



Wednesday Lenten Series: Building the Beloved Community

Supper: 6 p.m. | Program: 6:45 p.m.

Our goal is to create a beloved community, and this will require a qualitative change in our souls as well as a quantitative change in our lives. – Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Lent is a good time to think about justice in general and racial justice specifically. As I recently quoted in a sermon, “Three types of justice include (1) commutative justice, which focuses on relationships between members of the community; (2) distributive justice, which functions to ensure the equitable distribution of goods, the benefits and burdens of a community; and (3) social justice which affects the social order necessary for distributive justice.” Our intention is to gather humbly with God and one another to learn, listen, discuss, engage, and wrestle with the call to honor the full humanity of every person. We will touch on the intersectionality of this work. – Julia Carlson

Wednesday, March 1:

Honeycombs and Spirals: Shared Language & Communal Practices for the Journey with Anna Kendig Flores

Wednesday, March 8:

Authors and Speakers: What We’ve Read, Heard, and Know
Facilitated by Julia Carlson

“I do not want to defend my humanity.” Eddie Glaude Jr.

Wednesday, March 15:

The Impact of Generational Trauma on the Black Community
with Sam Simmons

Wednesday, March 22:

George Floyd and Racial Healing facilitated by Julia Carlson
“How do we manifest the Christian faith here and now?” Eddie Glaude Jr.

Wednesday, March 29:

Tending the Flame of Collaborative Action with Anna Kendig Flores

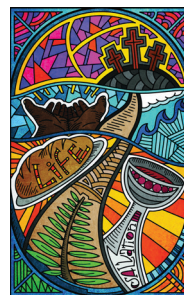
Rev. Anna Kendig Flores is a teaching elder/pastor and board certified chaplain with a background in hospital chaplaincy, mental health, addiction, and ethics.

Sam Simmons is licensed as an Alcohol and Drug Counselor and a behavioral consultant specializing in practical culturally sensitive trauma informed work with African American males and their families with a focus on chemical dependency, interpersonal violence and historical trauma.

Special Worship Service Sunday, March 5 in the Great Hall Continental Breakfast | 9 a.m. Worship | 10 a.m.

As our HVAC/Electrical Project moves forward, there will be asbestos abatement under the sanctuary from February 27 until March 9. **Due to this process, worship will be in the Great Hall on March 5.** There will be muffins, bagels, danishes, fresh fruit, juice, and coffee **beginning at 9 a.m.** in Dining Rooms A&B. We hope you will join us for a light breakfast before moving into the Great Hall at 10 a.m. for worship. Social hour will follow.

One Great Hour of Sharing



Received during the season of Lent, Presbyterians worldwide join in sharing God’s love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing disaster assistance, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. This Lenten season, please consider a gift to One Great Hour of Sharing. Special offering envelopes will be available on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Thank you for your generosity!

Ways to give:

- Check with the memo: OGHS
- Visit hohchurch.org > Support House of Hope > Make a Gift > Fund: OGHS
- Text “HOH OGHS” to 73256 to give using your mobile device.



Easter Memorials:

You may purchase an Easter lily (\$15) or make a donation in any amount in memory of or in honor of loved ones for publication in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

Your donation will support the mission and ministries of House of Hope. The deadline for reserving Easter Memorials is Palm Sunday, April 2. Visit or call the church office, or sign up online: <https://bit.ly/EasterMemorials>

WORSHIP

10 a.m.

Sunday, March 5, 2023
Second Sunday in Lent

Motet Choir:

If Ye Love Me, Tallis
O Sing Joyfully, Batten

Saturday, March 11, 2023
Sacred Gathering | 5:30 p.m.
Sanctuary Chancel

Have you been looking for another way to worship? Join us as we explore the marvels and mysteries of our spiritual life, our common experiences, and connections to our faith.

