

Rally Sunday September 10



It's **Rally Sunday**, and it's time to gather together for the start of a new program year! Please join us for our celebration worship as our choirs return and for an all-church picnic with burgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers, and all the trimmings. All members, friends, and neighbors welcome!



Houses of Worship Tour Sunday, September 10

Sponsored by Minnesota Multifaith Network

Enjoy this opportunity to meet and learn about our neighboring houses of worship. No registration required. You can drive or walk between locations.

Schedule:

12:45 p.m. | **Mount Zion Temple**, 1300 Summit Avenue
They have also offered Shofar on the Roof, a 15-minute outdoor introduction to High Holy Days at 12:15 p.m.

1:30 p.m. | **House Of Hope Presbyterian Church**

2:15 p.m. | **St. Paul's United Church Of Christ and Holy Presence Catholic Community**, 900 Summit Avenue

3 p.m. | **St. Thomas More Catholic Community**, 1079 Summit Avenue

3:30 p.m. | **St. George Greek Orthodox Church**, 1111 Summit Avenue



The Saint Paul Farmers' Market Returns!

The market returns to House of Hope for September and October in the Holly Lot on Fridays from 1:15 - 5 p.m.



SUNDAY SERIES

George Takei

Sunday, September 17 | 2 p.m.



Where No Story Has Gone Before

This event is free and open to the public.
Seating is limited. Registration is required: <https://bit.ly/HOGeorgeTakei>

George Takei is known around the world for his role in the acclaimed original TV series *Star Trek*, in which he played Hikaru Sulu, helmsman of the starship *Enterprise*. But, Takei's story includes an acting career that spans six decades. From a childhood spent with his family wrongfully imprisoned in Japanese American internment camps during World War II to becoming one of the country's leading figures in the fight for social justice, LGBTQ+ rights, and marriage equality, Takei remains a powerful voice on issues ranging from politics to pop culture.

His rich baritone voice has provided narration for the PBS series *The National Parks: America's Best Idea*, the Peabody Award-winning radio documentary *Crossing East*, and *Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home*, which garnered Takei a Grammy Award nomination for Best Spoken Word Album. In 2015, Takei made his Broadway debut in the musical *Allegiance*, which was inspired by his true-life experiences during World War II. In 2017, he starred in a revival of Stephen Sondheim's *Pacific Overtures* in New York City.

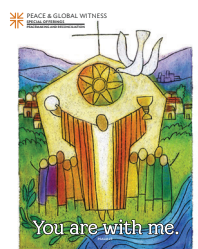
Takei is the author of four books, including an autobiography *To the Stars*. His most recent book, the *New York Times* best-selling graphic memoir *They Called Us Enemy*, was released in July 2019.

Funding for House of Hope's Sunday Series comes from the Carl A. Weyerhaeuser Ministry for the House of Hope endowment fund.

Peace & Global Witness Offering World Communion Sunday | October 1

The Peace & Global Witness Offering unites our church with Presbyterians everywhere reaching out to people across the globe who long for peace and reconciliation. As we work to share Christ's peace with those beyond our doors, please give to the Peace & Global Witness Offering. Ways to give:

- Special envelopes in the pew racks
- Mail your gift with the memo: Peace
- Online: <https://bit.ly/HOHGiving> > Fund: Other Gift > Memo: Peace
- Text: HOH PEACE to 73256



WORSHIP

10 a.m.

Anthems by the Motet Choir

Sunday, September 3, 2023
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, September 10, 2023
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, September 17, 2023
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, September 24, 2023
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor Nominating Committee Update

For the past few months, our committee members have been familiarizing ourselves with one another as well as the resources at our disposal. At this point, we have made a few vital decisions regarding our search, and we continue to speak with both the Personnel Committee and House of Hope staff members to gain insight as to traits of our next Pastor that would be the best fit. We appreciate your ongoing prayers as we search for our next pastor.

Your Pastor Nominating Committee:

Co-Chairs: Christa Feldbrugge and Erik Vorhes; Phil Bolinder, Deborah James, Kristina MacKenzie, Mark Prpich, and Christina Wood.

House of Hope is Hiring!

