



All Saints' Sunday and Music Sunday

November 5

On Sunday, November 5, the Motet Choir and orchestra will present Gabriel Faure's *Requiem* at the 10 a.m. service. On that Sunday we also observe All Saints' Sunday, a time to reflect on friends and loved ones who have joined the church eternal. Faure's *Requiem* is a musical contemplation in commemoration of All Saints' Sunday. The choir and orchestra will be conducted by Matthew Culloton with Aaron David Miller on the Fisk organ. Faure's beautiful setting of the "Pie Jesu" will be sung by Hannah Armstrong with baritone solos sung by Timothy Bruett. The Bells of Hope will provide a wind chime during the reading of the names.

Dave Johnson Retirement Celebration

Sunday, November 5

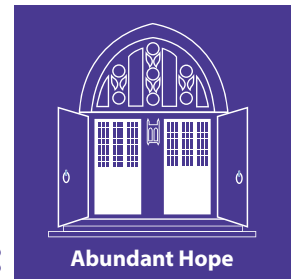


Join us as we celebrate and honor Dave Johnson's tenure as House of Hope's Carillonneur for 30 years. His retirement is effective October 31. We will recognize him during worship, and following the service, join us for a cupcake reception.

Music Associate Tim Short will now serve as House of Hope's Carillonneur. Tim was a carillon student of Dave's. He holds a Bachelor of Music Education degree from Mount Union University, and a Master of Music degree in organ performance from Drake University. Tim leads the Bells of Hope handbell choir and assists with the Choir School program.

Stewardship 2024

Abundant Hope Stewardship Sunday: November 12



This year's Stewardship Campaign will emphasize our hope for the future of House of Hope that came from the visioning process over the last year. The Stewardship Committee chose **Abundant Hope** as the theme.

We ask that you bring your pledge card to worship on Stewardship Sunday and come forward with your card during the worship service. Parents are encouraged to include their children. We are inviting members and friends of the congregation to reflect on what it is you love about House of Hope and why you give to support the ministries and mission of the church.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Wednesday, November 22

7 p.m.

Thanksgiving Eve worship will be held in the sanctuary at 7 p.m. with music by the Motet Choir. All are invited to join us in worship and giving thanks.

You are invited to bring non-perishable food items that will be shared with the food pantries at Hallie Q. Brown Community Center and Neighborhood House. You may also make a financial donation to the food pantries.

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing.

WORSHIP

10 a.m.

Sunday, November 5, 2023
All Saints' Sunday

Motet Choir:

Gabriel Faure's *Requiem*
with Bach Chamber Players

Sunday, November 12, 2023

Motet Choir:

Handel: *Sing Unto God*, Handel

Choir School:

Poor Wayfaring Stranger, American Folk
Song arr. Althouse
St Nicholas Choir

Bells of Hope:

Let All Things Now Living, Wiltse
Shall We Gather at the River, Mathis

Sunday, November 19, 2023

Motet Choir

For Everything There is a Season, Paulus
Sing Unto God, Fetler

Choir School:

Kyrie, Leavitt
Cantamus Choir

Wednesday, November 22, 2023
Thanksgiving Eve

Motet Choir:

Sing to the Lord of Harvest, Willan

Sunday, November 26, 2023
Christ the King Sunday

Motet Choir:

Little Organ Mass (complete), Haydn
with HOH Chamber Players



A Note from Scott

What is Your Spiritual Capacity for Giving?

In medieval Europe a man came upon a construction site at which stone cutters were at work. He asked one man what he was doing, and he said: "I'm cutting stone." He asked a second workman the same question, and he replied: "I am a stone mason." He walked over to a third workman and asked him the same question to which he replied: "I am building a cathedral."

I share this with you because, in my experience, philanthropy (or stewardship—to use church language) that is transformational, strategic, and committed to addressing systemic issues sees itself to be part of a much larger calling.

I'm wondering: *what is your calling?*

Giving generously is a calling; it is how you turn your beliefs and values into a way of living. Jesus made this astute observation about giving and generosity: "Where your treasure is there will your heart be also" (Matthew 6:21). The heart, you see, represents the center of our being; it is the birthing room of our passions. Sometimes there is a kind of disjointedness between our passions and our expenditures as the faith values that make us who we are fail to mesh with the use we make of resources with which we have been blessed.

