

IF

"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..."

Our 2022 Stewardship Campaign that seeks to fund our Annual Budget focuses on how the word "if" has shaped the past, present, and future of The House of Hope.

If generations before us had not generously provided the means to build The House of Hope, we would not be able to enjoy our lovely sanctuary and building.

If members and friends had not given to The Houses of Hope Fund, we would not be able to make substantial grants to provide affordable housing in our community.

If members and friends had not contributed generously to our 2021 Stewardship Campaign, we could not have funded Mission Outreach giving from our annual operating budget for the first time in seventeen years.

November 14 — Stewardship Sunday

We launch our 2022 Stewardship Campaign! Watch for a brochure and pledge card in the mail.

November 21 — Gratitude Sunday

We express our gratitude for our blessings and celebrate our commitment to the present and future of The House of Hope through the generosity of our members and friends.

Ways to support our 2022 Budget:

- Bring your Pledge Card to worship on November 21 and place it in the offering plate.
- Mail your Pledge Card to the church at 797 Summit Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105
- Pledge Online: bit.ly/PledgeHOH

Festival of HOPE

"Hope is the last thing ever lost." The words of this Italian proverb inspire us to scan our horizons to detect places of emerging

hope, especially in challenging times. *Festival of Hope*, our online conference, invites us to find hope in the landscapes of the refugee crisis, faith and science, the writings of William James, racial injustice, the sacred within us, and the American identity.

These conversations will be available on our website, hohchurch.org on November 13.



Becca Stevens, a "CNN Hero," is a social entrepreneur, author, priest, and founder of Thistle Farms. Her new book *Practically Divine* is about experiencing the sacred in our lives.



David Grant is a Twin Cities based writer, playwright, screenwriter, and winner of a Regional Emmy Award for Best Original Drama. He does frequent public speaking and workshops on racial equity and justice.



Jess McHugh is a writer and researcher whose work has appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post*, and *TIME*. Her book, *Americanon*, was published this year.



Dr. John Kaag is an award-winning author and Chair of Philosophy at UMass Lowell. He will speak on his new book, *Sick Souls, Healthy Minds: How William James Can Save Your Life*.



Jessica Goudeau is author of *After the Last Border: Two Families and the Story of Refuge in America*, named a *New York Times* Editors' Choice book. She has written for *The New York Times* and *The Atlantic*.



Greg Cootsona is a professor, author and noted speaker on the intersection between science and faith. He has written for *The Wall Street Journal* and has been interviewed by CNN and the BBC.



Music Sunday — November 7

Featuring:

Franz Schubert's Mass in G

The House of Hope Motet Choir and Chamber Orchestra; Matthew Culloton, Conductor; Aaron David Miller, Organ; Linh Kauffman, Soprano; Tyler Berg, Tenor; Bill Sales, Baritone; Timothy Bruett, Baritone

The House of Hope Motet Choir presents, for the first time in their history, Franz Schubert's Mass in G. Composed in 1815 when Schubert was just 18, it was written during one of his most fruitful years of composing. Aside from the Mass, he composed over 140 of his famed solo songs, and over 20,000 bars of music in the same year, while studying with Antonio Salieri. Though inspired by the sacred works of Mozart and Haydn, Schubert's Mass in G is quintessentially Romantic, driven by lovely melodies and surprise harmonic turns. It is no wonder that this has become his most beloved choral work some 200+ years after its composition!



Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Wednesday, November 24

7 p.m. | Sanctuary

Thanksgiving Eve Service will be held in the Sanctuary with music by The Motet Choir.

Rev. Dr. Julia Carlson will preach.

All members and friends are invited to join us in worship and give thanks. Bring a Food Pantry Offering to the service whether in goods or financial contribution.



Advent Sermon Series

An Asemic Advent: New Signposts in a Strange Land

"When the linguistic term *seme* (derived from the Greek *sema*, 'sign')

is preceded by the privative *a-*, the normal meaning of what follows is neutralized (compare symmetric and asymmetric)," writes Peter Schwenger in his book *Asemic: The Art of Writing*. Join us this Advent for our sermon series as we reflect on an Asemic Advent and four signs pointing us to Bethlehem and the birth of the Christ child.

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 September.

	2020 Actual September	2021 Actual September
Operating Revenue		
Pledge and Non-Pledged Revenue	\$65,805	\$51,576
Endowment Draw	\$297,983	\$145,000
Other Revenue	\$11,061	\$36,437
Total Operating Revenue	\$374,849	\$233,013
Operating Expense		
Mission Outreach	\$4,596	\$22,987
Other Spiritual Life	\$7,681	\$4,020
Worship, Music and Congregational Life	\$21,186	\$32,833
House, Property & Insurance	\$138,727	\$58,858
Salaries, Benefits and Allowances	\$127,883	\$116,777
Rev. Didier Housing	\$3,708	\$3,708
Total Operating Expense	\$303,781	\$239,183
Surplus (Deficit)	\$71,068	(\$6,170)



First Light — Advent Celebration Sunday, November 28 | 4 p.m.

