

## MISSION MONTH

Building on anti-racism work that began at the 2021 Didier Seminar, the Peace and Justice Committee will host the Sunday morning Adult Enrichment at 11:15 a.m. in October.

The presentations and discussions will deepen our congregation's understanding of the impact of racism upon contemporary societal issues. Please join us for these important and timely topics immediately after worship in the Assembly Room.

- October 3** *Racism and Education* with Darnell Baker, Ujamaa Place
- October 10** *Racism and Access to Health Care* with Laurel Gamm, M.D.
- October 17** *Racism and Housing Equity* with Elizabeth Tannen, Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative
- October 24** *Racism and the ERA* with Betty Folliard, ERA Minnesota
- October 31** *Racism and Climate Justice* with Sam Grant, Executive Director of MN350

### Mission Sunday | Sunday, October 17

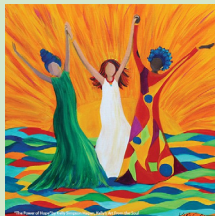
Please join us as we learn how our mission dollars are used to support our ministry partners here in the Twin Cities and throughout the world. Come to learn about volunteer opportunities with ministries like Beautiful Laundrette, Project Home and Sponsor-A-Family.

**Beacon Housing Work Group** is working with the Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative to lead an HOH "Inreach," titled *Powerful Together: Conversations for Change*. Their goal is to have one-on-one conversations between congregants about affordable housing with 200 people. Affordable housing expenses are rising in Minnesota, and new legislation will be proposed in the coming year to provide supplemental resources for those in need. **Sign up on Mission Sunday, October 17**, to participate or contact Shana Wagner, Judith Foley, or Lisa Yost for more information.

### Peace & Global Witness Offering Sunday, October 3

Your gifts in October to this offering enable us to pursue ending violence and bringing about reconciliation worldwide. **Ways to make a gift:**

Place a check in the offering basket or mail to church, memo line notation: "Peace". Online at [hohchurch.org](http://hohchurch.org): Support House of Hope > Make a Gift > Fund: Other Gift > Memo: Peace



### Support Project Home during October

Now that Project Home is housed on the campus of St. Kate's, these families still need your support! To access Project Home's wish list, go to [bit.ly/HOHProjectHome](http://bit.ly/HOHProjectHome) or use the link and buy items locally and bring to HOH.



## OCTOBER MUSIC

**In Concert: The Singers - MCA**  
**Sunday, October 3 | 3 p.m. | Sanctuary**

The Singers, under the artistic leadership of Matthew Culloton, return to live music making with a program that celebrates being together again while pausing to reflect on the moments that society has endured together these last two years. *Let Our Love Be Heard* features works by Minnesota composers Jake Runestad and Dale Warland, as well as music by Ysaye Barnwell, Alysia Lee, and Shawn Kirchner. A free-will offering will be collected.

### Sanctuary Sunday Concert:

**Rachel Brandwein and Linda Chatterton**

**Sunday, October 24 | Sanctuary | 2 p.m.**

Harpist Rachel Brandwein and flutist



Linda Chatterton will present a special concert at House of Hope, sponsored by the Minnesota State Arts Board. Their repertoire encompasses traditional concert pieces for flute and harp including new works commissioned specifically for this Minnesota tour.



### WNL! Schedule

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

### WNL! Class Offerings:

**The End of Racism** led by Rev. Lynn Barger Elliott  
Kirk Parlour | Through October 20

**The Celtic Threads: Celtic Spirituality and Influence for Our Time** led by Rev. Dr. Julia Carlson | Room 1 | Through October 13

**The Art of the Psalms** led by Rev. Dr. Mark Barger Elliott  
Kirby Lounge | Through October 20

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

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NIGHT  
LIVE!**

## Co Pastor | Commentary

**Fall is off to a wonderful start at the House of Hope!**  
**Here are a few highlights to share if you were unable to attend or participate!**

### Rally Sunday

What a joy it was to see everyone on September 12 as we gathered for worship on a beautiful Sunday. The Motet Choir, The Choir School, Sunday School classes, and The SUMMIT youth group all launched their fall programs. Our congregation enjoyed festivities on the Summit Lawn including a delicious picnic menu, the Ned Kantar Jazz Trio, a popular child obstacle course and toddler bounce house, lawn games, and a well-received book swap.

### Church Leader Retreat

On September 14, our Elders, Trustees, and Deacons met for a Church Leader Retreat where a report was shared by three summer work groups who had researched potential ways to finance our \$10 million HVAC project. Their work and the report can be found on our website under the "About Us" tab. In the coming months the Session and the Trustees, with input from the congregation, will further explore specific steps that were recommended, including a potential draw from our Endowment, selling the Summit parking lot, and launching a Capital Campaign.

### Wednesday Night Live!

On September 15, we launched our new midweek program with a family-friendly drop-in meal in our newly carpeted Great Hall. The Confirmation class began their exploration of faith and preparation for membership in the Assembly Room and faith enrichment classes were led by Rev. Dr. Julia Carlson and ourselves. Music opportunities were offered including the Choir School, The Motet Choir, and the Bells of Hope. We hope you will drop in, and join us for a wonderful evening to reconnect with our church family.

October will be a wonderful month of opportunities for worship, faith enrichment, fellowship and music offerings for all ages. We look forward to seeing you as together, we commit to bring God's hope into the world.



Faithfully,  
Revs. Lynn and Mark

## Stewardship 2022

"If" is one of the most significant words in the Bible. Jesus uses it repeatedly to deepen our understanding of what it looks like to follow him in our lives. Jesus said, for example, "if you listen..." "If you forgive..." "If you believe..."

