

FEBRUARY 12, 2012

WELCOME TO HENNEPIN CHURCH

HENNEPIN IS A RECONCILING CONGREGATION, WELCOMING THE FULL PARTICIPATION OF ALL PERSONS, INCLUDING THE GLBT COMMUNITY.

YOUTH THEATER "LOVE NOTES"

11:00 AM, FEBRUARY 12



Come and see "Love Notes," stories and songs about loving and being loved. Make it a special Valentine's date or a fun outing with family and friends. The show will have something for everyone plus complimentary appetizers, desserts and childcare. One performance remains: today at 11:00 AM. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4 for students, and \$25 for a family, and can be bought at the door.

GIVING UPDATE FOR 2012



Our minimum pledge goal for the 2012 operating budget is **\$1,630,000**, and we really need \$70-100,000 more to fully fund our ministries. To reach our goal, we need **700** pledging households. **Have we heard from you?** Pledge cards are available at the church or at HennepinChurch.org under "Giving." For assistance, contact Financial secretary Tara Emerson, Tara@haumc.org or 612- 435-1331. Thank you! **Pledges received as of February 8:**

549 Households \$1,564,484

BUILDING CLOSURE ON FEBRUARY 20

The church offices and building will be closed on Monday, February 20 for the Presidents' Day Holiday

ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 22

We enter the season of Lent with two special Ash Wednesday services at 12:00 Noon (Chapel) and 7:00 PM (Sanctuary) on Wednesday, February 22.

SARA THOMSEN FEBRUARY 26



On the first Sunday of Lent we welcome singer/songwriter Sara Thomsen to join us in three of our Sunday services. Sara will share music at Sacred Journey, the Sanctuary service, and at 11:00 AM. You might consider inviting a friend or neighbor to join you at church on this Sunday.

LENT FILM SERIES BEGINS FEBRUARY 29

This Lent you are invited to join others in the Hennepin community as we share a potluck meal together, a brief time of worship, see a movie and have conversation. Choose one or all and join us for this time of practicing beloved community. **6:00 PM, Feb. 29: Chocolat.**



A woman and her daughter open a chocolate shop in a small French village that shakes up the rigid morality of the community. Starring Juliette Binoche, Judi Dench & Johnny Depp. Rated: PG-13 (121 min).

An excellent opportunity to invite friends!

Epiphany

PRACTICING BELOVED COMMUNITY

We hope the love is the primary motivation of all that we do. Yet, we know how hard it is to love another. Are we capable of loving creation? Do these quotes help us know our capability?

The only solid piece of scientific truth about which I feel totally confident is that we are profoundly ignorant about nature...It is this sudden confrontation with the depth and scope of ignorance that represents the most significant contribution of twentieth-century science to the human intellect.

– Lewis Thomas in *Medusa and the Snail: More Notes of a Biology Watcher* (1974), p. 58.

Love is the affinity which links and draws together the elements of the world... Love, in fact, is the agent of universal synthesis.

– Teilhard de Chardin from *Activation of Energy* (1969).

**God,
help us to love
as you want us to love.**

Sanctuary

9:30 AM

HENNEPIN AVENUE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

511 GROVELAND AVENUE MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55403
612-871-5303 HENNEPINCHURCH.ORG

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!

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

9:30 AM WORSHIP ~ FEBRUARY 12, 2012

CELEBRATING EPIPHANY

Practicing Beloved Community

PRELUDE	<i>Priere a Notre Dame</i>	Leon Boellman
CHORAL INTROIT	<i>Happy Are Those</i>	OLD 113TH
ENTRY INTO CELEBRATION		Bob Janssen

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will sing praises to God all my life long.

Happy are those whose help is in God,
creator of heaven and earth, who is forever faithful;

seeking justice for the oppressed and for the hungry;

setting prisoners free and opening the eyes of the blind;

lifting up those who are bowed down and loving the righteous.

The Lord protects strangers and upholds the orphan and widow;

but the way of the wicked is brought to ruin.

The Lord our God will reign forever, for all generations.

Praise the Lord!

+ HYMN NO. 60 *I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath* OLD 113TH

+ MORNING PRAYER

We praise you, O God, for being not only the God of history but the God of our story. You have gathered us here today to remind us that although you are the one to whom all power belongs, yet you care for the weak and powerless, and you care for us. We praise you for joining your story to ours in such a special way through Jesus. He proved his great love for you and for each person in the way he lived – releasing what was captive, lifting up the burdened, empowering the powerless.

God, source of lovingkindness and strength, we worship you.

Jesus, foundation of our faith, we worship you.

Holy Spirit, ground of our very being, we worship you. Amen.

ANTHEM *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star* arr. Joseph Martin
WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET

WELCOME Leah Rosso

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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Carol Southward, Lector

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Eternal God, teach us to love you not only in mind and heart but also in purpose and action, that we may love the children of the earth, in Jesus Christ. Amen.

