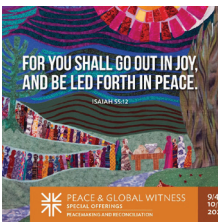




Rev. Dix Brachlow
October 2, World Communion Sunday

The Rev. Dix Brachlow is a retired PC(USA) pastor, and regularly attends House of Hope. She's a graduate of the University of Minnesota and of Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, and she has served congregations in Mankato, Minnesota, and in Richmond, Virginia. After 40 years away from Minnesota, Dix and husband Stephen, a retired seminary professor, returned in 2013 to be near their daughter and family, who also attend HOH. She enjoys travel, theatre, and loves playing piano, reading, hiking, exploring spiritual disciplines like centering prayer, and admiring three active grandchildren. She co-chairs the Disability Concerns Ministry for the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area and at HOH is involved in leadership of Stephen Ministry, Bible Study, and Christian education.



Peace and Global Witness
Offering
Sunday, October 2

This offering unites HOH 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 consider a gift.

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



Rev. Dr. Scott Kenefake
October 9 and 30

Our Transitional Pastor, Rev. Dr. Scott M. Kenefake is a Kansas City native and has been an ordained Teaching Elder in the PC(USA) for more than 35 years. He is a graduate of the University of Kansas (B.A.), Washburn University School of Law (J.D.), San Francisco Theological Seminary (M.Div.), and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (D. Min.). He has served as an installed pastor in several congregations around the country, as an exchange pastor in Ayr, Scotland, as a Hospital/Hospice Chaplain in Topeka, Kansas, and as an Interim/Transitional Head of Staff in New York, New York; Charlotte, North Carolina; and Bloomington, Indiana. He and his wife, Gail, have been married for 38 years and have two adult children.



Rev. Dr. Adam J. Copeland
October 16

Rev. Dr. Adam Copeland is a strategist at Mayo Clinic focusing on near- and long-range digital strategy at the Center for

Digital Health. He is also an assistant professor of health care administration at Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Science. Previously, Adam served on the leadership faculty at Luther Seminary and directed the Center for Stewardship Leaders. He also served in administrative leadership and teaching roles at Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota. Broadly, his work focuses on digital culture, most often the intersections of human experience, systems, and technology. He holds degrees from St. Olaf College (B.A.), Columbia Theological Seminary (M.Div.) and a Ph.D. in Rhetoric, Writing, and Culture from North Dakota State University. An ordained Teaching Elder in the PC(USA), Adam lives with his wife and young daughter in Rochester.



Rev. Dr. Anna Carter Florence
October 23

Anna Carter Florence is the Peter Marshall Professor of Preaching at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia.

She is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and holds degrees from Yale University (BA) and Princeton Theological Seminary (M.Div. and PhD). Before joining the Columbia faculty in 1998, Anna served as an associate pastor for youth and young adults at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Minneapolis. Her books include *Preaching as Testimony*, *Inscribing the Word*, and *Rehearsing Scripture: Discovering God's Word in Community*, based on her 2012 Lyman Beecher Lectures on Preaching at Yale Divinity School. Her newest book project, *'A' is for Alabaster: An Alphabet of Witnesses*, is forthcoming in 2023. She and her husband, the Rev. David Carter Florence, have two grown sons. They also have two dogs, two cats, and way too much knitting yarn.

WORSHIP

10 a.m.

Sunday, October 2, 2022

Holy Communion

Motet Choir:

Psalm 131, Carter

Hallelujah, Beethoven

Sunday, October 9, 2022

Motet Choir:

Geistliches Lied, Brahms

Exultate Deo, Scarlatti

Choir School:

Psalm 98, Marshall

Bells of Hope:

Air, Nelson

Fanfare for Bells, McCleary

Sunday, October 16, 2022

Motet Choir:

Take My Life, That I May Be, McDermid

Choir School:

O, Colored Earth, Heitzeg

Sunday, October 23, 2022

Motet Choir:

God's Gonna Set This World on Fire, Hogan

Behold, How Good, Trotta

Sunday, October 30, 2022

Motet Choir:

Lobt Gott mit Schall (Ps 117), Schutz

Amabile Alleluia, Quartel

Choir School:

Amabile Alleluia, Quartel

Almighty and Everlasting God, Gibbons



A Note from Scott

Some Thoughts on Interim/Transitional Ministry Going Forward

Gail Irwin, who has served as an Interim Pastor in UCC and

PCUSA congregations in Wisconsin, reflected on her experience as an Interim Pastor in *The Christian Century* back in 2014:

An interim ministry position is a funny gig. The Interim is not called but hired. They are not installed, not permanent.... I knew early on that interim work is viewed as a second-tier career track when a guy at a nursing home said, "You are a surprisingly good preacher. I bet you could be a real minister." I did not bother to tell him I have been a "real minister" for 25 years.