In other words, how might you use the possessions with which you have been blessed to renew, to bring hope and healing to God's world and enable hurting people to flourish?

St. Augustine, in a sermon on the story of the Good Samaritan, described Christians as the world's "Innkeepers." What do innkeepers do? They give grace to strangers and perform works of mercy for the hurting of the world. Augustine said that "the presence of divine greatness walks among us if it finds among us the space for charity."

In assessing your spiritual capacity for generosity to unveil the "divine greatness" in your soul, consider the following questions:

As you reflect on your life story, where and in what places do you see the face of God?

Is there a unique and sacred storyline running beneath the surface of your autobiography?

How might you take these "holy intersections" in your autobiography and turn them into channel markers to guide you in the use of the possessions with which you have been blessed?

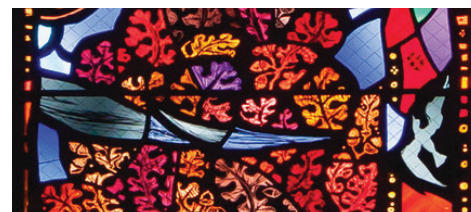
In the future, how would you like to use your wealth for the renewal of God's world?

If you could do what you wanted to do, on what philanthropic mission would you embark if you had the economic capacity to do it?

For people of faith religious teachings and values shape their understanding of giving. If all you (we!) have is a gift from God, how then, will you (we) use the possessions with which you (we) have been blessed? What does it mean to be a faithful steward, a *trustee* of the assets with which we have been blessed? How via your philanthropy might you express your gratitude to God for the serendipitous graces that have made you who you are?

Good questions to ponder during this season of giving, gratefulness, and thanksgiving.

Blessings,
Scott Kenefake
Transitional Pastor



Sunday Offertory Volunteers Needed



Beginning Sunday, November 12 and continuing through Christmas Eve, the Deacons will resume passing the offering plates throughout the congregation during worship. The Deacons are asking for congregational volunteers to assist during Sunday worship and other special services. No experience is necessary. You can sign up at <https://bit.ly/HOHOfferitory>, and you will be contacted with additional information.



Presbytery Recognizes Gus Bjorklund

John (Gus) Bjorklund will receive the **Donald S. Milloy Disability Advocacy Award** at the Stated Meeting of Presbytery on November 11. Gus served as a vocational placement leader, teacher and coach, gave support and hope to hundreds of students with disabilities, and befriended his clients over the years. Gus' brother, diagnosed with Down Syndrome, prepared Gus to fashion his life to help support people with disabilities. Gus, an active member of House of Hope, began teaching at the Faribault State Hospital in 1961, and later in the St. Paul Schools. He won a national award for his exceptionally successful vocational planning for persons with disabilities. He was a ski for the blind instructor with Courage Center, both X-country and downhill, helping them master the balance and joy of skiing. The Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area Disability Concerns Ministry established this award presented biennially to a person or a group in the presbytery in recognition of their outstanding service as advocates for and with people who live with disabilities. **Congratulations, Gus!**

Christmas Sponsor A-Family

Our faith reminds us what the Christmas season is all about, by sharing with those most in need. We're planning to spread Christmas joy by providing gifts for approximately 70 families in partnership with some of our Mission Partners. **Visit the church website under "Things to Know" on November 6 to find the SignUpGenius link for information on families.** A family wish list with instructions will be emailed to you. For assistance in signing up, please contact the church office. Don't like to shop? Donations are welcome to provide a grocery gift card for each family. Mail or drop off donations in the church office noted **Family Sponsor**. Drop off gifts at the church by December 10.



Choir School Holiday Wreath and Plant Pickup
Wednesday, November 29
Porte Cochere | 3:30-6 p.m.



Winter Clothing Drive for Mission Partners through Wednesday, November 8

The Beacon Housing Leadership Team of the Peace and Justice Committee along with the Mission Outreach Committee and the HOH's Children and Family Ministry will have another winter clothing drive this fall before our Minnesota winter arrives. Working in partnership with Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative, we are **focusing on new or like-new warm outerwear for children and adults** including warm hats, scarves, mittens, gloves, wool socks, boots, jackets, snow pants, and coats. Your clothing donations will be a source of warmth and comfort to many this winter and greatly appreciated. Drop off donations in the Assembly Room. Contact: Lisa Yost for more information.



