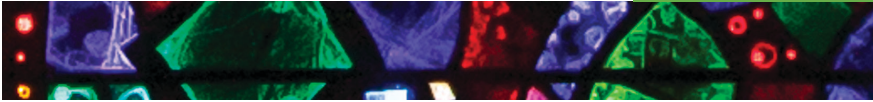
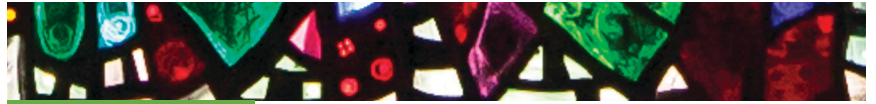


There is Hope



A CELEBRATION YEAR OF PREACHING AND MUSIC



Rev. Robert "Cam" McConnell
September 4

Rev. Cam McConnell is a retired fourth generation Presbyterian minister living in Georgetown, Colorado. Cam and his wife Jennifer spend a good deal of time in Manhattan, Kansas. They have five children and six grandchildren. He is a graduate of Monmouth College in Monmouth, Illinois, and Garrett-Evangelical Seminary in Evanston, Illinois. Following seminary, he served as Associate Pastor at House of Hope Presbyterian Church. He also served as Senior Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Brighton, Michigan, and as Senior Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Manhattan, Kansas, where he is Pastor Emeritus. Cam also is a Member of the Board of Trustees, Monmouth College.

Rally Sunday, September 11



Rev. Dr. Scott Kenefake
Rally Sunday Worship

Join us for worship as we gather for Rally Sunday! Our Transitional Pastor, Rev. Kenefake will preach, and The Motet Choir and Choir School will sing. More information is included on this page.



Rev. Dr. Camille Cook Howe
September 18

Rev. Dr. Camille Cook Howe has served as the senior pastor of Georgetown Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C. since 2010. She earned a BA in Religious Studies and Psychology at Vanderbilt University and then went straight on to Princeton for seminary. After earning her M.Div from Princeton Theological Seminary, Camille was awarded the Parish Pulpit Fellowship taking her to the United Kingdom for ministry and a Masters of Theology in Applied Theology at Oxford University. Camille was baptized and ordained at House of Hope, and she loves to serve the church with energy and creativity.



Rev. Dr. Robin Steinke
September 25

The Rev. Dr. Robin J. Steinke came to Luther Seminary as president and professor of systematic theology in June 2014. She was the first woman in the 145-year history of the seminary to be elected president. A native of California, with formative years spent in rural southwestern Minnesota, Steinke completed undergraduate study at Augustana University in Sioux Falls, majoring in music education. She was a middle school band director before working in financial planning with American Express. Study followed at Emory University, Luther Seminary,

and finally at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Ohio, where she obtained masters degrees in Divinity and Sacred Theology before completing her doctorate at Cambridge University in 1999. That same year she was ordained as an associate pastor at Hope Lutheran Church in Annandale, Virginia and joined the faculty at Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg and as Dean of the Seminary. Steinke is known for her strategic leadership, passion for sharing the gospel, and commitment to the global church.



Rally Sunday September 11

It's Rally Sunday, and it's time to gather together again! Whether you have been traveling, at the lake, or visiting family please join us for our celebration worship as our choirs return and for an all-church picnic with burgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers, and all the trimmings. **All members, friends, and neighbors welcome!** We will have inflatables for children and our book and jigsaw puzzle exchange continues.



A Note from Scott

New Beginnings

At the time of this writing, I have been working at House of Hope for ten days. My

office is now situated (for the most part), I have learned the names of most staff members, I have begun to understand the organizational structure of the church, I have learned more about the recent history of the church, and I have had many conversations with people about the HVAC system!

This is the beginning of my fifth “Tall Steeple” Interim/Transitional pastorate since 2014—and all of them have been unique and interesting. For example, in New York City, at Fort Washington Collegiate Church, I arrived in the middle of a twelve million dollar building renovation project. Their former Senior Minister had just retired due to health reasons, and there had been significant turnover in church staff in the preceding months. People in the congregation were feeling rather “unsettled” and

there was a lot of anxiety about the future. But with patience, open discussion, and good planning, the renovation project was completed, the church staff was replenished with talented people, and eventually a gifted pastor was called to be the new Senior Minister, and she is now in her fifth year of a very fruitful ministry.

