



## ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

**Sunday, December 4**  
**2nd Sunday of Advent**  
10 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Adult Enrichment

**Sunday, December 11**  
**3rd Sunday of Advent**  
10 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Children's Christmas  
Pageant | Sanctuary



Join us for a unique retelling of the nativity story! Meet us in the sanctuary as we creatively explore the stories of Jesus' birth.

Our time will conclude with an invitation to join Phil and Lynda Jorgenson for caroling.

**11:15 a.m. Christmas Carol Sing-Along | Assembly Room**

Lynda and Phil Jorgensen will lead us in singing carols. Linda Smith, accompanist.

**Sunday, December 18**  
**4th Sunday of Advent**  
10 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Choir School Christmas  
Concert and 40th Anniversary  
Celebration



### ***Sing, Choirs of Angels***

Join us for the annual Choir School Christmas Concert in the Sanctuary after worship. Sofia Ardan, conductor, and Tim Short, accompanist. Following the program, all are invited to the Kirk Parlour for a light lunch reception honoring the 40th Anniversary of the Choir School.

**Friday, December 23**  
**Traditional Tableaux Service**  
Sanctuary | 7:30 p.m.



A House of Hope tradition for over 100 years, this is the Christmas story as told through Scriptures, through lovely carols and

anthems, and in the adaptation in tableaux, or "living pictures," of well-known paintings and familiar scenes of the nativity. Childcare available for ages 5 and under.

**Saturday, December 24**  
**Christmas Eve**

4 p.m. Intergenerational  
Candlelight Service

7 and 9:30 p.m. Carillon Recitals  
by David W. Johnson, Carillonneur

7:30 and 10 p.m. Candlelight  
Services with The Motet Choir and  
Orchestra

**Special Music, 10 p.m. only:**  
**J.S. Bach's *Christmas Oratorio*, Part 3**

The Motet Choir returns to J.S. Bach's *Christmas Oratorio*, first performed in 1734. The choir and orchestra will perform Part 3 of the work, which is a cantata for the third day of Christmas. In this cantata, we see the shepherds coming to find Mary, Joseph, and the newborn Jesus. Having come to the manger, they joyously depart for their fields, praising God.

Both later Candlelight Services include Christmas Anthems.

*Childcare available for ages 5 and under at the 4 and 7:30 p.m. services.*

**Sunday, December 25**  
**Christmas Day**

10 a.m. Worship  
*No childcare or Sunday School.*

# WORSHIP

10 a.m.

**Sunday, December 4, 2022**

**2nd Sunday of Advent**

**Motet Choir:**

*They that Wait, Near*

We Wait for thy Loving Kindness, McKie

**Choir School:**

*Magnificat, Dyson*

St Nicholas Choir

**Sunday, December 11, 2022**

**3rd Sunday of Advent**

**Motet Choir:**

*Gaudete, Anon*

*He Watching Over Israel, Mendelssohn*

**Choir School:**

*Antiphonal Carol, Arr. Manz*

St Cecilia and St Nicholas Choirs

**Bells of Hope:**

*Canticle of Hope, Dobrinski*

*Prelude on Veni, Emmanuel, Stephenson*

**Sunday, December 18, 2022**

**4th Sunday of Advent**

**Motet Choir:**

*Alma redemptoris Mater, Palestrina*

*Balulalow, Culloton*

**Choir School:**

*Sing Merrily a Song, Jennings*

St Nicholas Choir

**Saturday, December 24, 2022**

Please see page 1.

**Sunday, December 25, 2022**

**Christmas Day**



## A Note from Julia

*The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.*

*John 1:5*

Are you ready to make this passage once again? To walk from December into January? From autumn into winter? From darkness into deeper darkness? It can be a difficult time of year. Shortening light can challenge our mood; the holidays can bring grief even in the midst of joy.

In her book, *Learning to Walk in the Dark*, Barbara Brown Taylor describes an evening when she and her husband left the house of a friend and decided to walk home through the woods at dusk. The night and the woods get darker, and she describes the ways that her other senses come more alive. Certain fragrances alert her to location, even though she cannot see her surroundings; the warm night air is familiar and comforting. Even after long years of marriage, she and her husband took turns leading one another, and it grew their trust.

