

2023 Summer Carillon Recital Series

The 29th Annual Summer Carillon Recital Series opens July 4 with an Independence Day program and continues through August 27. Rain or shine, the programs begin at 4 p.m. and will feature outstanding players, all of whom are members of The Guild of Carillonneurs in North America.

Bring a blanket, folding chairs, a basket of treats, your friends, and enjoy the music of the bells. The 2023 House of Hope Carillon Series is supported by a grant in memory of Sanford "Sandy" Moss.

The 2023 Series celebrates the centennial of the House of Hope Noyes Memorial Carillon. Dedicated on November 4, 1923 in memory of House of Hope trustee Charles Phelps Noyes by carillonneur E. M. Michiels, the 28-bell instrument was cast by the Michiels foundry of Tournai, Belgium. HOH organist Robert Buchanan Morton was not impressed. "It was a great disappointment, for the man played very badly, and the bells were not in tune," he wrote years later in his autobiography. The instrument had many failings, none of which seemed even remotely correctible. Morton soon arranged to have all the bells removed and sent to the Meneely Bell Foundry in Watervliet, New York, for retuning. The result was unsatisfying.

Thus began decades of odyssey. Initially, Morton played the disappointing instrument as best he could. But his heart was with the organ and his choirs, not with the carillon and certainly not with the 106 steps that he needed to climb to get to it. So when a young member of the church, Theophil Rusterholz, approached him in 1941 with the offer to play, Morton happily obliged. Rusterholz remained carillonneur until he retired in 1987.

Under his guidance and steadily-increasing knowledge and understanding of the Noyes Carillon and its place in the carillon world, Rusterholz oversaw expansion of the instrument to 40 bells in 1951 and to 48 bells in 1959, each time removing original Michiels bells and expanding the instrument in both the bass and treble ranges. In 1985, three new bass bells markedly expanded the instrument's breadth and depth. Finally, in 1992, the entire instrument was renovated and a 49th bell, a low C-sharp, was added, making the four-octave instrument fully chromatic.

Guest artists from Europe and North America will join HOH Music Associate Timothy Short and Carillonneur Dave Johnson in celebrating the glorious instrument. Their performances will feature a wide variety of music, 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 to original works. See the back cover for the Summer Carillon Recital Series schedule.



The Three Hermits An opera by Stephen Paulus featuring The Motet Choir and House of Hope Orchestra

Thursday, July 6 | Sanctuary | 7 p.m.

Performed by request of the American Guild of Organists North Central Region Conference

This opera composed by Stephen Paulus features a libretto by Michael Dennis Browne and is based on a short story by Leo Tolstoy. *The Three Hermits* gave birth to one of the most well-known choral works of the late 20th century, "Pilgrims' Hymn," which has been performed thousands of times around the world, including at the funerals of Ronald Reagan and Gerald Ford. Conducted by Matthew Culloton, this oratorio-style performance features many of the instrumentalists who premiered the work 20 years ago as well as guest singers who have been part the House of Hope music program over the years. Andrew Kane sings the role of the Bishop, Robin Helgen performs as Mother, and the Hermits are sung by David Lower, Mark Dietrich, and Nicholas Chalmers. Other featured artists include Beth Althof, Melissa Holm-Johansen, David Mennicke, and Timothy Bruett.

For free tickets, go to <https://bit.ly/HOHTheThreeHermits> and scroll to "Church Opera - The Three Hermits." When checking out, use the coupon code: **HOH2023**

Complimentary tickets are also available in the church office.

Madagascar—A Musical Adventure JR.

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

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

Holly Lot, Portland Avenue

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.



WORSHIP

10 a.m.