In a similar way, in Davidson, North Carolina, (a suburb of Charlotte), at the Davidson College Presbyterian Church, when I arrived, I discovered that their HVAC system was on its last legs, and they were still trying to retire the debt on a new Fellowship Hall that had been constructed ten years earlier. In fact, the HVAC system was in such poor condition that it had become almost impossible to regulate humidity levels in the sanctuary, and it was beginning to cause damage to one of the best organs in the southeastern United States (plaster and paint in the sanctuary was also cracking and peeling). Again, there was much anxiety in the congregation about their ability to meet this challenge, so we

fostered a lot of discussion, consensus building, strategizing, and dreaming. Other capital and mission needs were included in the developing project. And by the time a new Senior Pastor had arrived, the stage had already been set to begin and complete the project—and to pay for it.

So, as we begin our work together, my advice is for all of us to take a collective “deep breath” and to trust that God is present and at work among us. Let us take time to discern where the Spirit is moving so that we can perceive where God is leading us and what we are being called to in this new day. Together, we will encourage and support the church staff, provide for the ongoing worship and programmatic life of the congregation (mission, education, stewardship, spiritual development, and fellowship), figure out this HVAC situation, and get the church ready to call and install a new Lead Pastor.

Are you ready?

Blessings,
Scott Kenefake
Transitional Pastor

Make a Joyful Noise! Celebrating 40 Years of HOH Choir School!



The House of Hope Choir School offers well-rounded music education to all children ages 4-18. For 40 years, The Choir School has inspired young singers to learn, grow, and have fun! Choristers sing high-quality sacred repertoire, learn the fundamentals of music through Orff and voice classes, and come together in an enthusiastic and encouraging community.

Register now! Choir School begins on September 7 for all choirs except the Alleluia Choir which begins on September 18.

Alleluia Choir: Ages 4-6 / PreK, Kindergarten, and Grade 1
5-Week Sessions Fall/Spring: Sundays 11:15 a.m.-Noon

St Cecilia Choir: Ages 6-9 / Grades 1-3
September–May: Wednesdays, 4-6 p.m.

St Nicholas Choir: Ages 9-18 / Grades 4-12
September–May: Wednesdays, 4-6 p.m.

***Cantamus Choir:** all voices, Grades 8-12
September–May: Sundays, 11:15 a.m.-Noon

**This is an additional singing opportunity, and choristers must also sing with the St Nicholas Choir.*

All choristers are welcome regardless of their families ability to pay tuition.

For more information, contact Choir School Director Sofia Ardan at SofiaA@hohchurch.org

Register at <https://bit.ly/ChoirSchoolRegistration>

Mission Outreach Committee Update



This summer, the Mission Outreach Committee has awarded grants totaling \$43,300 from your faithful generosity

through giving to the following programs.

- Boys and Girls Clubs: Teen Pathways Program
- Elpis Enterprises: Program Support
- Interfaith Action of Greater St. Paul: Project Home
- Joint Religious Legislative Coalition
- Liberty Community Church: Neighborhood Outreach
- Neighborhood House: Summer Sunrise Camp for Youth
- People, Inc: Garden Enrichment Project for Residents
- Presbyterian Clearwater Forest: Operating Fund
- Presbyterian World Mission: Support for Rev. Josh Heikkila
- Wilder Foundation: Summer Youth Mental Health Programs

The Houses of Hope Fund,

established in 1999 to support affordable housing in St. Paul, has awarded over \$3 million in grants since 2000. This year, the following organizations have been selected to receive grants totaling \$103,000.

- Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity: Summer Faith Builders
- Rondo Land Trust: Right to Return to Rondo Program*
- Project for Pride in Living: Restoring Waters at Highland Bridge*
- Common Bond Communities: The Lumin low-income senior housing at Highland Bridge*
- Ain Dah Yung Center: Accessibility Improvements at Emergency Youth Shelter*
- Neighborhood House: Housing Stability Program
- Wilder Foundation: Direct Housing Assistance Program

* Multiple Year Grants

A Thank You From Julia

Dear Friends,

Thank you again for the grace of sabbatical! Our shared context was always with me but, for twelve weeks, it was not first in my thoughts. First was finding my way, arranging transportation, and finding food halls and hotels. I enjoyed many days filled with walking, music, exploration, and relaxation. I visited cathedrals watching for the use of modern elements in the midst of historic architecture and took note of ways each congregation interacted with tourists, neighbors, and visitors. I visited historic and sacred sites as well as museums, cafes, and stores. I look forward to sharing more about my time away in early November.