Join us in the Assembly Room at 4 p.m. for creating Advent crafts and wreaths.

On the Summit Lawn, we will celebrate the beginning of Advent as we light the trees on Summit Avenue to proclaim the "light" is coming into the world.

We'll enjoy a Carillon concert by Dave Johnson at 4:30 p.m. with cookies and hot cocoa. At 5 p.m. we will light our Summit Avenue trees in joy and expectation for the coming of the Christ child.

NOVEMBER

For a complete HOH calendar, see our Events Calendar at hohchurch.org or our weekly Enews.

To subscribe to the Enews, go to bit.ly/HOHEnews

- 1 Monday Exchange | 7 p.m. | Zoom**
Conversation around spiritual and life questions, moderated by Phil Bolinder.
- 7 All Saints Sunday and Music Sunday**
- 9 Great Decisions | 4 p.m. | Kirk Parlour**
Global Supply Chains and National Security with Rick Olson
- 13 Festival of Hope** (see front page for details)
- 14 Stewardship Sunday**
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.
- 15 Monday Exchange | 7 p.m. | Zoom**
- 19 Youth Event | Whirly Ball | 7 p.m.**
- 21 Gratitude Sunday**
- 24 Thanksgiving Eve Worship | 7 p.m.**
- 25 Thanksgiving Day**
- 26 Church Offices and Building Closed**
- 28 The First Sunday in Advent**
First Light Advent Celebration | 4 p.m.
Advent Celebration — Assembly Room
First Light — Summit Lawn
(see page 2 for more information)

Faith and Fibers Knitting and Crocheting Project

Over the past few years Faith & Fibers has undertaken projects to serve others through our love of fiber crafts. We've knit, crocheted, and donated slippers, hats, and scarves to our mission partners at Prior Crossing, Neighborhood House, Project Home, and Mino Oski Ain Dah Yung.



Minnesota winters can be cold and a warm hat or scarf is a much needed item of clothing. The Faith & Fibers group is thankful for the gift of yarn to use for our charity knitting. To join us in this year's project, we've made it easy for you with hat and scarf/cowl project kits with yarn and a free pattern. Completed items can be dropped off in the church office. Kits will be available in the Library beginning November 8. If you have questions, need knitting/crocheting needles, or get stuck on a pattern, we can help with that, too.

Contact: Janice Dickinson at janice.dickinson@att.net or Diane Smith at smith-diane@comcast.net



The HUB

Where Faith and Families Connect

Children and Family Ministry

Contact Kiera Stegall: KieraS@hohchurch.org

First Light: Advent Celebration

Sunday, November 28 | 4 p.m. | Assembly Room

Join us for Advent arts and activities before First Light when we light up the trees along Summit Avenue. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Kiera Stegall.

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 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 | 11:30 a.m.

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

Youth and Family Ministry

Contact Dan Miglets-Nelson: DanMN@hohchurch.org

Confirmation Class Sanctuary Tour

Wednesday, November 10 | Sanctuary | 7 p.m.

The Confirmation Class of 2022 will enjoy a special tour led by Rev. Dr. Julia Carlson. The tour will cover building history, as well as sights and symbols in the sanctuary.

Acolyte Training & Refresher Workshop

Wednesday, November 17 | Sanctuary | 7 p.m.

As we prepare to welcome acolytes back into worship, this course offers our confirmands and senior high students a chance to learn what it means to be an acolyte and live out their faith through service in this particular way.

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 1

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

The Choir School offers outstanding music education for all children ages 4-18. Contact Sofia Ardan, Choir School Director, for more information and to register.

Fall Session II: October 27-December 15

Spring Session I: January 5-March 9

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Mission Month Highlights!



Prior Crossing donations

1,400 pounds of fresh produce to food pantries



Community Garden 10 Year Celebration Party

Sponsor-A-Family

Christmas Sponsor-A-Family will take place again this year! We will sponsor 70 families from the YWCA, Neighborhood House, Liberty Plaza, and the Wilder Foundation.



Visit the church website homepage beginning on November 8 to find the SignUpGenius link where information on families will be provided. A family wish list will be emailed to you.

For assistance with SignUpGenius, please contact the church office. Don't like to shop? Donations are welcome and will be used to provide a grocery gift card for each family.

Mail or drop off donations in the church office.
Memo: Family Sponsor.

Item Collection Dates: December 8 and 12, Porte Cochere
All gifts should be delivered to HOH by December 12.