



Master Site Plan Listening Sessions

The Session has selected Miller Dunwiddie architectural firm to support HOH's visioning process by creating House of Hope's Master Site Plan. You are invited to share in the process as we fine-tune our vision for the church building and grounds at listening sessions. Architect Paul May from Miller Dunwiddie as well as members of the Developing for the Future Collaboration Group will guide the planning process, incorporating the Dreamscape visioning and materials, and community engagement efforts.

Before attending a listening session, we ask that you complete a questionnaire created by Miller Dunwiddie, and bring it with you. You can access the questionnaire on our website (*Things to Know* on the homepage) or pick up a copy in the church office. Ideas shared will provide data-driven direction to design options for our future. Each session has a theme, and those details can be found online or in the church office. The architects are interested in your thoughts to questions such as:

- What physical and operational changes should be considered as HOH plans for its future?
- How can HOH work with our neighborhood and community and build relationships with them?

If you are unable to attend a listening session, you can drop off or mail your questionnaire to the church, or email to hoh@hohchurch.org

May Listening Sessions:

Tuesday, May 9 | Assembly Room | 6–7:15 p.m.
Thursday, May 11 | Assembly Room | 6–7 p.m.
Thursday, May 11 | Assembly Room | 7:15–8:15 p.m.
Sunday, May 14 | Kirby Lounge | 11:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
Thursday, May 18 | Library | 6–7 p.m.
Thursday, May 18 | Library | 7:15–8:15 p.m.
Sunday, May 21 | Library | 11:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

HOH Congregational Meeting Sunday, May 7 | 11:15 a.m.



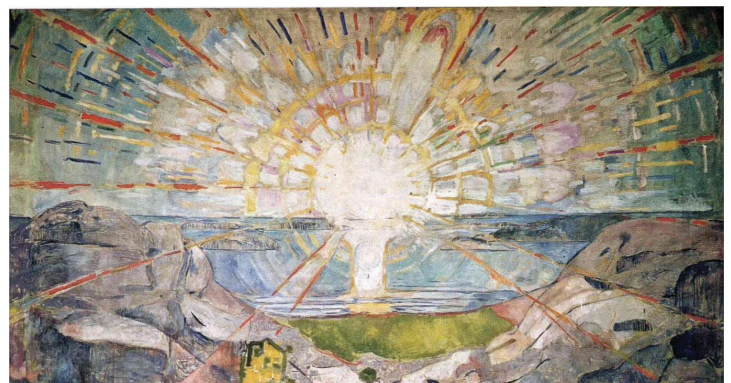
The Session has called a meeting of the Congregation on Sunday, May 7 in the sanctuary following worship for the purposes of electing Elders, Trustees, Deacons, members of the 2024 Nominating Committee, and a Pastor Nominating Committee.

Confirmation Sunday | May 7

This year's confirmation class has spent this year learning about House of Hope and the Presbyterian faith, exploring the rhythms of our faith and reflecting on the things in our lives to which we ultimately want to give our hearts. They were joined in this heart-work by a fabulous group of mentors and congregational guests throughout the year. To complete their journey and celebrate the work of this year, the confirmands will share their statements of faith with the Session and be voted into membership. We want to give thanks to our volunteer confirmation leaders, Molly Kaatz and Lynn Stein, who led the class with great dedication and so much love for our youth. The confirmands are:

Genevieve Grace Anderson	Margaret Shae Anderson
Elizabeth Emerson Daigle	Imogen Weyandt Kaatz
Katherine Tenney Kaatz	Lars Grayson Oстераas
William Carlton Weispfenning	Evan Charles Shipp

Following worship, we will welcome and celebrate our new members, and enjoy cake in the Cloister Gallery.



The House of Hope Choir School Spring Concert: *Let There Be Music* Sunday, May 7 | 2 p.m.

All are welcome to the final Choir School concert of the season in the sanctuary and streamed at hohchurch.org. Come experience the beauty of our choristers' voices as we close out our **40th Anniversary Season!**

WORSHIP

10 a.m.

Sunday, May 7, 2023
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Choir School:

The Lord Bless You and Keep You,
Rutter

Motet Choir:

The Lord is My Strength,
Coleridge-Taylor
Laudate Dominum, Mozart

Saturday, May 13, 2023
Sacred Gathering | 5:30 p.m.
Sanctuary Chancel

This is the last Sacred Gathering in the spring series. Join us for another form of worship that explores the marvels and mysteries of our spiritual life, common experiences, and connections to faith.

