



**The Great 50 Days**, the time between Easter and Pentecost, is an ancient Christian tradition of identifying and celebrating Easter moments of renewal and resurrection in one's life and in the world.

From Anchor Society Sunday to New Baby Recognition, from electing new Elders, Deacons, and Trustees to the Choir School Spring Concert, from Sanctuary Sundays to Pentecost, celebrate new life with us in these 50 days.

### **Anchor Society Sunday** Sunday, May 2

Join us in worship to recognize members of The Anchor Society—those who have made a commitment to remember HOH in their estate plans. Gifts to the endowment provide flexibility that help support the operation of the church as well as our ministries and mission.

### **New Baby Recognition on Mother's Day** Sunday, May 9

Join us as we celebrate new additions to our church family over the last year. We will share a video with the HOH congregation on May 9 in worship.

### **Summit Peak**

**Saturday, May 15 | 9-10:30 a.m. via Zoom**

Our church leaders—Elders, Deacons, and Trustees—will meet to discern next steps regarding our exciting 7 Objectives that we will focus on in the coming 10 years.

### **Congregational Meeting to Elect New Elders, Deacons, and Trustees via Zoom**

**Sunday, May 16 | 11:15 a.m.**

The Session has called a Meeting of the Congregation to elect members of the Session, Board of Deacons, and Board of Trustees; to elect the 2021–2022 Congregational Nominating Committee; and to hear reports concerning HVAC, the 1-7-75-175 Initiative, and plans to reopen for in-person worship.

### **Children and Youth Art Exhibit in May**

Celebrate HOH's children and youth artists! A virtual gallery video will be posted on our website featuring homemade artwork and Choir School music.



### **Hope is on the Move!**

Since the birth of the church on Pentecost, the church has always been *on the move*. As we look forward to the coming weeks and the return of in-person worship, please join us for additional church events as truly House of Hope is on the move.

### **Choir School Spring Concert** Sunday, May 16 | 2 p.m.

The HOH Choir School Spring Concert *Simple Gifts* will be livestreamed on our website. Join us to celebrate the Choir School's year that included online and in-person rehearsals.

### **Pentecost Sunday** Sunday, May 23

Join us for this special service, for as Henri Nouwen wrote, "Without Pentecost the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus remains imprisoned in history as something to remember, think about, and reflect on. The Spirit of Jesus comes to dwell within us, so that we can become living Christs here and now."

### **Sanctuary Sundays** Sundays, May 23 and May 30

Sign up to join us in the sanctuary from 4-5 p.m. for a time of music, reflection, and prayer. Attendance will be limited to 50 as we test our protocols leading to our June 6 reopening of in-person worship.

### **June Sermon Series: Unmute/4 Parables for a Post Pandemic Life**

Join us for a special sermon series on the Jesus' parables and wisdom they offer in how to "unmute" our lives as we emerge from the pandemic.

### **Picnics and Pastors in the Park on Fridays in June**

Join us June 4, 11, and 18 from 5–7 p.m. in our HOH park. Bring a blanket, a picnic, as we enjoy the HOH park, playground, and each other's company.

### **Sunday, June 6: Reopening!**

Plans are underway to safely return to in-person worship and make improvements to our livestreaming. After worship, join us for a time of fellowship, food, and fun. Watch for additional details!

## Co Pastors | Commentary

We all wish we could have been worshipping in our sanctuary by now. We miss waving to the family three pews behind us and welcoming first-time visitors. We miss the dancing colors of the sun shining through the Twelve Apostles in the East Transept Window. We miss being inspired by the majestic chords of the Fisk Organ pipes.



So we are pleased to announce in addition to reopening for in-person worship on June 6, Session approved at its April meeting "Sanctuary Sundays," which will occur on May 23 and 30. These two worship opportunities will include music and prayer and be open to up to 50 people helping us refine protocols as we seek to offer a safe worship experience and extend hospitality to all who enter 797 Summit Avenue.

