

Welcome to Hennepin Church!

We are glad that you chose to worship here today. We hope your time here is meaningful and helps nurture you in the way of Christ. At each entrance there are purple Welcome Bags for guests to receive if you want more information about the church. Blessings to you on your journey of faith!

Nursery for infants - age 3 is available today until 12:30 PM. An usher will be happy to help you find the nursery in **Room 103** of the Education Wing.

Coffee is available Sunday mornings in Carlson Hall. Our special thanks to Jim Cone of Coffee & Tea, Ltd. for supplying Sunday coffee!

Next week our Artists in Residence, the Copper Street Brass Quintet will be playing a concert of transcriptions of your classical favorites at 4:00.

Where + is indicated, standing or sitting, we praise God.
You are invited to read aloud the bold text.

9:30 AM WORSHIP ~ JANUARY 29, 2012

CELEBRATING EPIPHANY

Practicing Beloved Community

PRELUDE	<i>Morgen</i>	Strauss/arr. Hackett
CHORAL INTROIT	<i>Glory to God</i>	AZMON William H. Mathis
ENTRY INTO CELEBRATION		Fred Blaisdell

Open wide the gates!
The Holy One will come in!
 Open wide your hearts!
The Holy One will come in!
 Open wide your homes!
The Holy One will come in!
 Today we greet the Holy –
 behind us, before us, next to us, and within us.
The Holy One is here! Alleluia!

+ HYMN NO. 62 *All Creatures of Our God and King*

+ MORNING PRAYER

**Thanks be to you, God awesomely distant
 thanks for the searing of shooting stars
 the colors of planets in the night sky
 the space and power beyond our perceiving
 which sparkles in the sky of our lives with your caring.
 Thanks be to you, God uncomfortably close
 giving life to dead dry things
 – the dance of pure stillness,
 the beat of our hearts, is your doing.
 Thanks be to you, God known in a body
 who blessed as he lived, who raised up our life
 to be gathered as one, reaching out for the kingdom.**

ANTHEM	<i>All Things Bright and Beautiful</i> Altar Choir	John Rutter
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WELCOME		Bruce Robbins
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TIME WITH CHILDREN

SHARING THE PEACE

May the peace of God be with you.
And also with you.

The congregation is invited to greet one another with signs of peace.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *Jesus, United by thy Grace*
Vs. 1, 2

AZMON



1. Je - sus, u - nit - ed by thy grace and each to each en - deared,
2. Still let us own our com-mon Lord, and bear Thine ea - sy yoke,
3. Make us in - to one spir - it drink; bap-tize in - to Thy Name;
4. Help us to help each o - ther, Lord, each o - ther's cross to bear;



with con - fi - dence we seek thy face and know our prayer is heard.
a band of love, a three-fold cord, which nev - er can be broke.
and let us al - ways kind - ly think and sweet - ly speak the same.
let all their friend - ly aid af - ford, and feel each o - ther's care.

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 Carlton Bauer, Lector

Now concerning meat that has been sacrificed to a false god: we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge makes people arrogant, but love builds people up. If anyone thinks they know something, they don't yet know as much as they should know. But if someone loves God, then they are known by God.

So concerning the actual food involved in these sacrifices to false gods, we know that a false god isn't anything in this world, and that there is no God except for the one God. Granted, there are so-called "gods," in heaven and on the earth, as there are many gods and many lords. However, for us believers,

- There is one God.
- All things come from God, and we belong to God.
- And there is one Lord Jesus Christ.
- All things exist through Christ, and we live through Christ.

But not everybody knows this. Some are eating this food as though it really is food sacrificed to a real idol, because they were used to idol worship until now. Their conscience is weak because it has been damaged. Food won't bring us close to God. We're not missing out if we don't eat, and we don't have any advantage if we do eat. But watch out or else this freedom of yours might be a problem for those who are weak. Suppose someone sees you (the person who has knowledge) eating in an idol's temple. Won't the person with a weak conscience be encouraged to eat the meat sacrificed to false gods? The weak brother or sister for whom Christ died is destroyed by your knowledge. You sin against Christ if you sin against your brothers and sisters and hurt their weak consciences this way. This is why, if food causes the downfall of my brother or sister, I won't eat meat ever again, or else I may cause my brother or sister to fall.

Today's reading comes from The Common English Bible.

