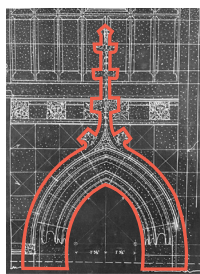


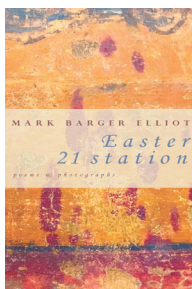
Lent @ HOH



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.



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

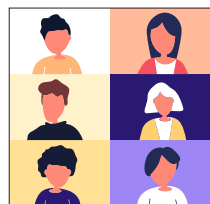
Lent is a season where we are invited to reflect on our spiritual life in preparation for the wonder of Easter morning. Join us as we reflect on the "Stations of the Cross," drawing from Mark Barger Elliott's book,

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

Copies are available for \$10 from the church office, and proceeds will go to Mission Outreach.



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/HOHHMondaysAtOne

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

Lent and Holy Week 2021 Schedule

Palm Pickup: March 27 | 9–10 a.m.
Meet the Pastors at the Porte Cochere

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

Maundy Thursday: April 1
Streamed worship | 7 p.m.
Tenebrae and Holy Communion

Good Friday: April 2
Streamed worship | 7 p.m.
Featuring *Stabat Mater*
by Giovanni Pergolesi

Easter Sunday: April 4
Streamed worship | 10 a.m.
The CW, WUCW Channel 23 | 9:30 a.m.
One Great Hour of Sharing Offering
Carillon Easter Postlude | 11 a.m.

March Food Drive | March 1–April 11

Help us fight hunger in Saint Paul

House of Hope supports food pantries each year during the March Food Drive. In addition, these organizations receive produce grown in HOH's Community Garden and harvested by our members and friends.



Food insecurity has been a critical challenge for many families due to the economic impacts of the pandemic, and food pantries have seen dramatic increases in participants. Be a part of this important effort, when churches come together to support our local food pantries!

Thank you for your generosity! Ways to give:

- Mail a check to HOH with the notation: "Food Pantry"
- Donate through hohchurch.org > Support House of Hope > Donate Now > select Food Pantry
- Text HOH Food to 73256

Do you want the joy of helping more? Consider volunteering at Neighborhood House. Contact Kathy Schubert at keschubert@q.com for more information.



Co-Pastor Commentary

"Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure nineteen six, result happiness," quipped Charles Dickens. "Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure twenty pound and six, result misery."

Likely we have all found ourselves at one time or another in a similar situation: distressed over our financial

situation due to expenditures planned or unplanned. Maintaining a budget is stressful as we manage costs associated with raising children, paying for college, planning for retirement, and coordinating care for parents facing health challenges.

The church faces the same challenges regarding balancing its annual budget.

At our first Summit on Summit retreat with Elders, Deacons, and Trustees, we shared a snapshot of the blessings and challenges facing our congregation. Here are five challenges we highlighted:

1. While our worship attendance has remained stable over the past decade, our membership was adjusted in 2019 from approximately 1,600 to 1,200 to better reflect an active membership roll.
2. Over the past decade, the number of pledges that support our budget has contracted from approximately 500 to 300.
3. Members who are over the age of 65 contribute 75% of our annual pledge income and those over the age of 80 contribute 26%.
4. Pledge revenue funds approximately 43% of our budget while our endowment and restricted funds contribute approximately the same amount.
5. Our HVAC and electrical system—dating back to 1957—is in dire need of updating.

Biologist and best-selling author Matt Ridley developed the concept of becoming a "Rational Optimist." He offered this concept as a lens through which to view and to live in the world. We are rational optimists about the financial future for the House of Hope. But it will take robust strategic planning, sacrificial and faithful generosity, and claiming the spiritual truth that indeed God extends to us a future grounded in hope.

As we move forward with our 1-7-75-175 process, we will share with you financial information in a timely and thoughtful manner. To view the [Summit on Summit report](#) and a [draft update report on our 7 Objectives](#), go to: bit.ly/1-7-75-175. Also, in *The Anchor* we will share a monthly report on our current finances. If you have any questions, we welcome the conversation as together we meet these challenges and build our future together.