For "Sanctuary Sundays" and in-person worship on June 6, the following nine guidelines will be required:

1. Please sign up to attend worship on SignUp Genius. You may also phone the church to make a reservation. You will find this information soon on our website.
2. Please wear a mask at all times.
3. Please physically distance for the safety of everyone attending worship.
4. Every third pew will be open. Please seat yourself, but keep physically distanced from non-family members who are attending worship.
5. All doors to House of Hope will be open to assure a smooth entrance and exit.
6. A deacon or church member will greet you at the door and check you in.
7. A time of fellowship will occur outside on Summit Avenue.
8. Offerings baskets will be placed in the Narthex.
9. Bulletins will be found in the pews.

The Psalmist once wrote, "I was glad when they said unto me, 'Let us go into the house of the Lord.'" Indeed, those words have never rung more true!

Feel free to reach out to us if you have any questions concerning this important step in the life of our congregation.

Faithfully,  
Lynn and Mark

## HOH Community Garden Celebrates 10 Years

The HOH Community Garden began 10 years ago on Summit Avenue as a garden to support two community food pantries, Neighborhood House and Hallie Q. Brown Community Center, with fresh produce.



Join the 10 year anniversary celebration for the Community Garden by volunteering! Even if you can only help out a couple times, it all contributes to creating the 1000+ pounds of delicious and nutritious food each year for our neighbors. All ages, abilities, experience levels, and schedules of volunteers are welcome—there are jobs to fit everyone. Sit in the sun and pick a few tomatoes or cancel your gym membership and get your workout in the garden. Work with others or work on your own. Drive the veggies to the Neighborhood House or Hallie Q. Brown food pantries. We'll be starting the garden in early May and continue through late fall. Send an email to Elizabeth Karre at [houseofhopegarden@gmail.com](mailto:houseofhopegarden@gmail.com) to volunteer or learn about ways you can help.

## HOH Year-to-Date Financials

	2020 Actual March	2021 Actual March
<b>Operating Revenue</b>		
Pledge and Non-Pledged Revenue	\$113,629	\$138,501
Endowment Draw	\$101,833	\$174,955
Other Revenue	\$27,573	\$15,105
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	<b>\$243,035</b>	<b>\$328,561</b>
<b>Operating Expense</b>		
Mission Outreach	\$228	\$45,662
Other Spiritual Life	\$2,337	\$0.00
Worship, Music and Congregational Life	\$34,196	\$33,322
House, Property & Insurance	\$43,109	\$58,520
Salaries, Benefits and Allowances	\$99,619	\$123,947
Rev. Didier Housing	\$3,708	\$3,708
<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	<b>\$183,197</b>	<b>\$265,159</b>
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$59,838</b>	<b>\$63,402</b>

# MAY AT HOH



*Where children, youth, and families build community  
and faith through education, service, and the arts!*

## **Adult Enrichment: Post Didier Discussion Christian Entanglement with Racism. So, What Now?**

**Sunday, May 2 | 11:15 a.m. via Zoom**

"I want to think, talk, do something more about this. I want to ask. I want to share. I want House of Hope to ...." Last week, Jeannine Hill Fletcher got us focused on this. Let's debrief and think about, "What now?" with Phil Bolinder facilitating.

**Join here:** [bit.ly/AdultEnrichmentMay2](https://bit.ly/AdultEnrichmentMay2)

## **Monday Exchange**

**Mondays, May 3 and 17 | 7 p.m. via Zoom**

## **Great Decisions**

**Tuesday, May 11 | 4 p.m. via Zoom**

### **Persian Gulf Security Issues with Andrew Latham**

The priorities of the Persian Gulf states lie in regime security and U.S. presence as critical to their protection. If the Gulf monarchs were responsible for their own security, would they be more accommodating to their neighbors? What are the historical influences that have led to these tensions?

