

### A Note from Pastor Judy

Greetings! We are on a roll! We are deep into our practices for fruitful congregations.

#### Passionate Worship

The Staff Parish Relations Committee has hired Shari Spear to be our Interim Music Director from September-May of 2017/18. She is a music professor at Concordia University and she knows Hennepin Avenue UMC well. Shari sang with our choir for over 20 years as a soprano section leader. Welcome Shari! Darin Riedel will be directing our children's choirs this year. Darin recently led our Joyful Uproar Camp and he did a great job. Our kids really responded well to his leadership and we look forward to a wonderful year with our kids. Stephanie Escher will be leading Journey Choir. Stephanie is a seasoned choir director and has interest in traditional choir music as well as trying some new music that will give our youth a chance to share their instrumental talent as well as vocal gifts.



We are looking forward to Rally Sunday on September 10. Worship will be great as we start a new sermon series to coincide with our new LYFE Groups. We are kicking off the new school year with "Searching for Sunday" inspired by the book by Rachel Held Evans.

Hennepin Lunch will start on Rally Sunday, September 10. Our new Food Service Manager, Warren Seta, will provide lunch in the Social Hall (catered) until our kitchen remodel is finished. Welcome Warren!

This fall there are two conferences that will strengthen our life together:

*Church of the Resurrection Leadership Institute* in Leawood, KS, September 27-29. Hennepin members are already signed up and there is still room for you. Contact Dawn@haumc.org if you want to go too. We will carpool and share expenses.

*Breakthrough Workshop: Becoming a Missional Church*, October 7, 10am-4pm here at Hennepin Avenue UMC.

Author and consultant Reggie McNeal has defined the missional movement among churches that want to become more oriented toward the culture and community around them. Together, we will embrace the missional model and wrestle with these tough questions: Can you move from an internal to an external focus? Are you willing to develop the spiritual life of people? Will

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Farewell from the Koinonia Retreat Center Board of Directors. They recently voted to dissolve the board.

### Koinonia Leadership Change

by Jamie Jensen

Koinonia Retreat Center (KRC), South Haven, MN, continues to evolve. After nearly 30 years of service, KRC's Board of Directors has finally worked its way out of a job! In June of this year the Board voted to dissolve, a motion that was later approved by Hennepin Avenue UMC's (HAUMC) Administrative Council. Koinonia has been owned and operated by HAUMC in Minneapolis since KRC's 1962 founding. The Board and the Council felt that Koinonia staff is doing a great job of managing, marketing and maintaining the Center, and that its future is in great hands. Going forward, HAUMC's Trustees, Finance Committee and Staff Parish Relations Committee will provide oversight, as they do for all of HAUMC's ministries. As the Board and the Ad Council noted in the dissolution resolutions, Koinonia General Manager Kevin Dahlen and Program Director Mark Peterson are doing an excellent job caring for and running our 56-year-old facility, and planning relevant events. Further, Koinonia has generated a positive financial margin for the last few years. Today, there is a greater awareness and appreciation for Koinonia as an important part of HAUMC's hospitality ministry.



The Koinonia Board was formed in 1989 as a group to

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## Sunday Worship

**Communion Service 8am**

**Sacred Journey 8:30am**  
Creation Spirituality

**Traditional Worship 10am**  
Organ, Choir

For more information:  
[hennepinchurch.org/events](http://hennepinchurch.org/events)

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you engage with leadership from the community?

Reggie McNeal currently serves as the missional leadership specialist for Leadership Network, which aims to foster innovation within the church. McNeal has lectured or taught as adjunct faculty for multiple seminaries; served as a consultant to local church, denomination, and para-church leadership teams; and presented to thousands of church leaders across North America. His work also extends to the business sector, including The Gallup Organization. McNeal is a dynamic speaker and he will also be our guest preacher on October 8th at 10:00 AM. I hope you will register to come. Contact my assistant, Dawn@haumc.org if you are planning on coming.