House of Hope Presbyterian Church is seeking a **Director of Children and Family Ministry**. HOH is committed to equipping our children, and families with the skills needed to navigate their faith and culture through service, spiritual formation, music, arts, and fellowship. Please share details found on our website: hohchurch.org > About Us > Careers



A Note from Scott

The Power of Relationships

"Back in the day" when church going culture was stronger in the United States than it is now, it was common to describe congregations as "program" churches or "pastor-centered" churches. Program churches, generally, were larger churches with lots of staff that ran lots of programs for various age groups within the congregation. This model worked well for many larger churches well into the 1990's and early 2000's [it still works in parts of the Bible Belt] but has become more difficult to sustain as congregations have aged and fewer young people are "showing up."

Conversely, pastor-centered churches were those small to mid-sized congregations who couldn't afford program staff and were dependent on the initiative of the pastor and volunteers to sustain worship, educational, and fellowship programs. These churches have become even more pastor-centered in recent decades as volunteers have become harder to find and congregations have aged.

We are now, however, in a new era of church life that I like to call the "relationship building era." As churches have moved from the center of American life (in the post-World War II era) to the periphery (in the last generation or two) we have the new task of introducing ourselves [or re-introducing ourselves again for the first time—to use the language of the late, Marcus Borg] to people who know little or nothing about who we are or what we do.

So, our challenge is not (in most cases) overcoming hostility from people, but indifference. We are not even on the radar screens of large segments of contemporary American society.

How can we address this? By getting to know our neighbors better.

Case in point: we have been hosting National Night Out on the first Tuesday in August for a number of years now. This year, about 400 people from the

neighborhoods around the church attended the event and the striking thing about the participants was how young they were—lots of families with children. Although most of these people live in the neighborhoods on the Portland side of our campus, the demographics in the neighborhoods south of Summit are the same.

Events like these do a lot to create a greater sense of community and trust among people who live in the neighborhoods around the church, and they also nurture a positive relationship between the congregation and our neighbors. And that's a good thing. They break down barriers and communicate that we are a vital part of the community and contribute to its welfare.

Programs, of course, continue to be an important part of church life in congregations like House of Hope, but increasingly we need to be asking ourselves, *What do our neighbors need? What's important to them? How can we be in relationship/partnership with them?*

All of the visioning work we have done together over the past year, as well as the development of the Master Site Plan has been done with these questions in mind. Stay tuned: this fall we'll be rolling out some new ministry ideas that will help us to strengthen community/relationship ties within the congregation and enable us to better connect with the people around us. It's a holistic approach that includes everything from how the building and grounds are used, to adding new (and revising existing) programming, to developing new ways to connect with neighbors near and far.

It's an exciting time to be a part of HOH, and we are grateful for the many people within (and outside!) the congregation who have been working hard on all of this.

Blessings,

Scott Kenefake, Transitional Pastor



House of Hope Becomes an Anchor House of Worship

At its June meeting, the Session voted for HOH to become an Anchor House of Worship with Interfaith Action of Greater St. Paul. Anchor congregations are committed to weaving Interfaith Action's programming into their spiritual practices to deepen their engagement in effective social justice work. A core team from HOH will coordinate with Interfaith Action's staff to support their work in various programs and share Interfaith Action volunteer opportunities. Watch for ways to become involved!



Thank you for Supporting Interfaith Action's School Tools School Supply Drive!

HOH congregants responded overwhelmingly to Interfaith Action's School Tools School Supply Drive this summer to support St. Paul children and youth in the following programs:



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

Pictured above: Elise Jamison delivers a car filled with school supplies!

Wednesday Bible Study Resumes September 13 Library | 9:30 a.m.

We are a group of people ready to open and hear anew the Sunday Scripture passages, commenting and asking questions together. It requires only a Bible — and beginners are welcome! God has given you unique spiritual gifts. You have resources that you perhaps only can share, you have individual experiences that God can use to strengthen others, and you have passions that excite and motivate you. As we study the biblical passages together, we learn of one another's spiritual gifts, resources, experiences, and passions. Please join us! Contact for more information: Dix Brachlow at brachlow@gmail.com

Thank you, Kiera!

Kiera Stegall served as the Director of Children and Family Ministry at House of Hope for the past six years. She accepted a position for mission and justice at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Minneapolis. We are thankful for her years of service and the gifts she brought to her work with our children and families. She will continue sharing her creativity with the Twin Cities through art and theatre, and we wish her the best.



Kiera Stegall with Children and Family Ministry staff on her last Sunday. From left: Ray Dean, Merete Nelson, Quinn Nelson, Kiera Stegall, Lelia Ellison. Not pictured: Ellie VanderHaar.