Professor Andrew Latham teaches courses on international security, regional conflict in the Middle East, and U.S. foreign policy. He recently published a novel about the Third Crusade. **Join here:** [bit.ly/GreatDecisionsMay2021](https://bit.ly/GreatDecisionsMay2021)

## **Feminist Theology with Julia Carlson**

**Sunday, May 16 | 12 p.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/HOHFeministTheologyMay2021](https://bit.ly/HOHFeministTheologyMay2021)

## **New Member Class: In-Person and Virtual Options**

**Monday, May 17 | 6:30 p.m. via Zoom -or- 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary**

Join us to learn more about the exciting things that are happening in our congregation regarding children and youth ministries, educational opportunities, and serving our community.

**Join virtual class here:** [bit.ly/May2021NewMemberClass](https://bit.ly/May2021NewMemberClass)

## **Adult Enrichment: Clyde Doepner, Curator for the Minnesota Twins Baseball Club**

**Sunday, May 23 | 11:15 a.m. via Zoom**

Join us as we welcome Clyde Doepner who will share Twins Baseball history and stories. The first-ever curator in Twins history, Doepner, a lifelong Twins supporter, catalogs, maintains, and collects Twins memorabilia items for historical purposes. **Join here:** [bit.ly/AdultEnrichmentMay23](https://bit.ly/AdultEnrichmentMay23)

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## **Children and Family Ministry**

### **Weekly Zoom Programming (May 2 - June 6)**

- Silly Songs and Storytime on Fridays at 9:30 a.m.
- Elementary Game Time on Fridays at 4:30 p.m.
- Family Worship on Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

### **May Family Kit Pick-Up**

**Sunday, May 2 | 2-3 p.m. | Porte Cochere**

### **New Baby Recognition**

**Sunday, May 9 | 10 a.m. Worship**

Join us to celebrate the birth of babies born since May 2020.

**Contact Kiera Stegall for more information.**

## **Youth and Family Ministry**

### **Senior High The SUMMIT**

**Wednesdays | 7-8:15 p.m. via Zoom**

Senior High students are invited to join together to explore fellowship and faith. We will continue through Rob Bell's Nooma video series, and play games together.

### **High School Bonfire Hangout**

**Sunday, May 2 | 7-8:15 p.m.**

High School students are invited to bring a friend and a snack to share as we meet in the Portland Avenue parking lot. We will have fire pits, games, and activities.

### **Pizza and Pals**

**Friday, May 14 | 6:30 p.m.**

Senior High youth meet at HOH, and we'll enjoy Punch Pizza, games, and fellowship. Invite a friend! RSVP to Dan ASAP.

### **Middle School Bonfire Hangout**

**Sunday, May 16 | 7-8:15 p.m.**

Middle School students are invited to bring a friend and a snack to share as we meet in the Portland Avenue parking lot. We will have fire pits, games, and activities.

**Contact Dan Miglets-Nelson for more information.**

## **Choir School**

### **Sunday, May 9 Choir School Anthems for Worship**

St. Nicholas Choir *God of Beauty* (Lovelace)

St. Andrew Choir *Gloria* (Giardinere)

**Sunday, May 16 | 2 p.m. Spring Concert | Livestreamed**

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## THE DIDIER SEMINAR 2021

**Jeannine Hill Fletcher**

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



This year The Didier Seminar explored the critically relevant topic *Christian Entanglement in Racism: Facing the Past and Transforming the Future* with inspiring theologian Jeannine Hill Fletcher.

Thank you to all who joined the conversation. If you missed it, videos of the lectures and discussions can be found at: [hohchurch.org/community-events/the-didier-seminar/](https://hohchurch.org/community-events/the-didier-seminar/)

What did we learn? In summary, as contemporary followers of Jesus, we are all agents in bringing about the Christian vision of the Kingdom/Kindom of God, of peace and love for all. What is not "Good

News" for all, is counter to the heart of the Gospels, and it must be "disentangled." There is work to be done, and many ways to do it. Please look for further discussion and information to come, and we welcome your ideas of how we can be agents to bring about this vision.

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- Ginger Bailey
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