We continue to collect school supplies for children in need. Our Sager Brown Mission Trip is filling up. If you would like to go, please sign up now to join me on this fun trip to Louisiana, working to prepare shipments of supplies for UMCOR as we help save lives across the globe. Also, there will be a trip to Sierra Leone December 4-13. If you would like to go, please let me know. I'll be happy to share more details ([judy@haumc.org](mailto:judy@haumc.org)).

I hope you can sense the excitement and energy at Hennepin Avenue UMC! Our Steps of Faith Campaign has been a great success with over \$4 Million raised in pledges and gifts. Pledges are still coming in and if you would like to pledge or make a one time gift, there is information and commitment cards in Carlson Hall or contact the church office. Thank you for your faithful response to God's call to be a church that is vibrant and growing. God is up to great things at Hennepin Avenue UMC. Come and join the fun! We are changing the world together.

Blessings,  
Pastor Judy

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champion our Retreat Center. The ongoing success of KRC is due, in part, to the work of past KRC Board Chairpersons and their respective teams — beginning with Karen Andrew, followed by Kris Kadue, Karen Rudeen, Tom Sopoci, Jeff Smith and finally, Jamie Jensen. Thanks go to all!

General Manager Kevin Dahlen will continue to manage day-to-day operations at Koinonia for the church, school, business, family and community groups that rent our facility. Kevin also is responsible for the recent improvements to the registration area and other projects too numerous to mention. Popular and new events and programs that are open to the general public continue to evolve under the direction of Program Director Mark Peterson. The future of KRC has never been brighter!

KRC staff will recruit teams to manage special events and improvement initiatives, and task-forces to help with specific programs. HAUMC members and Friends of Koinonia can volunteer at any time to help with projects and events. I invite you to watch for future emails, and to visit our Facebook page to stay up to date: [www.facebook.com/koinoniaretreatcenter](http://www.facebook.com/koinoniaretreatcenter).

This fall, please visit Koinonia to see for yourself. Call the Office at (888) 801-7746 and let them know you're coming, or if you have questions. Our staff will make sure you feel welcome.

Thank you for your on-going support of Koinonia. We could not have reached this milestone without you.



## UMCOR Sager Brown Ministry

by Janelle Vaubel

**Mission:** Hennepin's UMCOR Sager Brown mission is to provide hands-on support to the ministries of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) at Sager Brown in Baldwin, Louisiana.

Hennepin members and friends support it through:

1. *Service at Hennepin:* Youngsters and oldsters and all those in between create about 500 disaster relief kits annually for UMCOR's Disaster Relief Network.
2. *Service at UMCOR Sager Brown in Baldwin, Louisiana:* Annual mission teams make and process disaster relief kits in the disaster relief depot; help maintain the Sager Brown campus; make repairs and build wheelchair ramps for client's houses in the Baldwin area; and provide half days of service in local head start programs, an apartment complex for low income elderly, and a shelter for domestic violence survivors.

**History of the mission:** Hennepin began to support this ministry in 1997 by creating 200 school kits for the new disaster relief depot that had been recently completed. That support has grown significantly since then. Hennepin now creates about 500 school, sewing, layette and birthing kits, valued between \$4500 and \$6500 each year. And it is now planning for its 21st annual mission trip. These trips, over the years, have engaged 93 different Hennepin members and friends, and have provided thousands of days of volunteer service.

**Scope of the ministry:** This ministry supports the work of UMCOR, a nonprofit organization dedicated to alleviating human suffering by providing humanitarian relief to countries around the globe, including the United States. It also supports ministries specific to Sager Brown in a broad community in and around Baldwin.