Did you notice that we have changed the fabric at the front of the church to green? (These fabrics are called paraments.) The season of Epiphany ended and we now live in "Ordinary Time" until the Sunday before Lent, which is Transfiguration Sunday, Feb. 19th. Green represents times of growth, and ordinary time reminds us that it is in the ordinariness of life that we often experience God's love in the most profound ways. How are you living out your ordinary life? In what ways are you experiencing the love of God through this beloved community?

For next week read:
Mark 1:29-39

+ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Improvisation on an Ostinato* Andrew Hackett

An ostinato is a typically short musical fragment that is repeated over and over, in an "obstinate" fashion. This ostinato is in the pedal.

Today's acolytes are Jerry and Nancy Gale

Today's Sanctuary Flowers are given by Keith and Nancy Sjoquist in honor of their grandson Charlie, born on January 2, 2012.

There is still time to sign up to donate Sanctuary flowers during 2012. Please provide your name and phone number on the flower calendar in Carlson Hall and a couple weeks before your selected date you will receive a reminder to order the flowers and an opportunity to put a dedication in the bulletin. (February has a few openings!)

A HOPEFUL EARTH: FAITH, SCIENCE AND THE MESSAGE OF JESUS

A NEW BOOK BY BISHOP SALLY DYCK

1:30 PM, JANUARY 29 - KLAS CENTER, HAMLINE UNIVERSITY

Is our environmental crisis also a spiritual crisis? You are invited to take a deeper look at this question with the authors of the book *A Hopeful Earth*, Bishop Sally Dyck and her niece and environmental science educator Sarah Ehrman. This very special afternoon will include worship, presentation, discussion, and an opportunity to develop a plan of action. Refreshments will be provided. Pre-register at hamline.edu/hopefulearth to receive detailed directions and an excerpt from the book. The event is free and open to all, sponsored by Hamline's Wesley Center and Minnesota Interfaith Power and Light.

Are You Curious About Hennepin Church?

Following this worship service, at about 10:35 AM, meet at the communion rail in front of the Sanctuary for a **Church Tour**. We welcome you to Hennepin Church today!

WELCOME, GUESTS! We are glad you are here! Our hope is that you have a meaningful worship experience this morning that helps you to connect with God and others and to live in the way of Christ. In order to get to know you better, we invite you to sign the Fellowship Pad at the end of your pew and include any information that will help us respond to you. There are Welcome Bags at the main entrances with more information about Hennepin Church, but we'd always prefer to answer your questions face to face so feel free to ask anything. We welcome new insights, new questions, and new people!

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OUR MISSION

To invite all peoples on a spiritual journey guided by scripture, tradition, experience and reason that leads to a Christian faith exemplified by loving relationships with God, all others, and ourselves.

MINISTERS

Every member of Hennepin Church

CLERGY

Bob Brinkley – Pastoral Visitation; Paula Colton – Youth Ministries; Matt Hunter – Outreach; Sally Johnson – Worship & Spiritual Formation; Bruce Robbins – Pastor; Leah Rosso – Young Adults & Hospitality; Wayne Clymer – Bishop in Residence; Richard Waggoner – Music Emeritus.

PROGRAM STAFF

Cynthia Ashley – Parish Nurse; Ann Carlson – Dignity Center; Kevin Dahlen – Koinonia Manager; Andrew Hackett – Organist; Jack Fistler – Legacy Giving; William Mathis – Music & Fine Arts; Mary Martin – Dignity Center Volunteers; Dana Neuhauser – Children's Ministries; Daniel Pederson – Communications

TWIN CITIES

SUPERINTENDENT

Elizabeth Lopez

MINNESOTA AREA BISHOP

Sally Dyck

Weekday Events *Get Involved... Volunteer... Donate*

Men's Bible Fellowship: At 7:00 on Friday mornings a group of men gather for Bible study, conversation and fellowship. All men are invited to attend this lively discussion.

Thursday Bible Study meets at 11:00 AM in the Longfellow Room. The winter study is on the book *Job and the Life of Faith*. Mary Mensheha and Juanita Reed-Boniface are the class leaders. New participants always welcome!

New Life Adventures: Feb. 10 will be our Jazzy Valentine with the Jumpin' Jehosefats at our annual Valentine Luncheon. **Reservations due Feb. 5, cost is \$15.** Sign up today at the reception desk! Feb. 17 is a service project for the Dignity Center.

