

NEW! Make Your Offering by Text Message

We're making it easier than ever to make your offering to Hennepin—starting now, you can **give by text message** from your mobile device. Send a text to **73256** with the message: **Hennepin \$**, followed by the dollar amount. For example: **Hennepin \$25** or **Hennepin \$10**. You will receive a text reply. Just tap the link in that message to go to a new page, where you can enter the details of your offering and provide payment information. Once you click "submit," you will receive a digital receipt for your gift. **Try it this week as you join us for online worship!**

NEW! Coffee Hour: Virtual Sunday Fellowship

Weekly on Sundays starting May 3, 11:30am to 12:30pm via Zoom
It's good to see one another's faces and hear one another's voices! Gather with other members of the Hennepin community for fellowship and connection at our brand-new online Coffee Hour! Hosted by Hennepin member Mike DeV Vaughn. Bring a cup of coffee (or tea, or juice!) and enjoy checking in and catching up with your Hennepin friends--and make some new friends, too!

Find the link to the Zoom meeting on our website or in Hennepin Happenings. Or join by phone using the dial-in information below:

Dial 312-626-6799. Enter the Meeting ID: 894 7948 0458.

If you need technical assistance using Zoom, email us at support@haumc.org.

Calling All Prospective Confirmation Students!

May 17 & May 24 at 2pm via Zoom

Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries Rick Belbutoski invites Hennepin youth and their parents to an online conversation for those who are planning to participate in the Confirmation program in September.

Confirmation will be open to students between grades 8-11 who are interested in exploring their own commitment to faith and the church. During the Zoom call, we will discuss a new structure of the two-year Confirmation program, answer questions, and explore what it means for youth to take ownership of their own faith journey. See haumc.org/youth or email Rick@haumc.org with questions.

We Are Making Plans for Safe, Step-by-Step Reopening

The governor's stay-at-home order will expire on Monday, May 18th. However, Bishop Ough's directive suspending in-person worship remains in effect through May 30. Hennepin leadership and staff are developing a reopening plan for the Hennepin building that adheres to all recommendations of the Stay Safe Minnesota guidelines. Check our website and future Hennepin Happenings for updates.

NEW! "Almost Too Early" Daily Meditation with Rick Belbutoski

Start your weekday with Rick, Hennepin's Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, on Instagram.

Live at 6:30am—almost TOO early—he will share encouragements and experiences to ground and center you for the day. Follow @HennepinAveUMC on Instagram and find Rick in the Stories. Join the conversation and share YOUR perspectives! See you in the morning!

NEW! Hennepin Book Club

Tuesday, May 19 at 7pm via Zoom

Do you love reading? Especially during this homebound time? Jane Mylrea will organize the first hour-long book discussion by Zoom meeting on May 19, 2020 at 7pm. Our first selection will be *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd. We will discuss this historical fiction book at the first meeting, and also discuss a future schedule and book selections. We will try to select books available online through local libraries or inexpensive websites like thriftbooks.com. Please email Jane if you are interested at janecmylrea@yahoo.com.

Election of New Lay Leaders

Sunday, June 7 | 11:30am to 12pm

Election of Hennepin Avenue UMC Leaders for 2020-21 will be conducted on June 7 online and by phone. Ginger Sisco, Chair of our Connections Committee, will present the slate of nominees and Hennepin members will vote to elect. There will be an opportunity for three nominations from the congregation for the Connections Committee. Zoom meeting details coming soon! Stay tuned!

College LYFE Group

Sundays starting June 7 at 8:30pm on Zoom

College students need community! We're starting a new LYFE group for 18-24 year olds, beginning on Friday, June 7, at 8:30pm on Zoom. The group will meet every Friday night throughout the summer, and provide an opportunity for young adults to connect and grow their faith. Stay tuned for details.

Coming Soon!

Realm: Our New Connection Tool

Hennepin is moving to a new kind of church record-keeping software platform called Realm. Realm offers you some exciting opportunities to connect more easily than ever with your Hennepin community. Realm not only supports you in your involvement at Hennepin, but also serves important administrative needs for our staff. Realm will make it easier for our church family to connect with each other, keep up with what's going on, and grow as a connected community of believers. You will hear lots more about Realm in the coming months. **Watch your email for an invitation to start using Realm.** Follow the instructions in that email, and enjoy getting to know Realm. Questions? Email Becky Boland at becky@haumc.org.