We often lovingly compile data that our successors do not pay attention to. We learn that we will not be able to change much about the churches we serve, and we must sit on our hands and bite our tongues when it comes to being "change agents," because there is only so much you can do in a year or two.

One of the most misunderstood things about interims is that we are not "placeholders" who simply keep the congregation treading water until the new person comes along. We have a unique perspective as the outsider sent in to engender trust quickly and help a group of people do some hard soul-searching that they usually do not want to do. Like a family counselor.

She continued: *I like to see congregations ask interim questions like these:*

- *How has the makeup of our congregation changed in the last five to ten years?*
- *How have our community demographics changed?*
- *What church programming has become outdated or ill-suited to who we are now?*
- *Where is our revenue coming from, and where will it be coming from in five years?*
- *What happens in our church when we*

try doing something new, or doing something old in a new way?

- *And the all-purpose transition question: What is God leading us to do and be in this time and place?*

I am very aware that much good reflection has been done on some of these questions and others in a Mission Study that was completed just a few years ago under a previous Interim Pastor and that additional Long-Range Planning was done even more recently.

So, we will not be trying to re-invent the wheel on some of this stuff. We will, however, revisit some of this material to see "what still rings true post-pandemic" and make every effort to include as many people in the congregation as possible to develop a workable, realistic (yet ambitious) plan going forward. [And then elect a Pastor Nominating Committee to find a pastor who has the gifts, skills, and emotional and spiritual maturity to help make it a reality].

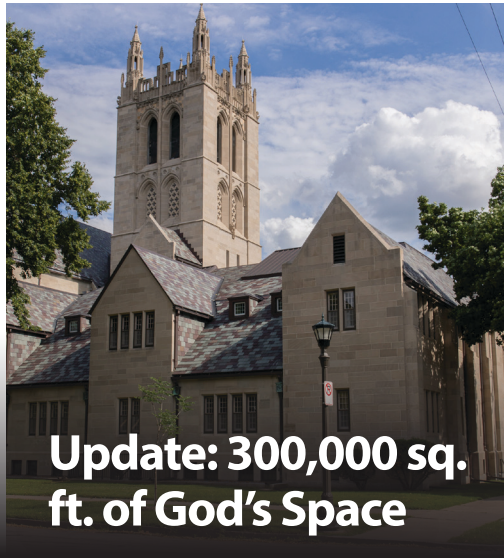
I have learned over the years that lasting, positive change in congregations only takes place when it is deeply rooted in the ethos and values of a congregation, and it has broad-based support within the congregation itself—from the ground up.

So, look for opportunities this fall to join with others to talk about the future of House of Hope Presbyterian Church.

I have also learned that when the "up front" research and planning stage is done well that it makes the search for a new pastor go much more quickly because the Pastor Nominating Committee has a great deal of clarity as to what to look for in potential candidates.

I look forward to collaborating with you in the coming months as the possibilities for future mission and ministry at HOH take on sharper focus.

Blessings,
Scott Kenefake, Transitional Pastor



Update: 300,000 sq. ft. of God's Space

In July we held gatherings in various 'spaces' in our church—including the sanctuary, memorial garden, chapel and others. We had a great turnout and meaningful participation throughout the five weeks. It was an opportunity for people to share stories, to listen, and to be heard; and a way for each of us to reconnect to why we love HOH -- from the library to the park. What do these spaces mean to us?

It was an experiment; the goal was for people to feel heard and valued. Hopefully the conversations stirred something in us and can be a springboard for more formal conversations in the future, as we work together to discern where God is calling us. Many thanks to everyone who participated. Your willingness to engage in this new experience is what made it possible for others. The sacred work of holding space for others means showing up as your authentic self, offering yourself and others grace, compassion, and gratitude. It's hard work! It's also what allows for profound transformation. HOH is in the midst of the beautiful work of growth, and we hope the chance to be together in a slightly different way was just one more step in the path to deeper connection with self, each other, this space, and God.

Please contact Laurel Gamm at lrkgmm@gmail.com if you'd like to have more opportunities like this. Your ideas and thoughts are welcome!

Choir School Annual Holiday Wreath and Plant Sale:

Online Orders: October 1-20

Wreaths, holiday arrangements and poinsettias from Gertens! Order online by October 20 and pick up on November 30. To order: bit.ly/ChoirSchoolFundraiser and enter Store ID: 95

2022 Winter Clothing Drive

October 30-November 8

The Beacon Housing Leadership Team of the Peace and Justice Committee along with HOH's Children and Family Ministry will have another winter clothing drive this fall before our Minnesota winter arrives. Working in partnership with Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative, we are focusing on **new or like-new warm clothing** including warm hats, scarves, mittens, gloves, wool socks, boots, jackets, and coats. Items can be for children and adults of all sizes. Clothing will be donated to several of our Mission Partners. Your clothing donations will be a source of warmth and comfort to many this winter and greatly appreciated. Drop off donations in the Assembly Room. Contact Shana Wagner for more information at sharon.k.wagner@gmail.com.