Sunday, July 2, 2023
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, July 9, 2023
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Motet Choir:

Hallelujah, Amen!, Handel
Teach me, O Lord, Attwood

Sunday, July 16, 2023
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Motet Choir:

Hear My Prayer, Hogan
Jubilate Deo, Mathias

Sunday, July 23, 2023
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Motet Choir:

Awake My Heart, Marshall
A Gaelic Blessing, Rutter

Sunday, July 30, 2023
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, August 6, 2023
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
with Holy Communion

Sunday, August 13, 2023
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, August 20, 2023
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, August 27, 2023
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



A Note from Scott

The Busy Church Dilemma

A couple of years ago I read a book by Andrew Root, titled: *The Congregation in a Secular Age: Keeping Sacred Time Against the Speed of Modern Life*. He shared this memorable quote:

“Technology’s long-standing promise has been an easier, more leisurely, and even more meaningful life. But it hasn’t worked out that way. The pace of life has accelerated, and the present is compressed—which is a way of saying that the present doesn’t last as long as it used to, and keeping up can be exhausting.”

How does this apply to church? According to Anthony Robinson, “Church leaders today often find themselves caught in the busy church trap. People are attracted to churches they describe as busy, active, or making a difference. Such people express interest in a wide variety of programs or initiatives. But when church leaders respond by rolling out new ministries, they find that people are too busy or too exhausted to get involved.”

In short, more—may not be the answer.

One implication is that a quickened pace erodes meaning. “As a whole, late modernity is moving too fast for questions about the substance of the good life,” Root writes. The quickened pace also tends to exhaust and depress church leaders and congregations, who are regularly encouraged to extend their reach and increase their relevance.

“The substance of the good life,” of course, is what church at its best is all about. But what if we shifted the emphasis of congregational life away from more and more activities and programming to building a deep sense of community and providing the safe space to simply “be?” Or seek to provide a healthy balance of both activity and supportive community?

It’s important to ponder these things because we are currently living through an epidemic of loneliness and isolation.

According to Surgeon General Vivek Murthy: “Our epidemic of loneliness and isolation has been an under appreciated public health crisis that has harmed individual and societal health. Our relationships are a source of healing and well-being hiding in plain sight – one that can help us live healthier, more fulfilled, and more productive lives.”

The church, and religious institutions generally, are uniquely positioned to help address the problems of loneliness and isolation without adding to the burden of too much “busyness” that also afflicts the lives of so many.

What might this look like? Gathering spaces within the church building that make it easy to meet people and relax—spaces that are inviting and encourage people to stay awhile, slow-down, and chat. Table fellowship that brings people together across generations on a regular basis where deep friendships can be fostered and sustained. Events that focus on the whole person (body, mind, and spirit) and serve as sources of renewal and uplift for both individuals and the community at large. Grassroots service that encourages people to use their gifts and talents to meet the needs of neighbors in meaningful, focused ways. (Note that this is all very “Jesus-like” behavior!).

We, of course, already do a lot of these things, but the era of the “program” church has been over for quite some time (many have just not seemed to notice yet!). We are now in the era of building and rebuilding relationships, across real and perceived difference. Nothing could be more important for church and society—and the common good. It might just be the way forward for the church in our day as it seeks to understand its mission in this era of busyness and isolation.

Blessings,

Scott Kenefake
Transitional Pastor

HVAC/Electrical Project Highlights

Prior to Phase 1 of our HVAC/Electrical project, asbestos abatement took place under the sanctuary. Phase 1 began including asbestos abatement in the East Wing of the building.

Work on the first and second floors of the East Wing includes:

- Asbestos removal in the ceilings to allow for installation of new smoke and fire detectors and lighting where needed; and
- Removal and replacement of heating and cooling registers.

A large part of Phase 1 has been demolition in the Great Hall kitchen and in the mechanical areas in the tunnel.

Great Hall Kitchen:

- A wall between the main kitchen and the kitchen annex was removed.
- The kitchen was emptied of all kitchen equipment and cabinets.
- A portion of a deteriorated wall between the kitchen and the hallway leading to the restrooms was removed due to a leaking pipe in the wall.