**To become involved:** Contact Janelle at [cjvaubel@yahoo.com](mailto:cjvaubel@yahoo.com) or (651) 698-3411

1. to become a part of the UMCOR Sager Brown volunteer in mission team (sign ups in August and September for participation in January);
2. to sew precut school bags, layette and birthing kit items;
3. to arrange for your small group to assemble sewing kits from pre-purchased items. Or just show up at Kids for LYFE (Kids periodically remove packaging and patriotic symbols on items for 400 school kits.) Or just show up for the annually scheduled Sunday morning assembly line to put together the 400 school kits (usually in December)

Everyone can help whether young, old or in between, with particular skills or without; able bodied or physically limited! There is something for everyone to do!

## Submit to [photos@haumc.org](mailto:photos@haumc.org)

Let your light shine. Email photos and videos of all things Hennepin to [photos@haumc.org](mailto:photos@haumc.org).

## Who are very important people at Hennepin?

by Kimm Schneider

Smile. Shake a hand. Provide direction. Welcome. It's an important ministry we all can do. Young and old, single or the entire family.

Some of the most important people on Sunday at Hennepin Church are our greeters and ushers. They have the very important role of warmly welcoming and assisting all who enter our building for Sunday worship. Greeters welcome visitors and longtime friends at our entry doors and guide them along the path toward their destination. We extend God's love when we share our smiles and handshakes so this is a vital step in our hospitality chain. Greeters' required serving time is approximately 30 minutes prior to or after worship services. We are looking for 6 to 8 people to serve as greeters each week.

Ushers engage everyone at the doors to the sanctuary and provide worship bulletins for the 10 am service. They also assist with collection of the offering, with communion and with cleaning the sanctuary after service. Ushers can help with seating or provide other needs such as hearing assists or large print bulletins. We like to think of our ushers as the hands and feet of Jesus. Half of the ushers begin their volunteer opportunity approximately 30 minutes prior to worship services and serve through the beginning of worship, at collections and a few minutes for cleanup after service. Approximately 10-12 people serve as an usher each Sunday and our goal is to set up an ongoing list of those interested in this area.

The Hospitality Team seeks additional people to serve on their team and are currently recruiting greeters and ushers. There are no age restrictions or dress codes. If you have the gift of helping or servant hood, this is your sweet spot!

To greet, Contact Steve Boyd at [tandsboyd@gmail.com](mailto:tandsboyd@gmail.com) or (507) 206-1698.

To usher, Contact Jon Nygren at [jon.nygren@faegrebd.com](mailto:jon.nygren@faegrebd.com) or (763) 951-2103.

You may also volunteer at [www.Hennepinchurch.org](http://www.Hennepinchurch.org) IConnect | Church Lifel Log in | Serving opportunities or [www.haumc.org/churchlife](http://www.haumc.org/churchlife) OR use the Get Involved bookmark located in the Sanctuary pews to sign up for these and other opportunities at Hennepin Church.

## United Methodist Women 2017 Mission Grants Available

Applications must be submitted by September 20

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.

## Director of Music Update

by Janet Polact, Staff Parish Relations Committee Chair

The search committee for the Director of Music Ministry and Fine Arts continues. As many of you are aware, we formed a committee in early February and began interviewing candidates shortly thereafter. To date, eight candidates have been interviewed by the committee; four were invited to the church to meet the clergy and audition with the choir. After many weeks of hard work, we came to great agreement on a single candidate and extended him an offer. Unfortunately, he decided that he and his family were not yet ready to relocate. So the work of the committee continues. The position has been reposted and resumes are being forwarded to us. Additionally, Shari Speer, long time choir member and music professor at Concordia University, has agreed to fill the position on an interim basis until June 1, 2018.

While we have interviewed and auditioned a number of highly capable individuals, talented musicians in their own right, we believe it is important to find the right fit with our church community, both musically and spiritually. We will continue our work. Please be prayerful about this important position.

