



Summer Celebration

Sunday, June 11 | 11:15 a.m.

House of Hope Park, Portland Avenue

Enjoy the unofficial start of summer where we will celebrate with the neighborhood enjoying ice cream! We will honor the High School Class of 2023, and Red Balloon Bookshop will host a Book Fair selling books at a 20% discount. Come for church and the Special Congregational Meeting, and stay for ice cream, lawn games, bounce house, and fellowship.



Special Congregational Meeting

Sunday, June 11 | 11 a.m.

The Session has called a Special Congregational Meeting on June 11, immediately following worship for the purpose of approving a construction loan up to \$5.5 million from the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program (PILP) to provide needed cash flow for the first phase of the HVAC/Electrical Project. The intent is to pay this loan back through an upcoming capital campaign. A letter to members of the congregation with more information will be mailed and emailed prior to the meeting. Learn about PILP at <https://pilp.pcusa.org>



Senior Recognition Sunday, June 11

Join us in recognizing our graduating high school seniors in worship. ***Congratulations to the Class of 2023!***



Neighborhood Puppet Show

Sunday, June 25 | 4 p.m.
Summit Lawn

Join us for a fun, congregational event on the front lawn. We will host a performance of *Tucker's Robot*. Tucker is a young boy who needs to go back in time to face a group of neighborhood bullies. How do you go back in time? With a time-traveling robot, of course! Together, Tucker and his robot discover the importance of friendship and the courage to face bullies. Full of surprises, a little danger, and some really funny characters, the production contains puppetry, live music, and fun for families and children of all ages. For the past 18 years, the Open Eye Figure Theatre has been traveling around the Twin Cities providing outdoor puppet shows. Bring a blanket or chair and enjoy! Invite friends, family, and neighbors. The more the merrier! This event is free and open to the public. Donations for the theatre are welcome.



Master Site Plan Update

Our architect, Paul May, and his team from Miller Dunwiddie have held ten listening sessions for the congregation at large as well as additional sessions with youth, church boards, staff, Motet Choir, and various committees. Thank you to the more than 100 individuals who have shared many imaginative, exciting ideas by attending and participating in one or more listening sessions, completing a planning questionnaire, or submitting ideas by email. Over the summer, Paul May will identify themes that have emerged from these various sources and begin putting form to what he has heard from us. By the fall, we will see drawings and models of the church that we, as a congregation, have dreamed into reality.

It's not too late to share your ideas! Options include:

- **Zoom Listening Session | Sunday, June 11 | 11:15 a.m.**
If you join us for worship via our livestream, or you have not been able to attend a listening session in person, please join us at: <https://bit.ly/June11ListeningSession>
- **Email comments to hoh@hohchurch.org or complete the Master Site Planning Questionnaire** available in the church office or <https://bit.ly/MasterSitePlan>
Comments will be forwarded to Paul May and kept strictly confidential.

WORSHIP

10 a.m.

Sunday, June 4, 2023
Trinity Sunday with
Holy Communion

Motet Choir:

Ave verum corpus, Mozart
O Taste and See,
Vaughan Williams

Sunday, June 11, 2023
Second Sunday after Pentecost

Motet Choir:

O Thou, the Central Orb,
Wood
God Be In My Head,
Rutter

Sunday, June 18, 2023
Third Sunday after Pentecost

Motet Choir:

Now that the Day has Come
to a Close, Paulus
From the Rising of the Sun,
Ouseley

Sunday, June 25, 2023
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Motet Choir:

Holy God, Paulus
Grant Us Thy Peace, Mendelssohn



A Note from Scott

Spiritual Entrepreneurs

One of the hallmarks of American religious institutions is how adaptive they have been to cultural changes over time. This includes the mainline Protestant denominations and the Presbyterian Church (USA) in particular. The impression many people have is that churches generally are slow to respond to changing circumstances and that they are bulwarks of tradition, but the reality is that congregations and denominations are changing all of the time.