Sunday, March 12, 2023
Third Sunday in Lent

Choir School:

The Prayer of St Patrick, Schoenfeld
St Nicholas Choir

Bells of Hope:

Fantasy on Kingsfold, Wagner
Chorale Prelude for Handbells and Violin,
Nelson
Julian Simpson, violin

Motet Choir:

O Come, Let Us Sing Unto the Lord,
Lauridsen
The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee, Berger

Sunday, March 19, 2023
Fourth Sunday in Lent

Motet Choir:

The Lord is My Shepherd, Rutter
Ubi Caritas, Gjeilo

Sunday, March 26, 2023
Fifth Sunday in Lent

Motet Choir:

Miserere mei, Byrd
Jesus is Calling, Miller



A Note from Julia

We were buried with Christ through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.
—Romans 6:4

In centuries past, it was the practice on the day before Ash Wednesday to be “shriven,” to confess, be given penance, and then absolved of sin, so the day became known as Shrove Tuesday. We now know it as Mardi Gras or Fat Tuesday. Because the season of Lent is one of introspection and abstinence, the larders were cleared of butter and cream by serving pancakes and other rich foods before the forty days of simple foods and fasting. More recently, the practice of giving up something valued or adding some kind of service have been more common.

Many things changed with the pandemic and my approach to Lent is one of them. I have said it before and share it again here, I think of the three years of COVID-19 as a long Lenten season. We had relationship fasts; watching grandchildren grow on a virtual Zoom call was both a gift and a heartache. We had to hope our smiles reached our eyes while wearing masks. We all have pandemic related losses and readjustments.

So what shall we do for Lent in 2023? For one thing, please take note of the **Building the Beloved Community** and make plans to join us for soup, learning, and discussion. It is a good time to think

about healing the sin of racism in our culture.

And our Lent will be a time of compression. The long-awaited HVAC/ electrical project begins with asbestos abatement in early April. In order to prepare for that, there will be many moves taking place in March as those with East Wing offices and programs relocate to the Parish House. Our Sunday School and Choir School will begin to meet in new spaces. By Easter, we are going to party like it's ... 1914. All of our activities and gatherings this spring and possibly into November, will take place in something quite close to our original footprint.

For Lent 2023, I believe it is important to claim the promise of Easter which infuses everything, including the Lenten journey. We are moving into an extensive construction project at the same time we are visioning for the future of our communal life. God is calling us to new possibilities and our cup of potentials for ministry through worship and music, as well as building and property use, are overflowing! Through it all, we are living the great mystery of our faith: *Christ has died. Christ is risen, Christ will come again.*

See you online and in church, Julia

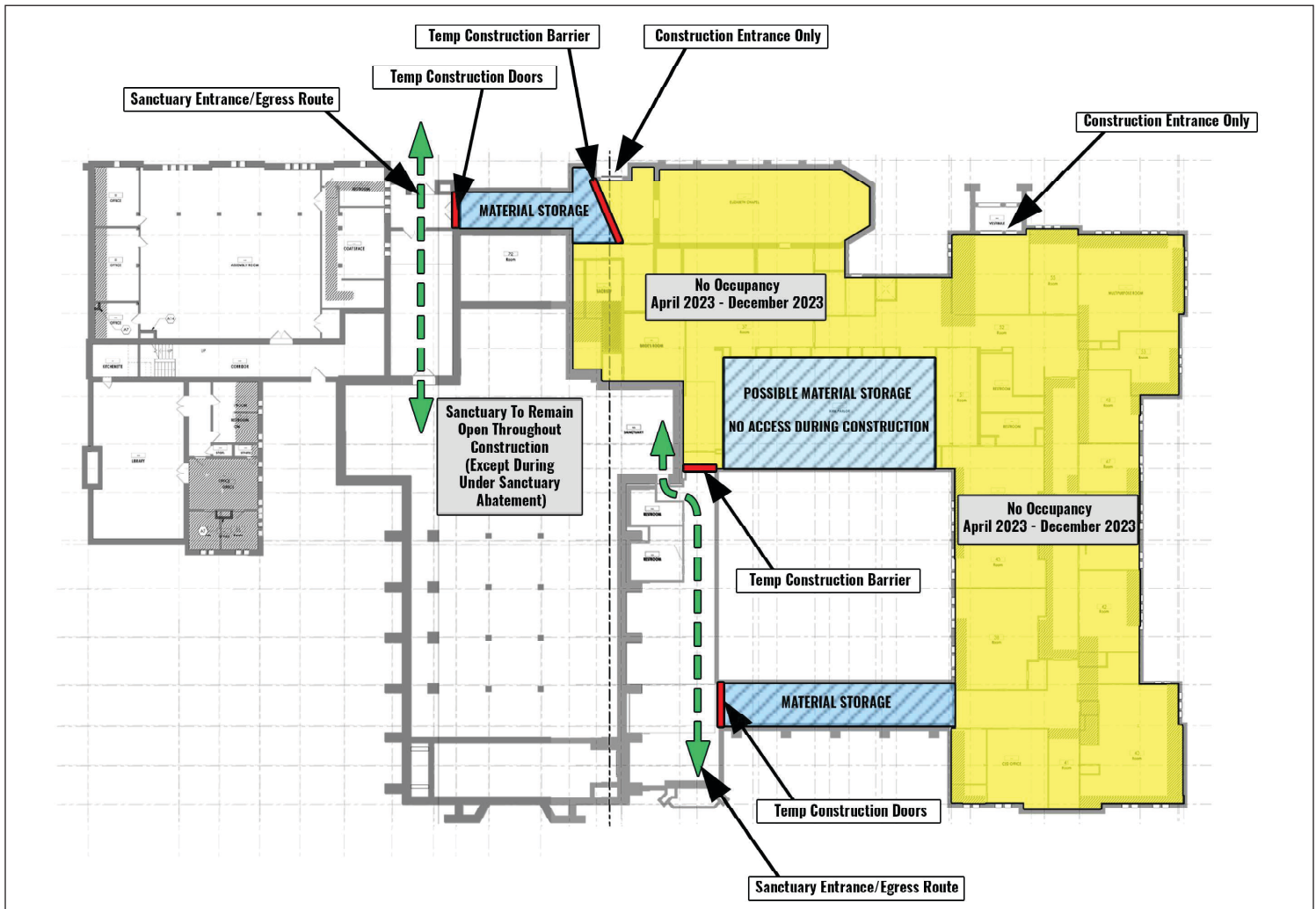
House of Hope Pastor Nominating Committee