PSALM 146 Hymnal Page 858

+ Mark 12:28-34

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,' – this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

The Word of God for all the people.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN NO. 432 *Jesu, Jesu* CHEREPONI

SERMON *Help Us to Love* Bruce Robbins

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 9:2-9

INVITATION TO GIVE OUR OFFERINGS AND OURSELVES

Holy One, this money is not payment for services rendered, nor dues necessary for us to belong to this church. We know you made us with a purpose, and so now we give – on purpose, freely offering to you the best of who we are. Continue to work out your purpose in us. Make us your hands, outstretched, on purpose. Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Worthy to Be Praised

Byron J. Smith

+ PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts;

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit,

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our God, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kindom come;
thy will be done**

on earth as it is in heaven.

**Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses**

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil,**

**for thine is the kindom,
the power, and the glory forever.**

Amen.

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY

+ HYMN NO. 396

O Jesus, I Have Promised

ANGEL'S SONG

+ BENEDICTION

Go into this week secure in the endless protection of God,
nourished by the selfless love of Jesus Christ,
inspired by the renewing breath of the Holy Spirit.

POSTLUDE

Chorale

L. van Beethoven

Today's acolytes are Bonnie Bond and Donna Hedin

Today's **Sanctuary Flowers** are given by Marcia and Joe Sullivan in celebration of the birth of their grandchildren, twins Joey and Lucy Sullivan, born November 14, 2011.

BELOVED AT THE MOVIES: A FILM SERIES FOR LENT

Many times the movies we love (or hate) teach us about what it means to be in community. Many times these same movies carry the threads of the breaking that happens in our lives. Most of the time these same stories carry a message that helps us see the Spirit moving and bringing a light that seemed unimaginable.

This Lent you are invited to join others in the Hennepin community as we share a potluck meal together, a brief time of worship, see a movie and have conversation. The films will be at different times during the week so people can fit them into their busy schedules. Choose one or all and join us for this time of practicing beloved community.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 29 @ 6:00 PM in the Art Gallery – **Chocolat**

A woman and her daughter open a chocolate shop in a small French village that shakes up the rigid morality of the community. Starring Juliette Binoche, Judi Dench & Johnny Depp. Rated: PG-13(121 min)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7 @ 6:00 PM in the Art Gallery – **Get Low**

A movie spun out of equal parts folk tale, fable and real-life legend about the mysterious, 1930s Tennessee hermit who famously threw his own rollicking funeral party... while he was still alive. Starring Robert Duval and Bill Murray Rated: PG13 (100 min)

WEDNESDAY, March 14 @ 6:00 PM in the Art Gallery – **Bee Season**

A wife and mother begins a downward emotional spiral, as her husband avoids their collapsing marriage by immersing himself in his 11 year-old daughter's quest to become a spelling bee champion. Starring Richard Gere & Juliette Binoche. Rated:m PG-13 (104 min)

SUNDAY, March 18 @ 11:00 AM in the Church of Youth – **Lilo & Stitch**

A Hawaiian girl adopts an unusual pet who is actually an notorious extra-terrestrial fugitive from the law. Animated. Rated: PG (85 min). *Eat brunch early or bring a tray over to eat while you enjoy the movie!*

SUNDAY, March 25 @ 5:00 PM in the Church of Youth – **E.T. the Extraterrestrial**

A meek and alienated little boy finds a stranded extraterrestrial. He has to find the courage to defy the authorities to help the alien return to its home planet. Directed by Stephen Spielberg. Rated: PG (115 min)

TBD...week of March 26 – **To Kill a Mockingbird**

Atticus Finch, a lawyer in the Depression-era South, defends a black man against an undeserved rape charge, and his kids against prejudice. Starring: Gregory Peck. Rated: Approved (129 min)

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 are always welcome!

New Life Adventures: Our next get-together is for our Feb. 17 service project for Dignity Center, 12:00 - 2:30 in the Social Hall. Box lunch provided. \$6.00. Register with the church receptionist by Monday, February 13. For more information, call Calvin Vaubel, 952-922-3449.

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. **March 7:** *Undress Me in the Temple of Heaven*.

Community Meals: 230 guests enjoyed plate after plate of delicious hotdish. Little kids and grown-ups alike thought this was a wonderful menu. 38 (!!) pets were seen in the free vet clinic. Pet families enjoyed tasty chicken sandwiches. What an amazing and joyful ministry you support! Thank you, thank you, thank you!

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.

Hope for the City: For eight years, they have provided Dignity Center and Community Meals programs at HAUMC with bi-weekly donations of much needed food give-aways. On Tues. Feb. 14 from 9:30 AM - Noon we are in need of volunteers to work in the Hope for the City warehouse loading vehicles with boxes of food. Contact Jim Glass at 612-619-0841 or jpg1962@yahoo.com for more information.

