



# Hands of Compassion

A Ministry of The Rochester Church Of Christ



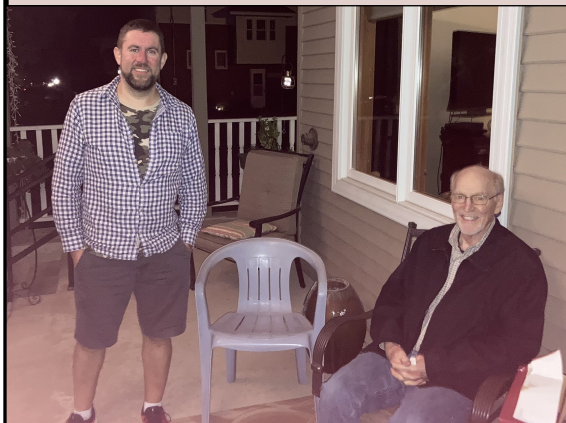
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## “Where Two Or Three Gather In My Name”

What does HOC look like during the Covid-19 Pandemic? In many ways the Hands of Compassion (HOC) has looked different. We have different rules inside the house, requirements of masks, social distancing, disinfecting of countertops, etc. And although these things create a different environment around HOC, we still find ways to make connections. We have long believed that the most important thing that can happen at HOC is that people connect with one another and with the Father above. Covid-19 has made that more difficult in many ways, but God still works and provides opportunities for his people. Each Tuesday evening we have been having a social distanced gathering outside with the people who have stayed with us. Not everyone participates, but for those who do, it has been a time of laughter, connecting, and prayer. People share their stories, get to know one another, and pray for each other. Just before the first presidential debate, four men sat on the porch and each prayed for God’s presence in our nation and in our elections. God has truly blessed us with opportunities to minister in a world where people are being separated from one another. In Matthew 18:19, Jesus says,

**“Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”** No matter how lonely the world seems to be in this day and age, it is important to remember that God is still on His throne and He has not left his people. He walks along with us so that we can never be alone in our struggles. And He provides us with brothers and sisters who can continue to walk the path with us and share one another’s burdens. What an amazing God we have!



# Hands of Compassion Servants

The Hands of Compassion ministry has been blessed with many servants over its 35 year history. We would now like to introduce some new members of the Hands of Compassion board of directors, who invest their time into making the Hands of Compassion houses an amazing environment for people who are here for the Mayo clinic. We are so grateful to all our board members who give up their time for this ministry!



## Christy Rampton, RN

Christy comes to us from the nursing field, where she has spent many years working and teaching in the field. She brings a great deal of medical experience to our board which helps to strengthen our ability to care for people who are here for Mayo.



## Dr. Pam Smithie, DMD

Pam has been a part of this ministry for many years. She has been staying as a guest at the Hands of Compassion houses since 2013. Pam is a dentist by trade, but she, along with her husband Andy, have always used their time in Rochester to minister to others. We are truly blessed to have her with us on the board for the Hands of Compassion



## Dr. John Kirby, MD

Dr. Kirby moved to Rochester in the summer of 2019 to become a resident at the Mayo Clinic in radiology. John brings talent in Medicine and Technology to the Hands of Compassion Board. He has been a huge blessing for the Rochester Church of Christ in helping us with our technology during this pandemic.

# God's Blessings on Our Ministry

I would like to let you know of an amazing blessing that God is providing for the Hands of Compassion. We have been offered a dollar-for-dollar matching grant of up to \$30,000 toward the building of our expansion house. This means that in order to take full advantage of this grant, we need to raise \$30,000 by June 30, 2021. All of our board members are dedicated to reaching this goal and have donated to this fund! If you would like to help us reach this goal, feel free to donate either through mail or online. If you donate through mail, mail to:

Expansion House Fund  
Hands of Compassion Ministry  
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If you would prefer to donate through our website, visit us at [www.hocrochester.com](http://www.hocrochester.com). Go to our donate page, and click the donate button. Type **Expansion House** next to the words: **Special Instructions to Seller**. (Found under the donation dollar amount on the second page, where personal information is added)

Thank you so much for supporting us in so many ways! We really appreciate how God has blessed this ministry through you!