As I left we had moved through the first 14 weeks of this unexpected transition. I returned ready to meet and work with our new transitional pastor. I look forward to our corporate work of choosing cherished practices that we will carry forward along with imagining new possibilities. I must confess I will be away again; I will be gone at the end of September leading our HOH Pilgrimage to Ireland. And I will take my usual vacation time in October; the PC(USA) insists that sabbatical doesn't take the place of vacation and keeping up with it is a critical part of staying refreshed. I look forward to the visioning and forward motion we will have in the coming months. Again, thank you for the opportunity for refreshment. All of us, in our ordination vows, express the desire to serve the church with "energy, intelligence, imagination, and love." Caring for one another is what makes that possible.

See you in church,

Julia





Children, Youth and Family Ministry

Children and Family Ministry

Contact Kiera Stegall:

KieraS@hohchurch.org

Worship & Wiggles

Children are always welcome in the sanctuary. Children's Bibles are in the pews, and bulletins and crayons are in the Narthex. Room 7 is equipped with toys, puzzles, books, and livestream worship if you need a wiggle break.

Nursery: Infants & Toddlers

Room 8 | 9:45 a.m.–12 p.m.

Join us for nursery with Ellie and Lelia, where your child will engage with stories, listen to music, and play with age-appropriate toys. Before Sunday school, preschool – prek are welcome in worship or childcare in Room 2 with Riley and Quinn.

Sunday School: Preschool–Grade 5

Rooms 2 & 5 | 10:10–11 a.m.

Preschool–grade 5 will meet in Room 5 for a multiage Bible storytelling experience and prayer. Following this time, Preschool - PreK will move to Room 2 and elementary will remain in Room 5 to enjoy art-making, age-appropriate activities and games, as they build community through play.

Nursing & Diapering

Caring for children's needs is one way we share God's love. Changing tables are available in the nursery, most bathrooms, and Room 6. Parents are welcome to nurse and feed their babies wherever they are most comfortable. For those who desire privacy, Room 6 is available.

Creative Expressions

Preschool – Grade 5 | Room 4

11:15 a.m.–12 p.m.

Children are invited to participate in an arts-based program working on set design and theatre skills, preparing for the Christmas pageant.

Tweens Minute-to-Win-It

Friday, September 16 | 6–8 p.m.

Grades 4–5 and their friends are invited to join us for silly, wacky, and skillful Minute-to-Win-It games! We'll design team t-shirts and enjoy dinner. Cost is \$10 per person. R.S.V.P. to Kiera Stegall by Sunday, September 11, with your child's t-shirt size and food allergies/restrictions. Chaperones are needed. Scholarships are available.

Youth and Family Ministry

Contact Sigrid VanDemark:

sfeldbrugge@gmail.com

September Youth Group Kick-Off Sunday, September 18

HOH | 7:30–8:30 p.m.

Youth grades 6–12 are invited to our September school year kick-off Youth Group event. We will make S'mores and enjoy an outdoor activity! Parents are welcome to join us to ask questions and meet each other. We would love to see everyone! If you have questions, contact Sigrid VanDemark.

Confirmation 2022–2023

Family Welcome Session

**Sunday, September 25 | Kirk
Parlour | 6:15–7:30 p.m.**

Any student (Grades 9–12) not yet confirmed is welcome to join Molly Tenney Kaatz and Lynn Stein this year for Confirmation. In addition to discussing our faith by sharing conversations with staff and congregants, we will explore what it means to be a part of the HOH community. The year will include congregational mentors, a service project, and interactive discussions about faith, spirituality, and our place in the world. There will be opportunities throughout the year to join Youth Group activities. Classes will meet throughout the year on Sundays from 6:15–7:30 p.m. in the Kirby Lounge. To register, contact Lynn Stein at lynngstein@gmail.com.