For example, 1001 new worshipping communities is a movement in the Presbyterian Church (USA) that has been growing rapidly over the past 10 years. According to the Presbyterian Mission Agency, across the PC(USA), God has been raising up leaders in churches and presbyteries who are creating hundreds of new worshipping communities. They are taking on new and varied forms of church for our changing culture. Primarily they are seeking to make and form new disciples of Jesus Christ, to change and transform the world.

New Hope Presbyterian Church in Southern California is a great example of what is being achieved through this initiative. Take a look at their video here: <https://vimeo.com/827045059>

And here is a video that explains the 1001 new worshipping communities movement in more detail: www.newchurchnewway.org/home



Another entrepreneurial movement within the Presbyterian Church (USA) is NEXT Church. NEXT Church is a network of leaders — church members, ruling elders, youth leaders, educators, pastors, seminarians, and professors — across the Presbyterian Church (USA) and beyond who believe the church of the future will be more relational, more diverse, more collaborative, more hopeful, and more agile. NEXT Church supports and equips congregations, develops leaders, and strengthens connections across the church.

Here is a link to their website and resources: <https://nextchurch.net/>

I'm sharing this with you because congregations like House of Hope can serve as spiritual incubators for new spiritual entrepreneurial efforts like these as we live into this new post-Christendom era. What might that look like for us? How might we foster and nurture such initiatives?

There are a lot of exciting things happening around the country and throughout the church if you know where to look. There are also a lot of resources available to further this creative renewal work that allows imagination to see new possibilities.

Let me know your thoughts.

Blessings,

Scott Kenefake
Transitional Pastor

Thank You Outgoing House of Hope Officers



Join us as we offer our appreciation to our outgoing Elders, Trustees, and Deacons who have given of their time and talents.

Elders: Bonnie Alton, Jeanne Bailey, Charlie Essig, Karen Florez, Linda Lane, Ann Mack, Mary Peterson, Tom Radio, Sigrid VanDemark; **Youth Elders:** Julian Simpson, Zora Vorhes

Trustees: Jane Flad, William Geery, David Phillips

Deacons: Christine Anderson, Katherine Anderson, Nancy Berry, Janice Dickinson, Janet Favorite, Ben Hoganson, David Hutchinson, Leslie Meyer, Annie Stewart, Leatha Wolter; **Youth Deacons:** Harrison Feldbrugge, Henry Hilton

DIDIER SEMINAR with Rev. Paul Raushenbush

We are all responsible to show up.

"It's all about power. People using the power of religion to support nationalist goals," emphasized Rev. Paul Raushenbush, President and CEO of Interfaith Alliance, to an audience of over 250 people live and online during April's Didier Seminar.

Despite what Christian Nationalists loudly assert, Raushenbush said, "The United States—in the first amendment's non-establishment clause—was explicitly founded to not be a country with religious identity. Separation of church and state is the reason we have had thriving religion for 200 years." Retired Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Paul Anderson, added his voice in an impassioned plea on Saturday morning, urging attendees not to be misled by Christian Nationalist ideologies.

"But nothing's assured," Raushenbush warned. "I hope you leave here with a recognition that we all have a responsibility to show up for every person in this city. For Christians, a belief in Jesus inspires them to show up for Muslims and Jews, for atheists, and everyone else. If not, I don't know what Jesus you're following."

"Just as essential," he added, "is meeting with one another, religious and non-religious, finding out what the differing communities are going through. There is a fraying of civic life. We need to be busy weaving it together to create stronger and stronger bonds so they can't destroy it."

— Phil Bolinder



Creative Spirituality

You can't use up creativity. The more you use, the more you have.

—Maya Angelou

Our spirituality is rooted in creativity. Music, theater, stories, and visual arts help us explore new possibilities as we engage the world around us. This summer, we encourage you to encounter the beauty of the earth by engaging in one or more of these activities, as you help your spiritual imagination blossom.

