



SUNDAY SERIES

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



The Singers - Minnesota Choral Artists and the Jason Max Ferdinand Singers in Concert

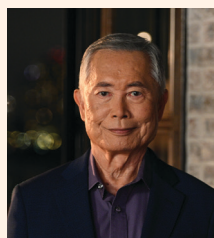
Monday, February 20 | Sanctuary | 7:30 p.m.

The House of Hope Presbyterian Church's Sunday Series and The Singers - Minnesota Choral Artists proudly welcome the Jason Max Ferdinand Singers to the Twin Cities! The two ensembles will share an evening of meaningful music and combine their voices together in song! Founded in 2021, the Jason Max Ferdinand Singers is an ensemble of extraordinary talent and a rising star among professional choral groups. Founded in 2004, The Singers organization is dedicated to giving world-class performances of the finest choral literature.

A limited number of complimentary tickets will be available in the office for the HOH congregation in advance of the concert (one per person). *Please note: complimentary HOH congregant tickets will not be available the evening of the event.* Additional tickets available at singersmca.org are \$25, and all pre-ordered purchased tickets will be available at Will Call.

SAVE THE DATE:

Actor, Author, and Social Justice Activist **George Takei** will be our featured Sunday Series Speaker on September 17, 2023 at 2 p.m.



MACALESTER SUNDAY February 5 | 10 a.m.

Celebrating House of Hope's connection to Macalester College.

Joined by: College Chaplain Rev. Kelly J. Stone, Macalester Bagpipe and Drum Ensemble, and the Macalester College Concert Choir led by Michael McGaghie. Come enjoy shortbread provided by the college.

YOUTH Sunday and Souper Bowl of Caring | Sunday, February 12

Join us in worship as our youth lead the service. Three of the youth will provide meditations, and The Choir School will provide anthems.



During February, HOH will participate in **Souper Bowl of Caring**, a financial collection to support food pantries.

Watch for our Youth as you leave

the sanctuary holding stock pots for your donations. Please consider donating to help those experiencing food insecurity as we head into the March Food Drive. **Other ways to give include:**

- Check: Memo notation of "Souper Bowl"
- Online: <https://bit.ly/HOHGiving> > Fund: Food Pantry
- Text **HOH Food** to 73256

Mardi Gras Celebration and Chili Cook-Off | Sunday, February 19



Join us in the Assembly Room for a Mardi Gras celebration after worship. This multi-generational event is filled with artistic opportunities, fellowship, and yummy chili. Everyone is welcome. Suggested donation is \$5.

Chili Cook-Off Submission: Sign-up by Monday, February 13. Bring your favorite chili in a slow-cooker. Label your submission and note vegetarian or not. To learn more or sign-up to participate, email Kiera Stegall at KieraS@hohchurch.org. One talented chef will win a prize!

WORSHIP

10 a.m.

Sunday, February 5, 2023
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Macalester Sunday

Macalester Choir, Bagpipe and Drum

Sunday, February 12, 2023
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
Youth Sunday

Choir School:

Christ be the Lord of all our days, Scott
Love One Another, Burrows
The Father's Love, Lole
All Night, All Day/Angels Watching Over Me, arr. Robinson

Sunday, February 19, 2023
Transfiguration of the Lord

Motet Choir:

Walk Together, Children, Hogan
Steal Away, Hogan

Wednesday, February 22, 2023
Ash Wednesday with Holy Communion

The Lenten journey at HOH begins with the Ash Wednesday worship which signifies a time to turn around, to change directions. As we begin our Lenten trek toward Holy Week and Easter, join us for a service of music, meditation, imposition of ashes and communion.

Choir School:

Phos Hilaron, Proulx

Sunday, February 26, 2023
First Sunday in Lent

Choir School:

Kyrie, Klouse

Motet Choir:

The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee, Berger
Dixit Dominus, Berger



A Note from Scott

2023—An Exciting Year for HOH!

I am now in my seventh month of serving as your

Transitional Pastor and I have been very encouraged by the progress I have seen in a whole host of areas of HOH's congregational life:

- Worship attendance has steadily increased month on month as we continue to transition out of "Pandemic Mode."
- Financial giving to the church has held steady and the response to our 2023 Stewardship Campaign: Building Hope | Sharing Hospitality has been strong.
- Volunteerism is also strong as people have "stepped-up" to serve on committees and boards, community groups, and to help with whatever is needed.
- Participation in the *Catch the Vision, Dream the Dream* visioning process was thoughtful, heartfelt, and productive.
- New staff hires (Youth, Administrative, and Facilities) are bringing new ideas and enthusiasm to the work of the church.

