



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT HOUSE OF HOPE

Palm/Passion Sunday, March 24

Sanctuary | 10 a.m.

Maundy Thursday with Communion, March 28

Chapel | 12 p.m.

Office of Tenebrae: Responsories by Healey Willan
Sanctuary | 7 p.m.

Good Friday, March 29

Chapel | 12 p.m.

Good Friday Vespers | Sanctuary | 7 p.m.

Aus der Tiefen rufe ich, Herr (BWV 131), J. S. Bach

Easter Sunday, March 31

Sunrise Service, Chapel | 7:30 a.m.

Sanctuary | 9 and 11 a.m.



One Great Hour of Sharing

Received during the season of Lent, Presbyterians worldwide join in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing disaster assistance, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.

This Lenten season, please give generously to One Great Hour of Sharing. You may give at any time.

Ways to give:

- Special envelopes in the pew racks on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, or mail your gift with memo: OGHS
- Online: <https://bit.ly/HOHGiving> > Fund: Other Gift > OGHS
- Text: HOH OGHS to 73256



Sunday Series with Heather Cox Richardson

Sunday, March 10, 2024 | 2 p.m.

Registration required.

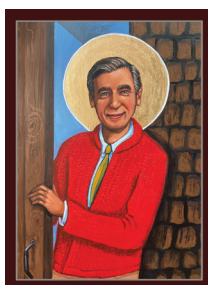


Heather Cox Richardson is Professor of History at Boston College and an expert on American political and economic history. She

is the author of seven books on American politics. Her latest book is the *New York Times* bestseller *Democracy Awakening: Notes on the State of America*. No one is better than Heather Cox Richardson at grounding our complicated present in an understanding of our past.

Copies of her book will be available for purchase at the event.

Heather is a leading #Twitterstorian, explaining the historical background of modern political issues through Twitter threads, the co-editor of *We're History*, a web magazine of popular history, and the author of *Letters from an American*, a chronicle of American politics.



Wednesdays in Lent: Beautiful Work in the Neighborhood

We continue our Lenten series in March highlighting people, organizations, and initiatives that embody the legacy of Fred Rogers, a leading figure in the revolution of children's (and adults') learning and engagement in community. Come learn how our connections with local community organizations, and the individuals who bring this work life can help us live into the legacy of Fred Rogers, creating neighborhoods where everyone can flourish.

Wednesdays, March 6, 13, and 20

Dinner: 5:45 | Presentation 6:15 - 7:15 p.m.

Register for meals at: <https://bit.ly/WednesdayLent>
Questions? Contact Phil Romine, PhillipR@hohchurch.org
We will hear from:

March 6: Liz Loeb, Associate Director at Minnesota Interfaith Power & Light

March 13: Liliana Letrán-García, Chief Executive Officer at Interfaith Action of Greater St. Paul

March 20 (Won't You Be My Neighbor Day): Diver Van Avery, Writer, Public Artist, Therapist

WORSHIP

10 a.m.

Sunday, March 3, 2024
Third Sunday in Lent

Motet Choir:
O for a Closer Walk, Stanford

Sunday, March 10, 2024
Fourth Sunday in Lent
Gratitude Sunday

Bells of Hope:
Blessed Assurance, arr. Dobrinski
Meditation for Bells, Logan

Motet Choir:
Ave verum corpus, Byrd
O vos omnes, Correa

Sunday, March 17, 2024
Fifth Sunday in Lent
Prayer Sunday with
Renewal of Baptism

Motet Choir:
Jesus is Calling, Miller
The Eyes of All, Harris

Choir School: St Nicholas Choir
Behold, the Lamb of God, Bouman

Sunday, March 24, 2024
Palm/Passion Sunday

Motet Choir:
Hosanna filio David, Victoria
Domine, ad adjuvandum me festina,
Martini

Sunday, March 31, 2024
Easter Sunday (9 and 11 a.m.)

Motet Choir:
Let All Their Celestial
Concerts Now Unite, Handel
Cantate Domino, Schütz



A Note from Scott

Take a Deep Breath

At long last the Capital Campaign for the HVAC project is under way (*Bright Hope for Tomorrow*)! A brochure with specific details about the campaign will be mailed to members and friends of the congregation in the next week.

I won't rehash the details here, but I do want to talk about the campaign within the framework of the church's larger mission. Our buildings and campus grounds are our primary tools for ministry and outreach in our community: it's where we gather for worship, education, fellowship, and service; it's where we invite people in the community to attend concerts, hear notable speakers, and provide space for neighborhood and community groups.

But most importantly, it's where the gospel is preached, and disciples are made. House of Hope is a large church with a large, inclusive vision. Lives are impacted and changed for the better. Friendships are made and sustained over decades.

