

Festival of Hope Take Out!

Join us for an adult education Zoom offering Sundays from 11:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m. October 4, 11, 18. We will discuss what we can “take out” and “take away” from our **Festival of Hope** presenters Danjuma Gibson, James Ludwig, and Kristin Du Mez. Learn more at: bit.ly/TakeOutFestivalofHope

PASTORS BOOK CLUB

Join us for a new Pastors Book Club on Wednesday nights starting October 7 from 7–7:45 p.m. (via Zoom) as we read and discuss ***Fatal Invention: How Science, Politics, and Big Business Re-Create Race in the 21st Century***. More information can be found on our website. Join us at: bit.ly/PastorsBookClubOct2020



The Joy of Recognition: 7 Psalms - 7 Eternal Truths Preaching Series

In our fractured world the book of Psalms provides a singular window into seven eternal truths. Join us for a special sermon series through November 1 on the “joy of recognition” we can discover in these sacred Hebrew texts.



On September 15, the Session approved a 1-7-75-175 Initiative to enable us to prayerfully discern where God might be leading our congregation in the coming years. How will this work?

Over the next 75 days we will invite church members to share ideas regarding 7 major objectives we can tackle in the

coming years. You can share your thoughts through written responses from packets mailed to your home or fill out a 1-7-75-175 form on our website (bit.ly/FutureWithHope). We will also bring back “Pastors Under the Porte” where you can share your ideas in person on Monday, October 12 from noon–1 p.m.

The Session also has set in motion a Long Range Planning Committee to assimilate data, discern common themes, and to present this information to the Session for input and ultimately to the congregation. Clearly, God is at work in our midst shaping a “future with hope.” Join us as we discern the new chapter we will write together at the House of Hope.



HOH moves to Stage 2 in Pandemic Response Plan

On September 15, the Session voted to move to Stage 2 in our Pandemic Response Plan. This means the building is now open for meetings of 10 or fewer that involve the work of church committees or those engaged in preparing to lead worship.

Stage 2 Guidelines:

Guideline 1 - Masks

Everyone entering and walking through the building shall wear a mask at all times.

Guideline 2 - Entry to Building

The door used to enter the building will be the Portland Ave. Door 1.

Guideline 3 - Bathrooms

Bathrooms available are located next to the Art Gallery hallway. Signage will ask to hand sanitize.

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Guidelines 4 – Room Scheduling

For the time being, only one Church Committee event can be scheduled per day. Schedule will be maintained by David Goudzwaard-Vaught and the Co-Pastors.

Guidelines 5 –Sanitization

Doors, bathrooms, spaces, and chairs will be sanitized every day.

If you meet the criteria of having COVID-19 or been in contact with someone who has, you refrain from entering the building.

With everyone's cooperation our hope is to provide a safe and manageable first step toward re-opening our church facility.

World Communion Sunday
HOH Virtual Communion
October 4, 2020
Peace and Global Witness Offering
Watch your mail for more information.



Online Harvest of Hope Bash **October 25 | 7–7:30 p.m.**

Help fund our 2020 Mission Outreach giving by joining us **virtually** at our always fabulous Bash! Join us online at: bit.ly/2020HOHBash

This is an exceptional time in the world and in the Twin Cities. COVID-19 has forced people from work, pressed them to choose between food or housing, or even the streets. Poverty, homelessness, and hunger cannot be ignored, nor can the call for racial justice.

House of Hope's history of giving to the community is strong. Our congregation has worked to reduce homelessness and food insecurity among youth, families, indigenous peoples, and people of color; and to assist African American men returning from incarceration. These efforts have been marked by gifts to organizations like Prior Crossing, Jeremiah Program, Habitat for Humanity, Ain Dah Yung, Neighborhood House, and Ujamaa Place. In addition, hundreds of members have volunteered countless hours with Project Home and at scores of other organizations.

Many of us have been struggling over the past six months to discern how we can help. Here is an option—give to our Mission Outreach partners at the Bash! The funds raised will help to meet immediate needs in our community for housing assistance and food. *You CAN make a difference.*

Scripture asks us "Who is our Neighbor?" As Christians, we respond. We walk with our neighbors to create change in the world. We give with open and grateful hearts.

Stewardship Sunday | November 15, 2020

This year's stewardship theme is 5.

This November all members and friends of House of Hope are invited to prayerfully consider increasing their pledge by 5% so we might allocate 5% of House of Hope's Annual Budget for Mission Outreach. The last time Mission Outreach was included in our budget was more than 17 years ago. Currently, our Mission Outreach is funded from our Bash and special offerings.

To help reach this pledge goal, we are excited to announce an anonymous member has offered to match every pledge increase up to \$50,000.