Sunday, May 14, 2023
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Bells of Hope

Bell Jubilee, Prins
Now the Green Blade Riseth,
McChesney
Brother James' Air, Miller

Motet Choir:

The sun himself shall fade, Work
Pilgrims' Hymn, Paulus

Sunday, May 21, 2023
Seventh Sunday of Easter

Motet Choir:

See What Love, McLin
Sing Unto God, Handel

Sunday, May 28, 2023
Day of Pentecost

Motet Choir:

O Be Joyful, Britten
Exultate Deo, Scarlatti



A Note from Scott

Putting the Pieces of the Puzzle Together

"Sometimes it's hard to find all the pieces to the puzzle, but when you finally connect all the pieces, you realize the reason you worked so hard to find their place in part of the big picture."

— Victoria Orhsinger

Someone asked me the other day what my experience at House of Hope as your Interim Pastor has been like over the past nine months, and I responded: "It's been like trying to put all of the pieces of a very complicated jigsaw puzzle together—and some of the pieces are missing."

My response wasn't meant as a criticism. It was simply my way of expressing the reality that lots of things at HOH have needed attention—all at the same time. Everything from the HVAC Project to the Dreamscape Visioning Process to Planning for a Capital Campaign to Hiring an Architect to produce a Master Site Plan (How best to use and utilize our 300,000 square feet of space, 7 days a week, 365 days a year) to Evaluating how the Boards and Committees are working (and not working) to all of the usual stuff that make Congregational Life possible: Worship Planning, Pastoral Care, Education Programs, Staffing Needs, etc. Numerous volunteers from the congregation have helped to make progress in all of these areas.

In many groups and forums, I have been sharing the need for the congregation to move toward what I have been calling a "Community Hub" model of ministry where programming and activities take place on our church campus seven days a week and are both internally and externally focused. In other words, we continue to provide for the pastoral, spiritual, and educational needs of our members, but also add activities and programs that drive people in the community onto our campus regularly—and also provide for additional revenue streams to support all of this work.

For example, partnering with an established non-profit in the community, whose mission coincides and enhances our own mission, could provide a steady source of rental income to the church, Monday through Friday, when parts of our buildings are not being used. This, of course, would have to be carefully planned for and thought through.

Another possibility is expanding our Music, Arts, Educational, and Speakers Series events/programming. Additional support for these efforts could be supported by asking for suggested donations from those who participate/attend.

An example of a congregation that is doing all of these things well can be found here:
www.stmartin-in-the-fields.org

All of this is designed to regularly introduce more and more people to HOH and its people in a cultural climate where fewer people are opting to connect with congregations through worship, as a first step, as in former times.

Finally, if you haven't done so already, take advantage of the opportunity to talk to our architect, Paul May, of Miller Dunwiddie, through one of the many "listening sessions" that have been scheduled. The Master Site Plan is one of the last pieces of the puzzle that needs to be put in place before we can move forward with the Capital Campaign.

Thanks for your help with all of this.

Blessings,

– Scott M. Kenefake, Interim Pastor





Textile Art Hanging Debuts at Easter

"The new hanging is an addition to our sanctuary that has long been planned by the Paraments Committee and is an additional piece of artwork by internationally known fiber artist Tim Harding with colors inclusive of the entire church year. Paraments enhance the worship space and coordinate with the liturgical calendar. We are grateful to the donors who made this possible and to Tim for his dedication to both space and design." – Julia Carlson

From the artist, Tim Harding:

The commissioned textile art wall piece, "Aura," installed on the wall behind the lectern at House of Hope just in time for the Easter services was both a challenge and a pleasure to create. A challenge in that we wanted the scale, the composition, the color palette, and the texture/pattern to harmonize with several other elements in this elegant space. We needed to relate to all the color palettes of the paraments with

their varying liturgical season palettes. We wanted to pick up on the colors and patterns in the beautiful stained glass windows. It had to be visually interesting from close up as well as from the distance from the back of the sanctuary. It needed to have a dynamic presence for that location without being overpowering.

As the Arts Committee at House of Hope knows, I do like a challenge. We had this in a design phase for most of a year. It was a pleasure in that I had a great Arts Committee and support team to collaborate with to make this happen. Thanks to Elly Verhagen, Patty Paulus, Laura Merriam, Pastor Julia Carlson, Pastor Scott Kenefake, and Facilities Manager Jim Brzezinski. They provided valuable input on the project, and much appreciated support and patience to get us to the finished piece. And, thank you to the donors who made this possible. It's an honor to have my work included in this beautiful, special place.

Spiritual Life and Caring Community

The Social Sciences started looking at communities as systems as far back as the 1940s. That birthed a movement in the psychological community to look at families as systems and from there, Rabbi Edwin Friedman, used family systems theory as a way to understand congregational life whether church or synagogue. This is an important tool for all of us as a congregation.

