



Join us for **HOPE IN WINTER**, a series of events and offerings to enjoy during some of the most beautiful and sunlit days of the year! Here are seven ideas for spending some time together outdoors and indoors as a church family.



HOH Labyrinth Days

January 11, 12, 13; January 18, 19, 20;
and January 25, 26, 27, and 30.
Available between 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
(Sunday, January 30 - 9 a.m. - Noon)

A labyrinth has been described as “walkable art.” It is an ancient spiritual practice that enhances prayer and reflection. The House of Hope portable labyrinth will be set up in the Great Hall. No sign up necessary.



Mississippi Mile Walk with Lynn and Mark Barger Elliott Sunday, January 2 | 2 p.m.

Meet Mark and Lynn at the “lookout” at the end of Summit Avenue for a mile walk along the Mississippi River.



Snowshoeing with Ann and Bill Geery Fort Snelling State Park

Snow dependent. Watch for announcements for the first outing!

Enjoy the beauty of winter in the park’s extensive snowshoe trails where generations of Dakota lived along the Mississippi and Minnesota Rivers.



HOH Sanctuary Mornings

Come and watch the sun make its way from the East Transept window to the windows in the Chancel and through the Nave. We are here, we are open; the House of Hope sanctuary is available for quiet reflection and a time away from the world. Bring a devotional or journal and spend some time with God through the beautifully detailed wood carvings and plethora of stained glass. From 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., press the buzzer at Door 1 on the west end of the Portland side of the building or Door 10 on the Summit circle drive to gain admittance to the building.



Cocoa & Canvas

Saturday, January 22 | 6–7:30 p.m. | Great Hall & Dining Rooms

We invite you to join us for a night of cocoa and canvas creations! Kelsea Gilliland is returning to lead a guided painting process for youth and adults. Kiera Stegall will meet with children, grades 5 and younger, for process art. R.S.V.P. to Kiera Stegall at KieraS@hohchurch.org by Sunday, January 9, to ensure we have adequate supplies. Donations welcome to offset the cost of materials.



HOH Little Free Book and Jigsaw Exchange

Whether it’s the weather or virus safety, if you are spending more time at home this winter and you need a good read or new puzzle, check out the book and jigsaw exchange at HOH. Look for the special shelves on wheels in the entryway outside the Elizabeth Chapel Sunday through Wednesday during the day. The shelves will be in room one Thursday through Friday.



HOH Library

Picture yourself in a room with a comfortable furniture and a fireplace. Relax in a cozy chair, close your eyes and take a deep breath for a moment of complete quiet. Open your eyes and take in the light coming in the windows and shelves of books of all kinds to browse. Pick a book or a magazine to leaf through. Escape into a work of fiction, comfort your soul with a devotional book or a bit of poetry, read some history or biography. Spend whatever time you have enjoying the library during church office hours, except Wednesday mornings, and leave with a sense of purpose, peace, or pleasure. You are always welcome in the library!



Mission Outreach Update

As a part of our 2021 Stewardship Campaign, congregants were asked to increase their pledge by 5% so we could allocate 5% of HOH's Annual Budget for Mission Outreach, and you responded.

This year, Mission Outreach returned to HOH's budget for the first time in 17 years. Mission Outreach donations year to date total \$55,677 to the following organizations from your generosity of giving.

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Twin Cities Area
 Covered with Christ
 Feed My Starving Children
 Hallie Q. Brown Community Center
 Interfaith Action of Greater Saint Paul
 Jeremiah Program
 Joint Religious Legislative Coalition
 Liberty Community Church
 Neighborhood House
 People Inc.
 PCUSA - Presbyterian World Mission
 PCUSA - W. Africa - Josh Heikkila
 Presbyterian Clearwater Forest
 Presbyterian Hunger Program
 Ujamaa Place
 Walker West Music Academy
 Women's Advocates
 YWCA - St. Paul
 YMCA - East Side

The Houses of Hope Fund Update

Established in 1999 as a part of the 150th anniversary of the church's founding, gifts from this fund are used to support affordable housing in St. Paul. In 2021, gifts totaling \$103,400 were made to Ain Dah Yung Center, Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity, Jeremiah Program, Neighborhood House, Project for Pride in Living, and the St. Paul YWCA. Since 2000, \$3,013,249.77 has been donated from The Houses of Hope Fund in support of affordable housing.

January Adult Enrichment

Sunday, January 9 | Assembly Room | 11:15 a.m.

Anne Krisnick, Policy Manager for the Joint Religious Legislative Coalition will discuss the 2021 legislative priorities of the JRLC.

Sunday, January 30 | Assembly Room | 11:15 a.m.

Walking with Spirit, Strolling with Soul

Lisa Gidlow Moriarty, artist, spiritual director and professional labyrinth maker, will join us to share an introduction to labyrinths as we commemorate the arrival of HOH's labyrinth.



Stewardship Update

As of December 15, we have received 185 pledges and the overall average pledge increase has been 12%.

We invite you to support our **IF** Campaign that seeks to

fully fund the 2022 Annual Budget and focuses on how the word "if" has shaped the past, present, and future of The House of Hope Presbyterian Church.

Our pledge goal is \$1,100,000. Reaching this goal will enable us to fully fund our music, children and youth programs, and congregational life ministries; and sustain allocating 5% of all pledges received to Mission Outreach as a part of our Annual Budget.