Sunday Series:



Heather McGee
January 15, 2023

House of Hope's Sunday Series invites well-known speakers to discuss key issues of our day and artists to share their artistic engagement with life and faith.

Heather McGee designs and promotes solutions to inequality in America. Over her career in public policy, Heather has crafted legislation, testified before Congress, and helped shape presidential campaign platforms.

She holds a B.A. in American Studies from Yale University and a J.D. from the University of California at Berkeley School of Law. McGee is the chair of the board of Color Of Change, the nation's largest online racial justice organization, and also serves on the boards of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, the Open Society Foundations' US Programs and Demos.



Stewardship 2023

November 13 is Commitment Sunday, and we hope to see you there or join us online! Watch for more information in the near future about our campaign.

Your Stewardship Co-Chairs,
Sarah Walbert & David Cleveland



Children, Youth and Family Ministry

Children and Family Ministry

Contact Kiera Stegall:

KieraS@hohchurch.org

Sunday Morning Ministries:

- Nursery: Infants & Toddlers | Room 8 9:45 a.m.–12 p.m.
- Sunday School: Preschool – Grade 5 Rooms 4 & 5 | 10:10–11 a.m.
- Creative Expressions: Preschool – Grade 5 | Sundays, October 2-16 Room 4 | 11:15 a.m.–12 p.m.

Third Grade Bible Class

Sundays, October 2 & 9 | Room 5 11:15 a.m.–12 p.m.

Third graders are invited to join us for a two-part Bible class. We will learn about the types of literature in the Bible, explore oral and written traditions, and practice navigation skills. This class is filled with bizarre biblical stories.

Tweens Pajama Party

Friday, October 14 | Kirk Parlour 6–8 p.m.

Grades 4–5 and their friends are invited to join us for a night of service and fun! Wear your pajamas, bring a blanket, pillow, and furry friend! Enjoy dinner as we stream a movie, while making tied-blankets for people in under-served communities. Cost is \$10 to offset the cost of materials.

MEA Weekend Sunday School:

Sunday, October 23 | HOH Community Garden | 10:15 a.m.

Preschool – Grade 5 students are invited to join us for a morning of community service as we assist in the Community Garden during Sunday school. Dress appropriately for the weather.

Outdoor Halloween Party!

Friday, October 28 | 6–8 p.m.

Join us at HOH for a night of fun-filled glow-in-the-dark and light-up activities, as we celebrate Halloween! Dress in layers for the weather and

show off your weapon-free Halloween costume. Families are responsible for the supervision of their children.

Halloween Party Candy Donations:

We are collecting individually-wrapped, nut-free candy for trick-or-treating. Drop off donations in the office or Room 6.

3rd Grade Bible Presentations

Sunday, October 30 | Sanctuary 10 a.m.

The 3rd grade class will receive a copy of the *Deep Blue CEB Bible* during worship.

Contact Kiera Stegall to reserve a Bible.

Youth and Family Ministry

Contact Sigrid VanDemark for more information on Youth events:

sfeldbrugge@gmail.com

Youth, grades 6-12 are invited to participate in Youth Group/Summit activities. Parents are welcome to enjoy the HOH Library during Youth events.

Youth Group/Summit

Sunday, October 2 | HOH 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Afton Apple Orchard

14421 90th Street South Hastings, MN 55033

Sunday, October 9 | 3:30-5:30 p.m.

We'll meet at Afton Apple Orchard and enjoy the corn maze and hayride.

Youth Group/Summit

Sunday, October 16 | HOH 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Confirmation

Sundays | Kirby Lounge 6:15-7:30 p.m.

Students (Grades 9-12) not confirmed are welcome to participate as we discuss topics about our faith. Contact: Lynn Stein (lynnngstein@gmail.com)

CLOISTER GALLERY



Contemporary Quilts Mary Mathews

Through October 16

"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."



Change of View: Sabbatical Photographs of Julia Carlson Beginning Sunday, October 23

Author Mark Nepo wrote, "To journey without being changed is to be a nomad. To change without journeying is to be a chameleon. To journey and to be transformed by the journey is to be a pilgrim." My sabbatical travel time became a pilgrimage and a soul journey. The Arts Committee asked me to share some photos, and I have selected a collection that is centered around cathedrals in Bath, Edinburgh, Lindesfarne, Rosslyn, and London. Between these great places of worship were bookstores, museums, sunny days, gardens, and other delights. I am so grateful for this journey and grateful to have the opportunity to share it with House of Hope.