We are living into our next, great potentials as a whole system. Our spiritual lives as individuals and as a congregational Body of Christ are pieces of the jigsaw puzzle to which Scott refers in his "Note from Scott" on page 2. As I shared with the Session this month, I believe we are invited to: live this Christian faith as a life-long deepening personal relationship to God; to grow in our spiritual practice and awareness corporately and individually; and to discern new ways of being church that lead to a dynamic living-out of our faith in the actions of daily life. In her book *Cultivating Wholeness*, Margaret Kornfeld wrote, "Knowing others in community is the difference between 'you' and 'it.'" (33, Kornfeld). Our faith and community care humanize House of Hope and make it more inviting. Spiritual life and community care are the foundation of hospitality and congregational vitality.

– Julia Carlson

House of Hope Livestream Team Members Needed

HOH is seeking additional team members to assist in the livestream of our Sunday worship services, weddings, memorial services, and other events. Training will be offered, and no prior experience is required. Helpful skills include:

- Experience with technology.
- Understanding of audio and visual production.
- Strong communication skills.
- Attention to detail.
- Problem solving skills, including having cool, calm reactions, and an ability to troubleshoot issues.
- Creative and inventive.

Contact the church office with interest.



Children, Youth and Family Ministry

Volunteer Recognition: Sunday, May 14

Join us in saying "thank you" to the many adult and youth volunteers who serve at the House of Hope. Our ministry is made possible because of the love and commitment of our community.

Children and Family Ministry

Contact Kiera Stegall:

KieraS@hohchurch.org

Sunday Morning Ministries:

- Nursery: Infants and Toddlers
Assembly Room | 9:45 a.m.–11 a.m.
- Sunday School: Preschool – Grade 5
Assembly Room | 10:10–11 a.m.

Rising-Kindergarten Bible Presentation

Sunday, May 7 | 10 a.m.

Children entering kindergarten in the 2023-2024 school year will be presented with a *Spark Storybook Bible* in worship this May. If your child is entering kindergarten in the fall and would like to receive a Bible, please contact Kiera Stegall.

Tweens End of the Year Party Friday, May 12 | HOH Community Garden and Park | 6–8 p.m.

Fourth – fifth graders, their friends, and their adult(s) are invited to join us for our final Tweens event for the 2022-2023 school year. We'll help in the garden, play in the park, and enjoy burgers with ice cream sundaes. Cost for this event is \$10 per person with a \$20 cap for families. Scholarships are available as needed. Dinner and sundaes will be served in the HOH Park. R.S.V.P. by Friday, May 5, to Kiera Stegall. Note the number of children and adults attending, as well as any food allergies.

Summer Sunday School May 28 – September 3 | HOH Park and Assembly Room | 10 a.m.

Children, three-years through rising sixth grade, are invited to join us for Sunday school in the HOH Park, weather permitting. Children, infants through two-years are invited to play and hear stories in the Assembly Room.

Youth and Family Ministry

Contact Elsa Kendig:

ElsaK@hohchurch.org

Confirmants Meet with Session Saturday, May 6 | Assembly Room 9-10:30 a.m.

Each confirmand will meet with a small group of Elders and have a chance to share in a continental breakfast and talk over their statement of faith and what it means to them.

Confirmation Sunday and Reception | May 7

10 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Cake Reception for Confirmants | Cloister Gallery

Youth Group

**Sundays, May 7, 14 and 28
Assembly Room | 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.**

Sunday Youth Hour:

May 14, 21 and 28

Skylight Room | 9 a.m.

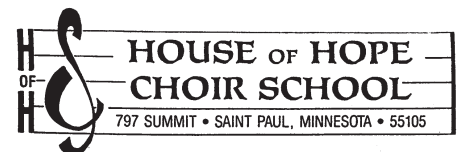
We'll decompress from the week, do highs and lows, enjoy treats, and think deep thoughts.

Afternoon Bikes and Burgers Sunday, May 21 | Portland Avenue Entrance | 11:25 a.m. – 2 p.m.



Summer Events for Families:

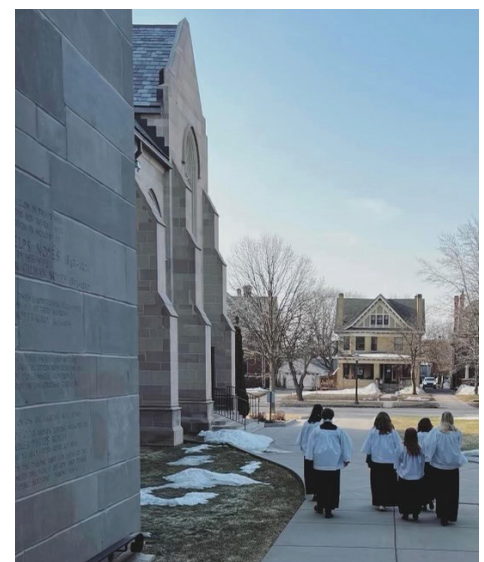
- **June 11: Congregational Summer Celebration**
HOH Park | 11:15 a.m.
- **June 25: Tucker's Robot Puppet Show**
Summit Lawn | 4 p.m.
- **July 7: Madagascar Jr.**
Holly Lot | 6:30 p.m.
- **July 8: Madagascar Jr.**
Holly Lot | 10:30 a.m.
- **July 16: Popsicles in the Park**
HOH Park | 11:15 a.m.
- **August 20: Popsicles in the Park**
HOH Park | 11:15 a.m.