Spending time in our neo-gothic spaces can be awe-inspiring, life-giving, and can even be transformational. They truly are gifts of beauty and uplift that have endured over time.

And the new HVAC system—the heating and cooling and electrical systems—are an integral part of these ministry tools: they will enable the buildings to be used in comfort in all seasons; they will reduce our carbon footprint dramatically because they are much more energy efficient; and they are a form of hospitality in the sense that parishioners and community members can gather

together in comfort and safety—for decades to come.

Rev. Dr. David Van Dyke, former Pastor of HOH, perhaps said it best: "We worship here, and we're called from this sacred spot to serve the world. It's our privilege to maintain the gift we've received, and it's our duty to hand it on, with pride, to the next generation."

In a similar way, Lynn Twist, author of the book, *Soul of Money*, writes: "Money is like water. It can be a conduit for commitment, a currency of love. Money moving in the direction of our highest commitments nourishes our world and ourselves. What you appreciate appreciates. When you make a difference with what you have, it expands. Collaboration creates prosperity.... Money carries our intention. If we use it with integrity, then it carries integrity forward."

In other words, when money begins to flow in our giving, with good stewardship, it can be life giving to so many people, as water is to a dry desert.

Friends, collective action is a powerful thing. We can do far more together than we could ever do on our own; all gifts are important—both large and small.

Success is doing our best to put the largest dent possible in the cost of the HVAC project, together.

I invite your prayerful, thoughtful participation.

Blessings,
Scott Kenefake, Transitional Pastor

Pastor Nominating Committee Update

The Presbytery has approved the completed Ministry Discernment Profile. We are now able to begin the matching process with pastors open to a new call. The committee thanks you for your continued prayers and support.

Rodney Beach: HOH's New Facility Manager



We welcome Rodney Beach to the staff of House of Hope! Rodney has over 25 years of facility maintenance management, construction oversight, and vendor management. He most recently worked at White Bear Lake Area School District as Head Engineer of Building Operations.

Nominating Committee

Nomination forms are available for open positions on our Deacons, Trustees, and Session boards.

The deadline for submissions is Friday, March 8, 2024.

The Nominating Committee asks you to prayerfully consider the strengths of your fellow congregants and nominate people you think would be good additions to our church leadership. You may nominate yourself. Please ask individuals you'd like to nominate for permission to submit their name. The Congregational Meeting to approve the slate will be on Sunday, May 5, 2024.

Use the online form on the church website at hohchurch.org under **Things to Know**. Paper versions of the form are available at the church kiosks.

Contact: Nominating Chair Lynn Stein, lynnstein@gmail.com.

House of Hope Launches Capital Campaign: *Bright Hope for Tomorrow*

In February 2023, House of Hope started a major construction project to update the HVAC, electrical panels, and other work under the direction of the **Utility Infrastructure Task Force** created by the HOH Session. Phase One of the project was completed in December, and Phase Two began in January.

To fund this project, we are launching **Bright Hope for Tomorrow** capital campaign this month. Watch for more information!

Campaign Organizational Structure:

Campaign Co-Chairs: Bill Geery and Diane Smith

Campaign Leader: Scott Kenefake

Campaign Committees, Chairs and Co-Chairs

Lead Gifts: Linda Lane and Sherwood Pomeroy

Advance Commitments: Debby Fulton

Gratitude and Ministry: Sarah Walbert and Lisa Yost

Celebration: Martha Rhode

Youth and Children: Phil Romine, Elsa Kendig, and Jimmy Hoke

Prayer: Julia Carlson

Connection: Holly Cotner

Campaign Event Timeline:

Early March: Campaign brochure distributed. Lead Gifts visits begin.

Sunday, March 10: Gratitude Sunday

March 19, 21: Advance Commitment Gatherings

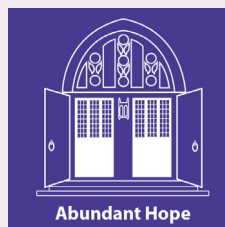
Sunday, March 17: Prayer Sunday

Saturday, March 23: Prayer Retreat; see page 5 for details.

Sunday, April 7: Generosity Sunday

Sunday, April 14: Commitment Sunday and Celebration Event

Sunday, May 19: Announcement Sunday



Abundant Hope Stewardship 2024

Thank you for your support!