Mission Outreach
5% = \$62,500





Children, Youth and Family Programming

Confirmation Informational Meetings

**Wednesday, October 7 at 6 p.m.
or Sunday, October 11 at 6 p.m.**

Ninth and tenth graders and their parents are invited to join us under the Porte Cochère to (safely) meet and hear about the year ahead. Please wear a mask. Contact Rev. Lynn at LynnBE@hohchurch.org.

Confirmation Commissioning Sunday, October 25 at 10 a.m.

We will commission our 2021 confirmation class. More information to come.

Youth Service Opportunity October 11, 3–6 p.m.

Youth will staff the Porte Cochère to receive donations for Prior Crossing. Please RSVP to ZachW@hohchurch.org by Friday, October 9 for the following times:

- Middle School: 3–4:30 p.m.
- High School: 4:30–6 p.m.

HOH Halloween | October 30

- **Storytime at 6 p.m.**
Infants–Kindergarteners are invited to gather under the Porte Cochère to enjoy stories and music. Children will bring the fun home with a paint-your-own-mini-pumpkin kit.
- **The Addam's Family "Jr." at 6:30 p.m.**
Join us in the Holly lot for a performance by the Lakeshore Players. Bring your own seating. Costumes are encouraged! Families are responsible for their children's supervision. Porta potties and handwashing stations will be available.
- **Service Opportunity at 4–5:30 p.m.**
Youth are invited to help us set up for the performance—and stay for the show! We need to know if you are coming, so contact Rev. Lynn to reserve your spot: LynnBE@hohchurch.org.

Third Grade Bible Presentation

November 1, 1:30–2 p.m.

All third graders are invited to the Porte Cochère for a brief outdoor service to celebrate the receiving of Bibles. Please contact Kiera Stegall at KieraS@hohchurch.org to reserve a Bible (friends and grandchildren welcome!)

Children and Family Ministry Programming on Zoom

Join us for worship and laughter with these online ministry offerings. Contact Kiera Stegall at KieraS@hohchurch.org for Zoom information.

- Family Worship on Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
- **NEW!** Children's Message in the 10 a.m. service
- Silly Songs and Storytime for infants–Kindergarten on Fridays at 9:30 a.m.
- Elementary Game Time for grades 1–5 on Fridays at 4 p.m.

Monthly Family Kits

Reserve your child's supply kit by using the Signup Genius link in the weekly Children and Family email. Kits will be available for pick-up:

- Sunday, Oct. 4 from 2–3 p.m.
- Sunday, Nov. 1 from 2–3 p.m.



The HOH Choir School

We are back making a joyful noise! Choristers grades 1–12 started in-person rehearsals and online classes on September 23.

Look for our choristers in worship on special Sundays this fall and during Advent! For more information or to register, contact Director Sofia Ardan at SofiaA@hohchurch.org.

Choir School Holiday Wreath Sale

It's never too early for Holiday Cheer! The Choir School will be selling wreaths and swags, cheerful poinsettias, and gorgeous spruce arrangements this month. Order online by October 18 at 10 p.m., and pick up curbside in December. Look for upcoming details in the weekly E-news. Visit bit.ly/ChoirSchoolHoliday

Earth Care

Make Climate Change Personal

We witnessed another summer of dangerous heat waves, severe hurricanes, and forest fires. In her insightful and optimistic book *Climate Justice: Hope, Resilience, and the Fight for a Sustainable Future*, Mary Robinson, former UN Special Envoy on Climate Change, tells stories about inspiring change.

Each of us can be a force to alter the direction of climate change. What will you do today?

Great Decisions

October 6, 4 p.m. via Zoom

"Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking" with Ellen Kennedy

Almost every nation has enacted laws criminalizing human trafficking. International organizations, governments, and NGOs sponsor a large variety of projects to curb trafficking and slavery. Ellen Kennedy is the founder and executive director of World Without Genocide, a human rights organization that works to protect innocent people, prevent mass conflict, and remember those whose lives and cultures that have been affected by violence. Details can be found at:

hohchurch.org/event/great-decisions-5

Sunday–Weekday Connections October 27 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

We will gather for a time of conversation and catch up at 6:30 p.m. Rev. Lynn Barger Elliott will speak at 7 p.m. on her personal and spiritual journey. Lynn comes to House of Hope with a passion for mission, the arts, and youth and family ministry. Sunday–Weekday Connections, now in its 16th season, brings together women of the congregation to hear each other's stories. Join us at:

bit.ly/SundayWeekdayOct2020

National Night Out

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, House of Hope will not be able to host the celebration this year. We appreciate all of our generous donors and volunteers, and we look forward to celebrating next year!

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Rally Sunday Fun

What a great Rally Sunday under the big tent. Here's to another awesome program year!



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Please follow and share your photos with us!
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