HOH Youth Making a Difference

Donation Drive for Neighborhood House Sunday, March 14 | 2–4 p.m. | Porte Cochere

Neighborhood House has made a special request, and HOH Youth are excited to help meet the need. With significant increases in participants over the last year at Neighborhood House, there is a need for health and hygiene items as well as household cleaning products.

Please consider supporting our Youth in this service project by purchasing items and dropping them off curbside at the church. Items will be collected from your car by our Middle and High School Youth. Thank you for your generosity!

Requested items:

- Diapers and Baby Wipes
- Infant Formula
- Toothpaste and Toothbrushes
- Laundry Detergent
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Soap & Shower Gel
- Hand Sanitizer
- Dish Soap
- Lotion
- Toilet Paper & Facial Tissue
- Deodorant
- Household Cleaning Products

HOH Year-to-Date Financials

	2020 Actual January	2021 Actual January
Operating Revenue		
Pledge and Non-Pledged Revenue	\$245,775.33	\$201,138.66
Endowment Draw	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Revenue	\$24,584.00	\$4,610.15
Total Operating Revenue	\$270,359.33	\$205,748.81
Operating Expense		
Mission Outreach	\$61,224.50	\$3,111.32
Other Spiritual Life	\$1,611.14	\$227.35
Worship, Music and Congregational Life	\$18,647.79	\$12,811.05
House, Property & Insurance	\$33,462.96	\$46,249.06
Salaries, Benefits and Allowances	\$109,732.67	\$120,221.20
Rev. Didier Housing	\$3,708.34	\$3,708.34
Total Operating Expense	\$228,387.40	\$186,328.32
Surplus (Deficit)	\$41,971.93	\$19,420.49



Children and Family Ministry

Lenten Devotional for Families

This Lenten season House of Hope will explore the Lord's Prayer. We invite families to use *An Illustrated Lent for Families*, a devotional rooted in reflections on prayer. To receive a digital copy of this devotional contact Kiera Stegall.

Let's Play: The Arts for Healthy Spirituality & Self-Expression Sunday, March 21 | 2–3 p.m. on Zoom

Join Liz Camozzi and Kiera Stegall for an hour of fun and resourcing centered around the arts. The first 30 minutes of this event is open to families, as Liz and Kiera will lead interactive activities around music, theatre, and visual arts. Bring a piece of paper and something to draw with. The second half of this event will include conversation and resources for parents, exploring the importance of arts for spiritual and emotional development.

March Zoom Programming:

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

Youth and Family Ministry

Confirmation Classes

Sundays | 6 p.m. | Youth Room

Middle School Lenten Journals: A Devotional Opportunity

Contact Dan Miglets-Nelson if you would like a journal.

The SUMMIT

Wednesdays | 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!

Senior High Mess Hall: Thursdays | 12 p.m.

Contact Dan Miglets-Nelson for more information and to receive Zoom links for these events.

Choir School

March Choir School Anthems for Worship

Sunday, March 7

St Nicholas Choir: *The Call* (Ralph Vaughan Williams)

Sunday, March 14

St Andrew Choir: *Give to Jehovah* (Heinrich Schütz)

Sunday, March 21

St Nicholas Choir: *Ave Verum Corpus* (W.A. Mozart)

Sunday, March 28, Palm Sunday

St Nicholas Choir: *Jesus Refuge of the Weary* (J.S. Bach)

St Andrew: *Surely He Has Borne Our Griefs* (Leonardo Leo)

MARCH AT HOH

Adult Enrichment: Macalester President Dr. Suzanne Rivera and Macalester Chaplain Rev. Kelly Stone

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

In the spirit of Macalester Sunday, President Suzanne Rivera and Chaplain Kelly Stone will make a presentation on how Macalester is preparing its students to be leaders in an ever changing world. **Join here: bit.ly/2021MacSunday**

Adult Enrichment: Kiera Stegall, Director of Children and Family Ministry

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

HOH's Director of Children and Family Ministry, Kiera Stegall, will discuss the spiritual and fellowship programming of our children's ministry, support for our families, and how those programs pivoted virtually for the pandemic.

