

October Music Events



Noyes Memorial Carillon Centennial **Sunday, October 8** **Summit Lawn**

Immediately following the service, join us outside for an extended postlude featuring HOH Carillonneur Dave Johnson

and Music Associate Tim Short to mark the 100th anniversary of the carillon. The recital will highlight music by composers from the House of Hope: Aaron David Miller, Stephen Paulus, and Theophil Rusterholz.

The Singers - MCA Concert at House of Hope: The Singers' Choice Concert **Sunday, October 15 | Sanctuary | 3 p.m.**

The Singers launch their 20th season asking the choir members to select their favorite works. They have pored over 20 years of concerts and have chosen moments from Rachmaninoff's *All-Night Vigil* (Vespers), Joby Talbot's *Path of Miracles*, and American folk settings composed for The Singers by Abbie Betinis, Jocelyn Hagen, and Matthew Culloton. Tickets available: <https://bit.ly/TheSingersOct15>

Chamber Music Concert: Compositions from Wolf-Ferrari and Sekles **Sunday, October 22 | Sanctuary | 2 p.m.**

House of Hope will present a concert of compositions by Ermanno Wolf-Ferrari and Bernhard Sekles in a rare opportunity to hear romantic compositions from these early 20th century master composers. The concert will be led by Donald Lovejoy who recently retired as director of the Winona Symphony Orchestra and director of bands at Winona State University. Also featured will be an ensemble of ten wind and string players and Aaron David Miller. The concert is free and open to the public.

Sunday Series: Community Sing with The Singers: *Considering Matthew Shepard* **Sunday, October 29 | 2 p.m.**



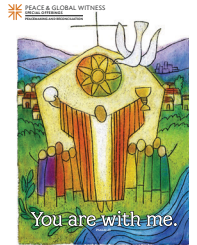
The Singers – MCA mark the somber 25th anniversary of Matthew Shepard's murder by sharing an afternoon of singing excerpts from this landmark work. We sing to remember

all those who have lost their lives, faced threats or harassment, and those who need our lifting up in the LGBTQ+ community and its allies.

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 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 to 73256 > Fund: Other Gift > Memo: Peace



Dave Johnson to Retire



Thirty years of harnessing 49 bells has been quite a ride! It began in September 1993 when I asked to consider being carillonneur by surprise. I'd just left an organ position returning to House of Hope after many years' absence, and had joined the Motet Choir. Carillonneur Dennis Reppen had just

resigned, and suddenly having never played a carillon, I was blazing away in a new, unforeseen realm.

The carillon, initially a two-octave 1923 instrument of dreadful Belgian bells, had been coaxed and shepherded across the years by Theophil Rusterholz, who became carillonneur in 1941 serving quietly but firmly for 46 years as the instrument's advocate. Out went the dreadful bells, in came lovely new ones, eventually two more octaves' worth, a lovely playing cabin, and a wonderful full-fledged practice instrument in a tower room of its own.

It's Rusterholz's great achievement.

The House of Hope carillon is glorious. It's a joy to play—including the visiting artists who for almost thirty years have presented summer guest recitals. It reached a high point this summer, when for two months artists presented a special Carillon Centennial Recital Series. Music of every desire and description abounds, from Baroque to present, including commissioned works, two of them premiered this summer.

The church family and the entire Summit neighborhood family adore the carillon. Thirty years on, I continually reflect on the beauty of the bells; on the carillon friends from across the world whom I've met and adore; on the loving and endearing congregational support with its understanding and appreciation of the nature and richness of our Noyes Memorial Carillon; and on the constant neighborhood cues of warmth and delight that make themselves known. What a wonder! Onward!

— Dave Johnson

WORSHIP

10 a.m.

Sunday, October 1, 2023

Holy Communion

Motet Choir:

Sing Unto God, Handel

The Heavens are Telling, Haydn

Choir School:

We Come to Praise Him, DeVinney

Sunday, October 8, 2023

Motet Choir:

Drei Geistliche Lieder (Three Sacred Songs),

Mendelssohn

Bells of Hope:

Prelude for Bells, Carl Wiltse

Bells Jubilee, Prins

Sunday, October 15, 2023

Choir School and

Macalester-Plymouth United Church

Youth Choir

All Things Bright and Beautiful, Rutter

O, Colored Earth, Heitzeg

Sunday, October 22, 2023

Motet Choir:

For Everything There is a Season, Paulus

Haste Thee, O God, Batten

Sunday, October 29, 2023

Motet Choir:

Let Peace then Still the Strife, Wilberg

Cantate Domino, Hassler

Choir School:

O Rest in the Lord, Mendelssohn



A Note from Scott

Becoming the “Belonging Place” in Saint Paul

One of the things I have learned over the years is that congregations, like people, are unique: location, place, and history combine to create churches that develop strengths and interests that are particular to how they carry out their mission and how they serve their communities.

