

## Hennepin Kids for LYFE

Today at 10am



Hennepin Kids Temporary Classrooms

Until the education wing is complete, Hennepin Kids will meet in the following spaces:

Chapel Time - Church of Youth Room

Wee Ones Nursery - Longfellow Room

Little Kids (3's-preschool) Youth Lounge

Middle Kids (k-2nd grade) Dorcas Alcove in Social Hall

Big Kids (3rd-5th grades) and Club 67 (6th and 7th grades)

Church of Youth Room.

## Rally Sunday

Today, September 10



We encourage families to sit in the first 5 rows of the Sanctuary. The early part of the service has a strong focus on children and families, and we want our Hennepin Kids to be able to see it all!

Please join us to celebrate a great year of faith, fun, and friends! It is also the 1-Year Anniversary of Hennepin Kids for LYFE. There will be balloons, games, bounce houses, and treats. We will look back on a great year and look forward to our plans for an exciting year together!



## Blessing of the Backpacks

Today in worship at 8:30am in the Art Gallery and 10:00am in the Sanctuary

Adults and children: please bring your backpack, briefcase, carryall, diaper bag, or whatever you bring with you on a daily basis for a special blessing during Rally Sunday worship as we start a fresh fall season.

## New Sermon Series

Starts today, September 10

If you or someone you know is done with church or tempted to leave church, this series is for you. This series is inspired by the book, *Searching for Sunday* by Rachel Held Evans. She is a 30-something who was disenchanted with church but rediscovered for herself why church matters to her. We will explore why and how we can reclaim baptism, confession, holy orders, communion, confirmation, anointing the sick and marriage as spiritual grounding that can give our lives meaning and purpose in these turbulent times.

## Making Sense of the Bible

Today at 11:15am in Room 201

Join us this Sunday at 11:15 as we continue our discussion of the Sermon on the Mount led by Rexi Warner.

## Entry Point: New Members Class

Today at 11:30am in the Church of Youth Rm

Guests and visitors are invited to explore membership and meet Rev. Judy Zabel. Child care is available. RSVP to Larry Duncan, 612-435-1309 or larry@haumc.org.

## New LYFE Groups Beginning in September

Signup Today in Carlson Hall

Over 100 adults met in homes, coffee shops, libraries, and at church last fall. This year, we will be reading *Searching for Sunday* by Rachel Held Evans and *Speaking Christian* by Marcus Borg. Scripture and themes from our study will be reflected in the Sunday services.



## Youth Choirs Begin on 9/17!

Both Altar Choir and Journey Choir will begin rehearsals on Sunday, September 17th at 7pm.

Altar Choir welcomes 4th-7th graders and will be directed this year by Darin Riedel. Journey Choir welcomes 8th-12th graders, and will be directed this year by Pastor Stephanie Escher. Spread the word and bring friends! It's going to be a great year!

## Feed My Starving Children

Saturday, September 16th from 11:30am-1:30pm

The Outreach Ministries of HAUMC are sponsoring a food packing session at the Chanhassen location of Feed My Starving Children on Saturday, September 16th from 11:30-1:30. This is a fantastic way for families with kids ages 6 and up to do hands-on ministry together! Please contact Kristin Zinsmaster at kristin.zinsmaster@gmail.com to reserve a spot for your family!

## Copper Street Brass Open Rehearsal

Thursday, September 14, 3 - 5pm in the Art Gallery

Join Hennepin's Artists in Residence for their first open rehearsal of the season! They'll be rehearsing new music for their upcoming "That '70s Show" performance as well as new repertoire for our educational outreach programs. Open rehearsals are free and open to all. Feel free to come and go as you please, and the group always takes time to talk about what they're doing and take your questions. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. See you there!

## UMCOR Sager Brown Mission Trip

Learn more/sign up in Carlson Hall

January 7 - 19, 2018 • Baldwin, LA

This fun, fulfilling, affordable mission trip for one week or for two is not until January 7 - 19, 2018, but the time for decision is now! Registrations must be completed and received by Sept. 30. Visit the UMCOR table on Sunday or contact Janelle at cjvaubel@yahoo.com or (651) 698-1344 for forms and/or information.

## Music at Hennepin Returns:

Lola Watson, Soprano



Sunday, September 17 at 4pm in the Art Gallery

This is the first recital to kick off the new year of Music at Hennepin. All are invited.

## Fine Art Moves!

The current art exhibition in Carlson Hall includes selections from our permanent collection. We are moving the Fine Art Storage Room into new (and larger!) space in the lower level of the Education Wing this fall, so we need to clear out as much as possible from the old storage room before the move.

