



RALLY SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 12 | 10 A.M.-12 P.M.

JOIN US FOR RALLY SUNDAY as our congregation gathers after a wonderful summer of reopening to in-person worship, hearing our Motet Choir and Choir School sing, gathering with HUB Clubs, National Night Out, and celebrating the 10th Anniversary of our Community Garden!

Festivities will begin after worship at 11:15 a.m. on the Summit lawn with a picnic menu, the Ned Kantor Jazz Trio, an inflatable obstacle course and toddler bounce house, book swap, lawn games, and the opportunity to bring donations for Women's Advocates and Prior Crossing.

Suggested Donation for Picnic: \$10 per person (\$20 family max.)



SUNDAY SERIES
DAVID BROOKS
SEPTEMBER 26 | 2 P.M.

Topic: **Society and the Soul**

David Brooks writes a bi-weekly Op-Ed for *The New York Times* and is a regular analyst on PBS *NewsHour* and NPR's *All Things Considered*. Mr. Brooks has a gift for bringing audiences face to face with the spirit of our times with humor, insight, and quiet passion. He is a keen observer of the American way of life and a savvy analyst of present-day politics and foreign affairs.



HOH's Sunday Series welcomes well-known speakers to discuss key issues of our day and artists to share their artistic engagement with life and faith. Previous speakers include Harry Belafonte, First Lady Dr. Jill Biden, Michael Beschloss, and Don Lemon.

Seating is limited. Please register to reserve a seat at:

bit.ly/DavidBrooksSept26

We ask all who attend to please wear a mask.

Our **NEW** midweek program, Wednesday Night Live! **begins September 15.** What you will find at 797 Summit Avenue are family friendly meals from Kowalski's in our newly carpeted Great Hall, faith enrichment classes led by Rev. Dr. Julia Carlson and Revs. Lynn and Mark Barger Elliott, and opportunities to join our music program from the Choir School to The Motet Choir.



WNL! Schedule:

- 4 p.m. Choir School | East Wing and Sanctuary
- 6-7 p.m. Drop-In Dinner | Great Hall
- 7 p.m. Faith Enrichment Classes
- 7 p.m. Confirmation Class
- 7 p.m. Bell Choir
- 7 p.m. The Motet Choir | Choir Room and Sanctuary

WNL! Class Offerings:

The End of Racism

Building upon the anti-racism work begun at the 2021 Didier Seminar, this class will explore the history of racism, as well as Christian responses from the past and present. Presentations and discussions will be based on brief articles and video clips from leading thinkers like Jeannine Hill Fletcher and Austin Channing Brown. Led by Rev. Lynn Barger Elliott.

The Celtic Threads:

Celtic Spirituality and Influence for Our Time

In her book, *Sacred Living*, Irish Anglican and director of Celtic Spirituality, Grace Clunie, lists six aspects of Celtic spirituality that are both practical and inspirational. They are: our relationship with natural world, hospitality, creating a meaningful lifestyle, living a spirituality that is connected with the human family, acknowledging our life of faith as a spiritual journey, and our relationship with the Eternal, that is death, saints, and angels. Led by Rev. Dr. Julia Carlson.

The Art of the Psalms

"God's design in Eden," writes Makoto Fujimura, was for human beings to "co-create creation." The Psalms is considered a hymnal and a means to bring forth a song of faith, hope, and love. It also extends an invitation to express our faith through "making," and artistic expression. No art experience required. Materials provided. Join us for a relaxing class of drawing, study, and faithful expression. Led by Rev. Dr. Mark Barger Elliott

Suggested Donation for Meal: \$10 per person (\$20 family max.)

Co Pastor | Commentary

A Wonderful Fall!

As with many aspects of navigating life in a pandemic, House of Hope has been adversely impacted by obstacles that prevented us from meeting in-person and offering our customary programs and ministries. We are profoundly grateful to everyone who exhibited resilience and good cheer, which has enabled us to discern a “new normal,” including in-person worship shaped by a desire to offer a safe environment in which to gather in our church facility. We would also like to thank the church members and staff who helped create a wonderful calendar of fall of events from our new WNL! program, rescheduling David Brooks, and exciting things to come in October. A wonderful fall awaits us at 797 Summit Avenue!

A Challenge Ahead

As you might be aware, our current HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning) dates back to 1958. The lifespan of this equipment was estimated at that time to be 15-40 years, which meant it would need to be replaced by 1998. When we arrived at the House of Hope last August, we discovered a \$3 million replacement was actually \$10 million. Over the past year, many faithful and hard-working church leaders have begun to strategically assess how to tackle this challenge. Please know at our Church Leader Retreat on September 14th, a report written by three work groups that have met during the summer will be presented and made available to the congregation. This report will identify potential options to help us secure funds to assure we offer our congregation and community a safe and updated building now and for the future.

HOH is on the move this fall! We look forward to seeing you in worship, during WNL!, and at our many programs and ministries from Choir School to The SUMMIT, Stephen Ministry to Bible studies, as we seek to serve God in our world and in our community.



Faithfully,
Revs. Lynn and Mark

Fall Sermon Series:

Quotidian: Daily Infinity Nets in the Gospel of Mark

Beginning September 12.

Japanese contemporary artist Yayoi Kusama uses the phrase “infinity nets” as a means to understand her work and our universe.



