

Summer Carillon Recital Series Opens July 4



The House of Hope 2025 Summer Carillon Series is supported by a grant in memory of Sanford "Sandy" Moss, made at the recommendation of Harold and Grace Kurtz, executors of the Moss estate. Anonymous memorial gifts were received to honor and remember Walter and Ginger Bailey, Frances "Dee" Gladish, and Jean Carlton Whitaker Ambler.



Friday, July 4 | Timothy Short | 12 p.m.

House of Hope Music Associate/Carillonist Tim holds a Bachelor of Music Education degree from Mount Union University, and a Master of Music degree in organ performance from Drake University.



Sunday, July 6 | Carson Landry | 4 p.m.

Carson Landry is lecturer of music and University Carillonist at the University of Rochester (NY). In this role, he plays multiple recitals per week and teaches an active studio of about 15 students.



Sunday, July 13 | Annie Gao | 4 p.m.

Annie is a carillonist and software engineer from Southern California. A member of the Yale University Guild of Carillonists, Annie graduated from Yale in 2021 with a combined B.S./M.S. in Computer Science.



Sunday, July 20 | Lisa Lonie | 4 p.m.

Lisa Lonie is the University Carillonist of Princeton University and Assistant Chief of Staff at Haverford College. She is a graduate of Pennsylvania State University with dual degrees in German and Economics.



Sunday, July 27 | Geert D'hollander | 4 p.m.

Belgian-American composer and carillonist Geert D'hollander has studied piano, chamber music, choral and orchestral conducting, fugue and composition at the Royal Conservatory, and graduated from the Royal Carillon School, with honors.

Read more about our recitalists at
<https://bit.ly/Carillon2025>

House of Hope Welcomes Renée Fleming September 19-21



House of Hope and House of Hope's foundation, Hope Arts Center, will welcome Renée Fleming for a 3-day residency in September in collaboration with Schubert Club.

Renée Fleming is one of the most acclaimed singers of our time, performing on the stages of the world's greatest opera houses and concert halls. Honored with five Grammy® awards and the U.S. National Medal of Arts, she has sung for momentous occasions from the Nobel Peace Prize ceremony to the Super Bowl.

Schedule of Events:

Friday, September 19 | The Ordway Music Hall

- *Voice of Nature* Recital | 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 20 | House of Hope

- Master class with Ms. Fleming and Minnesota Opera resident artists | 6:30 p.m.
- Hope Arts Center Gala with special guest Renée Fleming | 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 21 | House of Hope

- Sunday Series *Music and Mind* with Ms. Fleming, Dr. Michael Georgieff, and Guests | 2 p.m.

Ticketing:

- Ticketing for the recital, master class, and Sunday Series lecture will be handled by Schubert Club.
- A special presale will be offered to HOH members and Schubert Club members from July 7-13. We will distribute the code to members by early July. Tickets will go on sale to the general public on July 14. For event details, visit www.schubert.org

Hope Arts Center Gala:

- Ticketing for the Gala will be managed by Hope Arts Center and HOH.
- A Gala ticket includes all Saturday events including the master class, and reception with Ms. Fleming. Space is limited to 150 patrons for this unique occasion. Tickets will be offered to HOH members first, beginning July 7.

Watch for additional details.

WORSHIP

10 a.m.

Sunday, July 6, 2025
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Anthems from the Motet Choir

Sunday, July 13, 2025
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Anthems from the Motet Choir

Sunday, July 20, 2025
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Outdoor Worship Service

Anthems from the Motet Choir

Sunday, July 27, 2025
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Anthems from the Motet Choir

Sunday, August 3, 2025
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
with Holy Communion

Pamela Humphrey, Trumpet

Sunday, August 10, 2025
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hannah Armstrong, Soprano
with Rachel Brandwein, Harp

Sunday, August 17, 2025
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Melissa Morey, French Horn

Sunday, August 24, 2025
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rachel Brandwein, Harp

Sunday, August 31, 2025
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



A Note from Scott

A Prophetic Imagination

The greatest Bible scholar of our time died on June 5. Walter Brueggemann was a deep influence on thousands of clergy, including myself. His Biblical scholarship was written for the pastor, with a focus on the proclamation of the Word. He wrote well, with the skill of a poet. Plus, he was a constant presence at preaching conferences—as effective a public speaker and preacher as he was a writer. It's strange for me to imagine being in this career without new, wise words from Brueggemann.

He was 92 and continued to write and publish. He had taught at Eden and Columbia Theological Seminaries and was an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. Brueggemann was born in Tilden, Nebraska and grew up at Friedens Evangelische Kirche (now Peace UCC) where his father was the longtime, beloved pastor. In my church in Omaha, I had one congregant who had also grown up in that church with Brueggemann.