## Kitchen News

by Brian Seim, Director of Finance & Administration

Patrick Higgins has left his position as Kitchen Manager. We all wish him well. The church has hired Warren Seta as our new Kitchen Manager. He comes to us from owning successful restaurants in Hawaii, Las Vegas and Bellevue, Washington. Warren will be getting married soon and is very excited about working in our food ministry. He will be a great addition to our brand-new kitchen. We have also hired Chris Dexter to help cook for community meals. Chris has cooked Simpson Church community meals for over 10 years and can't wait to get involved.

## 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. We hope you enjoy the variety and depth of artworks belonging to Hennepin Church as we make this move.

## Kjerringsleppets, a women's book group

1st Wednesdays at 6pm in the Longfellow Room

October 4 - *Calling Invisible Women* - Jeanne Ray.  
November 1 - *Strength in What Remains* - Tracy Kidder.  
Open to women of all ages. Contact Sally@haumc.org.

## 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 2013. 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!



## Life Adventures Fall Day Trip

Afton Inn and St. Croix River Cruise

Friday, September 22 - 10:30 AM 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.



## Progressive Christianity

(formerly The Bishop Spong Class)

1st & 3rd Sundays at 11:15am • Led by Bob Janssen

This class discusses the current topics that inform what it means to be a person of faith in the 21st century. Using the writing of theologians like Bishop John Shelby Spong, Marcus Borg, John Dominic Crossan and Phyllis Tickle, the group continues to allow faith to be an on-going path of growth and evolution. Currently, discussions are centering on Thank God for Evolution: How the Marriage of Science and Religion Will Transform Your Life and Our World by Michael Dowd.

## Michael Dowd Speaking

Sunday, Oct. 22 at Sacred Journey (8:30am) and 11:15am

Rev. Michael Dowd is a bestselling evolutionary eco-theologian and pro-future evangelist whose work has been featured in The New York Times, LA Times, Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, Newsweek, Discover, and on television nationally. His book, Thank God for Evolution, was endorsed by 6 Nobel Prize-winning scientists, noted skeptics, and religious leaders across the spectrum. Michael and his science writer and evolutionary educator wife, Connie Barlow, have spoken to more than 2,200 groups throughout North America since 2002.



Michael has delivered two TEDx talks and a program at the United Nations. He has also conducted two acclaimed online conversation series: "The Advent of Evolutionary Christianity" and "The Future Is Calling Us to Greatness." Video recordings of his TEDx talks, sermons, and other programs can be found on his bio and publications page, as well as the "What's New?" page on his and Connie's main website: TheGreatStory.org.

Michael will speak at Sacred Journey and offer an adult education experience at 11:15. He will also be offering other talks throughout the week both at HAUMC and other churches around the Twin Cities.

## New LYFE Groups Beginning

Signup on Sundays in Carlson Hall

Last fall, over 100 adults joined in LYFE groups (Live Your Faith Everyday) for study, prayer and mutual support. Meeting in homes, coffee shops, libraries and at church the groups met new people and created community as they read *We Make the Road by Walking* by Brian McLaren. This fall we will read *Searching for Sunday: Loving, Leaving and Finding Church* by Rachel Held Evans and *Speaking Christian* by Marcus Borg. The groups will follow along with scripture and themes in worship at both the 8:30 & 10am services. Here is a wonderful chance to get to know Hennepin folks you've never met and to deepen your faith journey! Contact Sally Johnson, sally@haumc.org.

## 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.



## Thursday Bible Study Class

Thursdays at 11am in Longfellow Room

Thursday Bible Study Class resumes its weekly sessions on Thursday, September 7, at 11:00 AM in the Longfellow Room. The fall study book is Adam Hamilton's *Moses: In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet*. Books will be available in class. Cost is \$10. Mary Mensheha and Juanita Reed-Boniface are class leaders. New participants are welcome.

## 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.



According to church records, these members joined Hennepin in 1967 and will be recognized as our new 50-year members: Julia Eszlinger-Jensen, Nina Katzung, Kathryn Roach, Daniel Swain, Victoria Ellis, Eileen Sytsma, Dot Lilja, Harlan Paetznick, Joanna Paetznick, Dorothy Ann Williams, and Patricia Younkin. Members at sixty, seventy, and eighty or more years of membership will also receive special recognition.

