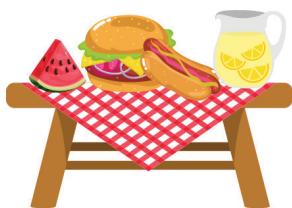




Rally Sunday September 8



Rally Sunday is the time to gather together for the start of a new program year! Please join us for our celebration worship as our choirs return

and for 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. All members, friends, and neighbors welcome! We will have inflatables for children and lawn games.

HVAC/Electrical Project Completed Building Closed September 19-20

House of Hope's HVAC, fire safety, and electrical project is now completed!

On September 19 and 20, most of the staff will return to offices in the west end of the building. Members of the Music Staff will remain in their offices in the East Wing. The church offices and building will be closed on September 19 and 20 to accommodate the relocation of phone extensions and electronic equipment and to move office furniture and set up offices. The library books and art will return later in the fall when people and programs are more settled.

In addition to the Hearing Loop, the House, Property, and Insurance Committee is looking at other sound/hearing improvements and has to plan for some roof repairs made evident by this wet summer.

This fall, we welcome two new tenants to House of Hope. Greater Twin Cities Youth Symphonies will be renting the Great Hall for rehearsal space on Tuesday and Thursday nights after office hours. In addition, Meadowlark School, a part of the Association of Waldorf Schools, will be renting Room 11 on the second floor of the East Wing during the day. The school is called a "microschool" with a class of second graders.

Saint Paul Farmers' Market
Summit Avenue Parking Lot
Fridays, through October | 1:15-5 p.m.



Sunday Series with Kate Bowler

Sunday, November 3 | 2 p.m.



House of Hope welcomes Dr. Kate Bowler to our Sunday Series on Sunday, November 3 at 2 p.m. Kate Bowler, Ph.D., a 4X *New York Times* bestselling author, podcast host, and professor at Duke University, brings a unique perspective to her work. She delves into the cultural narratives

we construct around success, suffering, and our capacity for change. In a world fraught with challenges and uncertainties, Kate Bowler stands out as a beacon of hope and humor, guiding others through their darkest moments with her resilience, wisdom, and infectious optimism.

As a speaker, Kate has a remarkable ability to ignite a spark of transformation within each listener. Her talks inspire them to embrace their vulnerabilities, discover purpose, and approach life with a newfound sense of meaning. To hear Kate Bowler speak is to embark on a journey of self-discovery and personal growth, an experience that leaves a lasting imprint on hearts and minds.

At age 35, she was unexpectedly diagnosed with Stage IV cancer, causing her to think in different terms about the research and beliefs she had been studying. She penned *The New York Times* bestselling memoir, *Everything Happens for a Reason (and Other Lies I've Loved)*, which tells the story of her struggle to understand the personal and intellectual dimensions of the American belief that all tragedies are tests of character.

On her popular podcast, *Everything Happens*, Kate speaks with people like Malcolm Gladwell, Tig Notaro, Bryan Stevenson, Minka Kelly, Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby, and Katie Couric about what wisdom and truth they've uncovered during difficult circumstances. Kate's work has received widespread media attention from *The Today Show*, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, and NPR. Her TED talk has been viewed more than 10 million times.

You can read more about Dr. Bowler on our website: <https://bit.ly/HOHSundaySeries>

Online registration will open on Tuesday, October 1.

WORSHIP

10 a.m.

Sunday, September 1, 2024
Twenty-second Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Sunday, September 8, 2024
Twenty-third Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Motet Choir:
Contate Domino, Hassler
A Glorious Day is Dawning, Miller

Sunday, September 15, 2024
Twenty-fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Motet Choir:
The Heavens are Telling, Haydn
O Perfect Love, Helvey

Sunday, September 22, 2024
Twenty-fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Motet Choir:
Cantique de Jean Racine, Fauré
Almighty and Everlasting God,
Gibbons

Sunday, September 29, 2024
Twenty-sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Motet Choir:
Make a Joyful Noise, Fax
Out of the Deep, Morley



A Note from Phil

"In the sharing of the meal we give concrete expression to our gratitude. We catch a taste of heaven."

I stumbled upon this gem from P. Travis Kroeker in a collection of essays by the late bell hooks, entitled *Belonging: A Culture of Place*. Hooks wrote this as she returned to the land where she was born, Kentucky, to teach at Berea College. She recounts her wanderings throughout the country, searching for a sense of belonging that pays "...tribute to the past as a resource that can serve as a foundation for us to revision and renew our commitment to the present, to making a world where all people can live fully and well, where everyone can belong."

