



Rally Sunday September 7

Rally Sunday is the time to gather for the start of a new program year! Join us for our celebration worship as our Motet

Choir returns and an all-church picnic with burgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers, and all the trimmings. Sweet Fruci's Ice Cream Truck will be back with ice cream treats. All members, friends, and neighbors welcome! We will have inflatables for children and lawn games.

NEW: Congregational Photo! Following worship, we will gather for a congregational photo. We hope to have as many congregation members as possible participate!

CIRCLE OF GRACE



You need this; we all need this. All are Welcome. Everyone Belongs!

Beginning Thursday, September 18 | 5:30 p.m.

I want to issue a special invitation to each of you to attend the Circle of Grace gatherings that will begin this fall at House of Hope. The first gathering is September 18 at 5:30 p.m. in the Library. We invite getting together starting at 5 p.m. We'll have some salads and rolls on hand along with coffee, tea, and water. There will be a short presentation and facilitated discussion starting at 5:30 p.m. At the first meeting, we will give some thought to and talk about "Life as a Spiritual Journey."

See you there, *Julia*

Fall Dates: September 18, October 16, November 20

2026 Dates: March 19, April 16, and May 16

God is never a set of concepts to be understood but a relationship to encounter. – Christine Valters Paintner



Renée Fleming Residency: September 19-21

In partnership with Schubert Club, House of Hope and Hope Arts Center welcome Renée Fleming.

Ticket Information: <https://bit.ly/HopeArtsCenter>

Schedule of Events:

Friday, September 19 | Voice of Nature Recital

The Ordway Music Hall | 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 Renée Fleming | 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 21 | House of Hope | 2 p.m.



SUNDAY SERIES Music and Mind:
Harnessing the Arts for Health and Wellness with Ms. Fleming, Dr. Michael Georgieff, Dr. Kathryn Cullen, and Eyleen Braaten. Moderated by Cathy Wurzer.

A growing body of research demonstrates that music and arts therapies are powerful tools for addressing a wide range of conditions—from relieving pain and easing anxiety and depression to restoring speech after stroke or traumatic brain injury, and improving mobility for people with Parkinson's disease, MS, and other disorders. Renée Fleming will highlight stories and research shared in her book, drawing on her experience as an arts advocate to showcase the breadth of the rapidly expanding field of NeuroArts.

House of Hope will also welcome distinguished panelists:

- Dr. Michael Georgieff of the Masonic Institute for the Developing Brain at the University of Minnesota
- Dr. Kathryn Cullen, Head of the Child & Adolescent Mental Health Division at the University of Minnesota
- Eyleen Braaten, Executive Director of Giving Voice, a national movement bringing joy, connection, and purpose to people living with dementia and their care partners.

Music and Mind is both groundbreaking and accessible, a compelling introduction to an exciting new field at the intersection of the arts and human health.

WORSHIP

10 a.m.

Sunday, September 7, 2025
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Motet Choir:

Let All the World in Every Corner Sing,
Vaughan Williams
Haec est Dies, Handl

Sunday, September 14, 2025
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Motet Choir:

Jubilate Deo, Britten
One Thing More, Marshall

Sunday, September 21, 2025
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Motet Choir:

The Heavens are Telling, Haydn
Be Unto Me, Byrd

Sunday, September 28, 2025
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Motet Choir:

Chantez a Dieu, Sweelinck
In virtute tua, Gorczycki



A Note from Scott

We have launched the Hope Arts Center!

I recently got to see the Hope Arts Center's beautiful new logo before it was shared publicly. We've got our kickoff gala with Renée Fleming just around the corner. And already a slate of other events planned and community partnerships in the works.

I'm thrilled by the opportunities this non-profit, partner organization will allow the church to explore. We will be able to form new relationships and connect with new people. And the beautiful treasures of our campus and its artistic and musical beauty will be more widely shared, meaning we are good stewards of the legacies handed down to us.

As I was sharing my excitement over this launch, I wondered if any of my friends might ask, "Why art?"

In my preaching, I've been emphasizing that I believe we live at a significant time for the Christian church. The world is going through a period of deep trouble, with overlapping crises. Which makes the

ministry of the church even more vital. As I've said, our traditions, practices, and values are needed by people, right now.

And among those treasures of the Christian church is the way we have created, curated, and maintained beauty—in music, art, written and spoken word, and architecture. Beauty can ennoble the human soul, excite our imaginations and creativity, and inspire us to do magnificent things. Beauty is a manifestation of God's glory that shines through us.

