** cannot gather, **Matt Culloton and Aaron Miller** thoughtfully plan and pre-record all music segments.

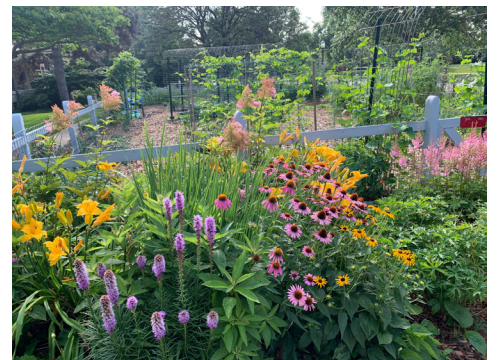
Music Director Aaron Miller has become our “wizard behind the curtain,” ensuring that our livestream services are top-notch and compliant with preventative measures. Aaron Miller is an incredible leader, problem-solver, and so very creative. Thank you, Aaron, for making

sure our church is able to gather as a community to celebrate and support one another.

Choir School Director Sofia Ardalan and **Director of Children and Family Ministry Kiera Stegall** bring Sunday Family Worship to life through the beauty of music and God’s love. Their talent and love for the children are essential to our ministries, especially during the pandemic. Our families love singing along with Sofia each week. Kiera brings creativity to each and every week.

We are blessed to have so many gifted members of our staff. Peace be with you and may we continue to be hopeful, working together toward the many good things that lie ahead.

—*Deb Broberg, Personnel Committee*



HOH Community Garden

All gardening experience levels, abilities, and schedules are welcome in the HOH Community Garden located on the front lawn of the church. We’ve already delivered more than 100 pounds to local food pantries. Volunteer today! Please contact Elizabeth Karre if you can help this summer at houseofhopegarden@gmail.com.



House of Hope Choir School

Make A Joyful Noise! We are excited to offer outstanding musical experiences and education for all ages through our five choir ensembles, voice, Orff, and musicianship classes, as well as individual instruction in piano and voice. Details for our online or in-person music education opportunities will be available soon. Please contact Sofia Ardalan, Choir School Director, at SofiaA@hohchurch.org for more information. All are welcome!

Save the dates:

August 1: Online registration opens at hohchurch.org/choir-school

September 9: Rehearsals, classes, and lessons begin

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HOH Families Send Kudos to Children's Ministry

We wanted to share a bit about what children have experienced and loved about the Children's Ministry programming at HOH this year. Most of the comments are straight from the words of the children!

"The background that Kiera brings with her art degree and creativity has been an incredible benefit to our families! As a retired teacher, I am extremely impressed with her ability and love she has for all the children and their families! They love her right back!" —Leslie Erickson

"Kiera is a ball of fire with positive energy! She has created a church community for tweens, luring them in with arcade games, 9-square, a 'glow' black-light party, capture the flag, and dinners together. Kiera shares her creativity with art and theater activities. I've witnessed kids and adults sitting around painting—forming friendships while getting lost in the joy of art."

—The Golnik family

"I've liked the weekly Zoom calls. Kiera did a cool challenge with marshmallows, and I get to see my Church friends!"

—The Mack family

"Our children both like the games that Kiera organizes for the meetings. 'Kiera's games are really creative and fun!' They gave the example of when each person needed to try to 'sell' a household object to everyone else, as a completely different object. Leo sold a hairbrush as a back scratcher. 'Kiera is so much fun!'"

—The Mayer family

"The advent celebration was my favorite. I made a wreath and a cookie!"

"Halloween party was fun, and we played with other families and kids who did not get a Halloween celebration."

"Kiera's weekly Zoom gatherings have been incredibly special for my kids. She uses technology to teach and engage children with more creativity and sparkle than any other source of children's online programming. While my kids have mostly burned out of FaceTime, they still look forward to our weekly 'church story time.'"

—The Winkelman family

"Willa loves what she calls 'Kiera time!' Kiera and her sweet daughter have posted videos of their reading Mo Willems books together and we have started doing that at home too. Willa memorizes the book and then we read it in the funny voices we imagine for the characters. So much fun! We also really, really appreciate the check-ins. We've felt so much church love since this began."

—The Zwier family

"Leah loved all of Kiera's activities, especially the Wednesday afternoons. Her favorite activity was a fun teamwork one that I got to do with her. She had to make a peanut butter and jelly sandwich using my hands. I was behind Leah so I couldn't see what I was doing. She couldn't use her hands and had to narrate what I was doing. It was really fun! Leah loved the 1:1 time with Kiera and really looked forward to those Wednesday meetings."

—The Winter family