For example, I have served congregations whose forte was hospitality—they were really good at welcoming people and caring for them over time. I have also served churches whose strength was worship—they were creative (even experimental!) in using worship experiences to help people connect with God. Still others were mission focused—they worked strategically with others in their communities to address the pressing issues that people were dealing with.

House of Hope, of course, has particular strengths in music, the arts, worship, and education, among others.

But I have noticed that many of these same congregations, despite the great work they do in their communities, have been slow to understand that people today connect with congregations differently than they used to.

You see, the traditional model of church membership insisted that someone new to a community or tradition must first believe, or intellectually assent to, the stated creed or theology. Then, they must behave in a way to be worthy of membership. Perhaps they attend a membership class or give an appropriate testimony. It is only then that they are allowed to belong fully to the community. Thousands of congregations in North America still use some version of this “belief” model. The problem, however, is that it doesn’t work very well—and hasn’t for several decades.

Is there a better approach? Yes. It’s what I call the “belonging” model. It recognizes that people have to feel that they belong to a community before they are willing to adopt the beliefs and behaviors of a religious community.

Diana Butler Bass says “we must reverse the order in which the questions are asked. Instead of believing, behaving, and

belonging, we need to reverse the order to belonging, behaving, and believing. ... The shift is from an external and individual sense of belonging toward an internalized and relational identity. The shift is also far more biblical than the older model. After all, Jesus said, ‘Follow me,’ not ‘join a church.’ And, as in the New Testament, following comes first. Friendship comes first. Leaving your old self at the side of the lake and discovering who you really are in a community of love, learning, and service is the vision of the gospels. ‘Behaving’ and ‘believing’ come as you find yourself on the journey.”

I agree. It also speaks to the spiritual yearnings of our times.

Cameron Trimble suggests that when welcoming newcomers, a congregation that values belonging might invite people into relationships first and foremost. Coffee dates before newcomer classes, dinner invitations before pledge pitches, carpooling before committees, etc. Jesus was great at this – meals are a great equalizer (even if you don’t follow his example of inviting yourself to dinner at their house!). Knowing and being known becomes paramount before any other aspect of “joining.”

She continued: “And rather than stop there, after they officially join the community, you can treat that as the launch date for intentional seasons of practicing life together, never neglecting the relationship that is foundational to it all. Share your struggles with them and welcome their authenticity, listen when they share their own struggles and help wherever you can, and invite them into relationships with others in the community. Share your stories of faith with them and what they mean to you so they might understand what you believe, still respecting their own spiritual paths however they unfold.”

Ask yourself: Can you picture HOH living into a belonging-first way of being church? What would have to change for us to do so?

I would love to talk to you about this.

Blessings,
Scott Kenefake, Transitional Pastor



Pastor Nominating Committee

The Pastor Nominating Committee continues to meet regularly. This month we will interview church staff, review church documents; and have begun the process of completing the Ministry Discernment Profile, a document that is used to help match House of Hope to potential candidates.

We appreciate your ongoing support 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 is seeking a **Transitional Associate Pastor for Faith Formation and Lifelong Learning** and a **Director of Children and Family Ministry**.

HOH is committed to equipping our congregation with the skills needed to navigate their faith and culture through service, spiritual formation, music, arts, and fellowship. Please share the details found on our website:
hohchurch.org > About Us > Careers



INTERFAITH ACTION
OF GREATER SAINT PAUL

Volunteer with Interfaith Action

Interfaith Action brings together motivated volunteers from diverse faith and spiritual communities to relieve the effects of poverty and address its root causes. They welcome individuals and families who want to work alongside our neighbors to build stability and economic mobility! To sign up, go to:
www.tfaforms.com/4934671



Choir School Holiday Wreath and Plant Sale:

Order online through 10 p.m. Monday, October 23

Wreaths, holiday arrangements, gift cards, and poinsettias from Gertens! Proceeds support The HOH Choir School. Pick up your order on Wednesday, November 29 from 3:30 - 6 p.m. at the Porte Cochere entrance.

To order:

<https://bit.ly/ChoirSchoolFundraiser>
Store ID: 95



Come Sing with The House of Hope Choir School!