The Science & Faith Roundtable: If you're interested in how science and religion can be partners in the quest for truth, this group may be for you! Our next meeting is on **Feb. 23: Food, Farming and Faith** by Gary W. Fick. **March 22: New Proofs for the Existence of God** by Robert J. Spitzer, S.J.

Kjerringsleppets, a women's book group, meets the first Wednesday of every month from 5:30 - 7:00 PM in the Longfellow Room. The group is open to women of all ages and welcomes new people. If you have any questions, please contact Sally Johnson at Sally@haumc.org. **Feb. 1: Major Pettigrew's Last Stand** by Helen Simonson. **March 7: Undress Me in the Temple of Heaven.**

The January Hunger Offering will support the Jaipur Gandhi Leprosy Ashram in India. After many years the exchange rate of Rupees to dollars has shifted. This means that their meager earnings/savings have lost a quarter of their buying value. You can help by making weekly donations to our Hunger Offering project. The January receipts will be like manna from heaven, a big help at the food market. Please be generous in your giving.

Community Meals: Tonight we'll welcome 200-250 brave souls. Don Forster will be serving guests a hot, chicken dinner with mashed potatoes and gravy. There's blueberry pie and cinnamon ice cream for dessert. Full tummies and warm hearts are a testimony to God's love and to your love and care for your neighbor.

Furniture Advocate: The Dignity Center helps clients find housing and refers them to Bridging to furnish their home with a one time furniture donation. A home visit is required to determine furnishing needs. Would you be willing to be a part of this ministry? Home visits are requested then scheduled, with a frequency of about one visit a month, through the Dignity Center Furniture Advocate. This opportunity is for 2 people. Grab your wife, your husband, your daughter/son or a good friend and volunteer! Contact Mary Martin if interested: Mary@haumc.org or 612-435-1337.

Office Volunteers: Do you have a few hours to spare once a month or so? We are looking for a couple extra volunteers to help assemble our monthly newsletter for mailing. Please contact Sandy at the front desk if you can help: 612-871-5303 or Sandra@haumc.org. Many hands make light the work! Thanks!

Dignity Center Needs: Please contact Ann Carlson Dignity@haumc.org or 612-435-1336 if you can help with the following needs at the Dignity Center **Paper Products:** including paper cups, plates, bowls, napkins and plastic eating utensils. Dignity Center can use your items. **Toiletries:** Items to stock health kits are needed such as travel sized soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, lotion, shampoo, deodorant, disposable razor, shaving cream, kleenex, lip balm. If you want to assemble kits, please put the items in a zip lock baggie. Alternatively, you can just bring individual items that you collect. **Used Computers:** Dignity Center likes to give clients who are regularly seeing an Advocate and going to post-secondary school a computer to do their school work. They prefer lap-top computers, but are glad to get desk top computers too. All donated computers need to have Windows XP or newer. Every computer is checked out by a retired computer engineer, whose ministry is to make computers available and workable to those who cannot afford to purchase them. Thank you!

SUNDAY SPIRE



Printed on 100% post-consumer waste (PCW) recycled office paper.

Please recycle the bulletin!

Please email all information to Spire@haumc.org by 10:00 AM on Monday for the coming Sunday Spire, or drop off at church, attn: Daniel. Keeping your note to 50 words helps out a lot! Thanks!

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COUPLE WORKSHOP

6:30 PM, THURSDAYS IN FEBRUARY

You are invited to attend a workshop for couples who are engaged or have been married less than a year. This group meets for four Thursdays in February from 6:30 – 8:30 PM. Come explore topics like communication, conflict, core values, and finances. Facilitated by Mary Keen, United Methodist Pastor and Family & Marriage Counselor. Cost is free to those getting married at Hennepin Church and \$35 for others; scholarships are available. Sign up online at Hennepinchurch.org!