In their obituary, the World Communion of Reformed Churches wrote of him, he “was more than a scholar; he was a prophetic witness to a collapsing world and a vision for new life beyond that collapse. His work challenged the church to face hard realities — the failure of old certitudes, the disintegration of empires, and the urgent call to love neighbor amid economic and social injustice.”

I have relied deeply upon his books, commentaries, articles, and lectures, to understand the Bible and the task of preaching. For instance, after the inauguration in 2017, he published an essay in which he encouraged preachers to go “back to the basics” and simply let the basics of the Biblical message speak

to congregants. His conviction was that the core themes of the Bible were relevant to our current needs without having to respond directly to each new event in the news. He also somehow published a book on responding to the pandemic that came out in 2020 while we were all still in lockdown!

I treasure his commentaries on the Psalms and the Book of Isaiah. His *Theology of the Old Testament* is a constant companion. In the preface of the latter, he wrote about how the scholarly consensus that had existed in the middle of the twentieth century is now in disarray. But he delighted in that disarray because it permitted “venturesome efforts at Old Testament theology.” Even more importantly, he thought the disarray better reflected the nature of scripture and “the unsettled Character who stands at the center of the text.” But his single most important work, including on my own thinking and preaching, was *The Prophetic Imagination*. Not only did that book present a framework for understanding the prophetic books of the Old Testament, it was also a call to the vital role of prophetic ministry for the contemporary American church which Brueggemann found to be numbed and too “enculturated to the American ethos of consumerism.” The thesis of the book was clearly and boldly stated, “The task of prophetic ministry is to nurture, nourish, and evoke a consciousness and perception alternative to the consciousness and perception of the dominant culture around us.” May this great Christian scholar of our time rest in peace and rise in glory for all his contributions to the gospel. Peace,
Scott

HOH Foundation News

In recent months, I've had the privilege of helping bring a new vision to life—one that honors House of Hope's traditions while reaching toward the future. In addition to the extraordinary weekend we've planned with Renée Fleming, I'm pleased to share some of the other early developments in the work of Hope Arts Center. In partnership and service, Madeline Cieslak, Executive Director

HOPE ARTS CENTER:

House of Hope's New Foundation

House of Hope is pleased to announce the official name of our Foundation: **Hope Arts Center.**

Following several months of thoughtful discussion, collaboration, and discernment, we are excited to introduce a name that reflects both our mission and our vision for the future.

- **Hope** honors our deep and enduring partnership with House of Hope Church.
- **Arts** affirms our commitment to the transformative power of the arts as a means of exploring faith, creativity, dignity, health, wellness, and justice.
- **Center** signals our role as a vibrant hub for expression, healing, and meaningful community engagement.

We look forward to all that lies ahead as Hope Arts Center begins this new chapter of service, inspiration, and connection.

Introducing **Hope Arts Center** **Movies In the Park**

Tuesday, August 19 | 6 p.m.

Join friends from House of Hope and from the neighborhood for a free presentation of **Flow**, the 2024 Academy Award winner for Best Animated Feature.

Exploring themes of survival, friendship, and climate, **Flow** is told through music, stunning visuals, and sounds of animals and nature, with no spoken language. The movie is broadly appealing to children and adults, as well as pets! Non-reactive dogs and cats are welcome, on leash or secured. Bring your lawn chairs or a blanket, and a picnic supper. Bug spray is recommended. Ice cream will be provided. This event is free and open to the public.



ComMUSICation:

Monday - Wednesday, July 7-30 | 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.



Hope Arts Center is delighted to introduce a new friendship with ComMUSICation, a Twin Cities nonprofit dedicated to providing free music education and performance opportunities to youth. This July, House of Hope will host ComMUSICation's Summer Gospel Choir Camp. Open to youth in grades 3–12, this free program is an opportunity to meet Gospel musicians, learn harmonies, and explore the powerful history and impact of Gospel music. Participants will have the chance to perform with a live band at major community events like Rondo Days and VFest at Hallie Q. Brown Community Center. ComMUSICation was founded in 2013 to make high quality after-school music programs accessible to youth. At CMC, music is the special language that builds confidence, community, and capacity for change. Participants learn life and leadership skills, build community across schools and cultures, and perform frequently in amazing locations. Learn more: www.commusicationmn.org



**Register for
Fall Choirs:**
bit.ly/ChoirSchoolRegistration

Carl A. Weyerhaeuser Ministry Anniversary

Forty-five years ago, Carl A.

Weyerhaeuser made a generous gift to House of Hope by donating his family home on Summit Avenue. The home was sold, and the proceeds were used to establish the Carl A. Weyerhaeuser Ministry to sustain the church's distinction as a place of worship and to engage the community in meaningful dialogue around societal issues through the creation of a speaker and performance series, featuring "people with deep discernment and profound commentary."

