

# HAMLIN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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# A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

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## ORLANDO'S BEFORE & AFTER

*Excerpt from sermon preached on June 19, 2016 by the Rev. Mariah Furness Tollgaard based on the Old Testament story of Cain & Abel.*

Carrie Newcomer has a beautiful song called, "Before and After." She writes,

"There are experiences by which we mark our lives. Some of these experiences are large events — the birth of a child, the loss of a parent, a wedding or divorce. Some of these experiences are small moments that we did not realize at the time would effect us so profoundly. There is always another - a before and after and because of that, our lives grow deeper."

Cain's life was never the same after he killed Abel. There was before and there was after, when his brother's blood cried out to him from the ground. We are all descendants of Cain.

Our country had a before and after moment this week in the tragic shooting at an Orlando Night club. Our hearts have been aching in response to the deadly massacre. Another mass shooting - yet this time the deadliest on US soil and an act of hatred against the LGBTQ community.

Again, we find ourselves asking how did we get into this situation- again? And as with the writers of Cain and Abel - the stories start spinning as we grapple to make sense of the senseless. Accusations are flying and

commentators and politicians seem quick to pit the most vulnerable of our society against one another. Their vitriol is palpable.

In response we want to say - "We are all Orlando." But we are not all Orlando. We are all Omar Mateen.

We are all descendants of Cain.

We continue to build systems of oppression and subjection in order to perpetuate our own way of life. To protect ourselves from the unknown and the other.

We deny our interdependence in exchange for a false dependence on guns.

We reject God's abundance and fall into the trap of scarcity.

We hide behind the internet and social media to put forth hate speech or to put forth condemn those who disagree with us.

We sacrifice our brothers and sisters so that we might keep our comforts, our sense of security, so that we don't have to change.

For those in the Pulse Nightclub last Saturday night and their loved ones we can not even begin to imagine their before and afters - as they try to put their lives together again.



## CONTINUING EDUCATION & SPIRITUAL RENEWAL LEAVE FOR PASTOR MARIAH

For some time, members of Staff Parish Relations have been encouraging Pastor Mariah to practice self care as well as she cares for our church. We are pleased to announce that the Conference recently approved a Continuing Education/Spiritual Renewal Leave for her, that SPRC unanimously approved last December. Clergy are eligible for this leave once every four years, and Pastor Mariah has served for seven years without ever taking it. She will be on leave June 26 - Aug. 1, which includes one week of vacation. She has made pulpit arrangements and secured some financial assistance from the Conference to cover that cost. Please join us in celebrating this healthy renewal for her. Steve Bloom, Mindy Greiling, Bill Kimes  
SPRC, Church Council

### July Guest Preachers:

- July 3 Rev Greg Renstrom
- July 10 Rev Greg Renstrom
- July 17 Maggie Nancarrow
- July 24 Rev. Mary Keen
- July 31 Rev Haley Reyenga

### Emergency Pastoral Care

#### Coverage during Mariah's leave:

In case of pastoral care needs during July please contact Maggie Nancarrow in the church office at 651-645-0667 or [mncarrow@hamlinechurch.org](mailto:mncarrow@hamlinechurch.org).

A now famous picture on social media are the blood soaked tennis shoes of a doctor in the Orlando Emergency Room who treated many of the victims - Dr Joshua Corsa wrote - On these shoes, soaked between its fibers,

is the blood of 54 innocent human beings. I don't know which were straight, which were gay, which were black, or which were Hispanic. What I do know is that they came to us in wave upon wave of suffering, screaming, and death..."This blood, which poured out of those patients and soaked through my scrubs and shoes, will stain me forever.

So it is with us the descendants of Cain.

Our brother's and sister's blood cries out to us from the soil beneath our feet.

This moment is a before and after for all of us. It must be.

We are called to be our brother and sister's keeper and to love our neighbor as ourselves. If that is not Christianity - then I don't know what is.

Earlier the year, Hamline Church asked how we can be a better neighbor. A Muslim woman and a transgender man stood before us in this pulpit and said almost the same thing:

"See us. Know our story. Help us to be safe and include us in the community—as we seek to create a better world with you."

So at the same time we grieve this horrific act of violence against the LGBTQ community and pledge our allegiance as a reconciling church, we also stand behind our blessed Ramadan signs and our commitment to interfaith work and educating against Islamophobia in our community.

To all our neighbors - to our brothers and sisters, to our children, to one another we say - we see you. Nothing can separate you from the fact that you are created good in the eyes of God: not the rejection of your family or faith community, not the words or slurs of strangers, not policies policing your body, not your own self-loathing that this world does not yet see you as whole, not a gunman at a club, not the color of your skin, not your immigration status, not your religion, not whether you are out or closeted. God loves you. We love you. Nothing can take that love away from you.