New choristers grades 2-12 are welcome anytime throughout the season. Choirs meet Wednesday afternoons 4:30-6 p.m. Contact Choir School Director Sofia Ardan with questions at SofiaA@hohchurch.org. Registration can be found at:
<https://bit.ly/ChoirSchoolRegistration>

HVAC/Electrical Project: Environmental Update



From the beginning, one of the goals for the HVAC/Electrical project has been to maximize energy efficiency and minimize the impact

of waste from the construction process.

You may have noticed or heard mention of the larger capacity electrical and natural gas services that are being installed to support our increased needs. The reality is that the increased service capacity is needed to meet current code requirements while our actual energy usage will go down substantially. Xcel Energy conducted an audit during the early design of the HVAC project and projected up to a 50% energy cost savings if new boilers were installed and other energy upgrades were incorporated. The HVAC project includes most of their recommendations. We will start seeing a portion of the savings in

2024, after Phase 1 completion and full savings in 2025, at the end of Phase 2. When construction is completed, we will also be able to apply for about \$100,000 in energy rebates and incentives.

Feasibility of installing a photovoltaic system to supplement our electricity needs has also been a priority. A design and cost has been determined. A decision on moving forward is pending a structural analysis and consideration of the current condition of the existing flat roof areas where the solar panel arrays would be placed.

On the construction waste side, due to recycling efforts by our contractors, over 72 tons of construction debris have been kept out of the landfill. This has included over 27 tons of concrete (100% recycled) and the remainder from other construction debris (75% recycled).

— Dick Crone
House, Property, and Insurance Chair



Children, Youth and Family Ministry

Presbytery Event: Successful IEP Plans for Students

Saturday, October 23

Oak Grove Presbyterian | 3 - 5 p.m.

The Presbytery's Disability Concerns Ministry is hosting an Individualized Education Plan workshop that will provide support, connection, and understanding for parents! Parents and guardians with students on IEPs (or perhaps needing one) are encouraged to attend to learn how to create and manage a successful IEP experience. Teachers/administrators/pastors welcome to learn more about this essential process! Childcare provided with RSVP. Register at: <https://bit.ly/IEPSuccessfulPlan>



Children and Family Ministry

Contact: Children@hohchurch.org

Children & Family Ministry Policy:

A parent or guardian is required to sign in children for nursery before or during worship. Parents and guardians must sign out children from nursery after worship. Bring a photo ID.

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 Play for Grades 2 – 5 HOH Park and Assembly Room 11:15 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Children are invited to participate after worship and Sunday school.

Alleluia Choir

Sundays | Library | 11:15 a.m.

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

Youth and Family Ministry

Contact Elsa Kendig:

ElsaK@hohchurch.org

Pre-Worship Gathering | Sundays Skylight Room | 9:45 a.m.

We'll enjoy conversation, bagels, and drinks.

Youth Education Hour Sundays, October 1, 15, 29 Skylight Room | 11:15 a.m.

Youth Group Events:

- **Sky Zone: 7625 Cahill Rd. Edina**
Sunday, October 8 | 11:15 a.m.
We'll meet in the Skylight Room.
- **Sunday Night Youth Group**
Sunday, October 22 | Kirby Lounge | 6-8 p.m.

Confirmation Wednesday, October 25 Skylight Room | 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Children/Youth Halloween Celebration

Friday, October 27 | 6-8 p.m.



Children and Youth are invited to a fun-filled night as we celebrate Halloween and watch a movie! Dress in layers for the weather and

show off your weapon-free Halloween costume. Families are responsible for the supervision of their children.

Halloween Party Candy Donations: Please drop off individually-wrapped, nut-free candy in the office for trick-or-treating.

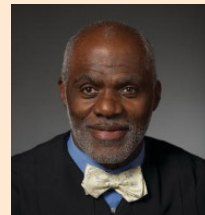
Save these 2024 Dates



Sunday Series

Accomplished jurist, athlete, and philanthropist

Justice Alan C. Page



Sunday, January 14
Sanctuary | 2 p.m.



HOH Womens' Retreat:

St. John's Abbey
Guesthouse, Collegeville
April 26-28

Faith and Fibers

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This group of congregants and friends continues to knit and crochet hats, scarves, baby blankets, lap robes, and prayer

shawls for our Mission Partners and congregants. If you'd like to participate, or if know someone who would like to knit/crochet for others, patterns, yarn, and project kits are available. Contact Janice Dickinson for more information.

OCTOBER

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Twin Cities Marathon: Cheer on the Runners

Sunday, October 1

Sanctuary | 11:15 a.m.

Following worship and fellowship, join us on the Summit Lawn to cheer on the runners. *Please note for driving to HOH for worship that there is limited access to cross Summit Avenue from the south, so plan your route to church accordingly.*

Mission Sunday: Sarah Liegl of Interfaith Action

Sunday, October 8

Sanctuary | 11:35 a.m.