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!

Steeple People Volunteers: We are looking for someone able to enter cash register data, currency, and checks into pre-formatted Excel spreadsheets and Quicken, process petty cash transactions, prepare the deposit and take to a nearby bank. The position takes 1.5 - 2.5 hours per week during store hours. Training will be provided. Contact Anne Hepper at 651-224-1654 or hepperburgh@aol.com.

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. **Toiletries:** such as travel sized soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, lotion, shampoo, deodorant, disposable razor, shaving cream, kleenex, lip balm. **Used Computers:** DC 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 laptop computers, but are glad to get desk top computers too. All donated computers need to have Windows XP or newer.

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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**DOWNTOWN CONGREGATIONS TO END HOMELESSNESS
PRESENT AN INTERFAITH FORUM ON FEB. 23**

At the root of Judaism, Islam, Unitarian Universalism and Christianity is love for one's neighbor, where does this come from in our sacred texts? Does this translate to working for the common good? Is this valued in each religion? Senior Clergy of DCEH Congregations will be delving into the commonality in these four religious traditions to care for one's neighbor. The evening will help us understand this aspect of religion, why this work is critical, how this connects to homelessness, and why it is important now. Come to experience thoughtful, powerful conversation, be inspired, and connect with other DCEH congregations. **Feb. 23, 7:00-8:30 PM** in the Howard Conn Theater at Plymouth Congregational Church, 1900 Nicollet Ave.

TODAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2012

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

6:30 PM Faith in Action Team

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

9:00 AM Library Committee
 11:00 AM India Partnership
 6:30 PM Russia Partnership
 6:30 PM Children's Council
 6:45 PM Food Service Committee
 7:00 PM Koinonia Board

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

9:30 AM Knotty Quilters
 1:00 PM Recyclers
 2:30 PM D.C.E.H.
 5:30 PM Open Yoga

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

11:00 AM Bible Study
 12:30 PM Planned Giving Meeting
 3:00 PM Labyrinth
 6:00 PM Staff Parish Relations
 6:30 PM Couple Workshop
 7:00 PM Peace Through Justice

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

7:00 AM Men's Bible Fellowship
 10:00 AM Alanon
 12:00 PM Life Adventures

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

11:00 AM Open Yoga

Please send room requests and calendar corrections to

Mary Helfrich at

Marybeth@haumc.org

8:30 - 9:00 HOLY COMMUNION
 8:30 - 12:30 Coffee Fellowship
 8:45 - 12:30 Nursery/Child Care
9:00 - 10:00 SACRED JOURNEY
9:30 - 10:30 FESTIVAL WORSHIP
 9:30 - 10:30 7th - 8th Grade Sunday School
 9:30 - 10:30 9th - 12th Grade Sunday School
 9:45 - 10:00 Sunday School Gathering (PreK - 4th Grade)
 9:45 - 10:45 5th & 6th Grade Sunday School
 10:00 - 10:45 Preschool Sunday School
 10:00 - 10:45 Pre-Kindergarten Sunday School
 10:00 - 10:45 Kindergarten Sunday School
 10:00 - 10:45 1st Grade Sunday School
 10:00 - 10:45 2nd Grade Sunday School
 10:00 - 10:45 3rd Grade Sunday School
 10:00 - 10:45 4th Grade Sunday School
 10:30 - 11:15 Blood Pressure Screening
 10:30 - 12:00 Seeds of Celebration
 10:30 - 12:30 Breakfast at Hennepin
 10:45 - 12:00 Little Kids, BIG Fun!
 10:45 - 1:00 Reconciling Ministries
11:00 - 12:00 MANY VOICES
 11:00 - 12:00 Epiphany in Beloved Community
 11:00 - 12:00 Youth Theater: Love Notes
 11:00 - 12:00 Faith Milestones: Prayer
 11:00 - 12:00 Compass 180 Advisory Committee
 11:00 - 12:30 Chamber Singers
 12:00 - 1:00 Peace Through Justice Committee
5:00 - 6:00 SUNDAY AT FIVE: A SERVICE OF RECOVERY
 7:00 - 8:00 Journey Rehearsal

BORDER CHAPEL
 Carlson Hall
 Rooms 101 & 103
ART GALLERY
SANCTUARY
 Church of Youth
 Senior High Room
 Border Chapel
 Parsonage Basement
 Room 105
 Room 1/3
 Room 5/7
 Room 4/6
 Room 8
 Room 201
 Room 203
 Room 204
 Harrison Room
 Social Hall
 Dossal Alcove, Parsonage
 Dorcas Alcove
BORDER CHAPEL
 Art Gallery
 Church of Youth
 Room 1/3
 Room 291
 Choir Room
 Dossal Alcove
BORDER CHAPEL
 Choir Room

RECONCILING COMMITTEE

10:30 AM, FEBRUARY 12

Our monthly gathering over brunch takes place in the Dorcas Alcove at 10:30 AM which is followed by the Reconciling Committee Meeting at 12:00 Noon.