Join here: bit.ly/AdultEnrichmentMar14

Monday Exchange

Monday, March 15 | 7 p.m. via Zoom

Feminist Theology with Julia Carlson

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

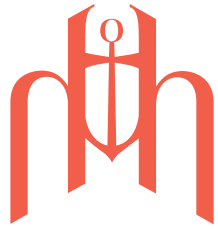
All are welcome to a time of learning and discussion around women's experience of God and the many gifts women bring to the church. **Join here: bit.ly/HOHFeministTheology**

Choir School Easter Plant Curbside Pickup

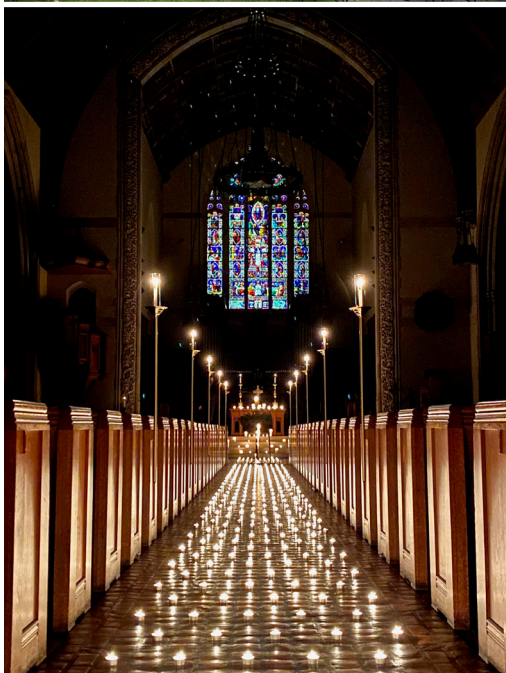
Wednesday, March 24 | 4–6 p.m.

Thursday, March 25 | 8:30–10 a.m.

Porte Cochere Entrance



HOUSE OF HOPE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
2020 Annual Report





***May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust...,
so that you may overflow with hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit.***

Romans 15:13

Words from the Apostle Paul's letter to the church in Rome have been woven into the liturgy at the House of Hope since its founding and have shaped its ministry over these past 165 years. They are still true today.

The turbulent events of this past year have required **trust** in God and in each other. We have demonstrated extraordinary creativity and perseverance as we reinvented every aspect of congregational life: the way we worship, gather for education and fellowship, partner with local agencies, and financially support our ministry.

Paul's words remind us **overflowing hope** is a gift extended to those who trust in Jesus Christ. In this Annual Report we invite you to be inspired by a resilient commitment to creatively and faithfully bring worship services to households around the globe, remain connected to each other through Zoom Bible studies and prayer groups, conduct congregational meetings, and to continue the work of the Elders, Deacons and Trustees at 797 Summit Avenue.

There are many ways in which we have experienced overflowing hope in the past year. We invite you to peruse the pages of this report and celebrate all we have imagined and realized by God's grace and leading. Below are just a few highlights:

- Growth in virtual Sunday services which now average 350 weekly logins;
- Significant progress on the 1-7-75-175 strategic plan;
- Launching of the Festival of Hope which was viewed by over 1000 people;
- Exceeding the Virtual Bash goal by 68% which raised \$84,000 for Mission Outreach;
- Hiring a Director for Youth and Family Ministry which laid the groundwork to develop The HUB, a dynamic new ministry to children, youth and families at the House of Hope and in our community.

In closing, we would like to extend a heartfelt word of gratitude to all the church officers, leaders, volunteers and our House of Hope staff who joined together to make 2020 a year that required our trust in God which ultimately resulted in the overflowing of hope in our future.

Faithfully,

Lynn and Mark
Co-Pastors/Head of Staff



Sunday Series | January 19

Leonard Pitts, Jr., Pulitzer-prize winning writer, joined Sunday worship at House of Hope as well as presented to the public in our Sunday Series. 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 United States.



Adult Enrichment | January 19

HOH welcomed Mayor Melvin Carter for Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend.