The night comes early in December, and the daylight can be reluctant to wake. Perhaps Taylor's experience is one way to understand why our expectations, feelings, and senses heighten at this time of the year. Perhaps it is what provokes us to reach out for more contact, meaning, and understanding. Having an artificial tree, I look forward to the fragrant pine of my Choir School wreath. Its presence and perfume locate

me in this wonderful HOH community; it reminds me of deep roots and the growth offered in Christian community.

The Tableaux takes place in a quiet and contemplative darkness where tradition, visions, and music can calm or take one's breath away. The darkness becomes a container for our anticipation, inspiration, and peace. It is a darkness where we can safely meet the Divine.

In this coming darkness, we are invited to receive its gifts while knowing that the Light will not fail us. The season culminates with the candlelight of Christmas Eve, a soft, comforting light that flickers and plays with shadow; candlelight and shadow create a vessel where the sacred Presence comes. Advent in the Northern Hemisphere is a spiritual gift: we can experience again and again a deep darkness in which salvation is always near. Thanks be to God.

See you in church,

– Julia

*And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.*

*John 1:14*



## Christmas Memorials

You may purchase a poinsettia (\$15) or make a donation in any amount in memory of or in honor of loved ones for publication in the December 18 bulletin. Your donation will support the mission and ministries of House of Hope. Visit or call the church office, or sign up online at:

<https://bit.ly/HOHChristmasMemorials>  
**The deadline for reserving Christmas Memorials is Sunday, December 11.**





## Stephen Ministry at House of Hope

For seven years, Stephen Ministers have helped care for the congregation of the House of Hope as well as some of our neighbors. As this strong and healthy lay ministry continues, the Stephen Ministers wanted to share the mission statement they developed in 2015 to help guide their work. As always if you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister, or feel it might be helpful to have a Stephen Minister, please speak to one of our Stephen leaders: Dix Brachlow, Linda Lane, Judie Cooper, Kathy Samilo, or Julia Carlson.

### House of Hope Stephen Ministry Mission Statement:

We offer compassionate, confidential, nonjudgmental support, and nurture for persons during difficult times. We explore and strengthen our own faith, build friendships, and support the pastoral care of the congregation. We work to create a loving and caring spiritual presence within the HOH community.

We Practice Hope, Compassion, Encouragement.

*House of Hope Cares.*



## Stewardship 2023 and End of Year Giving

If you have not yet pledged to support the mission and ministries of House of Hope, we ask that you consider making a pledge for 2023. You can pledge online at: <https://bit.ly/HOH2023Pledge>  
Become a sustainer by setting up a recurring contribution.

We welcome your gifts in many ways, including check, credit card, appreciated stock or mutual funds, among others.

If you are making a payment toward your 2023 pledge in calendar year 2022, be sure to indicate in the memo line of your check that it is for a "Prepaid Pledge for 2023". Please remember that to be credited for the 2022 tax year, checks must be postmarked by no later than midnight on December 31, 2022. If you have any questions, or would like more information on other ways of giving please contact Director of Administration Michelle Freyholtz at [MichelleF@hohchurch.org](mailto:MichelleF@hohchurch.org) or (651) 223-7556.



### **"For a New Beginning"** **John O'Donohue from** ***To Bless the Space Between Us***

In out-of-the-way places of the heart,  
Where your thoughts never think to wander,  
This beginning has been quietly forming,  
Waiting until you were ready to emerge.

For a long time it has watched your desire,  
Feeling the emptiness growing inside you,  
Noticing how you willed yourself on,  
Still unable to leave what you had outgrown.

It watched you play with the seduction of safety  
And the gray promises that sameness whispered,  
Heard the waves of turmoil rise and relent,  
Wondered would you always live like this.

Then the delight, when your courage kindled,  
And out you stepped onto new ground,  
Your eyes young again with energy and dream,  
A path of plenitude opening before you.

Though your destination is not yet clear  
You can trust the promise of this opening;  
Unfurl yourself into the grace of beginning  
That is at one with your life's desire.

Awaken your spirit to adventure;  
Hold nothing back, learn to find ease in risk;  
Soon you will be home in a new rhythm,  
For your soul senses the world that awaits you.