The current Congregational Nominating Committee is asking for suggestions for the Pastor Nominating Committee to be voted on at the **Congregational Meeting on Sunday, May 7**. Watch for nomination forms at the Welcome Centers, Bulletin, or use online methods found in the Enews and HOH website. Before making a nomination, please make sure the member is willing to serve. Self nominations are welcome. **Please submit nominations by March 26.**

House of Hope Congregational Nominating Committee 2023

Please consider nominating individuals you feel have gifts for leadership and a commitment to the life and ministry of HOH. Self nominations are welcome. The slate of candidates will come before the congregation at the **Congregational Meeting, Sunday 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.**

House of Hope HVAC/Electrical Project Begins



House of Hope has been working toward a major construction project to update the HVAC, electrical panels, and other work under the direction of the Utility Infrastructure Task Force created by the HOH Session.

There are two asbestos abatement projects scheduled prior to the beginning of Phase 1 of the Electrical/HVAC project: asbestos containment under the sanctuary February 27-March 9; and asbestos abatement in the East Wing April 10-30. In preparation for this work, areas of the church have been or are being emptied, programs moved and items being packed and stored. The Kirk Parlour and East Wing will be closed beginning Monday, March 20. Affected areas are shaded with blue and yellow highlight in the image above. Blue areas indicate storage, and yellow areas indicate construction.

Here are some of the changes you can expect during abatement and Phase 1.

- Sunday School will be in the Assembly Room.
- Portland Door Coat Room will be used for choir robes and folders.
- HOH art will be packed and stored off-site throughout the project.
- The Library will be used for Choir School Wednesday and Sunday rehearsals.
- Centering Prayer will be in the sanctuary chancel.
- On weekdays, the Library will be a swing space for a variety of meetings and gatherings.
- Session and Deacons will meet in the Assembly Room.
- Adult Enrichment and The Didier Seminar will be in the sanctuary.
- Sunday Coffee and Fellowship will be in the Cloister Gallery Hallway.
- The Motet Choir will practice in the sanctuary.

- The Singers office will move to an upper level Assembly Room office
- Other staff office moves are TBD.
- The sanctuary will be available throughout the project except on March 5 -- see page one for details.

For other meetings and events, we have five meeting spaces available: library, Kirby Lounge, Skylight Room, sanctuary, and Assembly Room. Otherwise, meetings can be held on Zoom, or at an alternate location (home, coffee shop, etc.) With limited space available, please plan in advance for meetings and events, and contact the church to be added to the calendar.

Extensive planning has taken place for this construction project by House of Hope staff, and we will continue to adapt as needed and keep you informed.