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 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.

## UMW's Amidon Scholarship

Meet our Scholar  
by Jennifer L. Hipple

In the last edition of the InSpire, and on behalf of Hennepin's United Methodist Women, I told you about the incredibly generous bequest we received from the estate of our soul sister, Phyllis Amidon, in 2015. We told you part of our plan for that gift was to create a \$20,000 scholarship (payable across four years), the Amidon Memorial Scholarship, for a local, young woman of great promise and significant need. This gift is designed with the hope it will help our selected recipient achieve her dream of obtaining a college education.

We received and reviewed 17 applications. There were several applicants whom we were greatly impressed by. However, when we met Miss Redwan Hassan, our review team knew we had met our gal. Redwan is a 2017 graduate of Roosevelt High School in Minneapolis. She and her family are immigrants from Somalia. Although she spent much of her childhood as a refugee, arriving in Chicago in 2011, Redwan has not only learned English but she took International Baccalaureate coursework in math and physics (yikes!) had a 3.79 GPA and ranked 8th in her class when we met her a few months ago. In addition, Redwan was involved with student government at school, was on the Math Team and a member of the National Honor Society. Redwan has become a certified emergency responder, has organized community service projects, and worked 35 hours a week to help support her family. Redwan's long-term goal is to become a dentist. Redwan has a warm and gracious personality, is quite mature, and very engaging. She is one of those people who has the ability to accomplish whatever she sets her mind to.

I am so thankful to our Hennepin UMW leadership team and our scholarship review committee for sharing the vision to make this scholarship a reality. I ask you to join us in holding Redwan and her family in your thoughts and prayers. And, finally, please join us in remembering Phyllis Amidon and her incredible generosity which enables Hennepin's United Methodist Women to fulfill our mission of serving women, children, and youth in need.

## 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.

## Meals on Wheels

Our mission is to deliver hot meals to members of the downtown community. We deliver meals to the community every Friday of the year (except holidays). We pick up the meals from Community Emergency Service near Franklin Ave and 11th Avenue. We deliver a prepared, nutritious, hot noon meal(s) to homebound seniors and, in some cases, physically disabled non-seniors who are unable to manage their own meal preparation.

We deliver most of the meals right to clients' doors. Daily contact is important to those with little connection to the world outside their home. Committed to delivering more than a meal, we hope, in a small way, to build a sense of connection and community.

HAUMC supports MOW by providing some financial support but most importantly we provide drivers to deliver the meals and to check on the clients every Friday. HAUMC is among the 5 downtown churches who volunteer one day a week. We deliver Friday noon meals--which can be the the busiest of the days as it is before the weekend when meals are not delivered. Our volunteers are some of the most reliable volunteers they have.

HAUMC started out delivering Meals on Wheels with Loring Nicollet Meals on Wheels over 30 years ago. Loring Nicollet merged with Community Emergency Services about 5 years ago. This merger has allowed the meals to be prepared larger and less expensive. We continue to cover the downtown area that we have been covering for the past 30 plus years.

Although, Meals on Wheels in a global organization, we deliver local to the area surrounding around the 5 downtown churches.

Contact Peggy Kjorstad-Kaatz to learn more, get information, and go on a ride with a HAUMC volunteer. Peggy's information is kaatzpjs@hotmail.com; (cell)612-388-0413.

## 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. And too, we might just sing a little more light into our world. It is possible! Song & Chant for all women & men of goodwill in a "perfection free zone." Suggested donation of \$15-20 (no one turned away) to benefit: Minnesota Men's Conference Scholarship Fund Mar de Jade Community, Nayarit, Mexico. Questions: barbara@barbaramcafee.com or vonkoss@sbcglobal.net.

