



How Our Garden Grows With the Help of Volunteers

Join us as we kick off another season of the House of Hope Community Garden. Located right on our front yard, this garden serves as a bold statement of House of Hope's mission to eliminate the hunger we see all around us.

Volunteers from our congregation and the community plant, maintain, and harvest vegetables to help feed hungry families in St. Paul. Last year, we delivered 2,400 pounds of fresh produce to the Neighborhood House food shelf. The garden is maintained by volunteers, without whom none of this incredible work would happen. We extend a huge thank-you to our dedicated volunteers!

Whether you consider yourself a master gardener or a beginner, your help is needed this growing season. Work at your own pace and on your own schedule. Families are welcome. What a great opportunity to teach your children about making a difference in their community.

Keep an eye on the House of Hope Community Garden on Facebook to track our progress.

To volunteer, contact Terri Matilla at (651) 307-9919 or matt0547@umn.edu.

HOH Volunteers Bring Faith and Heart to Mission Outreach

Volunteering is good for you. Research illustrates the many benefits—from improved physical and mental health to a strong sense of community connection. For many of us at House of Hope, it offers an opportunity to put our faith into action. Volunteers are motivated by values such as eliminating poverty, feeding the hungry, or creating opportunities for others. Volunteering offers a way to serve our local community as leaders in Christian service. Through service we develop and deepen our faith alongside partners and friends.

The House of Hope offers many opportunities to volunteer. From teaching Sunday School to singing in the Motet Choir, from curating artists in the Cloister Gallery to ushering funeral services—our members do it all. Volunteers greet members, visitors, and friends each Sunday with warmth and hospitality. Our beautiful building and impeccable grounds are maintained with the help of volunteers. Dedicated members of The Intercessors Guild pray

every day for those in need. Volunteers manage behind-the-scenes tasks such as ordering and maintaining books for our church library or assembling Sunday's worship bulletin, to projects that launch members into the community by leading activities and fellowship at the YWCA's Transitional Housing program or Women's Advocates shelter.

Love cannot remain by itself—it has no meaning. Love has to be put into action, and that action is service.

—Mother Teresa

Thank you for your commitment and the generous gift of your time and talent.

If you are interested in volunteer opportunities at House of Hope, please check our website:

<http://www.hohchurch.org/volunteer-opportunities>

Come Christians, Join to Sing!

Reverend David A. Van Dyke

I have noticed something that, in my experience, is unique to this church. As your pastor, I am going to name it. I'm talking about the large number of worship attendees who stand for the hymns but do not sing them, choosing instead to stare straight ahead. Not only do they not sing the hymns, they don't even open the hymn book and read the words that are being sung around them. I simply do not understand this. Of course, it is anyone's right not to sing, but this practice seems more prevalent here than in other congregations where I have served or been a guest. If you are one who doesn't sing, perhaps it never occurred to you that we preachers who select the hymns, spend a good bit of time on our selection. And we select them primarily for their words—for the messages or themes those hymns convey. To miss even reading some of the most beautiful, poetic and theologically rich language we have as a church, is the equivalent of deliberately plugging your ears during a prayer, or taking a phone call during an anthem. It is opting out as if that part of worshipping God doesn't matter. I'm guessing that the most common explanation among those who don't sing is that they can't. But not being able to carry a tune is no reason to tune out. And if you feel you cannot sing because it simply evokes something

emotionally deep inside of you that makes you uncomfortable, then please get in touch with yourself and explore why that is the case.

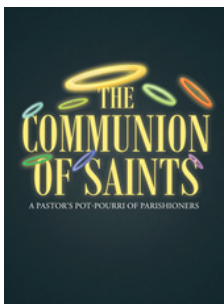


In a *Time* magazine article entitled, "Singing Changes Your Brain," the author wrote:

When you sing, musical vibrations move through you, altering your physical and emotional landscape. Group singing, for those who have done it, is the most exhilarating and transformative of all. It takes something incredibly intimate, a sound that begins inside of you, shares it with a roomful of people and it comes back as something even more thrilling: harmony.

And you don't have to be a good singer to reap those rewards. Congregational singing is one of the most important aspects of our corporate worship. The church's hymnody helps form and underscore our theology and beliefs. I strongly affirm that even humming hymns to yourself, whether you are in the car or the grocery aisle, is a sincere form of prayer. Singing hymns glorifies God, so please, for your sake and for God's, open the book and join the song!

—David



Dr. John M. Miller will be preaching at House of Hope on Sunday, July 2. The interim pastor in 1998 and 1999, Miller has recently published a book called *The Communion of Saints: A Pastor's Potpourri of Parishioners*.