In the next several months, the congregation will:

- Embark on the long delayed and much discussed Utility Infrastructure Project (HVAC and Electrical upgrades among other things). Additional information meetings with opportunities to ask questions will take place in coming weeks and months.
- A Capital Campaign will be launched to pay for the project (details will be forthcoming shortly).

- An art display featuring responses to *Catch the Vision, Dream the Dream*, spear-headed by the Developing the Future Work Group appointed by Session, has recently gone up in the Cloister Gallery to further facilitate the visioning process as the congregation continues to discern how the buildings and physical spaces of the church can best be used to further church growth, outreach, and the development of new worship, programmatic, service, fellowship, and partnership opportunities for the church and the larger community.
- Later this spring, the Nominating Committee will be presenting a slate of new candidates to serve on the Session, the Deacons, and the Trustees, as well as a Senior Pastor Nominating Committee to be elected by the congregation.
- An exciting Didier Seminar and Sunday Series events are currently being planned and developed.

The message I am trying to convey is that we are moving forward, the work of the church is getting done, and that many, many people in the congregation are making it happen. [HOH's excellent church staff, who are a pleasure to work with, have also entered into this work with enthusiasm and passion!].

So, I am encouraged—and I hope you are to. (Many hands make light work!).

I appreciate your help and support—and do not take it for granted.

Blessings,

Scott Kenefake, Transitional Pastor

House of Hope Congregational Nominating Committee 2023



Please give prayerful thought to nominating individuals you feel have demonstrated gifts for leadership and a commitment to the life and ministry of House of Hope for positions in the governance of the Church. You may recommend yourself. The slate of candidates will come before the congregation at the **Congregational Meeting, May 7, 2023**. Use the online form on hohchurch.org under "Things to Know." There are also paper versions of the form at the church kiosks. **The deadline for submissions March 15, 2023.**



From the Intercessors Guild

There are many ways to pray for others, to intercede to plead for the flourishing, release, or relief for others! Some traditions are of very public prayer, where petitions are “nailed on the cathedral door” for all to see, something like Martin Luther’s 95 Theses. Other prayer traditions are hidden, unspoken, or even secretive.

Jesus is the ultimate Intercessor. We have the privilege of spreading the news of Jesus’ intercessory work. We are Christ’s ambassadors.

Every congregation has its way of bringing needs before our loving God. House of Hope has 40 members who pray one day a month and a few who pray daily on behalf of the congregation. As Intercessors, we are not told why we pray for a person, nor are we to tell the person we are praying for them. Through life experience we know Intercessors pray for those experiencing the death of a loved one, those suffering loss of employment or income, health issues, or other reasons. Intercessors pray for joyful occasions as well. This time of prayer is a quiet confidential time talking to God.

Those being prayed for receive a card of comfort sent to them by two of the Intercessors. As of October, 88 cards were sent. We remember congregants 80 years and older for a continued joyful life through birthday cards. The Holy Spirit has nudged us to do more, and we take bread to the families who have lost a loved one. Jesus says, “I am the bread of life.” He is saying that ultimately, he can satisfy our deepest needs and longings.

Each of us is called to serve, to share the good news, and to pray for one

another. I was asked how my faith has changed since becoming a member of HOH over 40 years ago. It has taught me to look at the “work” I do at HOH with a different lens. As one who was assigned this task of intercessor prayer over 10 years ago, the task changed from a “task” to be done, to an opening of a new and enriched spiritual journey. Every morning I light a candle and read the Bible arranged in 365 daily readings. It is during this quiet daily ritual I hear God speaking. It was the Holy Spirit that embraced me and gave a gentle nudge to say “YES!” I have been forever changed and fueled for the remaining journey by the treasured gift unlocked.

My New Year’s wish for you traveling along this path side by side with a community of believers is that I hope you see the gift freely given to you. And, I hope you *open it*.

Emily Brenengen

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 January 20, we have received 231 pledges totaling 84.72% 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>
 Learn more about our Stewardship program at:
<https://bit.ly/2023HOHStewardship>

Thank you for your support of House of Hope!

Session Highlights

The Session conducted two items of business in December:

1. Scheduled the Annual Meeting of the Congregation for Sunday, January 22 to approve Rev. Dr. Julia Carlson’s terms of call for 2023 and to receive the 2023 Operating Budget.