## United Methodist Women 2017 Mission Grants Available



The Jane E. Balch Memorial Fund makes grants to organizations or ministries inside or outside of Hennepin that benefit the needs of women, children and youth. To request an application contact Laura Dirks, [lauraedirks@gmail.com](mailto:lauraedirks@gmail.com), or (612) 378-3026. Completed applications must be submitted by September 20.

## Singing in the Light

Monday, September 18, 7-9pm in the Art Gallery

Come join your voice with others in joyful community! We'll draw from many of the world's spiritual traditions to create a glorious mosaic of the human spirit. Weaving a web of chant and movement, we can recognize and welcome our brothers and sisters as "Anam Cara" soul friends. Song & Chant for all women & men of good-will in a "perfection free zone." Suggested donation of \$15-20 to benefit: Minnesota Men's Conference Scholarship Fund Mar de Jade Community, Nayarit, Mexico. Questions: [barbara@barbaramcafee.com](mailto:barbara@barbaramcafee.com) or [vonkoss@sbcglobal.net](mailto:vonkoss@sbcglobal.net).

## Life Adventures Fall Day Trip

Afton Inn and St. Croix River Cruise

Friday, September 22 - 10:30am Departure



Hennepin Seniors and friends: travel by chartered motor coach to Afton, MN to enjoy lunch at the historic Afton House Inn. After lunch there is time to relax or to visit the quaint shops nearby. Then we board an Afton Cruise Line Boat for an hour and a half cruise along the scenic shores of the St. Croix River. Return to church about 4:30pm. Prepaid reservations are due Monday, September 11. Cost is \$60.

## Sacred Sites of the Twin Cities Tour

Sunday, October 1, 1 - 4 pm

This tour, led by Rev. JimBear Jacobs, a member of the Stockbridge-Munsee Mohican Nation, offers three different sites of historical and spiritual significance to the Dakota people. The sites are centered around the confluence of the Mississippi and Minnesota rivers in St. Paul. The tours are roughly 3.5-4 hours in length. There are short, well worn walking paths, consisting of several hundred yards, which can be wheelchair accessible. One of the sites has no place to sit. The limit is 20 people. Our beginning location will be St. Peter's Catholic Church in Mendota Heights, in the lower lots. To register please call the church office, 612-871-5303. Questions, [Sally@haumc.org](mailto:Sally@haumc.org). Car-pooling can be arranged. Plan to eat lunch before the tour.

## Miracle of the Breath

Sunday, Oct 1, Nov 5 and Dec 3 from 11:15am - 12:15pm

Breath is the essence of our being and the foundation of all healing and personal growth. It harnesses the life force within and gets right to the heart of the matter. Miracle of Breath™ techniques act directly to dissolve pain, fear and tension in the mind and body. Julie Delene will guide you through a special set of meditation, movement and breathing techniques to consciously and methodically release blocks. Dress to breathe! Please check more at [allwisemoves.com](http://allwisemoves.com)



## Wanted: People Who Can Sew

Bags are needed in order to complete the UMCOR school kits that will provide tools for learning for children around the world who have survived disaster. Contact Janelle Vaubel at 651-698-1344 or e-mail [cjvaubel@yahoo.com](mailto:cjvaubel@yahoo.com) for precut fabric, a completed sample, and instructions.

## 50-year Member Recognition Dinner

Friday, October 13 at Noon in the Art Gallery

Reservations are required by Monday, October 9

How long have you been a member at Hennepin? For one hundred fifty of our members, the answer to that question is 50 years or more! To honor that long-time loyalty and faithfulness, the Senior Council will host the annual 50-year Member Recognition Dinner.

All Hennepin members and friends are invited to this special occasion. There is no charge for the dinner, but reservations are required by Monday, October 9.

If you think you should be included as a new honoree, please contact Larry Duncan ([Larry@haumc.org](mailto:Larry@haumc.org) or 612-435-1309). He will work with you to verify your years of membership. Years of membership are counted from the time of youth confirmation, adult profession of faith, or transfer of membership to Hennepin. The years do not need to be consecutive; interrupted years of membership at Hennepin that total 50 are also honored.

## Becky Boland Shares Stories from Emma Norton Services

Sunday, October 15 at 11:15am

Free program and childcare

Please join in as Becky (HAUMC member and Emma Norton Services Director of Development) talks about the life-changing services provided by ENS. ENS works with women, children, and families who are homeless and have the added challenges of mental illness, chemical dependency, or both.