Earth Care Congregation | February 1

HOH was certified by Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) recognizing our commitment to being a good steward of creation.



Community Sing: *The Justice Choir Songbook* | February 8

HOH hosted its annual community sing in conjunction with Tesfa Wondemagegnehu, The Singers, and Choirmaster Matthew Culloton. The event introduced new sections and favorites from *The Justice Choir Songbook*, a collection of music about civic, social, and environmental rights.



Elizabeth Chapel Series | February 23

The Elizabeth Chapel Series presented a concert that featured Rachel Brandwein on the harp and Aaron David Miller on the Jaekel Organ. It included works of Bach, Renié, and two new compositions for harp and organ. A second recital featuring Aaron David Miller was streamed on April 19.



Didier Seminar | February 29 and March 1

HOH welcomed theologian Dr. John F. Haught to speak about his book *The New Cosmic Story and the Meaning of Faith* stating that the universe and humans are "a package deal, interrelated and continually evolving." Phil Bolinder presented an overview of Haught's book and led discussions in advance of the event.



The COVID-19 pandemic limited in-person worship and activities | March 15

HOH offered Easter worship virtually for the first time. Our community embraced this opportunity with more than 11,000 people viewing on CW Channel 23. The livestream was also widely viewed on our website and Facebook, drawing viewers from 47 states and six countries.

Weekly worship attendance grew throughout the year—attracting an average of 350 devices virtually each week. The Children and Family Ministry committee launched a 9:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday mornings under the leadership of Kiera Stegall and Sofia Ardalan.

Pastoral Transitions | April 19

Andrew McDonald accepted a call to become Transitional Pastor at Old Stone Church in Cleveland, Ohio. Julia Carlson served as Acting Head of Staff.

Handbell Refurbishment | May

After 42 years of use, HOH's 61 handbells were refurbished in Michigan by Urman English Repair.

Youth Sunday | May 3

The HOH youth led the congregation in worship. Graduating Seniors Frances Atmore and Sophie Stein preached. Other participants included: Merete Nelson, Quinn Nelson, Ridley Nelson, Nora Bolsoni, Christa Feldbrugge, Thomas Minner, Christopher Stone, Abe Thompson, Julian Simpson, Beck Westrem, Eric Boylan, Abe Thompson, Ellie Vanderhaar, and Phineas Pope.

Lynn and Mark Barger Elliott are called as Co-Pastors/ Head of Staff | May 17

"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."

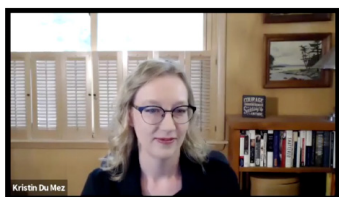
—PNC Committee

Death of George Floyd | May 25

HOH grieved with our community in the aftermath of the murder of George Floyd. HOH's Carillonneur Dave Johnson played the carillon on June 4 in George Floyd's honor.

HOH published this statement: *"We are called Protestants because our history is one of protest in naming what is wrong and unjust. Thousands have protested this injustice. House of Hope laments the outbreaks of violence and damage to lives and property and pray for peace to return to our metro area and state – even as we recognize the commitment that "peace is not the same as quiet." Jesus asked us to pick up our cross and follow him; it is our calling to stand with our neighbors and friends in the African American community as the only lasting and sure peace is one created through love and justice. God is love and our hope."*





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Community Garden | September

HOH members and friends grew and delivered 1,157 pounds of fresh produce to local food pantries.

Leadership Jazz | September 12

Elders, Deacons, and Trustees gathered for an outdoor retreat to explore the topic of "Leadership Jazz: On Guiding the Church During Tumultuous Times." Participants enjoyed special music and a reflection on improvisation from HOH's Director of Music and Organist Aaron David Miller.

Rally Sunday | September 13

HOH gathered under the "Big Tent" to kick off an amazing fall at House of Hope with socially distanced outdoor activities following our streamed worship. Following the guidelines of the Governor and the MN Department of Health, we enjoyed a picnic and reconnected as a congregation. HOH member Terry Bailey's band, Jazz Savvy, provided entertainment.

