



SUNDAY SERIES

Inviting well-known speakers to discuss key issues of our day and artists to share their artistic engagement with life and faith.



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

Best-selling author and public policy advocate

Heather McGhee

Topic: *The Sum of Us*

House of Hope presents best-selling author, influential voice in the media, and public policy advocate Heather McGhee. Heather 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.

Her 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 long listed for the National Book Award and Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Nonfiction. The *Chicago Tribune* said, "Required reading to move the country forward...." 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 acclaimed 2020 TED talk is entitled "Racism Has a Cost for Everyone." McGhee's conversation on a C-SPAN program in 2016 with a white man who asked for her help to overcome his racial prejudice went viral, receiving more than 10 million views and sparking wide media coverage. 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. McGhee is the chair of the board of Color of Change, the nation's largest online racial justice organization.

This event is free and open to the public.

Registration is required for both in person and livestream at <https://bit.ly/SundaySeriesJan2023> or contact the church office.

Upcoming Sunday Series Events in 2023



Singers and House of Hope's Sunday Series, both The Singers and the Jason Max Ferdinand Singers will showcase their talents separately and as a combined ensemble. Complimentary tickets will be available for the HOH congregation. Watch for more details in January.

The Singers - Minnesota Choral Artists and The Jason Max Ferdinand Singers in Concert | Monday, February 20 | 7:30 p.m.

Founded in 2021, the Jason Max Ferdinand Singers is an ensemble of extraordinary talent and a rising star among professional choral groups. Co-sponsored by The

SAVE THE DATE:

Actor, Author, and Social Justice Activist **George Takei** will be our featured Sunday Series Speaker on September 17, 2023 in the Sanctuary.

WORSHIP

10 a.m.

Sunday, January 1, 2023

First Sunday of Christmas

Holy Communion

Bells of Hope:

Carols for Handbells and Harp

What Child is This?, Mizell

He is Born, the Child Divine, Wood

What is this Lovely Fragrance, Waugh

Fanfare (for a New Year!), McCleary

Sunday, January 8, 2023

Baptism of the Lord

Sunday, January 15, 2023

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Saturday, January 21, 2023

Sacred Gathering | 5:30 p.m.

See information below.

Sunday, January 22, 2023

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 29, 2023

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Sacred Gathering

Saturday, January 21 | Sanctuary

5:30 p.m.

Have you been looking for an additional way to worship? One that might spark your spiritual curiosity or expression? Or an added worship activity that may help you feel more connected? Join us in the Chancel. We look forward to exploring the marvels and mysteries of our spiritual life, our common experiences, and connections to our faith. Aaron Miller will guide us musically. All are welcome. For more information, contact Jeanne Bailey, Phil Bolinder, or Laurel Gamm.



A Note from Scott

Progress?

Recently my wife, Gail, and I attended the annual Carlson

Lecture at the University of Minnesota's Northrop Auditorium. The lecturer this year was Nikole Hannah-Jones, the Pulitzer Prize winning journalist who edited *The 1619 Project: A New Origin Story*, an anthology of essays investigating the origins of the slave trade in America, and how it has shaped what the country would become. It's also an exploration of how we create history, and how these stories shape our political present.

Needless to say, the auditorium was packed. The highlight for me was a reference she made toward the end of a discussion about George Floyd when she quoted (mostly from memory!) from Ibram X. Kendi's essay in *The 1619 Project*, (Chapter 17), titled, *Progress*:

Before Obama left office in 2016, he encouraged Americans to look back at the long history of the United States and the progress made since the country's inception: "But the long sweep of America has been defined by forward motion, a constant widening of our founding creed to embrace all and not just some" (422). Progress has long been a part of the United States' mythology, which points to historical changes such as the emancipation of enslaved people and constitutional amendments giving Black Americans the right to citizenship and voting as proof of this continuous movement forward. Today, as the Black middle class has become more visible, with Black culture influencing every corner of America and Black millionaires and billionaires emerging, it looks like the progress that so many generations have fought for has been achieved. Still, the racial gap has been in flux, widening and closing with each step of progress.

This is only part of the picture, however: When "the long sweep of history is cast as a constant widening of equity and justice, it overlooks this parallel constant widening of inequity and injustice" (424).