Adult Education & Events | OCTOBER

Dwelling in the World/Prayer Walks Wednesdays in October | 11:30 a.m.– 12:30 p.m.

The practice of Dwelling in the World/Prayer Walk comes from a church consulting firm who believes being out in the world among neighbors and, in this case, in prayer, will help us discern the future of the church. It/prayer/God/Spirit leads us. We'll meet on the corner of Portland and Avon.

Adult Enrichment: Dr. Mary Meyer of the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum Sunday, October 2 | Assembly Room 11:15 a.m.

Dr. Mary Meyer will attempt to answer any gardening questions you have. She is often on 830 WCCO radio's Smart Gardens on Saturdays at 8 a.m. She manages the Grass Collection at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum and is the author of *The 10 Plants That Changed Minnesota*. She is a professor emeritus from the University of Minnesota's Department of Horticultural Science.

New Member Class Sunday, October 9 | HOH Library 11:15 a.m.

Interested in membership or want to know more about HOH? Please join us!

Adult Enrichment: Rondo Community Land Trust with Mikeya Griffin Sunday, October 9 | Assembly Room 11:15 a.m.

Mikeya Griffin is Executive Director of the Rondo Community Land Trust, a 25+ year old organization providing and advocating for affordable, sustainable housing for families and individuals with low to moderate incomes. A self-described "daughter of Rondo," Mikeya will explain how the land trust model is used here and throughout the country to preserve affordable housing and spur economic growth and neighborhood stabilization.

Great Decisions with Rob Scarlett: Foreign Policy, Economic Power, and U.S. Industrial Policy Tuesday, October 11 | Kirk Parlour 4 p.m.

Rob Scarlett currently serves as Senior

Advisor to Clearwater Biologic, LLC, a bio-remediation business located in Babbitt, Minnesota. Since 1999, he has led Hunter Scarlett Consulting and serves as a director for start-ups in the US, Europe, and Latin America. Rob graduated from Carleton College in the mid-1960s and spent much of the past 50 years working and living in various countries in Latin America.

Adult Enrichment with Jill Wiedemann West, CEO of People Incorporated Sunday, October 16 | Assembly Room 11:15 a.m.

For over five years, People Incorporated has been piloting an innovative partnership with the St. Paul Police Department that brings together Police and Mental Health Professionals. The pilot program places a full time clinical social worker with the unit that responds to community 911 calls that are mental health related. Once police secure the site, the social worker works to de-escalate the situation, determine the type of assistance needed. Join us to learn more about the tremendous success of this partnership as it expands.

Adult Enrichment: Planned Giving with Rachel T. Schromen Sunday, October 23 | Assembly Room 11:15 a.m.

Rachel Schromen is Managing Attorney at Schromen Law, LLC.

Red Cross Blood Drive Tuesday, October 25 Dining Rooms A&B | 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

HOH is hosting a Red Cross blood drive. Register to donate at redcrossblood.org, Sponsor Code: *houseofhope* or call the church office. Contact: Deb James, dsjames96@gmail.com.

Sunday-Weekday Connections with Carol Stack Tuesday, October 25 | Kirk Parlour 6–8 p.m.

Carol Stack, a 26 year member at HOH, is currently serving as a Trustee. She will talk about her work, the inherent conflict of interest and values in it, and how she found (or not) peace and

reconciliation. The cost is \$25. Make a reservation online at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/SWC>

Adult Enrichment with Julia Carlson: New Perspective: Travel, Change, and Possibility Sunday, October 30 | Assembly Room 11:15 a.m.

The last five years have brought much change to our congregational life and world. From 2017–2021, I was working on my DMin alongside my service at HOH. My courses at Luther were a steady and grounding experience in the midst of change. My sabbatical was influenced by that work. I had a blessed sabbatical journey and am eager to share pictures and thoughts from my time away this spring as well as some of the intersections with my time at Luther Seminary.

October Labyrinth Days in the Great Hall

Wednesday, October 26 | 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

Thursday, October 27 | 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

Friday, October 28 | 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Sunday, October 30 | 9 a.m.–12 p.m.

Earth Care



QUIT PLASTICS

21–34 Billion Plastic Beverage Bottles End Up in the Ocean Each Year

Only a fraction of plastic is actually recycled – 8.7% in the U.S., according to most recent estimates. Begin with these actions to reduce your use of plastic beverage containers.

- Carry a reusable water bottle and refill it with tap water. Using a reusable water bottle instead of buying and recycling water bottles could reduce your global warming impact by as much as 98 percent.
- Don't buy drinks in plastic bottles. Switch from buying your soda in plastic bottles to buying it in cans.

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