The endowment has supported the invitation of clergy to preach and well-known speakers and artists to participate in the Sunday Series. Formally dedicated on September 30, 1984, Former President Gerald R. Ford delivered the inaugural address. Over the years, distinguished guests have included Former U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, U.N. Ambassador Jeanne Kirkpatrick, White House Press Secretary Bill Moyers, and conductor Robert Shaw. More recently, the Series has welcomed Dr. Jill Biden, George Takei, Harry Belafonte, columnist David Brooks, Justice Alan C. Page, and historian Heather Cox Richardson. The Carl A. Weyerhaeuser Ministry continues to enrich the lives of House of Hope's congregation and the broader community—fostering connection, curiosity, and thoughtful engagement. We remain deeply grateful for the vision and generosity that made this legacy possible.

We offer thanks to Linda Smith for her research and contributions to this article.

School Tools: School Supply Donation Drive



House of Hope is again 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 to help children in our community.

Interfaith Action's 29th Annual School Tools Drive will support children through these local programs:

- American Indian Magnet School
- CornerHouse Children's Advocacy Center
- Department of Indian Work, Interfaith Action of Greater Saint Paul
- Emma Norton Services
- Faithful Hospitality, Interfaith Action of Greater Saint Paul
- Project Home, Interfaith Action of Greater Saint Paul
- Saint Paul Public Schools

Supplies Needed:

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

How to Participate:
Drop off your donations at House of Hope by Monday, August 25.



HOH Roof and Solar Panel Update

The three-phase project outlined in the April *Anchor* is now underway.

Phase 1: Flat Roof Replacement

After waiting for the building permit to be issued and several weeks of rainy weather in May, work is now fully underway. Disruptions to church activities are being closely coordinated with the contractor and have been minimal.

Phase 2: Slate Roof Repair and Sealant Replacement

The project specification has just been completed and is now out for bid. We anticipate contractor selection with work on-site work to begin in July.

Phase 3: Solar Panel Installation

Xcel Energy's Interconnection Agreement review process has been completed and approved. This approval is critical in allowing House of Hope's solar array to operate and be connected to the electrical grid. Scheduling will be completed in coordination with material delivery dates and completion of the flat roof work.

Watch for updates as work continues!



Children, Youth and Family Ministry

Children and Family Ministry

Contact Dr. Jimmy Hoke:

JimmyH@hohchurch.org

Early Childhood Ministry:

Sunday childcare will be available at 8:45 a.m. in Room 8.

Youth and Family Ministry

Contact Elsa Kendig:

ElsaK@hohchurch.org

Emerging Adult Group Retreat Saturday, July 13 - 16

High School Graduates - 24yrs old will be retreating to a lakefront house in Eau Claire, WI to rest, restore, and connect. Contact Elsa Kendig by July 8 for information. Cost is \$110 per person.

First Friday Jazz: July 11 and August 1 Assembly Room | 6-8 p.m.



The debut of HOH's Community Connection Committee's First Friday Jazz was a

resounding success! The verdict from attendees? Great music! Tasty food and beverages! Great atmosphere! Met old and new friends! Tons of fun! July's First Friday Jazz returns on July 11 because the first Friday in July is Independence Day. Join us for another evening of great music and good company with the piano-based jazz trio Jazz Savvy, playing tunes from the Great American Songbook (and a little blues, a little bop, or samba!). We want you to enjoy this relaxed, casual opportunity to meet, mingle, and enjoy time with fellow HOH congregants and our neighborhood community. Children are welcome. Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be available.

Suggested donation to offset expenses is \$20 per adult. You can donate at the door, in advance at https://bit.ly/Donate_FirstFriday, or Text **HOH Jazz** to **73256** to give.

Sign up:

<https://bit.ly/FirstFridayJazz>

Volunteer:

<https://bit.ly/JazzVolunteers>

Volunteers also need to sign up for the event.

Community Garden

Volunteers are always welcome for our

Community Garden! Even if you can only help out a couple times, it all contributes to creating the delicious and nutritious food for our neighbors. Volunteers of all ages, abilities, experience levels, and schedules are welcome. Contact Elizabeth Karre: houseofhopegarden@gmail.com



JULY - AUGUST

Capital City Grief Coalition

will meet at St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church for the month of July on Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.
Grief Group does not meet in August.

A Familiar Face on Jeopardy!

Wednesday, July 2 | 4:30 p.m.

HOH former associate pastor, Jeff Foels, will be a contestant on *Jeopardy!* Tune in to KARE-11 to see Jeff compete. Beyond competing on *Jeopardy!*, Jeff and his family are doing well. Kelly continues her work as an endangered species biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Jeff is enjoying his time as a stay-at-home dad.