COMMUNITY SINGS!

7:00 PM, FEBRUARY 18

Minnesota Community SINGS presents an evening of group singing - all voices welcome, songsheets provided. Singing led by Dan Chouinard, Bret Hesla & Mary Preus, three of the area's favorite songleaders. Proceeds go towards the effort to defeat the proposed constitutional amendment which would ban marriage for same-sex couples in Minnesota. Together we'll sing songs about love, pop songs, folk songs, parodies, golden oldies, and more. Saturday, Feb. 18, 7pm at Calvary Lutheran Church, 3901 Chicago Ave. So. in Mpls. Tickets at the door: \$15/adults, \$5/kids. For more info, please email mnsings@gmail.com or visit mnsings.com.

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, in need of pastoral care. Call the pastoral care line at 612-435-1771 or Tara Emerson at 612-435-1331.

CONGREGATIONAL JOYS AND CONCERNS are posted each week in the Pastoral Care area of the kiosk in Carlson Hall. Cards for members in need of cheer are available to sign at the reception desk.

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. 18:** Dick Anderson presents "Anxiety and Grief."

Relevant

Inclusive

Beautiful

VALENTINES FOR THE EARTH

Interfaith Power and Light has asked congregations to celebrate a national "preach in" on climate change by emphasizing the connection between faith and caring for creation, and by sending "Valentines" to Senators, asking them love the earth to resist efforts to weaken the Clean Air act. Please visit the table in the lounge.

PEACE THROUGH JUSTICE FORUM

CORPORATE PERSONHOOD

11:00 AM, FEB. 19



Robin Monahan with his brother, Laird, walked across the United States from the Pacific to the Atlantic Ocean from May to October, 2010 to raise awareness about the issue of corporate personhood. Robin will be the speaker at the Adult Forum on February 19 "Corporate Personhood: The 2010 Action of the Supreme Court and Its Relation to the Occupy Wall Street Movement." Sponsored by Hennepin Church Peace Through Justice Committee.



LOOKING AHEAD

ROXANA SABERI

ADULT FORUM
11:00 AM
APRIL 15

Hennepin Church is pleased to present Roxana Saberi in an adult forum on Sunday, April 15. Ms. Saberi moved to Iran in 2003 to work as the Iran correspondent for the U.S.-based Feature Story News. She filed reports for organizations such as NPR, BBC, ABC Radio and Fox News and was working on a book about Iranian society when she was arrested on January 31, 2009. Saberi was later sentenced to eight years in prison on a trumped-up charge of espionage. In May 2009, an Iranian court overturned the sentence, and she was released.

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 10:45-11:15 am; 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!

YOUTH PIZZA SALES

THROUGH
MARCH 11



YES! Pizza sales are back! Our own youth group will be selling the famous "High Hopes" pizzas far and wide in order to raise money for this summer's mission trips and other service projects. Pizzas will be sold February 19, 26 and March 4 with a delivery date of March 11. Please support the youth in this endeavor – pepperoni, sausage, combo and cheese are your choices. Each pizza is only \$9! Look for us in Carlson Hall.

INTERFAITH SEDER MARCH 18

For 31 years Temple Israel has joyfully sponsored the Liebenberg/Knelman Interfaith Seder, providing valuable education and social exchange between Jews and people of other faith communities. We are once again invited to join in this special experience on Sunday, March 18, from 1-4 PM to sample some ritual Passover foods and take part in the Interfaith Seder. To make reservations, **please sign up at the reception desk by Wednesday, February 22.** Seating is limited. For info., contact Sally at 612-435-1328.

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!

LIFE ADVENTURES SERVICE PROJECT FEBRUARY 17

Our next get-together is our Feb. 17 service project for Dignity Center, 12:00 - 2:30 in the Social Hall. Box lunch provided. \$6.00. Register with the church receptionist by Monday, February 13. For more information, call Calvin Vaubel, 952-922-3449. **Feb. 24:** Luncheon with Cynthia Ashley talking on Senior Health and Jack Fistler on Hennepin Legacy Giving. The deadline to register for this event is Feb. 22 and cost is \$8.00.

METRO WEST BUILDERS ANNUAL CELEBRATION FEB. 19 SOWING SEEDS FOR A NEW SEASON



Come to the Annual Celebration of the Metro West Builders. This year it is being held at Good Samaritan United Methodist Church. We will gather at 3:30, with the program at 4:00 and buffet dinner at 5:00. The cost of the dinner is \$12, and can be paid at the door with a check or exact change. To register, you may call 612-615-6102 or e-mail: pathinker@metrowestbuilders.org. **Please register by February 15.**