If you have not returned your **IF** Pledge Card, or make a pledge online, please do. Thank you!

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 November.

	2020 Actual November	2021 Actual November
Operating Revenue		
Pledge and Non-Pledged Revenue	\$61,074	\$72,683
Endowment Draw	\$155,474	\$44,922
Other Revenue	\$11,889	\$15,514
Total Operating Revenue	\$228,437	\$133,119
Operating Expense		
Mission Outreach	\$3,880	\$30,715
Other Spiritual Life	\$3,126	\$3,716
Worship, Music and Congregational Life	\$36,472	\$11,993
House, Property & Insurance	\$32,879	\$37,505
Salaries, Benefits and Allowances	\$113,074	\$109,140
Rev. Didier Housing	\$3,708	\$3,708
Total Operating Expense	\$193,139	\$196,777
Surplus (Deficit)	\$35,298	(\$63,658)

JANUARY

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

- 2** Holy Communion and Bells of Hope will present Carols for Handbells and Harp in Worship | 10 a.m.

Mississippi Mile Walk

with Lynn and Mark Barger Elliott

Sunday, January 2 | 2 p.m. (see page 1 for details)

- 9** Race & Education Parenting Seminar | Room 1

Feminist Theology | 11:15 a.m. | Library

Creation and the Cross: The Mercy of God for a Planet in Peril, by theologian Elizabeth A. Johnson.

- 11** Labyrinth Days begin. (see cover for details)

- 21** Tweens Minute-to-Win-it Event | 6 p.m.

- 22** Family Event: Cocoa & Canvas | 6 p.m.

~ SAVE THE DATE ~

Women's Retreat

April 29 - May 1, 2022

Saint John's Abbey Guesthouse
Collegeville, MN

Watch for further details in February
Registration begins in March.



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A blue jay has 3,773 feathers.
He drops the bluest one
To scribble a poem in fresh snow.

from collected poems available in the HOH Library called *Reading Beyond the Lines* by Dr. Jeannine Bohlmeier.

Dr. Bohlmeier was a graduate of Wheaton College and earned her PhD from the University of Minnesota. Most of her career was spent at Bethel College, St. Paul, Minnesota, teaching English. She was an avid traveler seeing much of the world with a group of close friends. In her retirement years she knitted hundreds of pairs of mittens for children in the Twin Cities. Jeannine was a member of House of Hope from April of 2000 until her death in 2020.



The HUB

Where Faith and Families Connect

Children and Family Ministry

Contact Kiera Stegall: KieraS@hohchurch.org

In-Person Sunday Morning Children's Ministry Beginning January 9:

- Nursery: Infants – Toddlers | 9:45 a.m. | Room 8
- Preschool – PreK | 9:45 a.m. | Room 2
- Kindergarten–Grade 5 | 10:15 a.m. | Rooms 4 & 5

Parenting Session: Race & Education

Sunday, January 9 | 11:15 a.m.–12 p.m. | Room 1

Join us for a monthly Children & Family Ministry education session, as Jill Winter talks about her experience and knowledge surrounding racial inequities in the education system.

Creative Expressions

Sunday, January 9 | 11:15 a.m.–12 p.m. | Rooms 4 & 8

Preschool – Grade 5 (Room 4) are invited to join us for a time of art-making as we explore our spirituality via the creative process. Infants and toddlers will meet in Room 8.

Virtual Sunday School

January 16 – 30 | 11:30 a.m. | Zoom

Children, grades 5 and younger, are invited to join us for a time of faith formation via stories, artwork, and prayer.

Tweens Minute-to-Win-It

Friday, January 21 | 6–7:30 p.m. | Great Hall

Grades 4–5 and their friends are invited for silly, wacky, and skillful games! We'll design t-shirts, play a life-size game of Hungry, Hungry, Hippos, and more. Cost is \$5 per person.

Cocoa & Canvas

Saturday, January 22 | Great Hall | 6–7:30 p.m.

(See cover page for details.)

Youth and Family Ministry

Contact Dan Miglets-Nelson: DanMN@hohchurch.org

Middle School Sunday School

Sundays, Beginning January 9 | 10:15 a.m. | Room 1

Confirmation Classes | Wednesdays | 7 p.m.

The SUMMIT Youth Group, Grades 6-12

Sundays, Beginning January 9 | 7 p.m. | Great Hall

This year, we will focus on how God calls us to live out our faith, and finalize our plans for Triennium, Clearwater Forest Camp, and a mission trip through YouthWorks.

Hope in Winter | Youth Events

Sunday, January 16 | Ice Skating | Location TBD | 2 p.m.

Sunday, February 13 | Snowball Rumpus | 2 p.m.

Date TBD | Dodgeball | Great Hall

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.

Spring Session I: January 12-March 9

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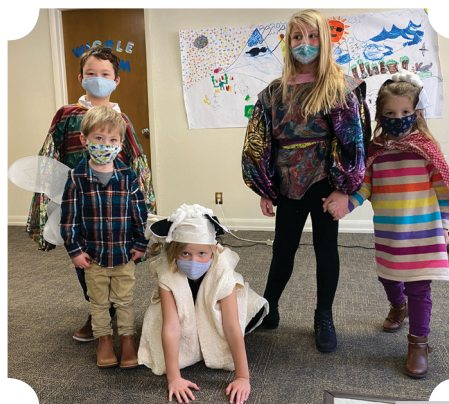
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