Great Decisions: The Future of NATO and European Security with Alan J. Carlson

Tuesday, July 8

Kirk Parlour | 3 p.m.

NATO has been one of the most successful military alliances in history, and for over 75 years it has secured the peace and stability of Europe, a firm bedrock for freedom and economic growth. With renewed challenges from Russia, and a return to trans-Atlantic hesitancy from Washington, the future of NATO and European security is a challenging problem. Alan J. Carlson retired from the U.S. State Department after 25 years as a diplomat. He worked closely with European and NATO member states in Belgium, Bosnia, Montenegro, Geneva, and Denmark.

Bikes and Burgers

Saturdays, July 19 & August 30



Looking for ways to connect with others while connecting our local stories to the stories of our faith? Join Jimmy Hoke and Elsa Kendig for a bike

tour through the cities to hear about the histories of LGBTQIA+ and BIPOC

people who shaped our communities.

Saturday, July 19 | 10 a.m.

Focus: LGBTQIA+ Histories

Saturday August 30 | 10 a.m.

Focus: BIPOC Histories

Each ride will be about 6 miles long for all ability levels with plenty of stops. We will stop for lunch and fellowship at noon.

Register: https://bit.ly/Bikes_Burgers



National Night Out
Tuesday, August 5

The 18th HOH National Night Out event is our largest neighborhood event for the residents of the immediate neighborhood and some of our mission partners. This is a great opportunity to build relationships with fellow congregation members and our immediate neighbors.

We need volunteers for a variety of projects: recruiting sponsors, distributing flyers to neighborhood residents, setting up and tearing down the event, and everything in between.

We'll also need donations of baked goods for the Sweet Treats Walk, soft drinks, water, and juice boxes Sunday, August 3 - Tuesday, August 5.

Contact: Mary Cardinal Peterson at 651-341-7173 or PeteCardFive@outlook.com

Great Decisions: U.S. - China Relations with Robert Scarlett

Tuesday, August 12

Kirk Parlour | 3 p.m.

When examining U.S.-China Relations, it helps to be able to compare various dimensions of the two countries and understand some of the 2,000-year economic history of China.

Robert Scarlett currently serves as Senior Advisor to Clearwater Biologic, LLC, a bio-remediation business. He is a 45-year volunteer and former Chair of Global Minnesota.

Loaves and Fishes

Monday, August 18

Join us to prepare and serve a meal at St. Matthews Church. Meal preparation begins at 2:45 p.m. At 4:30 p.m. we begin packaging the meals for distribution, and clean up should be completed by 6:30 p.m. Contact Norma Herther: normaherther@msn.com



Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, August 26

Rooms A & B

10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Register: redcrossblood.org/give
Sponsor Code: houseofhope or contact the church for assistance.

Since August 2022, HOH has sponsored eight blood drives and collected 252 units of blood. Thank you, donors, for the gift of life!



Earth Care

Plastic Free July

Plastic pollution has become one of the most pressing environmental issues affecting our planet, human health, and wildlife. Worldwide, 2 million plastic bags are used every minute, more than 40% of plastic is used once and then thrown away, less than 10% of plastic products are recycled, and plastic takes hundreds of years to break down. The pervasive harm done by plastic pollution to biological life and planetary ecosystems impels each of us to reduce our plastic waste. Ready to take on a challenge? Join 100+ million participants in 190 countries that have committed to a Plastic Free July®—a global movement to refuse single-use plastics during the month of July (and beyond). For information, ideas, and resources, visit: www.plasticfreejuly.org

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God is never a set of concepts to be understood but a relationship to encounter.

– Christine Valters Paintner

Welcome to the Circle of Grace!

The Circle of Grace is a new community at The House of Hope Presbyterian Church. Within this circle, we invite each other into conversation and practices which strengthen and deepen our connection with the Divine and with one another. To begin, we will offer three gatherings in the fall and three in the spring, to ponder God and explore faith. At our first gathering, Julia Carlson will lead a conversation around the idea of life as a spiritual journey. In addition to presentations and discussion, we will spend time in prayer and spiritual practices including nature practices.

The Library will be available at 5 p.m. Structured group time will follow from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. with the room available until 7 p.m.

You need this; we all need this. All are Welcome.

Everyone Belongs!

September 18: Life as a Spiritual Journey

October 16: Nature as a Spiritual Practice

November 20: Companions as the Bread of Life

2026 Dates:

March 19, April 16, and May 16

Summer Picnic: Date TBD

Identity is not about the isolation of establishing that there is no one else on earth like me. It's about the solidarity of believing there is a role for each one of us in the body of Christ. – Sam Wells



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