Mechanical Areas in the Tunnel:

- A lift was added to move equipment and materials to the lower level.
- The floor drains were replaced in the mechanical room because the drains were found to be collapsed or plugged. The air handling units for the East Wing have been removed in the space that is below the Elizabeth Chapel.
- The exhaust fan for the kitchen was removed.
- Work has begun in the new boiler room for the new boilers with removal of the old heat exchanger and new pipes for the boilers. Located below the Porte Cochere and sacristy, a better, central location for the building.

Xcel Energy has begun prep work to replace the electrical supply to the church that is required because the current electrical supply is not sufficient for the new HVAC and updated electrical panels.



Great Hall kitchen before wall was removed to the kitchen annex.



Great Hall kitchen after wall, equipment, and cabinets removed.



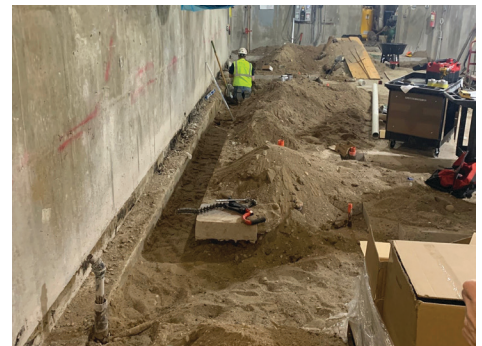
Shelley cleans the old boilers for the last time. They will be used again next winter.



One of two new boilers.



Collapsed and plugged pipes in floor drain.



Replacement of floor drains in tunnel.



Tunnel after air handlers removed and floor drains replaced.



Pipe installation for new boilers. The new boilers will be placed on a concrete slab to be poured where the workers are.



Children, Youth and Family Ministry

Children and Family Ministry

Contact Kiera Stegall:

KieraS@hohchurch.org

Summer Nursery and Sunday School Through 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 one for more information.

Popsicles in the HOH Park

11 - 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, July 16

Sunday, August 20

Join us in the HOH Park for popsicles after Sunday school. Come for church, and stay for popsicles! Neighbors and friends are welcome!



Children & Family Ministry Staff Update

Welcome back Merete Nelson and Ray Dean! These college students returned to assist in the nursery and Sunday school program for the summer. Congratulations to Quinn Nelson, who graduated and will be leaving for college in the fall! We are excited to welcome Ava Mayer, as she joins the staff this fall, alongside Lelia Ellison and Ellie VanderHaar.

Youth and Family Ministry

Contact Elsa Kendig:

ElsaK@hohchurch.org

Movie in the Park:

School of Rock at Painter Park
Monday, July 10 | 9 - 11 p.m.

Bike Parking Installation

Sunday, July 23 | 11:30 a.m.

We estimate it may take 1-2 hours to install the three racks on Portland Avenue. Watch for more details!

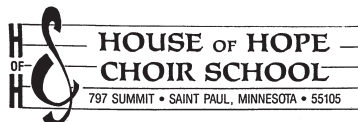
Youth at the State Fair

Sunday, August 27 | 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

We'll gather at church and take a bus to the State Fair for food and fun. Bring money for your ticket, and the things you want to do at the fair.

June Chicago Mission Trip

The idea of what it means to do mission has been changing for decades. Mission was originally all about converting the rest of the world to Christianity, but then the emphasis became focused on the idea that mission work should be **serving** those in need. We look forward to sharing about our experiences and how they will continue to be transformative in our lives and perspectives here. Read more at: www.hohchurch.org/programs/youth-ministries



Sing with us!

The HOH Choir School has multiple opportunities for singers this upcoming season! Our outstanding choir ensembles meet on Wednesdays and Sundays, and starting in September we will offer individual/small group voice classes! **Watch for adult voice classes later in the fall!**

Sign up today! Register for choir:

<https://bit.ly/ChoirSchoolRegistration>

Register for voice lessons by contacting Choir School Director Sofia Ardalan at SofiaA@hohchurch.org

School Tools: School Supply Donation Drive



This year, House of Hope is participating in Interfaith Action's school supply drive. With your help, many area children will step into their classrooms ready for a great start to the school year. This drive is an easy way to join together with area faith communities and organizations to help children in our community who are affected by poverty.