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 a.m.
- Sunday School: Preschool – Grade 5 Rooms 4 & 5 | 10:10–11 a.m.
- Creative Expressions Sundays, March 5 – March 26 11:15 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- **Please note: Nursery and Sunday school will relocate to the Assembly Room on March 26.**

Tweens Pajama Party

Friday, March 10 | 6–8 p.m. | Kirk Parlour

Grades 4–5 and their friends are invited to join us for a night of fun! Wear pajamas, bring a blanket, pillow, and furry friend! Enjoy dinner as we watch *Minions: The Rise of Gru*. Cost for this event is \$5. R.S.V.P. by Monday, March 7.

Congregational Event: Volunteer at Feed My Starving Children

Saturday, March 18 | 2 - 3:45 p.m.

House of Hope congregants, neighbors, and friends are invited to join us for an afternoon of service at Feed My Starving Children in Eagan where we will pack food to battle hunger around the globe. R.S.V.P. to Kiera Stegall by Monday, March 13.

Palm Processional

Sunday, April 2 | 9:45 a.m.

Narthex

Children are invited to participate in our palm processional on Palm Sunday.

Youth and Family Ministry

Contact Elsa Kendig:

ElsaK@hohchurch.org

Youth Group: Sundays in March

Great Hall | 7:30-8:30 p.m.

(Assembly Room beginning March 26)

Youth Hour:

Sundays, March 5 and 26 | Skylight Room | 9 a.m.

We'll decompress from the week, do highs and lows, eat some bagels and think deep thoughts.

Youth Lock-In at House of Hope

Friday, March 10 at 7 p.m. -

Saturday, March 11 at 9 a.m.

Let's meet in Room 9, and we will play games, watch movies and eat snacks. Please RSVP to Elsa Kendig.

Confirmation Class will not meet in March.



Congratulations to our Chili Cook-Off Winners: Bonnie and Brian Alton and Thank You to all of our chefs!

Session Highlights

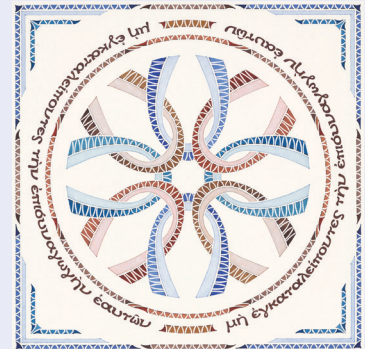
The Session met on January 17.

Rev. Dr. Scott Kenefake noted increasing attendance at worship over the initial six months of his service. He noted also that financial performance improved at the end of 2022, and the 2023 Stewardship Campaign is off to a good start.

The Budget Committee presented the 2023 balanced budget proposal. An increase in non-pledged revenue balances a decrease in pledge revenue. \$100,000 of non-pledged revenue was received in December 2022. There is an increase in salaries, benefits and allowances due to new staff hires and rises in benefits costs. Other expenses are flat. Session approved the 2023 budget.

Personnel Committee noted the hiring of four new employees, and Session approved elevating Rev. Dr. Carlson's title to Senior Associate Pastor.

CLOISTER GALLERY



New Testament Images

Kirsten Malcolm Berry

March 12 – April 9

Adult Enrichment

Sunday, March 26

"My work is drawn from the images of the New Testament. Integrated into each painting is the verse on which it is based, written in Greek. The Greek links viewers to the original form of the text and its unfamiliar script hints at God's global grace to "every tribe and language."

The configurations of repeated shapes reflect the influence of several indigenous art forms. The daughter of Presbyterian missionaries, I grew up in the Philippines and was exposed to the decorative use of patterns on Filipino and other Southeast Asian fabrics and basketry. Geometric woolen tapestries of my Scandinavian heritage have also affected my sense of design, as have Native American weaving, Hmong reverse appliqué, traditional quilts, and Byzantine mosaics.

The exercise of faith is difficult for those of us who long for perceptible signs of God's presence. I paint the images of the Bible to help me translate the abstract into the tangible. Through pictures I grasp that the Word indeed became flesh, and in resurrection power is present even now in the Advocate. And is that not him behind the glimmers of new creation we see each day?"

— Kirsten Malcolm Berry

MARCH

Adult Enrichment

Adult Enrichment: Heart Work with Julia Carlson

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

After looking back on some class work from days at Luther Seminary and some research here at House of Hope, we will consider the spiritual calling found through deconstruction, building projects, and change.