Music

- Listen to a song you enjoy. What song did you listen to? Why do you enjoy it?
- Listen to 2-3 different pieces of music (with and without words). Draw a picture or write a poem about how it makes you feel.
- Attend a musical or concert hosted by HOH (summer carillon, *The Three Hermits* opera, *Madagascar JR.*, etc.).
- Sing the first verse of your favorite hymn from memory. Then learn the second verse.
- Host or play a game of musical chairs outside with family and friends.

Arts

- Go on a walk or hike and take a photo of something you notice. Share it with your family.
- Bring a pencil and paper with you to an art museum. As you explore the museum, find a piece of artwork that interests you. Draw or write about why this piece is interesting.
- Write a letter or use technology to share a personal story or favorite memory with your distant relatives or friends, bringing multiple generations together if possible.
- Share messages of hope and beautiful pictures with your neighbors, using street chalk on the sidewalk or displaying artwork in your window.
- Enjoy a theatrical performance at House of Hope or in local theaters. Look for opportunities to support HOH children and youth participation in theatrical performances.



Service

- Send a card to someone you know and haven't seen in a while.
- Clean-up your neighborhood by properly disposing of trash and recycling. Don't forget to compost.
- Help our neighbors who are experiencing hunger by working in the House of Hope Community Garden. Contact Elizabeth Karre at houseofhopegarden@gmail.com.
- On the first Sunday of the month, donate non-perishable grocery items for neighboring food pantries. Bring donations to the grocery carts.
- Volunteer with Loaves and Fishes on June 19 or August 21. Contact Norma Herther for more information: normaherther@msn.com
- Volunteer with the Summer Faith Builders for Habitat for Humanity June 12-16. See page 5 for details.
- Fold laundry for Project Home families at the Beautiful Laundrette. Contact Laurel Gamm for more information: Irlgmm@gmail.com



Children, Youth and Family Ministry

Children and Family Ministry

Contact Kiera Stegall:

KieraS@hohchurch.org

Summer Nursery and Sunday School

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

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

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See page 1 for details.

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Save the Dates:

Madagascar– A Musical Adventure JR.

Friday, July 7 at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 8 at 10:30 a.m.



Madagascar – A Musical Adventure JR. follows all of our favorite crack-a-lackin' friends as they escape from their home in New York's Central Park Zoo and find

themselves on an unexpected journey to the madcap world of King Julien's Madagascar. This musical adventure is presented by ETC Productions and Apple Valley High School. Bring a blanket or chair, and join us in the Holly Lot. This congregational event is free and open to the public. Invite your friends, family, and neighbors.

Popsicles in the HOH Park

Sunday, July 16 | 11:15 a.m.

Sunday, August 20 | 11:15 a.m.

Youth and Family Ministry

Contact Elsa Kendig:

ElsaK@hohchurch.org

Grand Old Day Parking

Sunday, June 4 | 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

We'll meet at the Portland door for this Youth fundraiser.

Chicago Mission Trip Parent and Caregiver Meeting

Sunday, June 4 | Library

11:10-11:40 a.m.

Youth Group

Sunday, June 4

Assembly Room | 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

MN Aurora Soccer Game vs. The Chicago Dutch Lions

Wednesday, June 7 | TCO Stadium in Eagan | 7 p.m.

Youth and families are invited. Please R.S.V.P. to Elsa by Sunday, June 4 so that we can reserve tickets.

Senior Recognition in Worship

Sunday, June 11

Chicago Mission Trip

June 25 - July 1



Confirmation Sunday: May 7

House of Hope welcomed into membership the following youth: (from left) William Weispfenning, Evan Shipp, Lars Osteraas, Imogen Kaatz, Elizabeth Daigle, Maggie Anderson, and Genevieve Anderson. **Thank you** to our volunteer confirmation leaders, Molly Kaatz, and Lynn Stein.