A collection of biographical sketches, *The Communion of Saints* recognizes the saintliness in all of God's children, where our flawed humanity meets the divine in perfect imperfection.

Affectionately, poignantly, and sometimes humorously, Miller

describes parishioners from each of the congregations he has served as a Presbyterian pastor. House of Hope Presbyterians are included.

Following the service, copies of the book may be purchased for \$19 in cash or by check made payable to John Miller.

WORSHIP

10 a.m.

Sunday, June 4 Pentecost

David A. Van Dyke, preaching
Holy Communion

Motet Choir:

Kyrie (from Mass In G), Schubert
Veni Sancte Spiritus, Michael Haydn

Sunday, June 11 Trinity Sunday

Julia A. Carlson, preaching

Motet Choir:

O Lord, in Thee Have I Trusted, Handel
The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee, O Lord, Harris

Sunday, June 18 Second Sunday after Pentecost

David A. Van Dyke, preaching

Motet Choir:

Call to Remembrance, Farrant
Cantate Domino, Pitoni

Sunday, June 25 Third Sunday after Pentecost

David A. Van Dyke, preaching

Motet Choir:

Exultate Justi, Viadana
From the Rising of the Sun, Ouseley

All who put their faith and trust in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available from the servers.

Welcome 2017 Confirmands to our Congregation

An excerpt from Jeffrey T. Foels' sermon, May 7:

Since September, we have been exploring faith together. We talked about God as trinity, as Creating God, as redeeming Jesus, as sustaining Spirit. We went deeper into the familiar stories of Creation, or of Jesus' last week. We engaged with different images of God from Christians around the world. We explored the work of the Holy Spirit as it inspires our faith through Scripture, communion, baptism, worship, and mission. We engaged with the church in a deeper way.

In all our lives of faith, we can always be moving from the easy surface fables into the deeper, messier contradictions and challenges of faith.

Some of the things our confirmands struggle with the most are the things that are ultimately struggle-worthy for us all. What does it mean that God is three and one? What does it mean that Jesus was fully human, fully God? What does the Holy Spirit do to fit in with both God and Jesus?

These are questions they struggle with because they are deeply engaged with them. And such struggle is ultimately what I see in all the paragons of faith, all the people I have looked up to over the years, who struggle with what our faith does in the face of evil, of difference, of sin, of how our deep beliefs are brought to bear in the face of mental illness, climate change, interreligious

dialogue, consumer culture. In short, the move from the easy surface to the deep engagement is the journey of faith. The deeply rewarding journey of faith. The journey of faith we are called to.

Listen to some of their responses—these are parts of the confirmands' statements of faith, read before the session:

"Whenever we read the Bible in church, we close with saying 'The Word of the Lord.' When we say this, I do not believe that God wrote this book himself, or even told its many authors exactly what to write. The Bible is made up of God's teaching and will. It is to teach us the ways of God and to shed light on Him.

This does not mean we should take the Bible word for word, including denouncing things it does not directly say. The Bible is a tool that we can use to help live our lives and shape them. It's God's way of showing how much he loves us."

"My journey in faith was rocky. My parents asked me to try confirmation here. I surprised myself and them when I was given the option to stop doing confirmation, but I told them I wanted to be confirmed to this church. I am glad I chose to become Presbyterian because it makes sense to me."

"To me, the church is a place for a community to gather. It is a place for people to follow God. But most importantly, it is a place for people to learn and love one another. I believe that the church is a place to teach and learn and to explore your own faith like my fellow classmates and me."



The Gift of Tom Mairs

Tom Mairs loved the church. He wanted to make sure

that his love for House of Hope would be celebrated and remembered long after his passing in August, 2016. Tom became a member of the Anchor Society by naming the church as a beneficiary of his estate plan.

"Over lunch one day, Tom informed me of his decision," said Pastor David Van Dyke. Living in Highland Park, Tom and his family were a part of a group of House of Hope members who helped the Presbytery start the Edgcumbe Presbyterian Church in the mid-1950s.

After being at Edgcumbe for several years, the Mairs family transferred their membership back to House of Hope because his children said it was where all their friends attended. Tom's generous gift has been incorporated into the church's endowment fund and will result in providing annual support for the church.

Endowed gifts to the church, of any size, help sustain the church's mission and programs into perpetuity.

"I am deeply grateful for Tom's love and commitment to House of Hope," said Pastor Van Dyke.





Congregational Care

Welcome a new group of Stephen Ministers

Stephen Ministers are laypeople—Christian men and women—trained to provide one-to-one care to people. They come from all walks of life, but share a common passion for bringing Christ’s love to people during a time of need.