# Memorials and Honorariums— June 1 through October 8

## Memorials

**Randy Shipley**  
William Boyd

**Don & Kathy McMillon**  
Melissa Emerson-Davis  
Steve & Patti Sikes

**Jim Byram**  
Ronna Foulk

**Bud Hammans**  
Sue Hammans

**Leroy Murphy**  
Margaret Harris

**Toni Vaughn**  
Thelma & Roy Kirkpatrick

**Kenneth Wright**  
Javan & Elizabeth Maynard

**Ruth Kerres**  
Janet Philpott

**Boots Young**  
Janice Smith

**Glenn Harris**  
Gladys Willis

**Nadine Skinner**  
Janet Philpott

**Eddie Roberon**  
William Boyd

**Gerry Willis**  
Melissa Emerson-Davis

**Jessica Sikes**  
Steve & Patti Sikes

**Nathaniel & Annie Potts**  
Melissa Emerson-Davis

**David Lynn**  
Steve & Patti Sikes

**Sandy Weseman**  
Margaret Anderson

**Carole Wolfe**  
Margaret Anderson

**Gary Faragher**  
William Boyd

## Dollar Day

Our annual Dollar Day fundraiser will be held on Sunday, December 6th. Many people read this newsletter and if everyone gave \$1 it would go a long ways. This is a great fundraising event for individuals and churches alike. There are a number of ways to give to the Hands of Compassion Ministry. You can donate by mailing a check to 840 W. Center St. Rochester, MN 55901,

or visit [www.hocrochester.com](http://www.hocrochester.com) to donate electronically.

## Share with your Church

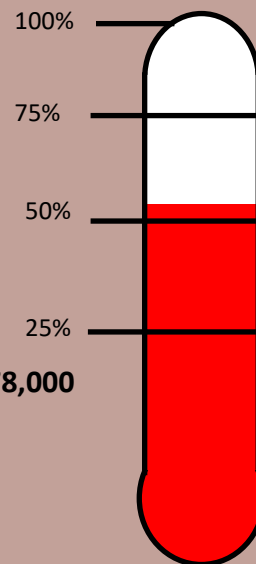
We are constantly looking for churches to share in this ministry with us. If you believe that your church might be interested in hearing more about the Hands of Compassion ministry, please contact us at 507-216-8993. We would love to come visit your church and share about the work here in Rochester.

## How Can I Help?

There are a number of ways to give to the Hands of Compassion Ministry. You can donate by mail or visit [www.hocrochester.com](http://www.hocrochester.com) to donate electronically. Also use the website to find information on donating through a Will. There are many other ways to give as well. Pray for our ministry! Donate supplies or HyVee gift cards that can be used for our guests. Donate parking cards for people who struggle with having money to park at the Mayo Clinic.

## Funds Collected For New, Integrated, More Accessible HOC Expansion!

**Goal—\$1,900,000**



**Raised—\$978,000**



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## The God Who Moves Nations!

In the past few months, I have had the opportunity to teach a class on the book of Esther at the Rochester church of Christ. When I have read this book in the past, my focus has always been on the character of Esther. This time, however, I began to notice the incredible faith of Mordecai! Most of you know the story (if you don't, I suggest you read it). Esther was chosen by King Xerxes to be the next queen. Haman then creates a plot to destroy all the Jews on a certain day, simply because Mordecai refuses to bow down to him. Mordecai hears of this plot and contacts Queen Esther. What happens next, however, is where I most see the faith of Mordecai in action. When Esther responds in fear to Mordecai's request to go before the king, he replies simply, "Do not think that because you are in the king's house you alone of all the Jews will escape. For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. **And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?**" (Esther 4:14, NIV) In this statement, we see an absolute faith from Mordecai that God will protect his people from the evil nation around him. His statement doesn't reflect that if Esther does nothing God's people are doomed. He simply says that if you don't do it God's deliverance will come from another place. There is never doubt in Mordecai's mind that God can move nations. He just believes that his cousin is in the place she is because God wants her to be the instrument! As a result of this faith, the Jewish people are saved and the Persian Empire is changed! As we come up on an election cycle, just remember that God still moves nations. When confronted with this Esther, Mordecai, and all of their people spent three days in prayer and fasting. We have a God of power and love, and He loves His people. Sometimes bad things happen to God's people, but don't keep asking yourself, "Why me?" Instead ask, "Did God put me here for such a time as this?"

Phillip Quelle—Hands of Compassion Chaplain

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