Our country, our world, and our local community of St. Paul ache for belonging. Inundated as we have become with breaking news about doomsday scenarios, it is easy to lose sight of the very specific ways we and so many in our immediate community are working toward places where even more of us can belong. We continue our practice of building a more beloved community: in worship and Sunday School and through our giving to sustain our building and programs. But this fall's enrichment and education opportunities offer specific glimpses at work being done—among us and around us—that deepens and widens belonging in our midst.

Celebrating Rally Sunday on September 8 is a staple of belonging

for this congregation. Ice cream truck, picnic lunch, bouncy mazes, and a renewed sense of possibility will be on hand...and maybe even a dunk tank? In October, our fall Sunday Series will highlight the work of our Presbyterian denomination, as well as local, state, national and international initiatives moving for reparations for indigenous peoples, American descendants of chattel slavery. House of Hope members will have the opportunity to join the Sacred Sites tour, hosted by Rev. Jim Bear Jacobs of the Minnesota Council of Churches, that visits nearby locations sacred to the Dakota people. In early November, 4-time *New York Times* bestselling author Kate Bowler will speak on her experiences as an unexpected cancer survivor and authentic hope found amid despair. And both youth and intergenerational family retreats offer intentional times for rest and reflection.

Interspersed throughout will be Sunday Enrichment speakers addressing anti-hate work; skills for listening and connecting across deep differences; local ballot initiatives that often get lost in big election cycles; and hope-filled advocacy for people too often overlooked in our justice system.

We look forward to pulling up chairs with everyone around the table at House of Hope, and catching a taste of heaven.

Phil
Transitional Pastor for Faith Formation and Lifelong Learning

Care Pastors in Residence



Retired Presbyterian pastors Dix Brachlow and Mike Anderson have each been involved in our congregational life in varied ways over the past years. Both have now agreed to serve as volunteer Care Pastors in Residence. They are each gifting the congregation with a specified number of hours a month to make phone calls and visits. We are grateful for their generous and loving presence among us.

— Scott and Julia

Volunteer to be a Greeter!

Welcome
to House of Hope!



Now that construction projects are being completed, it's time to reorganize the Sunday

greeter program!

Please consider volunteering for one Sunday per month at one of the many posts around the church. To sign up for more info, contact Shana Wagner at (612) 396-0807 or sharon.k.wagner@gmail.com

Handbell Choirs at House of Hope

The Handbell program at House of Hope is the second oldest musical group and celebrates its 45th anniversary



beginning this fall. Join a group and experience the art of handbell ringing!

The **Bells of Hope** rehearse weekly during the program year for 90 minutes and ring musical offerings once each month. Music reading skills are required, but bell technique is taught at rehearsals.

The **Sounds of Hope** meets weekly for 20 minutes each Wednesday and offers music for worship every other month. This is a great way to refresh music reading skills - bell ringing technique is taught in rehearsals.

Sacred Bells is an ensemble that ring patterns – no music reading skills are required! The group rings about 5 times a year, meets early on a Sunday morning to learn the patterns, then accompanies a hymn or prayers in the service.

Contact: Music Associate Tim Short at TimS@hohchurch.org

National Night Out



Our 2024 event was another successful event of gathering congregants with the neighborhood,

businesses, first responders, elected officials, and mission partners for a fun evening. We had strong attendance, perfect weather, and many happy faces! Guests were able to visit with Mayor Melvin Carter, the mayor's father about his Save Our Sons work, St. Paul Police Chief Axel Henry, and for the first time, Sheriff Bob Fletcher. Attendees registered to vote with League of Women Voters, learned about Rondo Land Trust, built a bird feeder with Elpis Enterprises, had a photo taken with Summit Amusements, listened and danced to The Dissenters, won a Sweet Treat and/or door prize, and children enjoyed various activities. For the first time we collected food for neighbors that was donated to Hallie Q. Brown food shelf. Appreciative expressions of gratitude from guests were heard in great quantity.

Thank you to all who delivered flyers, gathered sponsors/donors, volunteered, donated treats, funds, door prizes and/or beverages, loaned a cooler, hosted a table for attendees, or prayed for the event, your contributions made an impact in creating a fun event for everyone, and your support is greatly appreciated.

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, August 5, 2025!

Sugarloaf Cove

A small group of congregants and friends took an overnight trip to Two Harbors and Sugarloaf Cove in July. Between bugs and rain showers, they



caught a glimpse of land and people working together to restore a portion of the North Shore long used as a timber company's parking lot.

Peace & Global Witness Offering World Communion Sunday | October 6



The Peace & Global Witness Offering unites our church with Presbyterians everywhere reaching out to people across the globe who long for peace and reconciliation. As we work to share Christ's peace with those beyond our doors, please consider a gift to the offering.

Ways to give:

- Envelopes in the pew racks
- Mail with the memo: Peace
- Online: <https://bit.ly/HOHPeace>
- Text: HOH PEACE to 73256

Additional Prayer Shawls Needed

Faith and Fibers is asking for those who knit or crochet to consider making a prayer shawl to be given to those in need of care and comfort.



