

## February Adult Enrichment at HOH

The Peace and Justice Committee is hosting the following Adult Education sessions in February at 11:15 a.m. in the Assembly Room. Please join us as we welcome the following speakers to HOH.

### February 6: Keith Baker

Keith Baker, Executive Director of Reconnect Rondo whose vision and mission is to revitalize the Rondo community with a land bridge that reconnects Rondo and creates a vibrant African American cultural enterprise district in the Rondo neighborhood.

### February 13: Melvin W. Carter, Jr.

Retired St. Paul Police Sergeant and father of Saint Paul's Mayor, Melvin Whitfield Carter, Jr. will speak on his book, *Diesel Heart: An Autobiography*. Copies of the book will be available for purchase.

### February 20: Ujamaa Place Music Group

Several Ujamaa Men will talk about how Ujamaa Place and in particular the development of the Ujamaa Music Group has helped them in transforming their lives.

### February 27: Jason Sole

Jason Sole, author of *From Prison to PhD: Memoir of Hope, Resilience, and Second Chances*, adjunct professor at Hamline University in the Criminal Justice & Forensic Science Department, Co-Founder of the *Humanize My Hoodie Movement* and self-described abolitionist will be discussing his life going from *Prison to Professor: My Journey from Reform to Abolition*.



During February, HOH will again participate in Souper Bowl of Caring, a collection to support local food pantries. Please consider a donation to help those experiencing food insecurity as

we lead up to the March Food Drive. **Ways to give:**

- Check: Memo notation of "Souper Bowl"
- Online: hohchurch.org > Support House of Hope > Make a Gift > Fund: Food Pantry
- Text: HOHFOOD to 73256

## Notice of Annual Meeting Sunday, March 6 | 11:15 a.m.

The Session has called an Annual Meeting of the congregation for the purpose of approving clergy terms of call and receiving the 2022 Annual Budget. Watch for more information.



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



### 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 hallway near the Portland entrance.



### HOH Library

You are always welcome in the library! 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. Enjoy the library during church office hours, except Wednesday mornings due to a Bible Study.



### HOH Sanctuary Mornings

The HOH 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.



### HOH Labyrinth Days

February 8, 9, 22, and 23, Available between 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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.



## MACALESTER SUNDAY February 6 | 10 a.m.

Celebrating House of Hope's ties to Macalester College.

Joined by: College Chaplain Rev. Kelly J. Stone, Macalester Bagpipe and Drum Ensemble. Come enjoy shortbread!



### A Note from Julia...

#### ***We are here. We are open.***

These words keep echoing in my mind. The pandemic has changed our communal existence and interactions. It has changed our

worship and congregational life. For much longer than expected, our building was closed, and we had a sense of absence. That changed over the summer and into the fall but the variants continue to bring risk. Now our congregational life is further changed with Mark and Lynn's departure. We are living through layers and layers of alteration.

Churchill once described Russia as "a riddle wrapped in a mystery inside an enigma." As an echo, I feel like House of Hope has another change wrapped in challenge inside bewilderment. How is it that we find ourselves in transition again? We will no doubt be answering that for a while to come, but one answer might just be, "God only knows."

So, what else does God know? God knows the way through the wilderness (Deut. 2.7). God has searched us and knows us (Psalm 139:1). "God is (and knows) love" (1 John 4:7). God keeps watch and knows about our "going out and our coming in" (Psalm 121:8).

In the middle of Churchill's memorable description is the word mystery just as Divine Mystery is at the center of our faith. "To you has been given the mystery of the kingdom of God ..." (Mark 4:11). In our Christian life change is conversion to the mind of Christ; challenge is an invitation to be daring; and bewilderment is to be perplexed which is invitation to communal discernment. We will walk together in this as both challenge and opportunity.

We are here for one another in the building, online, or on the phone. Together, we are the church, and I look forward to seeing you in church whether for worship, the labyrinth, the new art in the gallery, a stop in the library, or at the jigsaw puzzle exchange.

#### ***We are here. We are open.***

**Revs. Mark and Lynn Barger Elliott have accepted a call to serve as Co-Senior Pastors of the First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich, Connecticut.**

What will happen next? The Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area and the Pastoral Positions Team will appoint a Moderator of Session and begin the process to identify a Transitional Pastor.

We wish Lynn and Mark well as they move to a new call, and we thank them for their ministry during their time at House of Hope.

# IF

### Stewardship Update:

**Thank you** to all who have shown their commitment to the 2022 Stewardship Campaign!

As of January 21, we have received 248 pledges and we are at 85% toward our goal of \$1,100,000. Reaching the goal will fully fund our music, children and youth programs, congregational life ministries, sustain Mission Outreach as a part of our Annual Budget, and show our commitment to our dedicated staff and spiritual leaders.

**IF** has shaped our past, our present, and future of The House of Hope Presbyterian Church.

Every pledge is important to reach our goal.

If you have not returned your **IF** pledge card please do so, or make a pledge online. If you have an automatic pledge payment, please contact Michelle Freyholtz to renew your pledge payment.

*Sherwood Pomeroy, Stewardship Chair*

### HOH 2021 Year End Financials

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 2020 and our **preliminary 2021 totals**. We operate on a modified cash basis and are still receiving 2021 expenses.