1-7-75-175 Initiative | September 15

The Session approved a 1-7-75-175 Initiative and set in motion a Long Range Planning Committee to assimilate input from the congregation and discern our mission and 7 major objectives we can tackle in the coming years as we move toward our 175th anniversary. Clearly, God is at work in our midst shaping a "future with hope."

Festival of Hope | September 20–27

House of Hope launched a new online conference that attracted over 1,000 participants and included speakers who ranged from a *New York Times* science columnist to a Grammy winner, a leader in the field of furniture design to authors who spoke to the pressing issues of systemic racism and the impact of the evangelical church on American politics.

Transitional Assoc. Pastor Zachary Wilson departs | October 25

Harvest of Hope Bash | October 25

Thank you to the more than 169 donors who contributed to the Bash. Gifts totaled \$84,000, which was 68% over the goal of \$50,000. The Mission Outreach Committee allocated grants to Mission Partners with an emphasis on supporting hunger and homelessness efforts. Grantees included: *Boys & Girls Clubs of the Twin Cities Area*, *Feed My Starving Children*, *Hallie Q. Brown Community Center*, *Interfaith Action of Greater Saint Paul/Project Home*, *Jeremiah Program*, *Neighborhood House*, *Ujamaa Place*, *Women's Advocates*, among others.



HOH welcomed Director of Youth and Family Ministry |

November 1

Dan Miglets-Nelson joined the HOH staff and launched virtual events that included Confirmation classes and a Christmas party, as well as Sponsor-a-Family gift drop off.



Bible Presentations | November 1

Kindergarteners and third graders enjoyed a brief outdoor service to celebrate the receiving of Bibles, observing safety protocols. Kiera met with the third graders in Zoom classes to teach Bible navigation skills.



First Light | November 29

To mark the beginning of Advent, the trees along Summit Avenue were lit to remind us that light is stronger than darkness. They were lit up every night through the winter.



7@7 Advent Morning Prayer | Nov 30–Dec 23

Members and friends gathered on weekday mornings during Advent for a special 7 minute online worship service including prayers, devotions, and music. These services were posted daily at 7 a.m. on our website, Facebook, and Instagram pages.

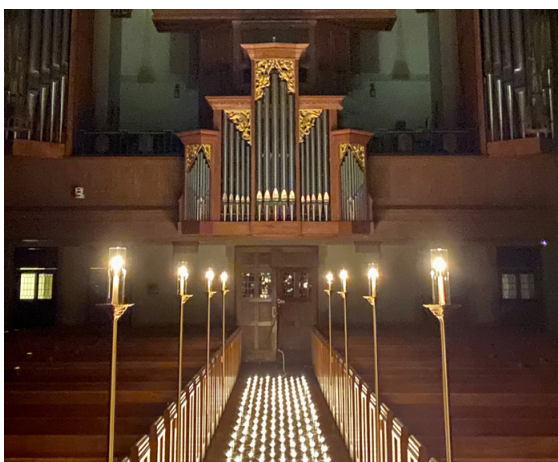


All Church Christmas Parties | December 10 and 17

HOH members wore their favorite Christmas attire while sharing stories about their favorite Christmas traditions and memories. Lynn and Mark Barger Elliott hosted eight virtual parties!

Christmas Sponsor-A-Family | December 13

In partnership with the YWCA, Liberty Plaza Affordable Housing Community, the Wilder Center, and Neighborhood House, HOH participated in Sponsor-A-Family this year, delivering Christmas joy to 63 families.

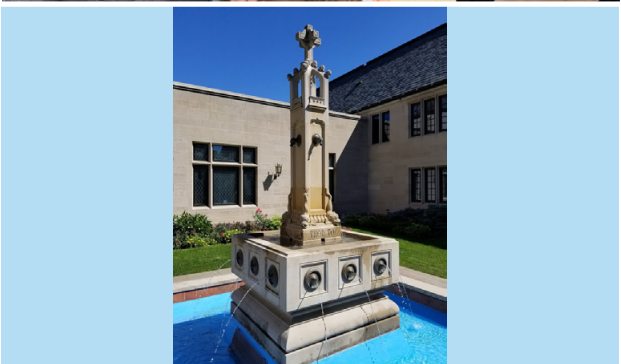


Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship | December 24

Nearly 700 devices viewed our Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship service on our website and Facebook page. The service included anthems and carols performed by the section leaders of The Motet Choir and instrumentalists. About 100 children and families participated in our Family Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship service.