Our volunteer group of Stephen Ministers works with members and in the community to provide Christ-centered emotional and spiritual care to those who are suffering. Prayer and spiritual support can help us cope with challenges, illness, trauma, loss, and life transitions.

Thank you to our Stephen Ministers for the support and care they offer. If you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister or if you would like someone to meet or pray with you, please contact Pastor Julia Carlson at (651) 223-7553 or JuliaC@hohchurch.org.

“As a former firefighter, I can say that pastors are very much like firemen. They get called to a crisis and do their best to put out the fire and take care of immediate needs. But it’s not long before they have to rush off to another fire. Pastors are indispensable, but it is difficult for them to provide the follow-up care people need. That’s my role as a Stephen Minister—to be there week after week for three months, six months, or whatever it takes.”

“I feel that God definitely has a use for me—to walk alongside someone and help make their load a little bit lighter.”
—Ray, retired fireman

Habitat for Humanity Summer Project

It’s time to sign up for the Faith Builders summer work camp taking place July 24 through August 4. Together with four neighboring congregations, we will build a new house at 1105 3rd Street in St. Paul Park.

Volunteers are welcome to work one day or all 10! There is plenty for all skill levels—from beginner to craftsman.

Have questions or want to sign up? Contact Dave Olsen at (651) 253-8444 or davewolsen1@yahoo.com.



Creating Community at Prior Crossing for Homeless Youth

House of Hope is grateful to the volunteers who helped to make Prior Crossing a reality. Together with Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative, House of Hope developed 44 safe studio apartments at Prior Crossing: Housing Development for Homeless Youth in St. Paul. The Amherst H. Wilder Foundation provides on-site supportive services to residents, building meaningful relationships and nurturing community spirit.

Youth at Prior Crossing are accessing services they need to lead productive lives. In September 2016, the building opened its doors to 44 previously homeless youth. During the first four months, 43 of those youth remained stably housed. Eighty-nine percent were either employed, enrolled in school, or actively seeking employment.

“We are proud to follow through on our commitment to the youth of Prior Crossing,” stated a volunteer involved in the project. “Deep down we all know we can make a difference.”

Volunteer opportunities abound with this project. Consider donating new or gently used household items to Hope’s Closet. Open to residents upon move in, Hope’s Closet allows



residents to stock their new apartment with dishes, toiletries, and linens, free of charge. In fact, our Mission Sewing Group completed hand-tied blankets to be distributed to each new resident.

Volunteers are also needed to help build a Community Garden at Prior Crossing. Join us to build three raised garden structures on Tuesday, June 6. Contact Caroline Stone at chws@icloud.com.

Great Decisions

June 13 | 4 p.m.

Afghanistan and Pakistan

Bill Davnie, Speaker

Major internal conflict has plagued Afghanistan for four decades. The United States has conducted military operations in the country nearly continuously since 2001. Today, war with the Taliban persists and tensions between the U.S. and Pakistan have gradually deteriorated. As his time in office drew to a close, President Obama limited further withdrawal of the U.S. troops from Afghanistan.

The Trump Administration now faces significant choices: will it maintain the status quo, completely reverse the past administration's drawdown or withdraw completely? Does the U.S. face a no-win situation in Afghanistan and Pakistan?

William Davnie served as foreign service officer in the U.S. Department of State from 1981–2007 with postings in Hong Kong, Thailand, USSR/Russia, Lithuania, Finland, and Baghdad, Iraq. He is a graduate of Wabash College, Vanderbilt University (Master of Divinity) and National Defense University in Washington, D.C.

Great Decisions is a non-partisan U.S. Foreign Policy discussion group established by the U.S. Foreign Policy Association and sponsored by Global Minnesota.

Please register in the church office or call (651) 227-6311.

Great Decisions

Tuesday, June 13 | 4 p.m.

Kirk Parlour | \$60 per family annually
(includes companion book)



Eagle Scout Project Completed in the Youth Room

Hi, I'm Vincent Woodward, a member of House of Hope and a member of Boy Scout Troop 451 based in Eagan. I'm very close to the rank of Eagle Scout, which is the highest honor you can receive as a Boy Scout. Some consider it to be one of the highest honors that you can receive in your lifetime. I've been actively working towards this rank for six years. To receive the Eagle rank, you must complete the previous six ranks, you must achieve at least 21 merit badges, serve your troop in a leadership position (I've been serving as the Senior Patrol Leader), show Scout spirit, and complete an Eagle Scout service project where significant planning and leadership ability is demonstrated and that is a benefit to the recipient organization.