## Thank You Community Garden Volunteers

Thank you to all who volunteered this year in the HOH Community Garden. Through your efforts, the garden produced 1,214 pounds of produce for Neighborhood House and Hallie Q. Brown. A special thank you to Elizabeth Karre for coordinating the garden again this year. Pictured are some of the volunteers putting the garden to bed for the season which also included our children and youth.





# Children, Youth and Family Ministry

## Children and Family Ministry

Contact Kiera Stegall:

[KieraS@hohchurch.org](mailto:KieraS@hohchurch.org)

### Sunday Morning Ministries:

- Nursery: Infants & Toddlers | Room 8 9:45–11 a.m.
- Sunday School: Preschool – Grade 5 Rooms 4 & 5 | 10:10–11 a.m.
- Nursery and Sunday school are not offered on December 25 and January 1.

### Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal

**Sunday, December 4 | Sanctuary 11:15 a.m.**

Preschool – Grade 5 are invited to meet us after worship to participate in a Christmas Pageant dress rehearsal.

### Tweens Arcade Christmas Party Friday, December 9 | 6 – 8 p.m. Grea Hall

Grades 4–5 and their friends are invited to join us for a night of arcade fun! Enjoy dinner, play arcade games (provided by Nick Erickson), and participate in a \$5 gift card exchange. Cost for this event is \$5 for dinner and a \$5 gift card for our gift exchange. Chaperones are needed.

### Children's Christmas Pageant Sunday, December 11 | Sanctuary 11:15 a.m.

Join us for a unique retelling of the nativity story! Meet us in the sanctuary as we creatively explore the stories of Jesus' birth. Our time will conclude with an invitation to join Phil and Lynda Jorgenson for caroling in the Assembly Room.



## Youth and Family Ministry

Contact Sigrid VanDemark for more information on Youth events:

[sfeldbrugge@gmail.com](mailto:sfeldbrugge@gmail.com)

### Youth Group/Summit Fellowship and Fun Sundays, December 4 and 11 Great Hall | 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

All Middle School and High School Youth are invited to participate in Youth Group/Summit activities.

Parents are welcome to enjoy the HOH Library during Youth events.

#### Sunday, December 4:

Come for fellowship and games. Make sure to wear your craziest favorite pair of socks as it is National Sock Day.

#### Sunday, December 11:

#### Game Day!

We will have arcade games for you to show us your skills.

### Help Christmas Sponsor-A-Family Saturday, December 17 | 8:45 a.m.

Many hands make light work! Sign up to help load all the wonderful Sponsor-A-Family gifts, and stay afterward for cocoa, coffee and donuts! Contact Sigrid VanDemark to sign up.

### Save the date: Badlands Snow Park Friday, December 30 | 5 - 8 p.m.

772 Kinney Road, Hudson, WI 25 Acres, 7 complete hills with 5 rope tows. Chaperones are needed. Contact Sigrid VanDemark to sign up.

### Conversation and Confections Sundays beginning at 10:10 a.m. Room 9

Youth Grades 6-12 are invited to meet for fellowship and conversation.

## CLOISTER GALLERY



### Choir School 40th Anniversary Retrospective

#### Opening Sunday, December 4

Throughout December, photos and items from 40 years of the HOH Choir School will be on display. Take a journey down memory lane and see pictures from rehearsals, concerts, worship, and tours, and read reflections from alumni and former directors.



## Earth Care Holiday Waste Reduction

According to estimates by Stanford University "Americans throw away 25% more trash during the Thanksgiving to New Year's holiday period than any other time of year. The extra waste amounts to ... about 1 million extra tons per week!" Wrapping paper, most of which is not recyclable or recycled, makes up a significant amount of this trash. You can help reduce waste during the holiday season by using one or more of these creative and eco-friendly alternatives to single use wrapping paper that ends up in landfills:

- White or brown craft paper which you can also decorate
- Brown paper bags which can be recycled
- Old maps, the Sunday comic pages
- Reusable cloth bags
- Decorative tins, baskets or boxes



# Adult Education & Events | DECEMBER

## Sunday Adult Enrichment with Catherine Guisan *Europe in Turmoil: Thinking Through War and Peace after the Russian Invasion of Ukraine* Sunday, December 4

**Assembly Room | 11:15 a.m.**

Catherine Guisan, Ph.D., is Visiting Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Minnesota and is the author of two books on the European Union and many articles related to ethics in international relations, democratization, and Transatlantic relations. She taught and lectured in French and Dutch universities and in Russian universities as a Fulbright Scholar in 2013; and on behalf of the U.S. State Department Speaker's Bureau in 2016. Currently, she is working on a book on peacemaking practices that changed Europe since World War II, and their potential relevance to the current war between Russia and Ukraine.