This autumn I'll be preaching about the role of awe in our worship and spirituality, including saying more about the importance of beauty.

In this era of violence, cruelty, and constant crises, one of the greatest gifts we have to give the world is a peaceful and joyful place where they can encounter beauty and explore their creativity.

Peace,
Scott

Youth Triennium

Presbyterian Youth Triennium is a gathering of thousands of Presbyterian youth from around the country, happening every 3 years. After a six-year pause because of the pandemic, it happened this year in Louisville, Kentucky July 28-31. I went with 20 other people from the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area. It was fun to see other faces from the area who I didn't know, and get to know them. We are all hoping to meet up again now that we are home. Worship with over 2,000 other people was very energetic, and I liked hearing the various speakers, including Rev. Cece Armstrong, who reminded us that we need to make some noise in our lives, and Bruce Reyes-Chow, who spoke about social justice. It was also fun to meet other like-minded youth from around the country. Every Presbytery delegation brings pins that represent their region, and pin trading at Triennium creates a micro economy of "valuable" pins, and you get to meet people from all over the country when you trade pins with them. Overall, Triennium is a very fun and empowering event that will have you leaving wishing it was an annual event.

– Abram Vorhes, House of Hope Youth Triennium Participant





HOPE ARTS CENTER



Hope Arts Center is pleased to announce a new partnership with Giving Voice Initiative.

With a mission to create “joyful choral communities for people living with dementia and their care partners,” Giving Voice Initiative leads a worldwide movement to bring dementia-friendly choruses to every community. A recipient of the Renée Fleming NeuroArts Investigator Award, Giving Voice leads four Twin Cities-based choirs and has supported the creation of over 70 self-sustaining dementia-friendly choirs around the world. House of Hope and Hope Arts Center are delighted to partner with Giving Voice, hosting a choir on Tuesdays from 1-3 p.m., beginning September 2. For more information, visit www.givingvoicechorus.org or call Jessica with Giving Voice at (612) 440-9634.



HOH Staff Updates

- Rodney Beach resigned his position as House of Hope's Facility Manager effective July 31.
- Michelle Theisen has accepted the position of House of Hope's Facility and Event Manager.
- Preston Conley joined the staff as a member of our Facility Staff.
- Shelley Baumgart has returned from leave.



Register for Choir School: Music and Singing for All Ages

Do you know a child who loves to sing? Perhaps you're curious about singing but hesitant to try. Whether it's choir ensembles for Prek-Grade 12, adult voice classes, or individual instruction (piano/voice), the **Choir School has music and singing for everyone!**

Registration for fall is open now: <https://bit.ly/ChoirSchoolRegistration>

Choir School Schedule:

Tuesdays | 1 p.m. Adult Voice Explorers
 Wednesdays | 4:15-6 p.m. Classes/Choirs for Grades 1-12 | Starts September 10
 Sundays | 11-11:45 a.m. Alleluia Choir: PreK-Grade 1 | Starts September 14
 Individual voice and piano lessons scheduled weekly.
 Contact: Choir School Director Sofia Ardalan at SofiaA@hohchurch.org



18th Annual National Night Out: A Success!

Wonderful weather made a great night for a community gathering. We again fed, entertained, and visited approximately 350 people. Mayor Carter and Saint Paul Police Chief Axel Henry as well as other law enforcement officers, Fire Station #5 as well as others stopped by to visit with guests.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped distribute flyers in the neighborhood, volunteered to help at the event, donated beverages, sweet treats, items for door prizes, funds to help put the event on and prayed for our success. Your support and generosity are greatly appreciated as every bit helped to make this a beloved community event!

– Mary Cardinal Peterson

Handbell Opportunities



2025-2026 marks the 46th year of handbells in worship at House of Hope. There are opportunities for

those who read music and meet weekly as well as those who want to participate occasionally and may not read music. The handbell program is open to members and non-members. After a summer break, the **Bells of Hope** will reconvene Wednesday, September 3 at 7 p.m. If you have music reading skills and wish to learn the art of handbell ringing, stop by and try it out. The group rehearses weekly and rings monthly October through May.

Sacred Bells is our ensemble which rings patterns (no music reading skills required) at various times within a worship service. The group rehearses on a Sunday morning, meets about five times a year, and is open to junior high age to adult. Contact Music Associate Tim Short at TimS@hohchurch.org for details.