Thank you to the House of Hope Community Garden volunteers for producing 1,258 pounds of organically grown produce this season!

House of Hope Designated as a Matthew 25 Congregation



At its October 19 meeting, the Session approved a motion made by the Peace and Justice Committee to designate House

of Hope as a Matthew 25 church. Matthew 25: 35-40 says:

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.

The Matthew 25 movement is a program of the PC(USA). It has three areas of focus: building congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism, and eradicating systemic poverty. The Peace and Justice Committee efforts will initially be focused on building congregational vitality and dismantling structural racism. The Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area has adopted Matthew 25, and there are sixteen Matthew 25 churches in our Presbytery. They share the common goal of helping members live out their Christian beliefs in their conversations, behaviors, and church's policies.



Save the Date: The Didier Seminar with Candida Moss April 19 – 21, 2024

Candida Moss is the Edward Cadbury Professor of Theology at the University of Birmingham, United Kingdom, prior to which she taught for almost a decade at the University of Notre Dame. She earned her undergraduate degree at the University of Oxford and did her graduate work at Yale Divinity School and Yale University. The award winning author of seven books and over fifty articles and essays she has won prizes and recognition from the NEH, the Woodrow Wilson Foundation, the John Templeton Foundation, the Catholic Biblical Association, the Society of Biblical Literature, and the British Academy. For the last ten years she has served as a Papal News Commentator for CBS News and a columnist for the Daily Beast. She has also written for the *Atlantic* and the *New York Times*. Her next book, *God's Ghostwriters: Enslaved Christians and the Making of the Bible*, will be published in March 2024.



Children, Youth and Family Ministry

Children and Family Ministry

Contact: Children@hohchurch.org

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

Our nursery and preschool-age children are invited to join us 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.

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.

Tweens Event Friday, November 10 | 6-8 p.m.

Youth and Family Ministry

Contact Elsa Kendig:

ElsaK@hohchurch.org

Pre-Worship Gathering | Sundays Skylight Room | 9:40 a.m.

We'll enjoy conversation, bagels, and drinks.

Youth Education Hour Sundays | Skylight Room | 11:15 a.m.

HOH Unplugged Practice November 11 | 9 a.m. - Noon

HOH Unplugged Sunday, November 12 | 11:15 a.m.

Church Lock-In Friday, November 17 | 7 p.m. until 9 a.m. Saturday, November 18

Sunday Night Youth Group Sunday, November 26 | 6-8 p.m.

Confirmation Wednesdays, November 1, 8, and 15 | Skylight Room | 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Parent Group Lunch: Sunday, November 5 Offsite | 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

NOVEMBER

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Dave Johnson Retirement

Celebration | Sunday, November 5

See page 1 for details.

Sunday Enrichment: *Paul Found in His Letters* with Rev. George Martin

Sunday, November 5

Sanctuary | 11:15 a.m.

The premise of *Paul Found in His Letters* is that scholars agree on 7 of the letters ascribed to Paul as ones he definitely wrote. There are disagreements about the other 6 attributed to him.

George H. Martin is a retired Episcopal priest, church planter, and interim ministry specialist. (Even a Lutheran pastor once!) Knowing so many people in his pastoral ministry with their questions, doubts, and interest in Paul he wanted to know more about Paul's letters and his story. His book, *Paul Found in His Letters*, was born out of his extensive research that put him in touch with hundreds of amazing Pauline scholars from around the world. To learn more about the book and its author go to www.paulfound.org. He and his wife Caroline live in Bloomington.

New Member Class

Sunday, November 12 | Kirby Lounge

11:15 a.m.

HOH Unplugged

Sunday, November 12

Sanctuary | 11:15 a.m.

The church that laughs together grows together: Introducing "HOH Unplugged"

A new, comedy skit show is coming to House of Hope, which is being conceived of, written, and performed by our youth. What will it be about?

The youth started working on this year's skits during their fall retreat at Camp St. Croix and have been working after church on Sundays to turn them into a short program. This event is a fundraiser for the 2024 youth mission trip. Tickets are \$8 a person or \$25 for a family. Additional donations welcomed. All ages are invited and encouraged to come and enjoy! We hope you'll all join

us as we share this cheeky yet loving view of our shared life together!