## Thank God for Evolution

Sunday, October 22nd at 8:30am and 11:15am



Rev. Michael Dowd is a bestselling evolutionary eco-theologian and pro-future evangelist. His book, *Thank God for Evolution*, was endorsed by 6 Nobel Prize-winning scientists, noted skeptics, and religious leaders across the spectrum.

## News from Koinonia

### Saturdays, 9:30-11:30am, Rotating Locations

Do you have MEA (school break) plans? A "Fall Fun at Koinonia Retreat" has been scheduled for Friday, October 20 - Sunday, October 22, 2017. This event is for everyone - singles, couples, families, the young and not-so-young. \$117 for adults, \$96 for youth, free under age 6. Pick up a flyer in Carlson Hall, then sign-up by visiting [hennepinchurch.org/register!](http://hennepinchurch.org/register!)

## Can you lead a basic skills class in...?

We're starting a new series of workshops about basic life skills for young adults in our neighborhood. We need excited volunteers to step up and help young people better understand the basics of life skills like budgeting, taxes, health care plans, changing a tire, oil change, cooking, sewing/repair, power tools, meal planning and nutrition, personal branding, organization, saving for retirement, etc. Please contact Pastor Nate, [nate@haumc.org](mailto:nate@haumc.org).

## Grief Coalition Meetings for Fall

### Saturdays, 9:30-11:30am, Rotating Locations

In September the group moves to St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral at 519 Oak Grove St. Topics to be addressed in September are: 9/2-The Effects of Grief, 9/9-The Myths of Grief, 9/16-Why Do I Feel Like I'm Going Crazy?, 9/23-Relationships and Grief, 9/30-Surprised by the Spirit? Contact Sally Johnson, [sally@haumc.org](mailto:sally@haumc.org).

## Construction Update

### by Bryant Holmstrom, Director of Facilities & Maintenance

#### Education wing

Tiling in the Lower Level is nearly complete. The ceiling grid is all in the lower level and started in the first floor. Mechanical systems are being installed and piped.

#### Kitchen

Underground waste piping is being installed. Work has been underway to identify and abandon old gas piping that is located in and around the kitchen. Extra caution is being taken through this process to ensure a safe system is in place upon the completion of this project.

#### Exterior Restoration

The north and east faces of the building are washed and being tuckpointed. Once all the tuckpointing is complete, a final wash will occur. The large section of scaffolding on the south east section of the building is almost complete. This section will be ready for the masonry crew to start their work around Wednesday of next week.

#### Parking Lot

We selected Bituminous Roadways as our contractor for the parking lot work. This year, the East section of our parking lot will be repaired. This includes everything except the newer section in front of the East Entry. Scheduling for this work is still being finalized. The goal is to have this work completed by October 1.

Next year, the west side of our parking lot along with the alley on the east side of the building will have some maintenance work done.

## Michele Capes: September Employee of the Month

Michele Capes, Food Service Manager at Koinonia, is HAUMC's September 2017 Employee of the Month. Michele has worked at Koinonia since 2002, and has served as a manager since 2017. Michele's day starts well before sunrise when she gets her family ready for the day, then she heads to Koinonia to make breakfast, lunch, and dinner for groups from 10 to 120+. Guests are impressed with her friendly demeanor, and ability to accommodate special dietary needs. She leads a food prep team of seven who generate many positive comments:

"Koinonia is a wonderful place. I was well cared for and well fed."

"Great meals! Highlight is that plain olive oil is served for salad dressing."

"Thank you for the excellence and wide variety of food preparation."

"The meals were exceptional! I greatly appreciate all the extra effort to accommodate my food sensitivities."

"Greaaaaat and thoughtful vegetarian meals."

"Staff so friendly; meals so accommodating to our group's needs."

Michele manages a budget that will generate \$200,000 of income for Koinonia this year, and collaborates with Program Director Mark Peterson to produce "Koinonia Cooks" - an occasional series on Koinonia's Facebook page where favorite Retreat Center recipes are shared. Congratulations, Michele, on being HAUMC's September Employee of the Month!



Please submit announcements by 10am on Tuesday to [communications@haumc.org](mailto:communications@haumc.org) or drop off at the reception desk. All submissions are subject to editing for space and content. Thanks for sharing your stories!

#### To schedule an event at HAUMC:

[scheduling@haumc.org](mailto:scheduling@haumc.org)  
or call 612-871-5303.

View the church calendar online:

[haumc.org/events](http://haumc.org/events)