CLOISTER GALLERY



Contemporary Quilts

Mary Mathews

September 11 – October 9

Born and raised on Minnesota's Iron Range, Mary Mathews received a degree in Textiles and Clothing Merchandising from Iowa State University. Years as an educator and fabric store owner ignited her commitment to supporting and empowering artists and entrepreneurs as Co-Founder and CEO of the Entrepreneur Fund.

In 2000, she made her first quilt—a log cabin crazy quilt—and she was hooked. From initially relying on quilt patterns to trusting improvisation and her own creative sense, she has come full circle—her love of sewing, color, texture, and design resulting in her “second career” as an artist. Her work has been shown in numerous regional art shows, and she received the 2021 Northern Lights Juried International Art Exhibition, Award of Excellence.

Through my designs, that emerge organically, I explore value, repetition, and contrast. I might start with an idea or concept inspired by nature, media, found objects, or the textiles themselves. Using a rotary cutter in lieu of pencil, I create lines and shapes as I go, trusting myself, what is emerging, and my own attraction to order, while also welcoming the liberation of lines that aren't straight and seams that don't match.

Adult Education & Events | SEPTEMBER

Great Decisions: Myanmar and Asean with Christi Siver

Tuesday, September 13 | Kirk Parlour | 4 p.m.

The military junta has now ruled the country for a year and a half, and it is unclear how the humanitarian crisis there will end. Christi Siver is a Professor of Political Science at the College of St. Benedict and St John's University. She did her undergraduate work at Lewis and Clark College in Portland, OR, her Masters in International Relations and International Economics at Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, and her Ph.D. in political science at the University of Washington. She teaches courses on international relations and international security. Her current research interests include international humanitarian law, military technology, and comparative law.

Adult Enrichment: Cloister Gallery Artist Mary Matthews

**Sunday, September 25
Assembly Room | 11:15 a.m.**

See page 4 for more information about the Cloister Gallery artist Mary Matthews.

Peace & Global Witness Offering World Communion Sunday | October 2

The Peace & Global Witness Offering unites our church with Presbyterians everywhere reaching out to people across the globe who long for peace and reconciliation. As we work to share Christ's peace with those beyond our doors, please give to the Peace & Global Witness Offering. Thank you!
Ways to give:

- Special envelopes in the pew racks
- Mail your gift with the memo: Peace
- Online: hohchurch.org > Support House of Hope > Make A Gift > Fund: Other Gift > Memo: Peace
- Text: HOH PEACE to 73256

Sunday-Weekday Connections

Tuesday, September 27 | Kirk Parlour | 6 p.m.

Leslie Erickson is a retired Saint Paul Public School teacher/library media specialist. She flunked retirement four times by helping other school districts. Leslie is an inactive Elder and is still the HOH Children's Librarian. Leslie and her husband Todd just celebrated 50 great years of marriage in June and have been church members for 44 years. Todd and Leslie are proud parents of Nick and Holly. Leslie will share with us her Master's thesis: *How Cinderella stories vividly represent cultures around the world.*

Register to attend at:
www.signupgenius.com/go/SWC

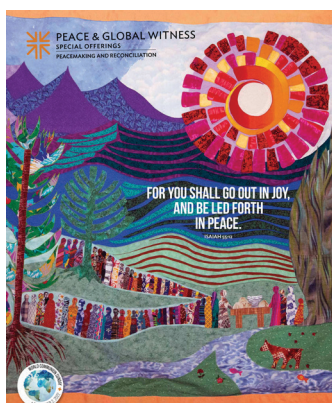
September Labyrinth Days in the Great Hall

Wednesday, Sept. 21 | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 22 | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 23 | 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 25 | 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.



WORSHIP

10 a.m.

**Sunday, September 11, 2022
14th Sunday after Pentecost**

Choir School:

All Praise to Thee, Tallis

Motet Choir:

O Thou the Central Orb, Gibbons
The Heavens are Telling, Haydn

**Sunday, September 18, 2022
15th Sunday after Pentecost**

Choir School:

Create in me a clean heart, Willan

Motet Choir:

God Be In My Head, Rutter
I Will Praise Thee, Nystedt

**Sunday, September 25, 2022
16th Sunday after Pentecost**

Motet Choir:

A Prayer of St. Columba Music, McDowall
Though I Speak with tongues of men,
Bairdston

Earth Care



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