HVAC/Electrical Project Highlights

A new power pole was installed to accommodate increased electrical needs.



Installation of electrical conduit into the old boiler room for the new electrical service that will run throughout the building.

New electrical panels have been installed in the new boiler room, located in the tunnel.



Top: After old HVAC equipment was removed and new floor drains were installed in the tunnel under the Chapel. Bottom: New air handlers and ductwork were installed there.





Children, Youth and Family Ministry

Children and Family Ministry

Contact: Children@hohchurch.org

New Children and Family Ministry Policy:

A parent or guardian is required to sign in children for nursery or Sunday school before worship or after the children's blessing. Parents and guardians must sign out children from nursery or Sunday school after worship. Bring a photo ID with you.

Early Childhood Ministry Nursery – Preschool | Assembly Room | 9:45 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Beginning September 10, our nursery and preschool-age children are invited to join Lelia Ellison and Ava Mayer for our Early Childhood Ministry, where children will engage with stories, listen to music, and play with age-appropriate toys.

Elementary Sunday School Assembly Room | 10:10 a.m.

Beginning September 10, elementary-age children are invited to join us for a multi-age Bible storytelling experience, prayer, and group games. Children will also enjoy art-making, age-appropriate activities, and games, as they build community through play.

Creative Expressions Grades 2 – 5 | Assembly Room 11:15 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Beginning September 17, children are invited to participate in an arts-based program after worship and Sunday school. This fall we will work on set-design and theatre skills, preparing for the children's Christmas pageant. In the spring we will focus on visual arts, preparing for the Children and Youth Art Show. Watch for more information about Alleluia Choir for PreK – Grade 1.

Third Grade Bible Class October 8 and 15 | Library 11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Third graders are invited to join us for a two-part Bible class. We will learn about the types of literature in the Bible, explore oral and written traditions, and practice navigation skills.

Youth and Family Ministry

Contact Elsa Kendig:

ElsaK@hohchurch.org

Rally Sunday Pre-Worship Gathering | Sunday, September 10 Skylight Room | 9:45 a.m.

We'll start off the program year with conversation, bagels, and drinks.

Youth/Confirmation Fall Retreat YMCA Camp St. Croix | Hudson, WI Friday, September 22 | 6 p.m. — Sunday, September 24 | 11 a.m.

Watch for registration information in the weekly emails.

Confirmation Kick-Off Wednesday, September 20 Library | 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Watch for an email with details.



Sing with us!

The HOH Choir School offers a well-rounded music education to all children ages Pre-K – Grade 12. Since 1982, The Choir School has inspired young singers to learn, grow, and have fun! Our outstanding choir ensembles meet on Wednesdays and Sundays, and starting in September we will offer individual/small group voice classes! Fall semester begins September 6! **Register at:** <https://bit.ly/ChoirSchoolRegistration>
Contact: Choir School Director Sofia Ardalan at SofiaA@hohchurch.org

National Night Out



National Night Out 2023 was a tremendous success! We were thankful for cloud cover, light breezes, cooler temperatures, and no rain — a perfect evening. Consensus was this was our largest turnout with an estimated 400 people attend. Happy faces and great conversations abounded. The new Saint Paul Police Chief, Axel Henry, Representative Kaohly Her, Ramsey County Attorney John Choi, Ramsey County Commissioner Rena Moran, several Saint Paul Police officers, and the Fire Station 5 firefighters and paramedics were among our guests. Sherwood and crew continued their annual grilled hot dogs and serving pizza and other food to grateful guests. *The Dissenters* provided the entertainment that complimented Nick Erickson's photo booth and arcade games, the annual Sweet Treats Walk, door prizes, children's activity table, and inflatable obstacle course.

Thank you to the many volunteers, HOH staff, financial donors, and those who offered prayers for making the 16th annual NNO a great event for the community! It takes many hearts and hands to make this work which is greatly appreciated. We received many expressions of gratitude from attendees, some attending for the first time and many others stating NNO is a favorite summer event for them.

— Mary Cardinal Peterson

Thank you to Mary Cardinal Peterson for her coordination of House of Hope's National Night Out!



SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Rally Sunday

September 10 | Summit Lawn
See page 1.

Enrichment with Sara Joy Proppe:
To Seek the Welfare of the City: A
Call to Faithful Building
Sunday, September 17
Sanctuary | 11:15 a.m.