There is yarn available, as well as patterns. Contact Janice Dickinson for more information: janice.dickinson@att.net

Bright Hope for Tomorrow



We are grateful for those who have made a pledge or gift to our Capital Campaign!

187 households have pledged or have given \$4,236,055 to the capital campaign. This includes 162 pledges totaling \$4,142,129 and 25 non-pledged gifts of \$93,926.

We have spent around \$10 million to date on this project, funded in part by a PILP Loan and additional funds from the Endowment. Please consider a pledge or gift if you have not done so already.

The Houses of Hope Fund at Work in St. Paul

Two new affordable residences are now open thanks in part to funding from The Houses of Hope Fund. Residents have been moving into their new homes in the new Highland Bridge development. The Houses of Hope Fund made multi-year grants totaling \$24,000 to Common Bond for The Lumen and \$30,000 to Project for Pride in Living (PPL) for Restoring Waters in support of these new affordable housing units.

Restoring Waters, a Project for Pride in Living property, is a supportive housing residence for more than 60 individuals and small families, and will provide the foundation for every person to heal, recover, and build a more stable and harmonious future. All residents will have access to a variety of supportive professionals, including case managers, peer support specialists, and other health specialists to provide information, support, referrals, and advocacy as needed.

The Lumen, a project of Common Bond, provides 60 units of housing for seniors. Residents are ages 62 and older who earn 30 percent or less of the Area Median Income (AMI). A project-based Section 8 subsidy allows residents to pay 30 percent of their income in rent. Seven units will be reserved for formerly homeless seniors.

The Houses of Hope Fund was created as a part of the 150th Anniversary of House of Hope in 1999. This dedicated fund was created for the purpose of partnering with existing agencies and non-profit organizations to upgrade, improve, construct, and promote affordable housing for low to moderate income individuals and families in the neighborhood of the House of Hope Church (especially to the north and northeast), the City of St. Paul, and the East metropolitan area. Since 2000, over \$3 million in grants have been awarded.

Children, Youth and Family Ministry



Children and Family Ministry

Contact Dr. Jimmy Hoke:

JimmyH@hohchurch.org

Sundays, beginning September 8
Nursery: Room 8 | 8:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

PreK - 2nd Graders: Room 4
3rd-5th Graders: Room 7

Rally Sunday, September 8

During Sunday School, children will be introduced to teachers, each other, and kick off the year with some community building together.

Teacher Training and Curriculum Notes

Want to have fun and help our children grow in their faith and build church community? Volunteer to teach Sunday School. Studies show that meaningful relationships with volunteer teachers are critical for helping children grow and stay in church, and it helps adults continue to develop their own faith and make meaningful, cross-generational relationships with children and families.

Sunday School Teacher Training
Saturday, September 14
9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Third Grade Bible Classes and Presentation

We will present Bibles to third graders in worship on Sunday, October 6, World Communion Sunday. Invitations will be sent to 3rd graders to attend Bible Classes to help them learn how to engage their new Bibles.

Bible classes will take place on September 22 and 29 from 11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. with lunch from Chipotle!

Tween Night at Can Can Wonderland Fourth and Fifth Graders

Friday, September 13 | 5:30 – 7 p.m.

Tween events are typically held on the second Friday of each month, usually from 5:30 – 7 p.m. during school year.

Youth and Family Ministry

Contact Elsa Kendig:

ElsaK@hohchurch.org

Calling all Confirmands

Youth grade 9 (or youth grades 10-12 interested in confirmation) are invited to join this year's confirmation class. Confirmation is often seen as a rite of passage within the church, and while that it not un-true, there is so much more to it. Confirmation is a chance not only to build community with other youth, but to start asking questions and learning some of the spiritual practices that will help us navigate throughout our lives. If you are interested in having your youth be a part of this year's class, please contact Elsa Kendig by September 18. ElsaK@hohchurch.org

Sunday Youth Group: Grades 6-12 September 22

Youth Room | 5-7 p.m.

Join us for games, dinner and a little discussion.

September Youth Retreat September 27-29

YMCA Camp St. Croix

Youth grades 6-12 are invited to join us as we relax, play, and consider how the stories that shape us and how they connect, or don't, to have a big influence on the ways we are, or aren't, equipped to face our world.



Thank you to all who contributed to our School Tools School Supply Drive for Interfaith Action. House of Hope's donation was estimated to value around \$2,500. Funds donated will be divided between the schools to purchase needed items like calculators and backpacks.

SEPTEMBER

Capital City Grief Coalition
Lumin Christi Catholic Church
September - December
Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.