Awakening the Creative Soul: Art, Worship and Co-Creative Spiritual Practice with Rev. Shawna Bowman

Sunday, October 4 | 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.



Pastor and artist Rev. Shawna Bowman (they/them) will be artist in residence and lead a morning arts retreat with dynamic conversation and demonstration of the ways creativity can fuel our spiritual lives and can foster a deeper connection with God and one another in worship.

At a time when our spirits can feel so drained by the destructive forces in our world, Rev. Bowman is a powerful and compelling voice for the ways in which we are called to be co-creators and co-dreamers with God for renewal, justice, and wholeness. The morning will start with a talk from Rev. Bowman (aimed at adults) exploring how the arts, including visual arts, can be a meaningful entry point to engaging all our senses in worship and reveal the spirit of God. Exploring both theology and the sacredness of our own lived experience, Rev. Bowman will invite creativity, possibility, and meaning-making within and beyond aesthetic sensibilities. We'll then watch and co-create with Shawna during a 90-minute session of contemplative creativity, where all ages are welcome to either watch the creative process unfold as Rev. Bowman paints a large-format artwork centering on the theme of Creation in Genesis and/or create a smaller artwork of their own. We will conclude with lunch and conversation together. Watch for sign up opportunities.

Rev. Shawna Bowman (they/them) is pastor and Executive Director of Friendship Presbyterian Church in Chicago, an innovative cooperative ministry focused on radical ways of serving community and doing justice. They also currently serve as Moderator of the Chicago Presbytery, are an affiliate faculty member at McCormick Theological Seminary, and were a co-founder of the Creation Lab, a cooperative arts center. As a professional artist, their art has been featured at art shows in Chicago and at the PC(USA) General Assembly.



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.

Sunday School Begins

September 7

God calls EVERYONE in different ways. This fall, our children will engage biblical stories about God's calling to people and communities and explore how we can listen, look, and imagine God calling all of us. This *God's Calling* curriculum was designed by Dr. Jimmy Hoke for House of Hope's children!

Tween Night (4th – 6th graders)

Friday, September 12: 5:30-7 p.m.

Sunday School Teacher Training

Saturday, September 13

10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Third Grade Bible Classes

September 14 and 21

11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Bible presentations will be made on September 28 in worship.

Youth and Family Ministry

Contact Elsa Kendig:

ElsaK@hohchurch.org

Confirmation Parent Information Session

Wednesday, September 10
7 p.m.

Confirmation Classes Begin
Wednesday, September 17
6:30 - 8 p.m.

Youth Group
Sunday, September, 14 & 21
6 - 8 p.m.

Overnight at the Church
Friday, September 26, 7 p.m. –
Saturday, September 27, 9 a.m.



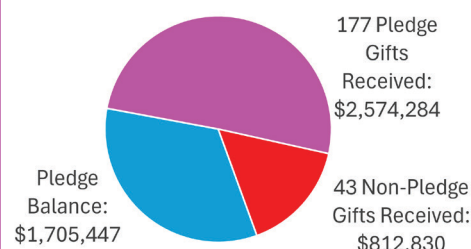
Capital Campaign Update

We are grateful for the ongoing generosity toward our **Bright Hope for Tomorrow**

Capital Campaign. You can make a gift or pledge at any time to help fund the HVAC/Utility Infrastructure Improvement Project.

Contact Michelle Freyholtz with questions about giving.

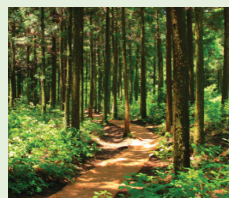
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Save the dates:

Walking the Way

Wednesday Evenings,
October 22 - November 19



Are you curious about Christian beliefs and practices? Do you ever wonder why Christians

do certain things, or why different Christians do things differently? House of Hope will offer a five-week series for adults and youth covering foundational Christian practices that invite participants to reflect on and engage with our Presbyterian faith tradition. A simple dinner will be offered beginning at 5:30 p.m. The program will begin at 6 p.m., finishing by 7 p.m. Make plans to join us.

SEPTEMBER

Capital City Grief Coalition

Lumen Christi Catholic Church
September - December
Thursdays | 5:30 p.m.