Why does our current place matter in light of God's kingdom? What does it mean to be faithful builders of "place" in our city? How can we use our place to exemplify the truth, beauty, and goodness of Jesus to our neighbors and our city? We will consider how our faithful engagement with the built environment of our place is a fundamental component of the biblical directive to seek the welfare of the city. Additionally, it will explore important elements of designing for human dignity and highlight creative ways to endeavor "placemaking" as a church in order to promote the flourishing of the local neighborhood.

Sara Joy Proppe is the founder and director of Proximity Project, a business centered on equipping churches to be strategic stewards of their properties for the common good through avenues of placemaking and real estate development.

Enrichment with Elsa Kendig:
How is helping children and youth
develop their faith a spiritual
supercharger for all of us?

Sunday, September 24
Sanctuary | 11:15 a.m.

Elsa Kendig, our Director of Youth and Family Ministries, will share the latest research around developing the spiritual lives of children and youth and how each of us, playing a part in that process, can actually help grow *our own* faith and spiritual practice in ways that create greater meaning and connection. Working backwards from the ways faith functions for adults, we will also

consider how that might inform the ways we want to encourage the spiritual development of youth so that they may enjoy a vital spirituality throughout their lives.

OTHER EVENTS

Great Decisions: *Energy*
***Geopolitics* with Andrew Latham**
Tuesday, September 12
Library | 4 p.m.

Energy Geopolitics: Access to oil and gas has long shaped the politics of individual nations and their relations with others. But as more countries move toward sustainable energy, and supply chain shortages affect the availability of oil and gas, how will this change the way the United States interacts with the outside world?

Dr. Andrew Latham is a professor of International Relations and Political Theory at Macalester College in Saint Paul. He regularly teaches courses on regional conflict, grand strategy, great power competition, and Chinese foreign policy. He is currently working on a book entitled *China's Grand Strategy: A History, 1950-2050*.

National Alliance for Mental Illness
Walk and Roll

Saturday, September 23
Minnehaha Park | 1 - 4 p.m.

Join the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area's Disability Concerns Ministry's team walking to bring awareness and support for those with mental illness. You can help get the message out: those with mental health issues are not alone. Mental health is a serious issue, and as a church congregation we can help support those who live with struggles, alienation, and challenges in finding help. Join the walk or provide financial support to the Presbytery's team as they support NAMI. Learn more: https://bit.ly/PTCA_Walk4NAMI
Questions? See Rev. Dix Brachlow at brachlow@gmail.com



Sunday-Weekday Connections with Elsa Kendig

Tuesday, September 26
Assembly Room | 6 p.m.

What does it mean to inherit and re-imagine a legacy of faith?

Born in an era when the US church was already in decline, the challenge for Elsa, like many in her generation, has been to hold on to what is good while also reassessing and re-imagining what it means to be a person of faith in a more secular age.

Raised influenced by the Mexican Presbyterian faith of her mother's family and the Greek Orthodox and agnostic values of her father, Elsa's journey highlights the hybrid ways in which people are engaging with faith and spirituality in the 21st century.

Elsa attended St. Olaf College, majoring in history and social studies education. Her career has been divided between working with youth in the church and working in the field of public history.



Earth Care

EV Expo 2023

Saturday, September 23
11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Oak Grove Presbyterian Church
2200 W. Old Shakopee Road
Bloomington, MN 55431

Plan to attend this popular annual event hosted by our fellow Earth Care Congregation. Here is your opportunity to test drive the latest electric vehicle models and E-bikes, to talk with EV owners about their experiences, and learn about EV charging networks for long distance travel. Find out why to buy an EV and which one best fits your needs. Learn about federal and state tax credits and rebates. Check out E-mowers, E-Snow Blowers, E-Yard Tools, an E-School Bus, and KidWind for the kids. The event is free and open to the public. To learn more, visit www.oakgrv.org or call 952-888-4621.



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SUMMER AT HOUSE OF HOPE

National Night Out



Madagascar JR. – A Musical Adventure



Neighborhood Puppet Show



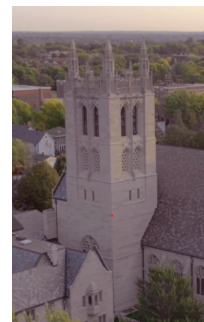
Community Garden



Blessing of the Animals



Centennial Carillon Recital Series



The Three Hermits opera by Stephen Paulus