TODAY, JANUARY 29, 2012

8:30 - 9:00	HOLY COMMUNION	BORDER CHAPEL
8:30 - 12:30	Coffee Fellowship	Carlson Hall
8:45 - 12:30	Nursery/Child Care	Rooms 101 & 103
9:00 - 10:00	SACRED JOURNEY	ART GALLERY
9:30 - 10:30	FESTIVAL WORSHIP	SANCTUARY
9:30 - 10:30	7th - 8th Grade Sunday School	Church of Youth
9:30 - 10:30	9th - 12th Grade Sunday School	Senior High Room
9:45 - 10:00	Sunday School Gathering (PreK - 4th Grade)	Border Chapel
9:45 - 10:45	5th & 6th Grade Sunday School	Parsonage Basement
10:00 - 10:45	Preschool Sunday School	Room 105
10:00 - 10:45	Pre-Kindergarten Sunday School	Room 1/3
10:00 - 10:45	Kindergarten Sunday School	Room 5/7
10:00 - 10:45	1st Grade Sunday School	Room 4/6
10:00 - 10:45	2nd Grade Sunday School	Room 8
10:00 - 10:45	3rd Grade Sunday School	Room 201
10:00 - 10:45	4th Grade Sunday School	Room 203
10:30 - 12:00	Seeds of Celebration	Harrison Room
10:30 - 12:30	Breakfast at Hennepin	Social Hall
11:00 - 12:00	MANY VOICES	BORDER CHAPEL
11:00 - 12:00	Discernment Group	Room 201
11:00 - 12:00	Epiphany in Beloved Community	Art Gallery
11:00 - 12:00	Youth Koinonia Retreat Meeting	Conference Room
11:00 - 12:30	Young Adult Community Building	Dossal Alcove
11:00 - 12:30	New Member Class	Parsonage
12:00 - 2:00	United Methodist Women	Longfellow Room
4:00 - 5:00	Music at Hennepin: Copper Street Brass Quintet	Art Gallery
4:45 - 6:30	Community Meals	Social Hall
5:00 - 6:00	SUNDAY AT FIVE: A SERVICE OF RECOVERY	BORDER CHAPEL
5:00 - 7:00	Youth Fellowship	Church of Youth
7:00 - 8:00	Journey Rehearsal	Choir Room

MONDAY, JANUARY 30

7:00 PM Hospitality Committee

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31

6:00 PM Staff Parish Relations

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

9:30 AM Knotty Quilters

1:00 PM Recyclers

5:00 PM Open Yoga

5:30 PM Kjerringsleppets

7:00 PM Sr. High Girls' Book Club

7:00 PM Susanna Wesley Circle

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

11:00 AM Bible Study

1:30 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry

3:00 PM Labyrinth

6:30 PM Couple Workshop

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

7:00 AM Men's Bible Fellowship

10:00 AM Alanon

Ad Council Retreat at Koinonia

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Ad Council Retreat at Koinonia

11:00 AM Open Yoga

*Please send room requests
and calendar corrections to*

Mary Helfrich at

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SOUPER BOWL IS COMING!

This is the last reminder. Hurrah, you say. The guests of the Give Away Shelf at Community Meals next week (February 5) will say "Hurrah, look at the soup. Thank you." Our guests are always thankful for your generosity, so bring in the soup. There will be a table in the east entrance for you to put it on. Becky and Jordan will thank you in the morning, and our guests will thank you in the evening.

PEACE THROUGH JUSTICE FORUM

"CORPORATE PERSONHOOD"

11:00 AM, FEB. 10

Robin Monahan will speak on "Corporate Personhood: The 2010 Action of the Supreme Court and Its Relation to the Occupy Wall Street Movement."

GRATITUDE FOR YOUR GIVING AND CONTINUED SUPPORT

At the end of December the Operating Budget Income Received in each of the past three years has amounted to:

2011 - 98% OF BUDGET

2010 - 104% OF BUDGET

2009 - 95% OF BUDGET

Thank you for your support!

BREAKFAST AT HENNEPIN 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM IN THE SOCIAL HALL

Our Sunday Brunch is a great opportunity to join friends and make new ones in the Social Hall on Sunday mornings and enjoy a delicious meal. Our prices are only \$5 per person or \$12 per family/household. Come, enjoy some great food and fellowship today!

HENNEPIN CHURCH

WE ARE A CARING COMMUNITY

PASTORAL CARE: Please notify the church office if you, a family member or any other church member are experiencing illness, hospitalization, or another need for pastoral care.

CONGREGATIONAL JOYS AND CONCERNS are posted each week in the Pastoral Care section on the kiosk in Carlson Hall. Greeting cards for members in need of cheer are available to sign at the reception desk near the East Entry.

PACEM SINGERS are available to sing to Hennepin members and friends, bringing comfort of favorite hymns and songs to your surroundings.

DOWNTOWN GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: www.mplsgriefsupport.com. 9:30 AM Sat. Jan. 7 - April 28 at Westminster Presby. Church, 1200 Marquette. **Feb. 4:** Janell Weum "Why Do I Feel I'm Going Crazy?"