The project I selected was painting the Youth Room at House of Hope. The Youth Room was in need of a new look. I modernized the dingy walls with fresh white and gray paint. We worked on it for 150 hours from March 27–31 with help from 19 volunteers made up of my fellow Scouts, family, and church staff.

I would like to especially thank Dick Crone for helping coordinate my project with the church. We completed it in a timely manner and delivered a great-looking room.



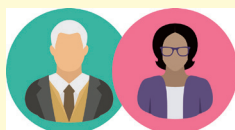
Harvesting Hope Bash 2017

Friday, November 3 | 5:30 p.m. | Kirk Parlour and Great Hall

Mark your calendar for the Harvesting Hope Bash 2017, a delicious harvest dinner courtesy of The Winzer Stube German Restaurant in Hudson, WI. There will be games, music, live and silent auctions all in the name of raising funds for Mission Outreach. Your support translates directly to feeding the hungry, providing housing, and helping people in need learn work and life skills in our community. Volunteers are always welcome.

Consider donating a live or silent auction item. Items could include a stay at a lakeside cabin, box seats at sporting events, music or theatre events, hosting a gathering in your home, instruction in something you're good at (knitting, pie-making, etc.)—you get the idea. Contact Linda Lane at lane2311@gmail.com or Annie Yetter at anniyetter@gmail.com if you have a donation or would like additional information.

We look forward to your company at the Harvesting Hope Bash 2017.



MY HOH

Introducing our new online directory—a way for members to connect in deeper, more meaningful ways.

If you haven't already done so, go to www.hohchurch.org and click "My HOH" to set up an account.

Children, Youth, and Family Programming



Thank you Sunday School Volunteers

May 21 was Teacher Appreciation Day.

All children in Sunday School worked together to create a big thank-you banner for our dedicated teachers. Thank you for all that you do to help HOH children grow in God's love.

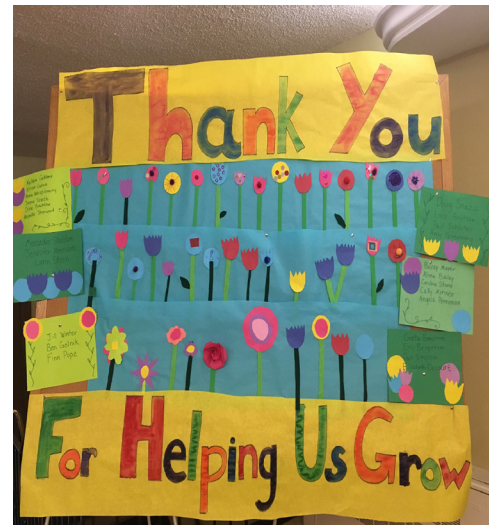
Interested in teaching Sunday School next fall? Opportunities are available!

Contact Jill Winter at (651) 223-7547 or children@hohchurch.org for more information about children and family programming.

Volunteer Needed for Summer Camp in the City

If you're looking for a fun weekday opportunity to support the children of our congregation, look no further! Summer Camp in the City will be held during the week of June 26–30, 9 a.m.–3 p.m. Counselors from Clearwater Forest will run the program, but we need help to make sure everything goes smoothly. Here are some ways to get involved:

- Provide housing for 1–3 Clearwater camp counselors June 25–29
- Host a dinner for the counselors one night the week of June 26–29
- Volunteer/help with crafts, lunch, snack, etc. during the camp day



Grand Old Day at House of Hope

On June 4, HOH youth will raise money to support their mission trip by offering parking for Grand Old Day in the two House of Hope parking lots from 8 a.m.–3 p.m.

During the mission trip to Detroit, youth will participate in volunteer opportunities, such as visiting a sustainable farm that supplies food shelves, helping an elderly congregation with projects around their church, and volunteering with children and youth at a community center.

Please consider contributing \$20 as you leave on Sunday— all proceeds directly fund the trip!



Choir School 2017

Thank you for a great season of singing. See you again in the fall.



Join us next year! All children ages 4–18 are welcome to make a joyful noise in House of Hope Choir School. Musical skills are taught through choral music in rehearsal, worship, and performance. Previous musical training is not required.

More information at: www.hohchurch.org/choir-school or please contact Sofia Ardalan at SofiaA@hohchurch.org to schedule an audition August 27–30.



Family Camp June 9–11 | Clearwater Forest

Summer Camp in the City June 26–30 | 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Day camp at House of Hope for children who have completed K–5, led by staff from Clearwater Forest.

Adult Education and Events

Men's Breakfast Groups

Tuesdays, 7 a.m. | St. Clair Broiler
Study the lectionary for the upcoming Sunday's scripture lessons.