Our goal for stewardship and giving is \$1,350,000, and we are at **95% of our goal**. If you have not pledged yet, it is not too late to turn in your pledge, and **help us reach 100% of our goal**. Reaching this goal will enable us to fully

fund our music, children, and youth programs, congregational life ministries, sustain our Mission Outreach giving, and add additional ministries. You can

pledge online at: <https://bit.ly/HOH2024Pledge>

You can give online at: <https://bit.ly/HOHGiving>

Your Stewardship Committee:

David Cleveland and Sarah Walbert, Co-Chairs; John Couchman, Jane Flad, Tim Godfrey, Chris Hilton, Linda Lane, Herb Lewis, and Sherwood Pomeroy



Easter Memorials:

You may purchase an Easter lily (\$15) or make a donation in any amount in memory of or in honor of loved ones for publication in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Your donation will support the ministries of House of Hope. The deadline for reserving Easter Memorials is Palm Sunday, March 24. Contact the church office, or sign up online: <https://bit.ly/EasterMemorials>

THE DIDIER SEMINAR 2024

Recovering Lost Voices

Save the Dates: April 19 - 21

House of Hope is fortunate to have two leading biblical scholars for The Didier Seminar this year who are helping to recover lost voices from early Christianity: Stephen J. Patterson and Elizabeth Schrader Polczer. Their discussions will include where their research overlaps and diverges. A scholar, teacher, and writer, Stephen J. Patterson is the George H. Atkinson endowed chair in Religious and Ethical Studies at Willamette University, where he teaches courses on the history of religion. He will speak on his award-winning book: *The Lost Creed*. Copies of his book will be available in the church office for purchase.

Elizabeth Schrader Polczer is Assistant Professor of New Testament at Villanova University, having recently defended her PhD in Early Christianity and New Testament at Duke University. Her topic will be *The Forgotten World of Lost Christian Women: Mary Magdalene and Martha in Biblical Tradition*. More details can be found at <https://bit.ly/HOHDidierSeminar>



Children, Youth and Family Ministry

Children and Family Ministry

Contact Dr. Jimmy Hoke:
JimmyH@hohchurch.org

Sunday School Teachers and Helpers

With the return to the East Wing (hooray!), we have space to create two Sunday School classes — one for Pre-K through Grade 2 and another for Grades 3-5. Please sign up to help! The creation of an easy-to-implement curriculum is being developed that will help teachers and helpers feel equipped to discuss faith with our children. Contact Jimmy for more information.

Early Childhood Ministry for Nursery – Preschool

Sundays | Rooms 4 and 7
8:45 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

Rooms 4 and 7 | 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. Children will also enjoy art-making, age-appropriate activities, and games, as they build community through play. *Our curriculum during Lent will focus on prayer.*



Youth and Family Ministry

Contact Elsa Kendig:
ElsaK@hohchurch.org

Youth Education Hour

Sundays, March 3 and 17
Youth Room | 11:15 a.m.

Snacks, fellowship and talk about what you are interested in.

Parent Group Lunch

Sunday, March 3
Nearby Restaurant (attendee's choice) | 11:15 a.m.

Gather by the center door on Summit. Please R.S.V.P. to Elsa Kendig so that we know who to look for.

Overnight at the Church

Friday, March 8- Saturday, March 9
Youth Room | 7 p.m. - 9 a.m.

Food, games, movies and more! And as always, feel free to invite friends! R.S.V.P. to Elsa Kendig so we know how much food to order.

Sunday Night Youth Group

Sunday, March 24
Room 7 | 6 - 8 p.m.

We'll do a pot-luck dinner together, a little conversation and then time for games in the church!

Youth/Post High School Youth

Easter Morning Get-Together
Sunday, March 31
Youth Room | 10:15-11 a.m.

A get together for ALL youth from 6th grade through the Post High School Group ages! We'll have time to have some lovely Easter morning snacks and connect with older youth that have been away at school or working.

MARCH

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Sunday Enrichment: *Grasshoppers in My Bed* - Lillie Belle Gibbs - *Minnesota Farm Girl, 1877* with Author Terry Swanson

Sunday, March 3

Great Hall | 11:15 a.m.

This book is an imagined diary that highlights the everyday happenings of real-life girl Lillie Belle Gibbs and her experiences on the family farm in the late 1870s. Terry Swanson served for ten seasons as program and site manager at the Gibbs Farm historic site operated by the Ramsey County Historical Society, publisher of the book. A Minnesota historian, she specializes in public history in the Twin Cities area. Swanson mined the RCHS archives to stitch together the story of Lillie's life as an adventure-seeking eleven-year-old.

New Member Class

Sunday, March 10

Room 1 | 11:15 a.m.

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

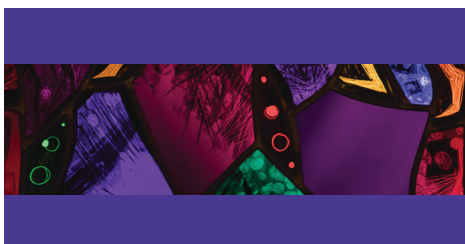
Sunday Enrichment: *Bridging Differences in Conversations*

Sunday, March 24

Great Hall | 11:15 a.m.