Do you know a child who loves to sing?

Join the HOH Choir School!

Our unique music education program offers singing and choral experiences to all children Prek-Grade 12. Fall semester begins September 6. For more information and to register, contact Director Sofia Ardan at SofiaA@hohchurch.org



Adult Enrichment

Adult Enrichment: Best Reads for Summer

Sunday, May 21 | Sanctuary

11:15 a.m.

Whether you'll spend your summer in Saint Paul or at the lake, join us to learn about the best summer reads with Holly Weinkauf, owner of Red Balloon Bookshop. Books will be available for sale at the enrichment.

Other Events

Great Decisions: War Crimes with Christi Siver

Tuesday, May 9 | Library | 4 p.m.

The Russian invasion of Ukraine has challenged many international norms, including the prohibition on state aggression and the protection of civilians. Russian forces are not hiding their crimes; they attack civilian targets with missiles and have committed numerous atrocities in occupied areas. How can Russian leaders and forces be held accountable for these offenses? Christi Siver is a Professor of Political Science at the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University. She earned a Masters in International Relations and International Economics from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies and her Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Washington.

New Member Class

Sunday, May 14 | Library | 11:15 a.m.

Interested in membership or want to know more about House of Hope? Please join us!



The Saint Paul Farmers' Market returns to St. Thomas More Catholic Church this spring. *Thank you to our 2022 market volunteers who welcomed market shoppers to HOH!*

Upcoming Mission Opportunities



HOH Community Garden

Returning and new volunteers are always welcome in our beautiful HOH Community Garden that supports the food pantries at Neighborhood House and Hallie Q. Brown Community Center! Even if you can only help out a couple times, our collective efforts contribute to creating over 1000 lbs. of delicious and nutritious food each year for our neighbors. All ages, abilities, experience levels, and schedules of volunteers are welcome—there are jobs to fit everyone, including delivering produce to the food markets. Most of our work is on weekday mornings, but we do occasional evenings and weekends. Weeding can be done on your own schedule. Volunteer once or all season. We'll begin by early May, and gardening continues through late fall. For questions or to join the email list to see when we're working and what we're doing contact Elizabeth Karre: houseofhopegarden@gmail.com



Habitat for Humanity: Summer Faith Builders | June 12-16

HOH is going to be part of a Habitat for Humanity home build in Roseville. We will again be working with volunteers from five of the churches in our neighborhood. Even if you have never worked on a Habitat project before, please join us in this important program. No experience is required, and the Habitat staff provide training and equipment. Work days are 8 hours and you can volunteer for any number of days. For more information, contact Dave Olsen: davewolsen@yahoo.com information.

Earth Care



No Mow May

"No Mow May"—a campaign to **promote pollinator habitat**—is an international movement founded in 2019 encouraging homeowners to postpone cutting their grass in spring. Suspending mowing allows flowering plants that grow in grass—such as clover and creeping Charlie—time to bloom, providing pollinators and their offspring with the nectar and pollen they need to thrive during the crucial post-winter period when they are coming out of hibernation.

The Saint Paul City Council unanimously voted to endorse "No Mow May" for 2023. Vadnais Heights, West Saint Paul, New Brighton, and Edina are among other Minnesota cities supporting the effort. Check with your city's Code of Ordinances to see if you can participate. For more information, visit: www.beelab.umn.edu/no-mow-may

CLOISTER GALLERY

As part of the HVAC/Electrical Project, construction related work will be taking place intermittently in the area around the gallery that may cause dust and/or other conditions not conducive to displaying artwork. Therefore, exhibits will temporarily be suspended. While more than half of the building is closed off during Phase 1 of construction, the gallery remains open providing much needed space for gatherings such as the Social Hour after Sunday worship.

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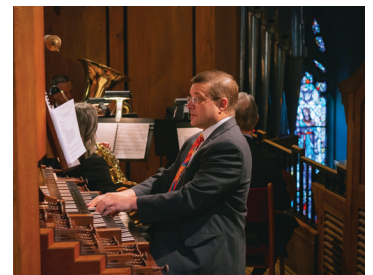
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