# IF

As we turn our attention to our 2022 Stewardship Campaign and fund our 2022 church budget, we will reflect on how this word invites us to open ourselves to a deeper understanding of gratitude and an openness to living a generous life.

**Stewardship Sunday is November 21.**

More information to come!

## 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 August. Please know that our Paycheck Protection Program loan of \$277,500 has been forgiven by the Small Business Administration.

	2020 Actual August	2021 Actual August
<b>Operating Revenue</b>		
Pledge and Non-Pledged Revenue	\$90,715	\$123,481
Endowment Draw	\$118,446	\$145,000
Other Revenue	\$2,052	\$1,435
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	<b>\$211,213</b>	<b>\$269,916</b>
<b>Operating Expense</b>		
Mission Outreach	\$825	\$1,819
Other Spiritual Life	\$1,850	\$5,780
Worship, Music and Congregational Life	\$36,905	\$15,161
House, Property & Insurance	\$132,935	\$24,964
Salaries, Benefits and Allowances	\$110,153	\$107,544
Rev. Didier Housing	\$3,708	\$3,708
<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	<b>\$286,376</b>	<b>\$158,976</b>
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$75,163)</b>	<b>\$110,940</b>

# OCTOBER

For a complete HOH calendar, see our Events Calendar at [hohchurch.org](http://hohchurch.org) or our weekly Enews.

To subscribe to the Enews, go to [bit.ly/HOHEnews](http://bit.ly/HOHEnews)



# The HUB

Where Faith and Families Connect

## Children and Family Ministry

Contact Kiera Stegall: [KieraS@hohchurch.org](mailto:KieraS@hohchurch.org)

### In-Person Nursery & Sunday School:

Infants - PreK | 9:45-11:15 a.m. | Room 8

This class will take little steps toward big faith through stories, prayer, and play.

Kindergarten - Grade 5 | 10:15-11:15 a.m. | Rooms 4 & 5

These classes will grow in God's love as they explore Bible stories through artwork, wonder, and play.

### Zoom Kids' Sunday School & Storytime | 4 p.m.

Grade 5 and younger are invited to explore a Bible story via artwork and prayer followed by storytime.

**Third Grade Bible Class | October 10 and 17 | 11:15 a.m.-12 p.m. | Room 5** Learn navigation skills, the history of the Bible, biblical literature, and stories in this two-week Bible class.

**Communion Workshop: First and Second Grade Students and Parents | Sunday, October 10 | Sanctuary | 11:15 a.m.** When do Presbyterians offer communion to children? How should I talk about communion with my child? Join Rev. Lynn Barger Elliott at the communion table in the sanctuary as we explore the meaning of communion.

### Halloween Party | Friday, October 29 | 6-8 p.m.

Join us for a night of outdoor Halloween fun with trick-or-treating, activities, pumpkins, stories, and more. Come in costume and layer for the weather.

**Third Grade Bible Presentation | Sunday, October 31 | 10 a.m. | Sanctuary** Contact Kiera Stegall to reserve a Bible.

## Youth and Family Ministry

Contact Dan Miglets-Nelson: [DanMN@hohchurch.org](mailto:DanMN@hohchurch.org)

### Confirmation Classes | Wednesdays | 7 p.m.

All youth grades 9+ interested in membership at HOH will gather to explore basic Christian beliefs.

### Middle School Sunday School | 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 | Sundays | 7 p.m. | Great Hall

Youth grades 6-12 gather to experience the love of God and how it challenges and changes us, in safe, fun, and meaningful ways.

## House of Hope Choir School

Contact Sofia Ardan: [SofiaA@hohchurch.org](mailto:SofiaA@hohchurch.org)

The Choir School offers outstanding music education for all children ages 4-18. Contact Sofia Ardan about joining.

**Annual Holiday Wreath and Plant Sale:** Wreaths, holiday arrangements, and poinsettias! Order online by October 21. Pick up in December. **To Order:** [bit.ly/ChoirSchoolFundraiser](http://bit.ly/ChoirSchoolFundraiser) | **Store ID: 95**



- 3 World Communion Sunday**  
**Peace & Global Witness Offering**  
**Twin Cities Marathon - Summit Ave. Closures**  
**Stephen Ministry Potluck Lunch | 11:15 a.m.**  
  
**The Singers MCA Concert | 3 p.m. | Sanctuary**
- 4 COVID Examen: In person and 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. | Zoom**  
Conversation around spiritual and life questions, moderated by Phil Bolinder.
- 5 Fall Book Read | Tuesdays, through 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.
- 6 Wednesday Night Live!** (see page 1 for details)
- 10 New Member Orientation | 11:15 a.m. | Library**  
  
**Communion Workshop for Children and Families**  
**Room 4 | 11:15 a.m.** (see The HUB for details)  
  
**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.
- 11 COVID Examen 10:30 a.m. | Kirk Parlour**
- 12 Fall Book Read | Tuesdays, through October 12**  
**Discussions at 3 p.m. via Zoom**  
  
**Great Decisions | 4 p.m. | Kirk Parlour**  
*China's Role in Africa* with Gary Prevost
- 13 Wednesday Night Live!** (see page 1 for details)
- 17 Mission Sunday**  
Join us for information and mission opportunities.
- 18 Monday Exchange | 7 p.m. via Zoom**  
**Loaves and Fishes | St. Matthew's Catholic Church**
- 20 Wednesday Night Live!** (see page 1 for details)
- 26 Sunday-Weekday Connections**  
**Great Hall | 7 p.m.**
- 29 HOH Halloween Party** (see The HUB for details)
- 31 Reformation Sunday**  
**Third Grade Bible Presentations**  
**New Member Welcome in Worship**



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## SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS!



**RALLY  
SUNDAY  
2021**



**WNL!**