Her point was twofold: 1). When we assume that things are getting better (the

long sweep of America has been defined by forward motion) it excuses us from addressing the very real injustices and inequalities that still plague the African American community in the present. (Did you know that the enormous gulf that exists between white and black wealth is the same today as it was in 1968 when Martin Luther King, Jr., was assassinated?) And 2). Although we dismantled the *legal* framework of the *economic institution* of slavery and Jim Crow (apartheid), [during Reconstruction and the Civil Rights eras] the social *architecture* of white supremacy that was constructed over hundreds of years by the leading minds of western society (science, medicine, technology, business, politics, art, history, religion, etc.) *has been scarcely touched*. This is why discussions about "reparations" continue to be so difficult and problematic in our society and why (for instance) "red-lining" of neighborhoods is still very much a reality even though it is technically *illegal*.

We have a unique opportunity to continue this discussion at House of Hope on the Sunday of Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend (January 15) when Heather McGhee, the author of *The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together*, is our Sunday Series guest speaker at 2 p.m. in the sanctuary. This is one of the best books I have read on the problem of racism in the United States. I heard Heather speak at the Chautauqua Institution in July of 2021, and she was very well received by the large and engaged audience (a standing ovation!). She is not to be missed! (Her discussion in Chapter 2 of her book, titled, "*Racism Drained the Pool*," about the history of municipal public pools and public parks in the United States will blow your mind [and infuriate you!]—and is worth the price of the entire book!).

So, as we begin a New Year let's not just assume that *the long sweep of America has been defined by forward motion*. Let's actually *do* something about it.

Blessings,
Scott Kenefake, Transitional Pastor

HOH Annual Meeting

The Session of The House of Hope Presbyterian Church has called the ANNUAL MEETING of the congregation for Sunday, January 22, immediately following the 10 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is to approve clergy terms of call and present the Session approved 2023 Operating Budget.

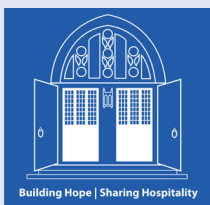


Debbie Tschida to Retire.

Administrative Assistant Debbie Tschida is retiring on January 26. Please

stop by the church office to thank her for her service to HOH and for her friendly face and hospitality at the front desk!

Stewardship 2023



We invite you to support of our 2023 Stewardship Campaign.

Our goal for stewardship and giving is \$1,100,000. Reaching this goal will enable us to fully fund our music, children and youth programs, and congregational life ministries; and to sustain our Mission Outreach giving. ***As of December 19, we have received pledges totaling 81% of our goal.***

We invite you to join others in **Building Hope | Sharing Hospitality** creating **a future with hope** for The House of Hope Presbyterian Church.

You can pledge at:
<https://bit.ly/HOH2023Pledge>
You may also make a gift anytime at <https://bit.ly/HOHGiving>

Thank you for your support of House of Hope!

Yoga Classes Return



House of Hope is bringing Yoga back! **Starting January 13**, we will have yoga on **Friday mornings at 9:30 a.m.** in Room 5; bring your own mat. Yoga instructor Krista Costin will facilitate the class. The weekly fee will be \$10. If you purchase five weeks, the price is \$45. Watch for more details about signing up in the Enews and bulletins.

HOH Men's Retreat: Enduring Transitions

February 3 and 4

Join us for the House of Hope Men's Retreat in the Kirk Parlour. In addition to food and fellowship together, Rev. Phil Romine will lead us in conversation around powerful transitions. We will also reflect on how the season of Epiphany offers wisdom to navigate our lives illuminated by holy hope.

Friday, February 3 | 6:30 - 8 p.m. including dinner

Saturday, February 4 | 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. including continental breakfast and lunch. To sign up contact the office or online at:

<https://bit.ly/HOH2023MensRetreat>



Donation Drive for Project Home

HOH volunteers who help fold laundry for Project Home residents at Beautiful Laundrette noticed residents are in need of linens and towels. The Mission Outreach Committee is coordinating a donation drive for these families throughout January. Drop off donations in the Assembly Room:

- Twin and full size sheet sets
- Mattress pads
- Towels and washcloths

Contact Laurel Gamm to help with laundry folding: Irlgmm@gmail.com

Session Highlights

November 15, 2022

Rev. Dr. Kenefake conducted the installation of Elder Herb Lewis and reviewed the upcoming events of the season of Advent.

The Clerk reported HOH congregants attended the St. Paul Department of Parks and Recreation community meeting to discuss the Summit Avenue Regional Trail Master Plan.

