



Summit Avenue Walking Pilgrimages with Julia Carlson

Wednesdays, February 3, 10, and 17 | 11 a.m.

Join Julia on short pilgrimages along different sections of Summit Avenue. Enjoy the beauty of the historic homes along the longest stretch of Victorian-era homes in the United States. On February 3, the pilgrimage will begin at HOH.



Snowshoeing in the Woods with Ann and Bill Geery at Fort Snelling State Park

Sunday, February 14 | 1 p.m.

Enjoy the beauty of winter in the park's extensive snowshoe trails where generations of Dakota lived along the Mississippi and Minnesota Rivers. We'll meet in the parking lot opposite the Visitor Center at the end of the road.



Mardi Gras Snow Sculpture Event in the HOH Park on Portland Avenue

Sunday, February 14 | 2 p.m.

What better way to celebrate Valentine's Day and Mardi Gras than to create a snow sculpture? Wear a mask, dress warm, and bring supplies to build and decorate your sculpture (optional). A prize will be awarded. All ages welcome. Go to bit.ly/HOHSnowSculptures to sign up. Contact Kiera Stegall at KieraS@hohchurch.org or Dan Miglets-Nelson at DanMN@hohchurch.org for more information.



Family Sledding Event at Henry Sibley High School in Mendota Heights

Saturday, February 27 | 10 a.m.

Wear a mask, dress warm, and bring a sled. Contact Ann Mack at mackann@gmail.com for more information.



El Camino: A Virtual Pilgrimage

Sundays, Feb. 7 and 14 | 2-3 p.m. via Zoom

Guide: Julia Carlson

In this time when we cannot travel, let's go on a virtual journey. Through the pictures and memories of one Camino pilgrim along with poetry from David Whyte and Joyce Kupp's chronicle *Walk in a Relaxed Manner: Life Lessons from the Camino*, we will move through landscape and soulscape. Join here: bit.ly/ElCaminoPilgrimage

Lent @ HOH

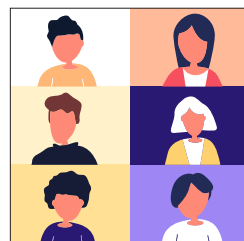
These past 10 months have shaken the foundations of how we live our lives and left us yearning for love, faith, and hope. This Lent our theme is **On a Firm Foundation** as we invite you discover a holy foundation through our series: *The Architecture of Prayer: Reflections on the Lord's Prayer*, Mondays@1: An Olio* of Life Topics via Zoom including "Care of the Soul," and *Lenten Wednesday Evening Services* which will draw from Mark Barger Elliott's Lenten Devotional book *Easter: 21 Stations*.

The Architecture of Prayer:

Preaching Series on the Lord's Prayer

February 21-March 28

We discover what is referred to as "The Lord's Prayer" in a section in Matthew's Gospel called the "Sermon on the Mount" where Jesus describes upon what we are to build our lives in order to withstand storms that inevitably appear. In this series we will explore how prayer can become spiritual architecture that can support our lives.



Mondays@1: An Olio* of Life Topics via Zoom

*A Miscellaneous (but important) Collection of Things

How is it with your spirit? Join us Mondays at 1 p.m. for virtual conversations as we support and

encourage each other during these turbulent times. Join here: bit.ly/HOHMondaysAtOne

February 22 Resilience with Julia Carlson

March 1 Care of the Soul with Julia Carlson

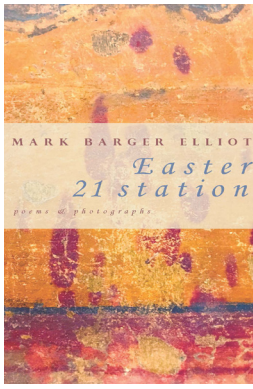
March 8 Grief and Lament with Dix Brachlow

March 15 The Saints in Light: Planning a Funeral with Julia Carlson

March 22 Health Care Directives with Dix Brachlow

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**Lenten Wednesday Evening Services
Beginning Ash Wednesday,
February 17–March 31 | 8 p.m.**

Lent is a season where we are invited to reflect on our spiritual life in preparation for the wonder of Easter morning. Join us as we reflect on the “Stations of the Cross,” drawing from Mark Barger Elliott’s book, *Easter: 21 Stations (poems and photographs)*.