Adult Enrichment: Finding God in the World: A Spiritual Revolution with Scott Kenefake

Sunday, March 19 | Assembly Room | 11:15 a.m.

Dr. Kenefake will unpack some of the ideas shared in his February 19th sermon, *Transformed*, about the "spiritual but not religious" and how contemporary churches and religious institutions can successfully navigate this new cultural reality.

Adult Enrichment: Cloister Gallery Artist Presentation with Kirsten Malcolm Berry

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

See the Cloister Gallery column on page 4 for more information.

Other Events

New Member Class

Sunday, March 12 | HOH Library 11:15 a.m.

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

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The Singers - Minnesota Choral Artists Concert: *My Soul's Repose*

Sunday, March 19 | Sanctuary | 3 p.m.

The Singers, HOH's Artists in Residence, are thrilled to collaborate with Aaron David Miller, one of the world's most exciting and inventive organists. The baroque delights of J.S. Bach's motets and Arvo Pärt's meditative sacred works, as well as their solo organ music, mean that musical contrast is the order of the day. Don't miss this inspiring musical pairing of these beloved composers! This program will also take place on Saturday, March 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Minneapolis. Good Shepherd. Tickets are available at singersmca.org.

Sunday-Weekday Connections with Judy Brooks

Tuesday, March 28 | Assembly Room | 5:30 p.m.

Judy Brooks was brought up in the Catholic faith. She graduated from University of Minnesota with a Business/Political Science double major. She began working at the Ordway, and later went to work at St. Paul's Landmark Center. Her faith journey changed in when her daughter enrolled in HOH Preschool. Please make a reservation at: www.signupgenius.com/go/SWC



House of Hope Choir School Spring Flower Sale and Pick Up

Order Deadline: Thursday, March 2 | 10 p.m.

Order online: gertensfundraising.com and enter Store ID: 95

Curbside Pickup: Wednesday, March 29 | Porte Cochere Entrance 3:30 - 6 p.m.

Upcoming:

HOH Women's Retreat: poetry and restoration

"Make a nesting place now ..."

Led by Julia Carlson

**Friday, April 28 - Sunday, April 30
Saint John's Abbey Guesthouse,
Collegeville, Minnesota**



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Save the dates: April 21 - 23



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Writer, Editor, and
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Earth Care



Tread Lightly for Lent

During Lent we reflect and examine the way we live out our Christian faith in the world around us. As people of faith, we must "serve and preserve" God's world but our collective choices have led to massive global climate disruption. To help us make more sustainable choices to restore and protect all God's creation, the Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP) has created an Earth Care focused Lenten daily calendar "Tread Lightly for Lent."

Each day from Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday the calendar offers a reflection or action that can serve as a way to help you adopt more mindful practices throughout the whole year.

To download the calendar visit <https://bit.ly/TreadLightlyLent> or check the church kiosks for printed copies.

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March Food Drive: Let's Tackle Hunger



1 in 9 people in Minnesota have limited or uncertain access to adequate food. You can make a difference during the March Food Drive!

The impacts of the pandemic continue to increase the need with more visits to food pantries making our March Food Drive vitally important as we support food pantries at Neighborhood House and Hallie Q. Brown Community Center.

We can help the 1 in 8 hungry children, or 1 in 9 people overall. Food insecurity makes children uneasy, stressed, and unable to concentrate. Parents worry they can't fulfill basic food needs for their family.

How can you help?

- **Financial donations help our food partners buy much more. They can**

multiply cash gifts through buying in bulk, and they can buy what they need the most. Thank you HOH members who are giving monthly!

- **Bring food donations** to the shopping cart outside the Elizabeth Chapel and in the Narthex.
- Join other HOH volunteers at Loaves and Fishes. Contact Norma Herther or Kevin Loney for more information or to volunteer.
- **Volunteer opportunities** are available at Neighborhood House for adults and youth.

Ways to Give:

- By Check with memo: Food Pantry
- Text HOH Food to 73256
- Online at hohchurch.org > Support House of Hope > Make a Gift > Fund: Food Pantry



Thank you to The Singers - MN Choral Artists who shared music of Bach, Pärt, Bob Dylan, and HOH's Stephen Paulus in an open rehearsal for those who still came on February 20 following the cancellation by the Jason Max Ferdinand Singers.



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