Great Decisions: A.I. and American National Security with Christi Siver

**Tuesday, September 9
Kirk Parlour | 3:30 p.m.**

Artificial intelligence is a rapidly moving field with particular importance for national security. A.I. creates cybersecurity vulnerabilities and has opened new possibilities for autonomous weapons, particularly drones. Join us to understand what artificial intelligence is and to be a part of the conversation of the role it plays in our lives.

Christi Siver is a Professor of Political Science at the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University.

Wednesday Bible Study

**Wednesday, September 10
Room 1 | 9:30 a.m.**

We are a group ready to hear anew the Sunday Scripture passages with discussion together. It requires only a Bible — and beginners are welcome!

Sunday Enrichment with Senior Pastor Scott Jones

**Sunday, September 14
Assembly Room | 11:15 a.m.**

Join us to get to know our new Senior Pastor and Head of Staff better during an informal conversation.

Stephen Ministry at House of Hope

Sunday, September 14

We are celebrating 10 years of Stephen Ministry at HOH, and we are recruiting for our next class! Have you ever thought about being a Stephen Minister? Current Stephen Ministers will be available in the Sanctuary and the Kirk Parlour following worship. Look for posters where one of our ministers who can share information on care-giving relationships and what the program has meant to them.

All-Pilgrimage Reunion and Brunch

Sunday, September 14

Rooms A & B | 11:15 a.m.

Sunday-Weekday Connections with Deb Boyd

**Tuesday, September 23
Kirk Parlour | 5:30 p.m.**

Deb Boyd will talk about her life and connection to House of Hope.

Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, September 27



Summit Lawn | 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Join us on the Summit Lawn with your pets for a blessing. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us!

NAMI Walk for Mental Health

**Saturday, September 27
Minnehaha Regional Park
11:30 a.m.**

Join us at Seat Salt for a Walk-A-Thon in support of mental health and enjoy community, fresh air, exercise, and beautiful scenery, to talk and learn about mental health. 1 in 5 adults suffers from a mental health issue in their lives. Minnesota's National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)'s support is vital for the well-being of many people. There will be information, speakers, musicians, and inspiration. Register to walk 5 km with us or contribute at: www.namiwalks.org/teams/77438
Contact: John Zwier

Parking Lot Informational Meeting

**Sunday, September 28
Assembly Room | 11:15 a.m.**

Join us for another meeting to learn about three task forces' work to study the Summit parking lot and the Session's decision to sell the lot. You can read more about the process on the website under *Things to Know*.

UPCOMING

Sunday Enrichment: Spirituality: Seeing with the Eyes of the Heart

October 5 and 12

Dr. Stephen Brachlow and Rev. Dr. Julia Carlson will offer back-to-back Adult Enrichment sessions on spirituality. Stephen taught courses on spirituality at several seminaries including the PCUSA seminary in Louisville. As a retired professor of Church History and Christian Spirituality, Stephen has much wisdom to share about the Spirit's guidance and presence in our lives. Julia will introduce us to HOH's labyrinth and discuss the labyrinth as a spiritual practice.

Installation of Rev. Dr. E. Scott Jones as HOH's Senior Pastor and Head of Staff

Sunday, October 19 during 10 a.m. worship



Earth Care

Farmers' Market at HOH

The Saint Paul Farmers Market returned again to House of Hope this summer and continues through October 24 every Friday from 1:15 to 5 p.m. in the Summit Avenue parking lot. Fall is a perfect time to take advantage of the fruits and vegetables that are at the peak of their growing season, when they taste best – including apples, cauliflower, melons, potatoes, and winter squash. Because the food is grown within 100 miles of Saint Paul, your purchases support local farmers and local economy. You even have the opportunity to talk to the farmers who grow the food and love to share their tips and recipes. For more information visit www.stpaulfarmersmarket.com.

And, remember to bring your reusable shopping bags.

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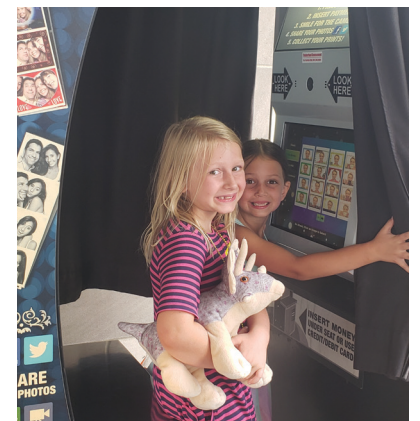
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