Join here: bit.ly/2021HOHLentenWorship

Mark’s book can be downloaded here: markbargerelliott.files.wordpress.com/2020/02/easter-21-stations-.pdf

Lent 2021 Schedule

Ash Wednesday: February 17
Streamed worship at 8 p.m.

Youth Sunday: February 21
Streamed worship at 10 a.m.

Macalester Sunday: March 7
Streamed worship at 10 a.m.

Palm Sunday: March 28
Streamed worship at 10 a.m.

Maundy Thursday: April 1
Streamed worship at 7 p.m.

Good Friday: April 2
Streamed worship at 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday: April 4
Streamed worship at 10 a.m.

**Join us for the House of Hope
Annual Meeting via Zoom
Sunday, February 28, 2021 11:15 a.m.**

Join here: bit.ly/HOH2021AnnualMeeting

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Stewardship Update

We invite all members and friends to join the over 284 individuals and families, 9 out of 10 who have already increased or sustained their giving level in support of our 5 Campaign to fund our 2021 church budget. The average increase to date is approximately 9.6%. Our current pledge total is \$1,041,709 towards our goal of \$1,250,000. Thank you for your faithful generosity! On the home page, select “Support House of Hope” to pledge.

SUMMIT — ON — SUMMIT

On Saturday, January 23, Elders, Deacons, and Trustees met for a leadership retreat, **Summit on Summit**. Lynn and Mark Barger Elliott made a presenta-

tion regarding House of Hope strengths and challenges, as well as finances and membership trends. The presentation will guide task forces that were formed to move our 7 objectives into a strategic plan. To view the presentation, please visit: bit.ly/SummitOnSummit

7 Objectives

1. Establish and implement a HOH Master/Site Plan that reflects our desire to be a hospitable and welcoming community.
2. Create and implement a HOH Master Financial Plan.
3. Develop and expand programs for children, youth, family, and adults.
4. Create dynamic new partnerships and programs to further our spiritual life through music, arts and adult education.
5. Update our governance system to our current and future needs.
6. Take bold and courageous action to advance diversity, religious pluralism, social justice and environmental stewardship.
7. Capitalize on new technologies to engage members.



Also see page 1 for Hope in Winter family events. Sign up for the Snow Sculpture Contest at bit.ly/HOHSnowSculptures.

Children and Family Ministry

February Zoom Programming:

- Family Worship on Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
- Silly Songs & Storytime on Fridays at 9:30 a.m.
- Elementary Game Time on Fridays at 4:30 p.m.
- Contact Kiera Stegall at KieraS@hohchurch.org for Zoom information.

Children and Family Lenten Resources

As our congregation focuses on prayer throughout Lent, these are the resources that have been provided for our children and families as well as an Illustrated Children's Ministry Lenten devotional featuring reflections on prayer.

Infants: *Pray to God: A Book About Prayer*

Toddlers: *Good Night: A Toddler's Bedtime Prayer*

Preschool– Kindergarten: *There's No Wrong Way to Pray*

Grades 1–5: *Creative Gratitude Journal for Kids (Gratitude Prayer Journal)*.

Youth and Family Ministry

Youth Sunday Planning Session (Grades 6-12)

Saturday, February 6 | 7 p.m. via Zoom

Youth Sunday and First Sunday in Lent

Sunday, February 21 | 10 a.m.

Confirmation Classes

Sundays, February 21 and 28 | 6 p.m. via Zoom

The SUMMIT

Wednesdays, February 3, 10, and 24 | 7 p.m. via Zoom

Senior High Youth gather together to grow our faith and are sent out to share the story of what God is up to with our communities and classmates.