Arts Committee: In December the Cloister Gallery will present the exhibit: *The Choir School 40th Anniversary Retrospective*.

Budget Committee noted a \$68,266 deficit in the budget through October.

Children & Family Ministry reported a successful multigenerational Halloween event on October 28.

Nominating Committee noted an upcoming meeting to commence its duties.

Peace and Justice reported an Earth Care group field trip to Oak Grove Presbyterian Church to review their Earth Care initiatives.

Stewardship noted a successful start to the 2023 Stewardship Campaign.

Worship, Sacraments & Music reported plans are well underway for Advent and Christmas. Through October over 6,700 unique viewers have streamed worship this year. The American Guild of Organists will meet in the Twin Cities this summer including one performance of Stephen Paulus' *The Three Hermits* opera on Saturday, July 6. The Elizabeth Chapel Organ Series will return this spring.

The Trustees reported the Endowment totaled \$25.9 million on September 25 and \$26.6 million on October 26.

Old Business included a report on the activities of the Developing for the Future Task Force.



Children, Youth and Family Ministry

Children and Family Ministry

Contact Kiera Stegall:

KieraS@hohchurch.org

Sunday Morning Ministries:

There is no Sunday school or nursery on Sunday, January 1. We will resume children's programming on Sunday, January 8.

- Nursery: Infants & Toddlers | Room 8 9:45 a.m.–11 p.m.
- Sunday School: Preschool – Grade 5 Rooms 4 & 5 | 10:10–11 a.m.

Tweens Bowling Event

Friday, January 13 | 6 – 8 p.m. | St. Francis Bowling Center

Grades 4–5 and their friends are invited to join us for a night of bowling and pizza at St. Francis Bowling Center (426 S. Osceola Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55102). Cost is \$10 per person, which includes two hours of bowling, shoe rental, and dinner. Adult chaperones are needed. Families are responsible for their own transportation or coordinating carpools. R.S.V.P. to Kiera Stegall by Wednesday, January 11.

HOH Welcomes Returning and New Staff Members

Please join us in welcoming returning and new staff members!



Mark Schwister
Administrative Assistant



Julie Stanley
Facility Staff



Michelle Theisen
Facility Staff

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

**Sundays, January 8, 22, and 29
Great Hall | 7:30–8:30 p.m.**

Conversation and Confections

**Resumes January 8, 2023
Sundays beginning at 10:10 a.m.
Room 9**

Middle School youth are invited to meet for fellowship and conversation beginning at 10:10 a.m., and High School youth are invited to meet after worship.

Confirmation

**Sundays beginning January 8
Kirby Lounge | 6:15–7:30 p.m.**



House of Hope Welcomes Elsa Kendig

Elsa Kendig has accepted the position of Director of Youth and Family Ministry beginning January 10. She is a third generation Presbyterian and a Ruling Elder who has worked in youth ministry for over 15 years. Also a trained middle and high school educator, her emphasis is history and cultural studies. In her free time, Elsa enjoys fixing up and riding bicycles and enjoys a good road trip or used book store. Elsa is excited to get to know HOH's youth and their families!

CLOISTER GALLERY

House of Hope Dreamscape Beginning in January

The Next House of Hope Cloister Gallery Show is You!

When our Transitional Pastor Scott Kenefake asked the congregation to do some dreaming about HOH's future, many of you took advantage of the opportunity. In fact, many responses were immediate, plentiful, and exhilarating!

Now you'll be able to see what you thought and said. The Developing for the Future Task Force has collected and organized all the submissions from HOH congregants – the thoughts, dreams, and hopes of our members and friends – in a first of its kind exhibit.

You may see ideas that mirror your own thinking. You may be surprised how many people have the same sorts of dreams. You'll also find a place where you can add more of your ideas and comments.

The themes and topics in the Gallery Show are the products of our collective intention to re-imagine our future at HOH. They are infused with the energy of a people that are looking towards the future. The path may not always be certain, but we trust that the Spirit will lead us on as we progress.

This is just one part of many important thinking-praying-planning streams that's shaping our sense of our future as church.

Author and financial commentator Mick Kremling once said, "The only times you should ever look back is to see how far you've come." The Developing for the Future Task Force would like to thank Sarah Zwier and Craig Somerville for their design and production expertise. They are making this information come alive, infusing this production with amazing grace.