Relevant

Inclusive

Beautiful

SEEING THE FACE OF GOD EPIPHANY IN BELOVED COMMUNITY 11:00 AM, JAN. 29, FEB. 5

During the next several weeks we will hear from folks who have seen the Presence of God in their lives. **Jan. 29:** Mark Schneider, manager of the Steeple People Store, will share the many ways he glimpses the face of God in his work at Hennepin's "store" down the street. Each day customers arrive at the store in search of necessities and treasures. The volunteers and Mark offer more than merchandise. **Feb. 5:** Mary Martin is volunteer coordinator at Hennepin's Dignity Center. Mary's work allows her to see the face of God in both clients and volunteers. As coffee is offered and plans for new lives are made, Mary helps to make sure people are served with dignity.

PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND INFO MEETING: JAN. 29 TRIP: SEPT. 26-OCT. 5



Join Sally Johnson on a pilgrimage to "thin places" in Ireland. We will create community, welcoming the voice and utterance of soul. We will walk and hike the green valleys and rocky shores of this island as we are inspired by these ancient places. As a part of our pilgrimage, there will be guided writing, singing together and worship as we deepen our own soul scapes. **Informational Meeting** will be held **4:30 PM today** at Richfield United Methodist Church. Questions, call Sally Johnson at 612-435-1328 or Sally@haumc.org.

HEATH TALK 11:00 AM, FEB. 5

The Affordable Care Act is the most significant health care law enacted since Medicare and Medicaid. ER nurse attorney activist Eileen Weber from the U of M explains its impact.

DISCERNING WHETHER TO CELEBRATE GAY AND LESBIAN MARRIAGE WITHIN HENNEPIN CHURCH: A PRACTICE IN BELOVED COMMUNITY 11:00 AM – JAN. 29, FEB. 5

At Hennepin this year, we are Practicing Beloved Community. There's almost no better way to practice this than in intentional conversations where we choose to listen to one another around issues that are emotional to each one of us: in this case, whether to have Gay Marriage ceremonies within the church walls even though it is against the United Methodist Discipline. **We encourage every person at Hennepin** who is serious about practicing a Christian faith, **to participate in a small group using the Discernment Tool** to discern how as a church we want to respond to this issue. In November, we had five small group discussions, along with encouraging all of the committees to use the discernment tool. Now you're invited to come to an intentional Discernment Group: **Jan. 29** with Steve Cope; **Feb. 5** with Rob Gamble. **A Response Form is part of the Discernment Tool for you to share your thoughts.**

YOUNG ADULT DINNER GROUPS 6:30 PM, JANUARY 31



A Large Group gathering for those in dinner groups and those who want to be, is happening on **Tuesday, January 31**, 6:30 – 8:30 PM in the parsonage. Come for good food and a great time to connect with other people in their 20s and 30s. All are welcome! Invite your friends! Please sign up by emailing Leah (Leah@haumc.org) or go online: Hennepinchurch.org and click on Young Adults under "Adult Groups and Education."

NEW MEMBER CLASS JANUARY 29

Have you thought about joining the church? Do you come from a different faith tradition? The New Member classes happen in two parts. The first part is focused on what the United Methodist Church is all about – a great education if you're coming from a different faith or a good refresher if you are United Methodist! The second part of the class encourages participants to get to know one another, share what their gifts are, and discuss what it means to be a member. All are welcome! The next class is January 22 & 29th from 11am-1pm. Register at the front desk or by emailing Pastor Leah (Leah@haumc.org).

COPPER STREET BRASS QUINTET 4:00 PM, JANUARY 29



Our Artists in Residence for three years now, the CSBQ plays in worship about once a month, as well as special occasions. One of those occasions is an annual concert. This year's concert will be on the afternoon of January 29.

LITTLE KIDS, BIG FUN FEBRUARY 12

Come down to the Social Hall, grab some brunch, and join other parents and children in the Dossal Alcove. Families will eat together from 10:45-11:15am; then at 11:15 am, kids will do crafts and games with Ashley Selger while adults will walk over to the parsonage for a Cooking Demo with our very own Nick Brown. We will wrap-up at 12:25. Cost for brunch is \$5/person or \$12/family. Scholarships are available. Don't want to eat, just come for the fellowship. Everyone is welcome!