The Mess Hall

Lunch hour Zoom gatherings!

Middle School Mess dates: February 2, 9, 16, and 23

Senior High Mess dates: February 4, 11, 18, and 25

Contact [Dan Miglets-Nelson](#) for more information and to receive Zoom links for these events.

Choir School

February Choir School Anthems for Worship

Sunday, February 21

First Sunday in Lent and Youth Sunday

St. Andrew Choir: *Non nobis Domine* (William Byrd)
I'm Goin' Up A-Yonder (Walter Hawkins)

St. Nicholas Choir: *Litany to the Holy Spirit* (Peter Hurford)
Go Now in Peace (Natalie Sleeth)

Sunday, February 28

St. Andrew Choir: *Built on a Rock the Church doth stand* (arr. Jan Bender)

NEW! The Choir School offers weekly online singing for all ages: children, youth, adult. Sing on your own, with a friend, or we can arrange a small group for you! 25 minute spots are available Wednesdays between 1:30–4 p.m. Contact Sofia Ardan at SofiaA@hohchurch.org for more information and to schedule a session!

FEBRUARY AT HOH

Monday Exchange

Mondays, February 1 and 15 | 7 p.m. via Zoom

Adult Enrichment: Poetic Expressions for Growth and Healing, Part 2

Sunday, February 7 | 11:15 a.m. via Zoom

Join here: bit.ly/HOHPoeticExpressions

Experience the ways in which poetic expression can enhance our wellbeing, help us heal from losses, and foster our ability to cope with life's challenging times. Dr. Geri Chavis will join us again for another session. As a licensed psychologist, certified poetry therapist, and humanities professor at St. Catherine University, Geri Chavis has been fostering growth and healing through poetry since 1979.

Adult Enrichment: Best Books to Read in 2021

Sunday, February 14 | 11:15 a.m. via Zoom

Join here: bit.ly/HOHBESTBOOKS2021

Holly Weinkauf from Red Balloon Bookshop will join us to share some of the best books to read this year.

Loaves and Fishes at St. Matthew's Church

Monday, February 15 | Beginning at 2:45 p.m.

Contact Norma Herther to volunteer to prepare and serve a meal.

Feminist Theology with Julia Carlson

Sunday, February 21 | 11:15 a.m. via Zoom

All are welcome to a time of learning and discussion around women's experience of God and the many gifts women bring to the church.

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The SUMMIT is a new Senior High ministry for students in Grades 9–12, meeting on Wednesday evenings via Zoom from 7 to 8:15 p.m. We spend our time playing games, discussing faith, and enjoying time together. This spring we will be watching and discussing the video series *Nooma* by Rob Bell.

The Mess Hall

Lunchtime conversations with students have been going really well. We hope to include more students moving forward, especially Middle School students. This online encounter is a place for students to build connections and share fellowship in a relaxed, low-stakes environment. Conversations are at noon on Tuesdays for Middle School students and on Thursdays for Senior High students.

Contact Dan Miglets-Nelson at DanMN@hohchurch.org for more information and the Zoom links for youth events.



Connect with us on social media!

Facebook: [HOHYouthStP](https://www.facebook.com/HOHYouthStP)

Instagram: [@hohyouthstp](https://www.instagram.com/hohyouthstp)

Souper Bowl of Caring

HOH Youth traditionally participate in the Souper Bowl of Caring, a collection to support local food pantries—after worship on Super Bowl Sunday. This year, our youth will coordinate this virtually.

Please consider a donation to support local food pantries to help those experiencing food insecurity as we lead up to our March Food Drive.

Ways to give:

- Mail a check to HOH with the notation: "Souper Bowl"
- Donate through hohchurch.org > Support House of Hope > Donate Now > then select Food Pantry
- Text **HOH Food** to **73256** to give to the Food Pantry fund using your text messaging.