2. Approved a contract with Horizons Stewardship to conduct a Capital Campaign for the HVAC Project (and other potential building enhancements). Background:

An ad hoc committee (Deputy Clerk of Session, Kathe Bolinder; Trustee Secretary, Ann Harrington; Trustee President, Bill Geery; Session Treasurer, Mike Stein; Trustee Vice President and Investment and Audit Committee Chair, Carol Stack; House, Property, and Insurance Committee Chair, David Phillips; and Clerk of Session, John Tulloch, along with staff members, Scott Kenefake, Julia Carlson, and Michelle Freyholtz) interviewed three fundraising companies over the past few months (Walsh and Associates, Benefactor Group, and Horizons Stewardship) and is unanimously recommending Horizons for the following reasons:

- They are the preferred fundraising partner for both the Presbyterian Foundation and the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program (PILP);
- They have decades of experience in helping congregations like ours to creatively meet big financial challenges; and
- They also have the expertise to help improve both our Annual and Planned Giving efforts.

The contract, which has been reviewed by the ad hoc committee and Session and is in line with the other companies that were looked at. Horizons Stewardship will start working with us in early 2023 to determine how much money can potentially be raised through a feasibility study and assist in developing a financing strategy that will minimize impact on the endowment.



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.–11 p.m.
- Sunday School: Preschool – Grade 5
Rooms 4 & 5 | 10:10–11 a.m.

Tweens Event at Feed My Starving Children

Friday, February 10 | 7 - 8:45 p.m.

Grades 4-5 and their friends are invited to join us for an evening of service at Feed My Starving Children in Eagan, where we will pack food to battle hunger around the globe. Chaperones are needed. Families are responsible for their own transportation. R.S.V.P. to Kiera Stegall by Tuesday, February 7.

Mardi Gras Chili Cook-off

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Chili Cook-off Submissions

Sign-up by Monday, February 13

See page one for more information. To learn more or sign-up to participate, contact Kiera Stegall.

Creative Expressions

**Sundays, February 26 – March 26
11:15 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

Preschool – Grade 5 students are invited to join us for snacks, stories, and art creations. We will create art with found materials, paint, clay, and more. Art will be in our May virtual art gallery.

Alleluia Choir: Ages 4-6 / PreK-

Grade 1 Beginning February 26, Sundays 11:15 a.m. - 12 p.m. Contact Sofia Ardalan for more information at: SofiaA@hohchurch.org



Choir School Spring Flower Sale Begins

February 12.

Watch the Enews for more information.

Youth and Family Ministry

Contact Elsa Kendig:

ElsaK@hohchurch.org

Youth Sunday

Sunday, February 12

Souper Bowl of Caring

Sunday, February 12

Youth Group/Summit

Sundays in February
Great Hall | 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Conversation and Confections

Sundays, beginning at 10:10 a.m. Room 9



**THE DIDIER
SEMINAR 2023**

Save the dates: April 21 - 23



**Paul Brandeis
Raushenbush
Writer, Editor, and
Religious Activist**

Building the Multi-Faith Future: Celebrating Diversity | Loving Our Neighbor

Rev. Paul Brandeis Raushenbush currently serves as President and CEO of Interfaith Alliance. He has served as senior vice president of Auburn Seminary, the founding and executive editor of HuffPost Religion, associate dean of religious life and the chapel at Princeton University, and senior advisor for public affairs and innovation at Interfaith America.

CLOISTER GALLERY



House of Hope Dreamscape Through March 5

Be Sure to Visit the House of Hope Dreamscape!

As most of you know, some weeks ago, Pastor Scott Kenefake asked us to share our dreams for the future of House of Hope. Many thanks to all of you who did.

Now you can see your ideas and words, and ideas and words of many others in the Cloister Gallery.

The Developing for the Future Work Group curated all the responses into an informational and thought-provoking Dreamscape!

You'll find an intriguing gathering of innovative thinking displayed in the Gallery. Twenty-six display boards, designed and produced by Sarah Zwier and Craig Somerville, bring together all your comments and organize them to highlight themes that rise to the top.

Plus – a space to add more ideas! If you missed the opportunity to report your dreams, or if you see something in the gallery that sparks additional thoughts, there's a place for you to add them.

This is not just a gathering of dreams. It's invaluable data as we move forward to formulate a fresh vision for the future of our life together. The House of Hope is not only a place of worship, but an integral part of our community and world.

View the Dreamscape online:
<https://bit.ly/HOHDreamscape>

FEBRUARY

Adult Enrichment

Adult Enrichment: Developing the Future Presentation

Sunday, February 5 | Assembly Room | 11:15 a.m.

Adult Enrichment: Rev. Cyreta Oduniyi-Howard and 21st Century Academy Scholars

Sunday, February 12 | Assembly Room | 11:15 a.m.