Faith at Work

Your "Beacon Leadership Team," a part of House of Hope's Peace and Justice Committee, has spent the past few years advocating tirelessly for the following components of the recent housing legislation. We have worked with some 150 congregations in the Beacon Interfaith Collaborative to achieve these accomplishments:

- We established the first phase of "Bring it Home, Minnesota" that will create nearly 5,500 new rent support vouchers using the funds from a new Metro Sales Tax and ongoing appropriations.
- \$200 million to build new affordable housing in the state.
- \$25 million for a new supportive housing program that will fill currently unfunded but necessary elements to supportive housing like front desk and security personnel.

This legislation passed in the state legislature on May 10, 2023. However, we are not finished! You are invited to join us to advocate for more affordable housing options. We meet the first Monday of each month in person and on Zoom. To learn more contact Shana Wagner, Nancy Berry, Lisa Yost, John Zwier, or Judith Foley.

JUNE

Great Decisions: Iran at a Crossroads with Henry Berman

Tuesday, June 13 | Library | 4 p.m.

Recent domestic disturbances highlight that their totalitarian government has lost the support of its citizens. The Supreme Leader is 84 and in bad health. Crippling economic sanctions from the West are driving them more and more into the arms of Russia and China. What does the future have in store for Iran? Henry Berman is a retired businessman, working for 34 years at Ecolab in downtown St. Paul. He has been a popular member of the Great Decisions Speaker's Bureau for the last 5 years, giving presentations throughout the State on such varied topics as Egypt and the Arab Spring, Saudi Arabia, Persian Gulf Tensions, China in Africa, the Kurds and the U.S.- Israel Relations. His main area of interest is the Middle East, where he has personal ties.



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

Noyes Memorial Carillon Centennial



The 2023 Summer Carillon Recital Series will begin as always with a festal flourish on Tuesday, July 4 and continue weekly, this special celebratory summer, for two months on Sundays, July 9 through August 27. The series commemorates the carillon's original dedication in 1923.

Guest artists from Europe and North America will join HOH Music Associate Tim Short and Carillonneur Dave Johnson. Their performances will feature music of virtually infinite description, ranging in time from 17th Century to present, in mood from serious to comic, in concept from whimsy to magnificent; in tone from popular through spiritual to classical, and in form from transcriptions of every description to original works for the instrument.

From its beginning as a modest, unremarkable, two-octave instrument in November 1923 to today's magnificent four-octave, 49-bell instrument, the Noyes Memorial Carillon has inspired legions of listeners and brought untold numbers of carillon devotees old and new into its fold.

All recitals begin at 4 p.m. Details will follow in the July *Anchor*.



Earth Care

How are the children?

We are part of creation connected to one another but also to those who come after us. Ask yourself: *What will their life be like?*

Crazy Horse spoke for them when he urged, "Treat the earth well: it was not given to you by your parents, it was loaned to you by your children."

In a similar way, the Masai people in southwestern Kenya greet each other with, "How are the children?" And respond, "All the children are well."

Friends, as we reflect upon our own role in this changing world, is there a better question for us to ask than, "How are the children?"

— adapted from *The Fierce Urgency of Now (An Earth Day Reflection)*, a sermon by Rev. Dr. Scott Kenefake on April 30.



This year's **Women's Retreat** at Saint John's Abbey Guesthouse in Collegeville included a tour of Saint John's Pottery and afternoon tea with director Richard Bresnahan and staff.

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HOUSE OF HOPE CHOIR SCHOOL



Congratulations to the Choir School on a wonderful spring concert on May 7, closing out their 40th Anniversary Season! For information on singing and choral opportunities, contact Choir School Director Sofia Ardan at SofiaA@hohchurch.org.



DIDIER SEMINAR 2023

Building the Multi-faith Future: Freedom of Religion in a Democracy

Thank you to The Didier Seminar Committee members and our speakers for their outstanding work on this year's seminar, from left: Transitional Pastor Scott Kenefake, Chris McHugh, Retired Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Paul Anderson, Rev. Paul Raushenbush, Ann Lewis, Macalester College Professor Dr. Piercarlo Valdezsolo, Phil Bolinder, Margie Crone, Gus Bjorklund, and Gretchen Sjolholm. Not pictured: Susan Price.



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