The wonderful word *quotidian* means daily. Scholars have noted the Gospel of Mark turns the reader's attention time and again to the importance of faith that is expressed tangibly and daily. Join us for a fall sermon series as we explore how the Gospel of Mark pointed the first disciples and those who followed Jesus to “daily infinity nets.”

HOH Monthly Financials

In these turbulent times, your church leaders are grateful for your faithfulness and generosity which sustains the mission and ministries of our congregation. Below you will find a year over year comparison as it relates to the month of July. Please know that our Paycheck Protection Program loan of \$277,500 has been forgiven by the Small Business Administration.

	2020 Actual July	2021 Actual July
Operating Revenue		
Pledge and Non-Pledged Revenue	\$80,327	\$76,660
Endowment Draw	\$0	\$242,000
Other Revenue	\$3,608	\$7,787
Total Operating Revenue	\$83,935	\$326,447
Operating Expense		
Mission Outreach	\$75	\$70,395
Other Spiritual Life	\$12	\$1,616
Worship, Music and Congregational Life	\$41,639	\$29,263
House, Property & Insurance	\$21,950	\$15,604
Salaries, Benefits and Allowances	\$98,742	\$118,860
Rev. Didier Housing	\$3,708	\$3,708
Total Operating Expense	\$166,126	\$239,446
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$82,191)	\$87,001

SEPTEMBER



The HUB

Where Faith and Families Connect

- 6 Monday Exchange | 7 p.m. via Zoom**
Conversation around spiritual and life questions, moderated by Phil Bolinder.
- 8 Motet Choir, Bell Choir, Choir School begin Confirmation Info Session for Parents/Youth | 7 p.m.**
- 12 In Person Sunday School begins Rally Sunday Picnic | 11:15 a.m. | Summit Lawn Zoom Children's Sunday School begins | 4 p.m. The SUMMIT Youth Group Fall Taco Party Kickoff**
- 14 Fall Book Read | Tuesdays, September 14 - October 12 Discussions at 3 p.m. via Zoom**
An Other Kingdom: Departing the Consumer Culture by Walter Brueggemann, Peter Block, and John McKnight. Led by Rev. Dr. Julia Carlson.

Great Decisions | 4 p.m. | Kirk Parlour
Struggles Over the Melting Arctic with Christi Siver, Associate Professor at the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University in Collegeville, MN.
- 15 Wednesday Bible Study resumes | 9:30 a.m. WNL! and Confirmation Classes begin**
- 16 Thursday Bible Study resumes | 9 a.m.**
- 19 Feminist Theology | 11:15 a.m. | Room 1**
Creation and the Cross: The Mercy of God for a Planet in Peril, by theologian Elizabeth A. Johnson.
- 20 COVID Examen Begins in person and on Zoom 10:30 a.m. | Kirk Parlour**
Using St. Ignatius of Loyola's spiritual practice, *Examen*, we will process God's presence or absence during COVID. We'll gather weekly through October 10.

Monday Exchange | 7 p.m. via Zoom
- 27 COVID Examen | 10:30 a.m. | Kirk Parlour**
- 28 Sunday-Weekday Connections | 7 p.m. Kirk Parlour.** Join us for dessert and coffee/tea! Anita Nelson, a genealogist, will speak on Piecing Together Your Past. Please R.S.V.P. to the office by noon that day.

For more information and opportunities, please see our weekly Enews.

To subscribe: bit.ly/HOHEnews

Children and Family Ministry

In-person Nursery & Sunday School - Beginning Sept. 12

Infants – PreK | 9:45-11:15 a.m. Infants-PreK will use age-specific *Frolic* curriculum as each group learns to take little steps toward big faith. With stories and prayer, they will explore faith concepts the way they know best – through play.

Kindergarten - Grade 5

Kindergarten-Grade 5 students worship with their families in the sanctuary before joining us for Sunday school following the Time for Children.

Our elementary students will use *Growing in God's Love: A Story Bible Curriculum* that features diverse artwork from more than twenty artists. Students are invited to wonder, play, and connect as they engage with the Bible stories.

Zoom Sunday School for Families with Infants-Grade 5 Sundays, 4 p.m. Contact Kiera Stegall for more information at KieraS@hohchurch.org.

Youth and Family Ministry

Confirmation Information Meeting | September 8 | 7 p.m.

All youth grades 9+ and their parents are invited to learn about preparing for church membership and confirming one's faith on March 6, 2022.

Confirmation Classes Begin | September 15 | 7 p.m.

All youth grades 9+ who are interested in membership at HOH will meet Wednesday nights to explore basic Christian beliefs and membership in the Presbyterian Church.

Middle School Sunday School Begins September 12

10:15 a.m. | Room 9 | Middle Schoolers will meet on Sunday mornings following the Time for Children to learn about God's word, deepen their faith, and grow together.

The SUMMIT Youth Group Fall Kick-Off

September 12 | 7 p.m. All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to kick off a new year of youth ministry at The SUMMIT taco party in the Great Hall! The SUMMIT will meet Sunday nights 7-8:30 p.m. Contact Dan Miglets-Nelson for more information at DanMN@hohchurch.org.

House of Hope Choir School

Every child can sing! The Choir School offers outstanding music education for all children ages 4-18 beginning September 8. Registration is open online and spots are going fast! bit.ly/ChoirSchoolRegistration Contact Sofia Ardanal for more information at SofiaA@hohchurch.org.

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A WONDERFUL AUGUST!



National Night Out!



Faith Builders: Habitat for Humanity Build



HOH Youth at the Wellstone Center



Blessing of the Animals