Dr. Jennifer Ross-Wolff is Director of the Perlman Center for Learning and Teaching at Carleton College, and she works with faculty on how to turn what could be a classroom debate into a useful classroom dialogue. While this will not be a book discussion, there are two books related to the topic for those who are interested:

- *Subtle Acts of Exclusion*, Jana & Baran
- *Overcoming Bias*, Jana & Freeman



OTHER EVENTS

Prayer Retreat

Saturday,

March 23

Great Hall

8:30 - 11 a.m.

8:30 a.m. Gathering Time with Coffee, Tea, and Morning Treats

9 a.m. Program

Because it is Lent, because we are in the midst of many changes, and a capital campaign, we are offering a few hours away from the world to talk about prayer and to practice different forms of prayer.

The program will be followed by the opportunity to visit Prayer Stations that offer suggestions for a variety of ways to pray. The HOH portable Labyrinth will also be available during open time.

Prayer is often thought of as a pouring out of gratitude or concerns before God. I can also be a conversation where we both speak and listen. Contemplative prayer is only listening; using a sacred word to call oneself into prayer and back from a wandering mind, the practitioner continues to let go of their own thoughts, worries, or curiosities to listen for and rest in God. Prayer can take many forms. Prayer can be walking, dancing, writing, singing, chant, or listening to scripture or music. Our knitters pray while creating a prayer shawl just as other forms of art or action can be a prayer. Prayer in a way is about our intent to be nearer to God. All are welcome to take some time away.

Sunday-Weekday Connections

Tuesday, March 26

Kirk Parlour | 5:30 p.m.

Sunday-Weekday Connections is a gathering of women for fellowship, a meal, and a guest speaker. **Emily Brenengen** will be our speaker sharing about her life, family, and history at House of Hope. Please R.S.V.P. by March 22 at <https://bit.ly/HOHSundayWeekday>



UPCOMING EVENTS

HOH Men's Retreat | April 12 -13

Our leader will be Richard Matson-Daley, who has served as a college minister and as an associate pastor at Pilgrim Baptist Church. He and his wife currently worship at Path of Grace United Methodist Church. He works at Minnesota IT Services in the Office of Transformation and Strategy Delivery.

HOH Women's Retreat:

Reviving Our Matriarchs

St. John's Abbey Guesthouse

April 26 - 28

Our spiritual lives have been shaped by the stories of people who went before us: ancestors biological or familial; but also cultural, religious, and historical. Rev. Erica Schemper will lead us in discussing the stories of our female spiritual ancestors from a variety of angles, starting with Biblical matriarchs, and then matriarchs in our own histories, and what we can learn from the way we interact with their stories as well.



Earth Care

Earth Care Congregation

Since March of 2020, House of Hope has been certified as an Earth Care Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Earth Care Congregations initially commit to an Earth Care Pledge, developed by the Social Justice and Peacemaking Unit of the PC (USA), to care for God's creation in areas of worship, education, facilities, and outreach. Our Session affirmed that pledge in November 2019. We must also complete an annual audit showing that we accomplished a required number of actions in the past year in each of those four areas. Each February we apply for recertification. HOH is currently one of eleven Earth Care Congregations in the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area. For more information visit https://bit.ly/PCUSA_Earth_Care

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March Food Drive



1 in 9 people in Minnesota have limited or uncertain access to adequate food. You can make a difference during the March Food

Drive as we support the food pantries at Hallie Q. Brown Community Center and Neighborhood House. Rising food costs and inflation are drastically affecting families in our community. More people than ever are turning to food pantries for support, and the truth is, food banks are strained to keep up with the increased need. In 2023, a record-breaking total of 7.5 million visits were recorded at Minnesota food shelves, compared to 5.5 million in 2022 and 3.5 million in 2021.

Our March Food Drive is vitally important as we help the 1 in 8 hungry

children, or 1 in 9 people overall. Food insecurity makes children uneasy, stressed, and unable to concentrate. Parents worry they can't fulfill basic food needs for their family.

How can you help?

• **Financial donations help our food partners buy much more.** They can multiply cash gifts through buying in bulk, and they can buy what they need the most.

• **Bring food donations** to the shopping cart outside the Elizabeth Chapel and in the Narthex.

• Join other HOH volunteers at Loaves and Fishes. Contact Norma Herther or Kevin Loney for more information.

• **Volunteer** opportunities are available at Neighborhood House for adults and youth.

Ways to Give:

- By Check with memo: Food Pantry
- Text HOH Food to 73256
- Online at <https://bit.ly/HOHGiving> > Fund: Food Pantry



Chili Cook-Off

Congratulations to the MacKenzie family for the winning chili recipe at our Chili Cook-Off on Sunday, February 11!

Thank you to our other chefs who offered their favorite chili recipes for the event!



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