## Get Involved

by Cheryl Gibbons

"Do your little bit of good where you are. It's those little bits of good, put together, that overwhelm the world." – Desmond Tutu

How often do we plant seeds that reach fruition during our lifetime? We never really know the impressions we leave when we give our time, our talents, or our financial support. In 2 Corinthians 9:7-8, Paul states "Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work." Here are ways to get involved right now at Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church:

**Audio/Visual Helper:** Provide assistance at sound booth for the 10 a.m. worship service. Serve from 9:50 a.m. until 11:10 a.m. moving slides for worship presentation.

**Greeters:** Serve as available on Sunday morning. Welcome visitors and longtime friends at our entry doors.

**Hearing Assist Helper:** Provide hearing assist and headphones for worship services. Serve from 8:15 a.m. until 11:15 a.m. mainly outside Sanctuary.

**Music Librarian:** Organize and file music as instructed by Music Director. One to two hours a week, flexible days.

**Ushers:** Welcome all to worship, provide bulletins, help with the offering, communion and with tidying up the sanctuary after service. Serve once a month.

Please let me know if you have an interest in these opportunities or need further information. Training is provided! Sign up: cheryl@haumc.org or (612) 435-1332.

## Caring Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow

United Methodist Women (UMW) supported women and children right from the start when it was founded almost 150 years ago. On March 23, 1869, eight women gathered at Tremont Methodist Episcopal Church in Boston and organized the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society -- which later would become United Methodist Women. Those women raised money to send a doctor (Clara Swain) and a teacher (Isabella Thoburn) to India to serve that nation's women.

UMW continues today and into the future supporting women and children locally, nationally, and around the world. Services such as Emma Norton Services (<http://www.emmanorton.org/>), Joyce preschool (<http://www.joycespreschool.org/>), and maternal and child health (<http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/mchealth>) are just a few of the areas where United Methodist Women volunteers contribute time, talent, and funding. We invite all women to become active in a UMW circle, attend a meeting or event, or assist in any support area they feel drawn to. We all are God's hands.



## A Matter of Faith

Legacy Giving  
by Jack Fistler



We all likely share a common sense of the word "faith," implying complete trust and strong conviction. Legacy gifts in many ways are matters of faith. Such gifts envision a future for Hennepin the donors themselves often will not see. For generations Hennepin Church has nourished the faith of individuals and families, members and neighbors. Our faith community has embraced all in times of joy and challenge. Legacy gifts to Hennepin connect our traditions of heart-felt giving to our future. There are numerous ways to achieve your legacy gift. You may plan now and give later, or perhaps plan and give now...and receive an income benefit back. A well-considered legacy gift can be an integral part of your overall financial plan, providing benefits for you, your loved ones and Hennepin. Contact Jack Fistler, Director of Legacy Giving, (612) 435-1321 or jack@haumc.org to discuss Legacy Giving options.

## Simple Truth

by Bruce Ario

The truth is so simple like a train ride  
But competition juxtaposes alternatives  
Blowing bubbles that swell like ice.

It would be nice to be the only one  
With a handle  
Announcing over vast throngs

But who will be that person?  
Who can we trust that much?  
Must be one of infinite compassion

Seems like I know Someone like that.

## InSPiRE

The 'Inspire' is a newsletter for members and friends of Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church. **10am, Monday, October 16 is the deadline for the next issue.** Your articles may be emailed to [communications@haumc.org](mailto:communications@haumc.org) or dropped off at church, attn: Communications.

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ANOTHER  
YEAR OF  
WONDERFUL  
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# ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF HENNEPIN KIDS FOR LYFE

Rally Sunday marks our one year anniversary! Happy Birthday Hennepin Kids for LYFE! Please join us to celebrate a great year of faith, fun, and, friends!

God has blessed this church with people who care about our children. Today, we are hoping for you to bless this ministry once again. You are invited to sign the floors of the Education Wing with your hopes, celebrations, and prayers for all—the children, the teachers, the parents and more—who will experience powerful ministry in a refreshed space.