Contact Leo Sawicki at (651) 481-9589 or lbsawicki@comcast.net

Thursdays, 7 a.m. | St. Clair Broiler
All House of Hope men are welcome.

Contact Bill Liike at (651) 224-0631

Bible Studies

Will resume after Labor Day

Loaves & Fishes

Third Monday of even months

House of Hope volunteers provide dinner. Prep starts at 2:30 p.m.; meal service begins at 4:45 p.m.

Contact Kay or Paul Solon at (651) 398-0643 or solon@macalester.edu

Kirk Club

No meeting in June.

Hard Hats

First Thursday of each month 9:00 a.m. | Maintenance Shop

Volunteer to help keep the church building and grounds in good condition.

Contact Facility Manager Jim Brzezinski at (651) 223-7559 or JimB@hohchurch.org

Joy Davis' First Thursday Literature Seminars

June 1 | 10 a.m. | Church Library
All are welcome. RSVP not required.

Grief Support Groups

Thursdays | 5:30–7:30 p.m.
Grief support for those who have suffered the loss of a loved one, sponsored by Capital City Grief Coalition.

Groups meet at Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church in St. Paul

Contact Lois Knutson at (651) 227-4430

Faith & Fibers

Will resume after Labor Day

Women's Breakfast Group

Fridays, 7–8 a.m. | Kirk Parlour
Breakfast, comraderie, lively discussion of scheduled books.

June 2: Planning for 2017–2018

June 9: Book Swap and Informal Discussion

June 16: Planning for Summer 2017

June 23, 30: *There's Something I Want You To Do*, Charles Baxter

Newcomers welcome! Contact Jan Dickinson at (651) 647-1786 or Elly Verhagen at (651)293-1924

Mission Sewing

June 1, 9:30 a.m. | Dining Rooms A&B

Bring a lunch if you'd like to stay for fellowship following our work. Note: No meetings in July and August.

Centering Prayer

Mondays, 11 a.m. | Kirk Parlour

Led by Julia A. Carlson. All are welcome. Introduction to the practice at the beginning of each gathering.

Contact Pastor Julia Carlson at (651) 223-7553 or JuliaC@hohchurch.org.

Women's Advocates

June 15, 6–7:30 p.m.

Join us for a craft project, bingo, and treats with the women and children at the women's shelter. If interested, call the church office at (651) 227-6311.

House of Hope Yoga

Fridays, noon | Meeting House, 3rd floor

New members welcome. No previous experience necessary and open to all ages and abilities.

Contact Laura at (612) 590-7535 or atlcmerriam@msn.com

The Intercessor's Guild

has been in prayer for House of Hope members and mission for nearly one hundred years. Thank you to our dedicated group of volunteers who offer prayers each day of the year for people around the world.

If you have a joy or concern for which you would like confidential and consistent prayer, contact David Goudzwaard-Vaught at (651) 223-7540 or DavidGV@hohchurch.org or Pastor Julia Carlson at (651) 223-7553 or JuliaC@hohchurch.org.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 9 a.m.–8 p.m.

Tuesday–Thursday: 9 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

Friday: 9 a.m.–1 p.m.



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History Rings Through House of Hope's Bell Tower



A sneak peek at the House of Hope Bell Tower with Dave Johnson, House of Hope's Carillonneur since 1993.

A carillon is a musical instrument consisting of at least two octaves of bells arranged in chromatic series and played from a keyboard, permitting control of expression through variation of touch. A carillon bell is a cast bronze cup-shaped bell whose partial tones are in harmonious relationship to each other so that many such bells can be sounded together in various

chords to create harmony. According to Dave, "These are real bells being played by a real person on an instrument that has real connections running all the way from the key to the bell. When you strike a key, the key pulls a wire, the wire turns a rod, the rod pulls another wire, which is attached to a clapper, which strikes the bell."

Take a tour of House of Hope's Bell Tower with Carillonneur David Johnson:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AV4xm0G0IGQ>.

2017 Summer Carillon Recital Series

Recitalists represent a broad spectrum within the the Guild of Carillonneurs in North America.

July 4: Dave Johnson

July 9: Julianne Vanden Wyngaard and George Gregory

July 16: Jonathan Lehrer

July 23: Timothy Short and Keiran Cantilina

July 30: Tin-shi Tam

August 6: Kipp Cortez

August 13: Dave Johnson

The 2017 House of Hope Carillon Series is supported by a generous grant made in memory of Sanford "Sandy" Moss, made at the recommendation of Harold and Grace Kurtz, executors of the Moss estate.