Adult Enrichment | JANUARY

Adult Enrichment: House of Hope Electrical / HVAC Update

Sunday, January 8 | Assembly Room 11:15 a.m.

House of Hope Owners Representative Eric Kruse will offer a status update on the progress of the Electrical / HVAC Project.

Adult Enrichment: Future Dreaming: Revolutionary Visions of the Gospel in the 21st Century with Rev. Anna Kendig Flores

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

What does it mean to be the Church today? Most conversations in the news center around “less”: less people (“the Church is dying”) and less power (“we don’t have the voice we once did”), but what if neither of these stories were true? What if the future that God is dreaming with us is one of enough for all, a thriving Church, and a joyful, prophetic voice in a transforming world? Come learn how churches are responding to this vision from their own locations, and how each congregation can join the call.

Rev. Anna Kendig Flores is a teaching elder/pastor and board certified chaplain with a background in hospital chaplaincy, mental health, addiction, and ethics. She brings these perspectives to her anti-racism efforts as the co-moderator of the General Assembly Committee on Representation and as Antiracism Coordinator for the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area.

Adult Enrichment: *Being Mortal, Medicine and What Matters in the End* by Atul Gawande

Sunday, January 22 | Assembly Room 11:15 a.m.

Join us as we share our thoughts about this important book that talks about hospice and end-of-life care. In the book, Gawande tells personal stories and reflects on his experiences in his medical practice. Joining our discussion will be two panelists: Nicole Paladie, a community-based Chaplain, specializing in grief and loss, and Patti

Lazarus, an end-of-life Doula. They will share their experiences as they have helped people and their families during this critical time - that can last weeks, or many months. Books are available for purchase in the church office for \$15.

Adult Enrichment: *Diesel Heart: Journey from Autobiography to Play with Melvin Carter, Jr.*

Sunday, January 29 | Assembly Room 11:15 a.m.

Melvin Carter, Jr. will be returning with playwright, Brian Grandison, to share how they transformed Melvin’s autobiography, *Diesel Heart*, into a play opening at the History Theatre on March 11, 2020. For a preview of the discussion, you may watch the History Theatre’s video discussion with Melvin and Brian from August 21, 2020 at <https://bit.ly/DieselHeartPlay>

Other Events

New Member Class

Sunday, January 8 | HOH Library 11:15 a.m.

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

Red Cross Blood Drive

**Friday, January 27
Dining Rooms A and B
8 a.m.-2 p.m.**

Register to donate: www.redcrossblood.org/give and enter Sponsor Code: **houseofhope** or call the church office. Contact Deb James at dsjames96@gmail.com with questions or to volunteer.



Sunday-Weekday Connections with Gail Kenefake

Tuesday, January 24 | Kirk Parlour 5:30 p.m.

Join us for an opportunity to get to know Gail Kenefake, who has been attending House of Hope since August, when her spouse began as transitional pastor. She will share information about her background and her career in higher education. Come discover (among other things) her personal connections to the

Grand Canyon, the country of Pakistan, and *Hamilton* composer Lin Manuel Miranda. Please make a reservation at: www.signupgenius.com/go/SWC

January Labyrinth Days in the Great Hall

Wednesday, January 25 | 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Thursday, January 26 | 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Friday, January 27 | 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Sunday, January 29 | 9 a.m.-12 p.m.



Earth Care



Sign Up For Windsource®

Are you already recycling, bringing your own reusable bags when grocery shopping, and carrying a reusable water bottle with you? At the beginning of this new year, do you want to do more to reduce your impact on the Earth?

One important way you can do so is to commit to renewable energy by signing up for WindSource. As one of the nation’s largest voluntary renewable energy programs, WindSource allows Xcel customers to get part or all their electricity from renewable resources. It is supplied by 100% Minnesota wind and is an easy, inexpensive way to make a difference. Your WindSource subscription offers flexible enrollment and requires no equipment installation. For more information and to sign up visit: www.xcelenergy.com/Windsource

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CHRISTMAS SPONSOR-A-FAMILY



Thank you to House of Hope congregants and friends who sponsored 70 families including over 300 people who received gifts and grocery store gift cards thanks to your generosity! We also thank the HOH youth and parents pictured above who loaded 180 boxes filled with Christmas gifts into a 19-foot truck for delivery to coordinating agencies on a snowy Saturday morning. We offer special thanks to Stacy Paleen and her family for coordinating it all. **Christmas Joy!**



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