Interfaith Action's 27th Annual School Tools Drive will support children through these local programs:

- American Indian Magnet School
- College Prep Elementary School
- Department of Indian Work
- Emma's Place, Emma Norton Services
- Hallie Q. Brown Community Center
- HouseCalls, Ramsey County Housing
- Project Home Family Shelter
- Project REACH, St. Paul Public Schools
- CornerHouse, Children's Advocacy Center

Supplies Needed:

- Backpacks
- 3-ring binders, loose-leaf paper and folders
- Calculators
- Spiral or composition notebooks
- Pencils, pens, markers, colored pencils, crayons, erasers, highlighters, pencil sharpeners
- Glue sticks and bottles
- Scissors and rulers
- Facial tissue
- Hand sanitizer
- Reusable masks



How to Participate:

Place your donations in the Assembly Room bin by Sunday, August 13.

JULY/AUGUST

**Summer Carillon Concert Series
Opening Concert**
Tuesday, July 4 | 4 p.m.

*Madagascar, A Musical Adventure
JR.*

July 7 and 8 | Holly Lot | See Page 1

**Great Decisions: Economic Warfare
with Todd Lefko**

Tuesday, July 11 | Library | 4 p.m.

Economic warfare refers to the ways in which nations seek to dominate others by means other than military conflict. The presentation will address the history and role of economic warfare, including sanctions, immigration policy, blockades, shipping limitations, and attempts to limit the availability of food and other resources. While economic warfare is an alternative to direct killing, each action does have secondary implications, and some limits prove to be limited in their impact. Todd Jeffery Lefko is President of the International Business Development Company, an import-export firm. He has worked in Russia for 35 years. He is Chairperson of East-West Connections, an international non-profit focused upon citizen diplomacy. Todd studied Public Policy as a Bush Fellow at Harvard University, and Urban Planning at the University of Manchester, England.

National Night Out

Tuesday, August 1

National Night Out is HOH's largest neighborhood and community outreach project reaching over 300 people, more than a dozen participating organizations including Mission Outreach partners, and over three dozen sponsors and donors. The event is a great opportunity to build relationships with our neighbors and members of the congregation. If you are willing to help recruit sponsors or volunteer at the event, contact Mary Cardinal Peterson: PeteCardFive@outlook.com



**Great Decisions: Climate Migration
with Ellen Kennedy**

Tuesday, August 8 | Library | 4 p.m.

In 2015, the Department of Defense issued a warning: "Climate change is an urgent and growing threat to our national security, contributing to increased natural disasters, refugee flows, and conflicts over basic resources such as food and water. These impacts are already occurring, and the scope, scale, and intensity are projected to increase over time." This presentation examines the climate crisis and corresponding refugee outflows in Syria and Sudan, as well as efforts to extend legal protections to climate migrants victimized by the environmental crime known as ecocide.

Ellen J. Kennedy, Ph.D., is the founder and Executive Director of World Without Genocide, a human rights organization in Special Consultative Status to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations and located at Mitchell Hamline School of Law in St. Paul, where she is an adjunct professor.

New Member Class

Sunday, August 13

Library | 11:15 a.m.

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

**New Church Officer Orientation
and Lunch**

Sunday, August 13

Sanctuary | 11:15 a.m.

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, August 20

Summit Lawn | 3 p.m.



Bring your furry friends to House of Hope for a blessing and stay for the carillon recital at 4 p.m.