	2020 Actual	2021 Actual <i>Preliminary</i>
<b>Operating Revenue</b>		
Pledge and Non-Pledged Revenue	\$1,286,331	\$1,311,794
Endowment Draw	\$1,174,523	\$1,298,237
Other Revenue	\$224,876	\$147,950
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	<b>\$2,685,730</b>	<b>\$2,757,981</b>
<b>Operating Expense</b>		
Mission Outreach	\$305,346	\$275,902
Other Spiritual Life	\$24,263	\$29,552
Worship, Music and Congregational Life	\$446,166	\$381,771
House, Property & Insurance	\$522,500	\$546,921
Salaries, Benefits and Allowances	\$1,357,270	\$1,401,592
Rev. Didier Housing	\$44,500	\$44,500
<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	<b>\$2,700,045</b>	<b>\$2,680,238</b>
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$14,315)</b>	<b>\$77,743</b>

# FEBRUARY

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

**6 Macalester Sunday | 10 a.m.**

**13 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.

**Parenting Session: Children's Literature | Room 1  
11:15 a.m.**

**20 Pre-Ireland Pilgrimage Gathering | Room 1  
11:15 a.m.**

**27 Mardis Gras Celebration | Great Hall | 11:15 a.m.**  
Join us for a multigenerational Mardi Gras celebration, as  
we prepare our hearts for the Lenten season. More  
information will be available in the February church  
bulletins and Enews.

**House of Hope Women's Retreat**  
**Friday, April 29 - Sunday, May 1, 2022**  
Saint John's Abbey Guesthouse, Collegeville, MN  
Watch the weekly Enews for additional information.

## Cloister Gallery Exhibit:

**Biblical Stencil Prints by Sadao Watanabe**  
**a Collection of Bonnie and Peter Kramer**  
Sadao Watanabe (1913-1996)

Japanese printmaker who, recovering  
from illness, converted to Christianity  
and dedicated his life to expressing his faith through his art.  
Influenced by Buddhist figure prints, Watanabe placed biblical  
subjects in a Japanese context and rendered them in the *mingei*  
(folk art) tradition of stenciling and dyeing, using traditional  
organic and mineral pigments on handmade papers.



## Recommendations for Elders, Deacons, and Trustees

The Nominating Committee is charged with drawing up  
a slate of candidates to serve on the church's governing  
boards: as Elders, Deacons, Trustees, or as members of  
next year's Nominating Committee.

Please help the committee by nominating members of  
the congregation to serve in one of these capacities by  
filling out the form at:

[hohchurch.org](http://hohchurch.org)>About Us>Governing Bodies, or <https://bit.ly/HOHGoverningBodies>.

The slate of candidates will be presented at a  
Congregational Meeting in the spring.

## Children and Family Ministry

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

### In-Person Sunday Morning Children's Ministry

- 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

### Virtual Sunday School

**Sundays, February 6 and 20 | 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.

### Parenting Session: Children's Literature

**Sunday, February 13 | 11:15 a.m.–12 p.m. | Room 1**

Join us as April Greibrok talks about her experience and knowl-  
edge of children's literature as an early childhood educator.  
Learn ways to build your child's library.

### Creative Expressions

**Sunday, February 13 | 11:15 a.m. | Rooms 4 & 8**

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

### Tweens Event

**Friday, February 25 | Great Hall | 6 p.m.**

Grades 4–5 and their friends are invited to join us for a night of  
service and fun watching a movie while making tied-blankets  
for people in under-served communities. Cost is \$5 to offset the  
cost of materials. R.S.V.P. to Kiera Stegall by Monday, February 21.  
Chaperones needed.

## Youth and Family Ministry

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

### Middle School Sunday School

**Sundays | 10:15 a.m. | Room 1**

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

### The SUMMIT Youth Group, Grades 6-12

**Sundays | 7 p.m.**

### Hope in Winter | Youth Events

Sunday, February 13 | Snowball Rumpus | HOH Park | 2 p.m.  
Date TBD | Dodgeball

## 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, Choir School Director,  
for more information and to register.

**Coming soon: Easter plant sale!**



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## THE DIDIER SEMINAR 2022



### Jeannine Hill Fletcher

**Save the Date:**  
**April 28 - May 1, 2022**

Jeannine Hill Fletcher, Fordham  
University professor whose research  
focuses on gender, race, Christianity,  
and religious diversity returns to The  
Didier Seminar. Watch for additional  
information.

### House of Hope is a Stephen Ministry Church



Each week the Stephen Ministry logo is in  
the House of Hope bulletin. It's there in *The  
Anchor* each month too. Behind the ink on  
paper, there are very real, active caregivers:  
Sara Braun, Judie Cooper, Bonnie Eidman,  
Debby Fulton, Ann Geery, Marcy Hartford,

Lee Jamison, Sherla Mayer, Donna McCarthy, Jen Merriam,  
Shannon Murphy, Jeff Parkman, Kathy Samilo, and Mary Westra.

Behind each of these caregivers are care receivers, members  
and friends of our community who said 'yes' to some  
extra support and conversation during one of life's losses,  
transitions, or challenges. We care for other care givers. Most  
of us can navigate challenges independently but the way can  
be made easier when we have a companion on the journey.

If you might like to be a Stephen Minister, a training class is  
being planned later in 2022; or if you might like to have some  
of that caring companionship, please contact Julia Carlson  
([JuliaC@hohchurch.org](mailto:JuliaC@hohchurch.org), 651-223-7553).



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