## Coming in 2023

### New Member Class Sunday, January 8, 2023 Library | 11:15 a.m.

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

### All Church Book Read: *Being Mortal* Presentation and Panel Discussion | Sunday, January 22

Join us for *Being Mortal, Medicine and What Matters in the End* by Atul Gawande. Books are available for purchase for \$15 in the church office.

### 2023 Women's Retreat April 28-30 | Collegeville, MN

### Family Camp at Clearwater Forest May 26-28, 2023

Families with children and youth are invited to join us for a weekend of waterfront fun at Clearwater Forest. Enjoy meals, community activities, games, beautiful lodging and more. The cost is \$85 per person. Free for ages 2 years and younger. Scholarships available. Registration opens in January.



## Christmas Sponsor A-Family

If you are sponsoring one of the 70 families for Christmas, please drop off your gifts by December 12 in the Assembly Room.

Donations are still welcome to provide a grocery store gift card for each family. Mail or drop off donations in the church office with the notation **Family Sponsor**.

If you have questions about Sponsor-A-Family, please contact Stacy Paleen.

## Labyrinth Days in the Great Hall



**Wednesday, December 28 | 9 a.m.-5 p.m.**

**Thursday, December 29 | 9 a.m.-5 p.m.**

**Friday, December 30 | 9 a.m.-12 p.m.**

**Sunday, January 1 | 9 a.m.-12 p.m.**

## *In the Rhythm of the Needles There is Music for the Soul*

House of Hope's Faith and Fibers group and their friends have been busy knitting and crocheting for others this year. They have created over 60 hats plus a few scarves and cowls to be shared with our Mission Partners. Thank you to those who have given of their time to make handmade items to keep others warm this winter. Faith and Fibers invites you and your friends to join their work. You may find a little more music for your soul! Project kits are available in the library. Contact Janice Dickinson to learn more.

## Session Highlights

**October 18, 2022**

Rev. Dr. Scott Kenefake discussed the upcoming Stewardship Campaign. Stewardship Sunday is November 13. He discussed a mailing to congregants called *Catch the Vision, Dream the Dream* asking congregants to share their vision for the future of HOH. Three firms are being interviewed for a capital campaign consulting firm.

Adult Ministry is planning an all-church book read of *Being Mortal* in January.

The Budget Committee reported a year-to-date budget deficit of \$135,000.

Mission Outreach reported almost all of Mission funds and The Houses of Hope Fund have been distributed for the year. A winter clothing drive is planned for next month.

Peace and Justice shared solar energy options for HOH.

Personnel reported that Debbie Tschida will retire in January 2023. There are two open positions in administration and facility teams.

Worship, Sacraments, and Music presented a worship schedule that was approved. The HOH Choir School will celebrate its 40th Anniversary in December.

Stewardship Committee discussed the upcoming campaign that will include videos and testimonials.

Trustees announced that the annual audit was completed and accepted. They are working with Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program to finance the HVAC project.



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## SUNDAY SERIES

*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 McGhee is an influential voice in the media and a former NBC contributor. McGhee regularly appears on NBC's *Meet the Press* and MSNBC's *Morning Joe*, *Deadline White House*, and *All In*. Her 2020 TED talk is entitled ***Racism Has a Cost for Everyone***. McGhee's book ***The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together*** spent 10 weeks on the *New York Times* bestseller list and was longlisted for the National Book Award and Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Nonfiction.

This event is free and open to the public.

Registration is required for both in person and online viewing.

Visit <https://bit.ly/SundaySeriesJan2023> to reserve tickets beginning December 15.

Donations to support this series can be made at the event or on our website:

[hohchurch.org](https://hohchurch.org) > Support House of Hope > Make a Gift > Other Gift > Fund: Sunday Series



**Heather McGhee  
Sunday, January 15  
Sanctuary and  
Livestream | 2 p.m.**



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