Loaves and Fishes

August 21 | St. Matthew's Church

2:45 - 6:15 p.m. Contact Norma Herther: normaherther@msn.com

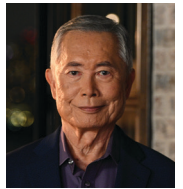
Upcoming Events:

Rally Sunday, September 10

Sunday Series with George Takei

Sunday, September 17 | 2 p.m.

George Takei is a social justice activist, Grammy-nominated recording artist, New York Times bestselling author, and pioneering actor. He has appeared in more than 40 feature films and hundreds of television roles, most famously as Hikaru Sulu in Star Trek. With an uncanny eloquence and signature wit, Takei shares the story of his family's forced internment as Japanese Americans during WWII—a seemingly forgotten part of American history. He also takes audiences through his rise to celebrity as a sci-fi icon, his remarkable journey as social media mega-power, and his passionate fight for LGBTQ+ rights and marriage equality in America empowering others to beat the odds and make a difference.



Earth Care

Shop at a Farmers Market

Be sure to take advantage of all the bounty available at one of the many Farmers Market locations in our region throughout the summer months. Vegetables and fruits at the peak of the growing season means produce that's freshest—usually picked earlier that day—and tastes best. Because the food is grown locally, not thousands of miles away or in another country, the money you spend supports local farmers and the local economy. You'll also be able to meet and talk to the farmers who grow the food and love to share their expertise, tips, and recipes.

For locations in Saint Paul visit: www.stpaulfarmersmarket.com
For Minneapolis locations visit: www.mplsfarmersmarket.com.
And, remember to bring your reusable shopping bag.

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Summer Carillon Recital Series Schedule

All recitals begin at 4 p.m.

Tuesday, July 4: Timothy Short became a carillon student of Dave Johnson in 2016. As HOH Music Associate, he accompanies the Choir School, directs the Bells of Hope, and provides other musical support.

Sunday, July 9: Povl Balslev is organ instructor at the Løgumkloster church music school and is City Carillonneur, Svendborg, Denmark. He studied organ in Amsterdam, received his Diploma from the Royal Academy of Music, and received the Carillonneur Diploma from the Nordic School of Carillon.

Sunday, July 16: Keiran Cantilina began studying carillon with Dave Johnson during graduate studies at the University of Minnesota. He then studied carillon in Belgium with Koen Van Assche and graduated from the Royal Carillon School. He is assistant carillonist at the Church of the Covenant in Cleveland, Ohio.

Sunday, July 23: John Widmann is City Carillonneur for the City of Frederick, Maryland, where he plays regular recitals on the Joseph Dill Baker Carillon in Baker Park. He studied carillon in Belgium with Koen Van Assche and graduated from the Royal Carillon School in Mechelen.

Sunday, July 30: Wesley Arai serves as University Carillonist at the University of California, Santa Barbara, where he performs regularly on the 61-bell Storke Tower carillon. Wesley has performed extensively across the United States and abroad. He gave the dedicatory recital for the carillon at the University of Washington.

Sunday, August 6: Ellen Dickinson holds the Master of Music degree in organ from the Yale School of Music and Institute of Sacred Music. She is College Carillonneur at Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut and Director of Music at Norfield Congregational Church in Weston, Connecticut.

Sunday, August 13: Jim Fackenthal is Carillonneur at St. Chrysostom's Episcopal Church in Chicago. He studied the carillon with David Caldwell at the University of Rochester and has since taught many students at the University of Chicago. He has been a member of the Guild of Carillonners since 1985.

Sunday, August 20: Lyle Anderson is Carillonneur Emeritus of the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Besides carillon study with John Wright Harvey, he is a 1980 graduate of the Netherlands Carillon School in Amersfoort.

Sunday, August 27: Dave Johnson, was appointed HOH carillonist in 1993 and has performed recitals across the country. He was an elected to the board of directors of The Guild of Carillonners in North America from 1999-2005, and again in 2010. He served on various committees, and recording secretary for ten years. In 2010, he was elected its president.



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