Sunday Enrichment: Veterans and Houselessness with Charles Stephens and Laurel Gamm

Sunday, November 19

Sanctuary | 11:15 a.m.

Come learn about personal experience with Y-HELP, the YardHomes Home Expansion Lease Project, and connecting veterans to sustainable housing in the Twin Cities. As landowners, Charles and Laurel have a partnership with YardHomes, a company selling compact homes, and Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans, an organization with a mission to end veteran houselessness. Next year we hope to see four veterans living in their own homes.

OTHER EVENTS

Presbytery Training Opportunity: Dominating White Ways: Exploring the Commonplace Nature of White Supremacy and It's Power to Co-opt Us All

Wednesday, November 8

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. | Location: Zoom

Participate in a workshop on White Supremacy Culture and how it shows up in our organizations and ways to resist. Training will be provided by Crossroads Antiracism Organizing and Training. Cost: \$175/person. The Peace and Justice Committee can provide scholarships for anyone who would like help with the cost. Contact Bill Johnston, wjohnston1@gmail.com or Mary Cardinal Peterson, PeteCardFive@outlook.com if interested. Register at <https://rb.gy/lg9ti>

Great Decisions: Politics in Latin America with Rob Scarlett

Tuesday, November 14

Library | 4 p.m.

Rob Scarlett has spent a good part of his NGO career and his business career in Latin America. Rob will acknowledge the "left-right" political trends in the

region but will argue that this analysis is not particularly helpful to those who sincerely wish to understand the direction of change in politics in the region. Rob spent much of the past 50 years working and living in various countries in Latin America. He is also a former Chair of Global Minnesota.

This and Only This: A Women's Winter Contemplative Experience

Laurel Gamm is offering a small-group workshop for women to explore different ways to open up to Love through silence, art, music, movement, nature, and words. Saturday mornings: December 9, 16, and 30 and January 6, 13, and 20. Saturday, December 9: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. All other sessions: 10-11:30 a.m., Harriet Alexander Nature Center. Contact Laurel by November 10 at 612-597-4279 or Irlgmm@gmail.com if you are interested. Space is limited.



Earth Care

Eco-Conscious Holiday Travel

If your plans include air travel this holiday season, did you know that in the most recent report by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency transportation accounted for the largest portion (28%) of total U.S. GHG emissions? That includes surprising amounts of greenhouse gases generated by airline flights. In support of House of Hope's commitment as an Earth Care Congregation, please consider balancing the impact of your air flight by purchasing credits through a carbon-offset program. These credits help finance "green" energy projects to reduce future air pollution. Consult your airline's website for their program or donate to the PC(USA)'s Restoring Creation for Ecology and Justice Fund which supports planting trees in South America. Go to www.presbyterianmission.org/eco-journey/presbyterian-carbon-tree-fund. Our Earth thanks you!

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**English Pilgrimage:
Bath - London and Beyond
October 1-9**

*"Let us leave the surface and, without leaving the world, plunge into God."
—Pierre Teilhard de Chardin*

On pilgrimage we always have an itinerary, there are daily destinations and plans. But we do not know where God will take us through the miles, through our expectations, and through experience. Sometimes the walks are longer or more hilly than expected, then we slow down, and we help one another. We find evidence of sheep or cows and know that we will remember these fields forever. We have expectations that differ from what is real and gain new understanding. We come as individuals and form a new community each and every time. Much of what we do is ordinary like touring a cathedral, a new town, or seeing the gate to a celebrity property. It is the intent of daily group life like eating together, beginning the day with prayer, walking together, and both listening to and sharing thoughts and stories at the end of each day that invite Spirit's presence.

At the end of each day, we ask the following questions:

What did you see and hear today?

What refreshed you today in heart, mind, body, or soul?

What drew you in today?

In what ways did you encounter the holy today?

For what and for whom are you grateful today?

And to these well-known HOH pilgrimage questions, this time we added one more: ***Have we left the surface of the world and plunged into God?***

And from the ordinary but intentional days, our answer was "Yes!"

— Julia Carlson



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