Great Decisions: Climate Technology and Competition with Todd Lefko

Tuesday, September 10
Kirk Parlour | 3 p.m.

In recent years, we have been forced to recognize the increasingly wider impacts of climate changes on immigration, health, urbanization, and international relations. Will the U.S. and China, with other powerful countries following suit, approach current and future climate initiatives with an increased commitment to trade protectionism and nationalism, by various measures including trade restrictions? Or could a growing spirit of international accord develop to confront the "common enemy" of climate change? Todd Lefko is President of the International Business Development Company, an import-export firm dealing with water purification equipment, art, linen, kilns, and new technologies.

Wednesday Bible Study Returns

Wednesday, September 11
Room 1 | 9:30 a.m.

New Member Class

Sunday, September 15 | Room 1
11:15 a.m.

If you are interested in learning more about House of Hope, please join us!

Sunday-Weekday Connections with Jill Winter

Tuesday, September 24
Kirk Parlour | 5:30 p.m.

Jill Winter has been an active member of HOH for 17 years and has served in many roles, including Sunday School teacher, deacon, elder, confirmation mentor, and coordinator of Children and Family Ministry. Jill is a licensed

clinical social worker and has spent her career working with children, adolescents, and their families. Sign up by Thursday, September 19 at <https://bit.ly/HOHSundayWeekday>

NAMI Walk

Saturday, September 28
Minnehaha Regional Park

Join Team "Presbyterians4NAMI" to help bring Minnesota's NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) closer to our goal of "Mental Health for All." Friends and family will walk with our Presbytery's Disability Concerns Ministry. **Register or donate:** <https://bit.ly/NAMIWalk2024>
Meet at a round table near Sea Salt Eatery at noon. Look for royal blue t-shirts. We have an impact to make, and the larger our team, the bigger our impact as we raise money and supercharge awareness to power NAMI and its free, life-changing programs. Contact Dix Brachlow for more information: 651-508-1425 or DWBrachlow@gmail.com

UPCOMING

The State of Repair and Reparations Work

Saturday, October 5
10:30 a.m. - Noon

Rev. Jermaine Ross-Allam, the PC(USA)'s Director of the Center for the Repair of Historic Harms will lead a panel discussion on Saturday and will preach on Sunday. Come learn about this work at the local, state, national and international levels from experts working in the field. Registration is free but required for an accurate count for catering. Watch for a registration link in the Enews and bulletin.

Sacred Sites Tour with Rev. Jim Bear Jacobs

Saturday, October 5 | 2-6 p.m.

Experience a tour of Dakota Sacred Sites and learn about their history. Rev. Jim Bear Jacobs is Co-Director

of Racial Justice with the Minnesota Council of Church. Dress for the weather and bring a folding chair. To register and for details, email Phillip Romine. PhillipR@hohchurch.org

Stewardship 2025 Kickoff Event | November 3

Join us for a Fun Kick-Off Event in the Great Hall, immediately after worship to connect with church friends & staff, and celebrate how your stewardship giving helps with the daily operations of HOH and our community initiatives. Stewardship Sunday is November 10.

Congregational/Family Retreat | Clearwater Forest
Friday-Sunday, November 8-10

Join us for an opportunity to pause with your church community before the bustle of the end of the year. Contact Phillip Romine to sign up: PhillipR@hohchurch.org



Earth Care

Farmers Market at HOH

This summer the Saint Paul Farmers' Market returned to House of Hope and continues through October 25 every Friday from 1:15 to 5:00 pm in the Summit Avenue parking lot. September is the perfect time to take advantage of the vegetables and fruits that are at the peak of their growing season, when they taste best – including apples, cauliflower, melons, potatoes, and winter squash. Because this food is grown locally, not thousands of miles away, your money supports local farmers and the local economy. You can also meet and talk to the farmers who grow the food and love to share their expertise, tips, and recipes. For more information visit www.stpaulfarmersmarket.com And, **remember to bring your reusable shopping bags.**

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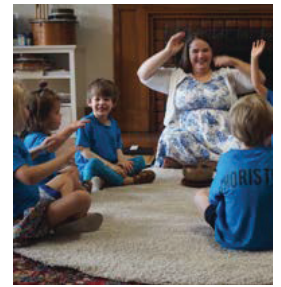


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If only the whole world could feel the power of harmony.

– Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart



Voice and choral music education that encourages and inspires.

The House of Hope Choir School offers a well-rounded music education to all children ages Pre-K – Grade 12 through weekly rehearsals and performance opportunities. Since 1982, hundreds of children have experienced the joy of singing and friendship at The ChoirSchool. We believe music is for everyone and that every child can sing! The fall session begins on September 11.

To learn more about tuition and to register, visit www.hohchurch.org/choir-school

SUMMER PUPPET SHOW AND NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