Sara Liegl has worked at Interfaith Action of Greater Saint Paul since 1998. Since 2001, Sara has directed Interfaith Action's Project Home program, which provides emergency shelter to hundreds of children and their parents/guardians. Sara will share an update on what is happening at Project Home.

Architect Paul May of Miller Dunwiddie

Sunday, October 15

Sanctuary | 11:15 a.m.

Our architect will share some exciting ideas and drawings created from your input during the listening sessions.

Mental Health After COVID-19

Sunday, October 22

Sanctuary | 11:15 a.m.

Following a pandemic that called for isolation, we are confronting an epidemic of loneliness and anxiety. Loneliness and anxiety lead to impaired health outcomes and lack of resilience. This seminar will explore the serious need for personal connection and interaction, and how we might live out our faith with better health for ourselves and our communities.



Gabriel Faure's Requiem: A Brief History and Performance Primer

Sunday, October 29

Sanctuary | 11:15 a.m.

Matthew Culloton will lead a brief introduction to Faure's beloved *Requiem* in advance of the Motet Choir's performance on All Saints' Sunday, November 5. He will discuss the handful of versions that were created, explore why the work is cherished by performers and listeners alike, and share musical examples performed by the Motet Choir and Aaron David Miller.

OTHER EVENTS

Great Decisions: Famine and Food Shortages with Rick Olsen

Tuesday, October 17

Library | 4 p.m.

Fears of global food shortages have followed Russia's invasion of Ukraine, which has disrupted grain shipments from the major grain producer. But what about countries and regions that were suffering before this impending shortage? How is famine defined, and how is it different from simple food shortages? What, if any, remedies are there? Rick Olsen is a world traveler, having been to all 50 states and 44 countries. Stanford Law School and two Ph.D. programs and a wealth of diverse professional experiences fill his resume. For several years, he has been working and funding activities in the Nakivale Refugee Settlement in SW Uganda.

Sunday-Weekday Connections with Caroline Stone

Tuesday, October 24

Assembly Room | 5:30 p.m.

Caroline grew up in Milwaukee, WI where she was an active participant in Sunday school and youth group. She went to Wellesley College and earned her BA in English and worked in advertising sales for women's fashion magazines in New York City for ten years. She later went to graduate school at St. Thomas University and earned her

MN K-8 teaching license. She currently works part time for the Saint Paul Public Schools as a substitute teacher. Her faith journey began as a first grader and continues today. She has been a HOH member for 10 years and is a wife and mother to three boys. Meal cost is \$25. Register at: <https://bit.ly/HOHSundayWeekday>

Stewardship 2024

November 12 is **Stewardship Sunday**, and we hope to see you there or join us online! Watch for more information in the coming weeks about our campaign. Your Stewardship Co-Chairs, Sarah Walbert & David Cleveland

Updated House of Hope Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Friday: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.



Earth Care

"Mysteries, Yes"

Truly, we live with mysteries too marvelous to be understood.

How grass can be nourishing in the mouths of the lambs.
How rivers and stones are forever in allegiance with gravity while we ourselves dream of rising.
How two hands touch and the bonds will never be broken.
How people come, from delight or the scars of damage, to the comfort of a poem.

Let me keep my distance, always, from those who think they have the answers.

Let me keep company always with those who say "Look!" and laugh in astonishment, and bow their heads.

— Mary Oliver



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SUNDAY SERIES with George Takei

Where No Story Has Gone Before



Actor and activist George Takei, best known for his role as Hikaru Sulu on the television series *Star Trek*, spoke at House of Hope's Sunday Series on September 17. Takei began his talk by introducing us to his parents, younger brother, and baby sister as his family was interned, first at the Santa Anita racetrack, then at Rohwer Relocation Center in the swamps of southeastern Arkansas, and finally at Tule Lake camp in

northern California. Many people are unaware of Executive Order 9066, which authorized the government to freeze bank accounts, seize property, and imprison American citizens of Japanese descent. "We were Americans, and it was insulting to be characterized as 'disloyals,'" he stated. It was powerful to hear his first-hand account. Takei stated that his early years in the camps led him to an interest in politics and a life of activism. He also shared a few stories about *Star Trek* and his acting career and stayed to greet attendees, sign books, and take photos. He's written several books including *They Called Us Enemy*, which tells more of his family's internment story and *To the Stars*. It was a personal and personable afternoon, and his final words, "**Live long and prosper,**" felt intended as a benediction all around as he seemed to enjoy the day as much as we did.

—Julia



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