Financials

	2020 Budget	2020 Year End
OPERATING REVENUE		
Pledge Revenue	\$1,250,000	\$1,180,149
Non-Pledged Revenue	\$130,000	\$106,182
Other Revenue	\$49,600	\$49,986
General Endowment	\$738,712	\$491,813
Contingency Fund	\$200,000	\$426,027
Restricted Endowment	\$335,980	\$256,684
Mission Outreach & Spiritual Life	\$183,389	\$158,295
Congregational Life	\$26,963	\$6,081
Administrative Council	\$2,500	\$344
Properties	\$0	\$0
Total Operating Revenue	\$2,917,144	\$2,675,560
OPERATING EXPENSE		
Mission Outreach	\$184,216	\$200,678
Houses of Hope Fund	\$104,668	\$104,668
Other Spiritual Life	\$34,373	\$24,263
Carl A. Weyerhaeuser Ministry	\$107,888	\$46,714
Worship and Sacraments	\$3,500	\$3,313
Music Programs	\$178,266	\$117,538
Subtotal Mission Outreach & Spiritual Life	\$612,911	\$497,174
Congregational Life	\$81,912	\$39,456
House, Property and Insurance	\$449,100	\$746,421
Communications, Administration and Finance	\$238,633	\$238,580
Administrative Council Committees	\$16,700	\$11,437
Salaries, Benefits, and Allowances	\$1,473,388	\$1,357,270
Rev. Didier Housing	\$44,500	\$44,500
Subtotal Other Expenses	\$2,304,234	\$2,437,664
Total Operating Expense	\$2,917,144	\$2,934,838
Surplus (Deficit)	\$0	(\$259,278)
Paycheck Protection Program (PPP)		\$277,500
Adjusted Net		\$18,222



Membership Information

Membership Total on 1/1/2020: 1251

2020 Persons Received into Membership: 8

2020 Members transferred to other churches: 7

We entrust to God's eternal care the following members who passed away in 2020:

Sally Anderberg
 James Barge*
 Elsa Bennett
 Peter Blyth
 Jeannine Bohlmeier
 Kathryn Breitbarth
 Elizabeth Colman
 Willard Converse
 Richard Foreman
 David Hopper*
 John Jackson
 Samuel Joy
 John King
 Richard Klupper
 Jessica Kottke
 Carol Krieger
 Ervin Lentz
 Irene Novotny
 Patricia Jean Paulus
 Clifford Peet
 Nancy Gronna Peterson
 Phyllis Rusterholz
 Lori Ann Rutledge
 Stewart Walker
 Ted Weyerhaeuser
 Anne Yuska
 * Presbyterian Clergy

2020 Baptisms: Eva Miriam Douglass

Membership Total on 12/31/2020: 1207

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THE DIDIER SEMINAR 2021

Speaker: Jeannine Hill Fletcher

Wednesday April 21 and Saturday April 24:

Lecture and Discussion: *Christian Entanglement in Racism: Facing the Past, Transforming the Future*

Sunday, April 25: Sermon and Adult Enrichment

We are excited to welcome Professor Jeannine Hill Fletcher as our 2021 Didier Seminar speaker. She is a professor at Fordham University and a constructive theologian whose research focus includes issues of diversity including gender, race, and religious diversity. Her book *The Sin of White Supremacy—Christianity, Racism and Religious Diversity in America* has been described as "a heartfelt lament and passionate advo-

cacy for racial justice—both sobering and liberating." We look forward to doing important work together and living into our sixth Long Range Planning Objective: "To take bold and courageous action to advance diversity, religious pluralism, social justice, and environmental stewardship," relating in turn to our overarching question: what kind of church do we want to be in 10 years?