Liberty Community Church, our Presbyterian partner serving North Minneapolis, has an after school and summer program offering a safe and supportive learning environment for youth. They will share presentations from their youth led Anti-Violence Summit. Their presentations on Anti-Bullying on the Internet, Youth Sexual Trafficking and Homicides in the Twin Cities will inform us of the trauma youth experience and how they are working to fight against it.

Adult Enrichment: Libby Shannon, Transitional Executive Presbyter for the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area

Sunday, February 26 | Assembly Room | 11:15 a.m.

Other Events

House of Hope Men's Retreat: Enduring Transitions

February 3 and 4 | Kirk Parlour

Join us for the HOH Men's Retreat! 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 hope. **Friday, February 3 | 6:30 - 8 p.m. including dinner**

Saturday, February 4 | 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. including continental breakfast, lunch

To sign up, contact the office or online: <https://bit.ly/HOH2023MensRetreat>
A suggested donation of \$50 will help defray the cost of the event (\$20 for

Friday only and \$30 for Saturday only). Childcare is available.

HOH Session Retreat Saturday, February 11 Kirk Parlour | 9 - 11:30 a.m.

New Member Class Sunday, February 12 | HOH Library 11:15 a.m.

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

Sunday-Weekday Connections with Gloria Olsen Tuesday, February 28 | Kirk Parlour 5:30 p.m.

Join us to hear Gloria Olsen, a January 1946 Baby Boomer. She will discuss the challenges, successes, failures, hopes, and dreams of Boomer Women viewed through her own experiences as a stewardess, labor lawyer, wife, mother, and House of Hope member for over 40 years. Please make a reservation at: www.signupgenius.com/go/SWC

Yoga Classes Fridays | Room 5 | 9:30 a.m.

Yoga instructor Krista Costin will facilitate. The weekly fee will be \$10 or purchase five weeks for \$45. Contact the church office for more information.

Upcoming:

Wednesday Lenten Series: Building the Beloved Community



Wednesdays in March Supper: 6 p.m. Program: 6:45 p.m.

Join us for a simple soup supper followed by speakers and discussion on issues of racism, justice and love.

HOH Women's Retreat Friday, April 28 - Sunday, April 30 Saint John's Abbey Guesthouse, Collegeville, Minnesota

Leading up to HOH's Utility Infrastructure Project, asbestos abatement will take place in March under the sanctuary and in the Education Wing. Due to this process, **worship will be in the Great Hall on March 5**. The sanctuary will be accessible throughout the rest of the project. Staff offices in the East Wing and children's programming will be relocated to other parts of the building as work begins. Watch for more updates.



Scotland in 2024?

Would you be interested in an HOH pilgrimage to Scotland that may include a community choir? Please take this survey by February 7: <https://bit.ly/Scotland2024>

Earth Care



Fair Trade Certified Chocolate

According to the grassroots organization Slave Free Chocolate, over 9 million children work as slave labor on cocoa farms in Africa, Asia, Central America, and South America. That's why the popular chocolate brands we're most familiar with are often so cheap.

In contrast Fair Trade Certified chocolate, although more expensive, supports dedicated efforts to improve the working conditions and quality of life for farmers and their families by providing fair compensation with a guaranteed minimum price for their cocoa. Higher prices for farmers mean less need for child labor. Fair Trade also promotes good environmental practices by requiring integrated pest management, soil erosion mitigation practices, and regulated use of pesticides.

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SUNDAY SERIES WITH HEATHER MCGHEE



Heather McGhee, a self-professed policy wonk, turned to writing in order to name the "zero-sum game" that sits at the heart of our economy as a lie. She left the Think Tank to write *The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together*. She brings her findings and stories to settings such as House of Hope because she sees hope for the future at the heart of her work.

Heather offered an alternative way of thinking about our resources as the

"Solidarity Dividend" - the idea that when we work together and support each other, we all have the opportunity to do better. Immediately following World War II, this approach was used to restart the vibrant growth of the U.S. economy. The success of these programs led to a healthy economy that could be pictured in the shape of a football—a few on the low end living in poverty, a few on the high end of wealth, and many more in a growing and thriving middle class.

When those programs became subject to the racial inequality the shape of the economy began moving toward what we have today—a slanted barbell, with large numbers of wealthy, extremely large numbers living in poverty, and a rapidly shrinking middle class. We all have more hope moving back toward the football shaped economy that invites us to adopt and support the kind of equality and unity that brings us all in line with the Solidarity Dividend.



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