As the living of our days is defined by the before and afters - may we live in pursuit of God's mercy and grace and may the marks on our brow attest to our care for our brothers and sisters - until God's kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven.

**Blessings,  
Pastor Mariah**

# PICNIC WITH REFUGEE FAMILY

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**Our refugee family has arrived and is getting situated in their new life!! Volunteers with a passion for welcoming continue to be needed throughout the summer.**

Many of us have already had the pleasure of meeting and getting to know the Karen refugee family we are sponsoring through the Minnesota Council of Churches. The mother is Klu Paw and father Maung Bi and they have five children. If you were at the picnic you saw a demonstration of soccer and badminton (and bubble making!) skills and were privileged to meet a great family starting a daunting new adventure!

The refugee committee at HC is chaired by John Bailey and Heather Bouwman. Carol Duling and Julie Dahlke are helping to coordinate and organize outside visits for the family including those for practical needs (clothes or grocery shopping, potentially clinic or school visits) as well as for fun and social outings (zoo/arboretum/park visit, family home visit, museum or musical performance or others). While several folks have been involved with the family, we'd like to offer more of our congregation the opportunity to get to know Maung Bi and Klu Paw and the kids by accompanying them on some of their visits and sharing a fun day out with the family. The visit would be organized by the refugee committee and if needed, language interpretation help will be provided as the family does not speak English. We have tasks that need to be done with the family and ideas for fun outings with the family but we are also interested in ideas you may have for sharing fun things to do and spending time with our family. If you enjoy the idea of being part of our first refugee experience with the MCC, please contact one of us at the following email addresses:

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Heather Bouwman (hmbouwman@gmail.com)  
Carol Duling (danielcarol@comcast.net)  
Julie Dahlke (jlddvm@usfamily.net)





## CHURCH PIANO

In May, Hamline Church became the proud owner of “new” piano. Following a two-month fundraising campaign which raised over \$20,000, a purchasing team of Jan Kimes (member), Matthew Mehaffey (Director of Music) and Kim Kasling (organist) settled on a beautiful 6 foot grand piano. It is a used instrument built in the 1990’s and is made by Yamaha, one of the leading makers of pianos in the world. It is now in its new home on the floor of the sanctuary where it has been outfitted with an on-board humidification system, a thermal cover, a new dolly for easy moving, and a lock. All of these accessories will ensure that the piano is in great playing shape for generations to come. The piano also received a complete tune up from our piano technician. The purchasing team chose this instrument for its beauty (a shiny ebony finish) and its sonority: the piano has a beautiful, rich low register and a very clear and articulate keyboard. It is has already been featured in worship several times and will be used for worship and also to attract musical groups to come to Hamline for their concerts. Donations are still being accepted for there piano; any overage will go into a piano maintenance fund to keep the piano in tip-top shape.

### **Congratulations to Matt!**

Director of Music Matthew Mehaffey was recently named the Music Director of the Mendelssohn Choir of Pittsburgh. Matt will start commuting regularly to work with the choir and the Pittsburgh Symphony in August. His final Sunday at Hamline Church will be August 7. Please join us in congratulating Matt on this great honor and thanking him for his outstanding ministry at Hamline Church. The Staff Parish Relations Committee and Pastor Mariah will be leading a search process for his replacement over the summer.

# 2016 - 2017 CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Our new Church Council Members were elected on June 26. Here is a full list of leadership and Ministry Teams at Hamline Church for 2016 - 2017.

## CHURCH COUNCIL

Chair/Lay Leader: Ray Faust (18)  
Secretary: Todd Jones (19)  
At Large: Linda Krueger (17)  
Lay Delegate to Annual Conference: Jim Schlaeppi (17)  
Pastor: Rev. Mariah Tollgaard

## Staff Parish Relations

- Mindy Greiling (17)
- Bill Kimes (17)
- Victoria Brenner (19)

## Finance

- John LeFevre (17)
- Sharon Fields (18) (Chair)
- Jason Freund (19)

## Trustees

- David Purcell (17)
- Jeff Bouslog (17)
- Barbara Leary (19)

## COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS AND LAY LEADERSHIP

Jan Bajuniemi, Kenneth Momoh,  
Carol Woodbury, Mary Bloom  
Mark Krueger, Kirsten Purcell,  
Carrie Faust, Pastor Mariah Tollgaard

## Financial Positions

Co Treasurers: Mark Krueger & Roger Greiling  
Treasurer of Designated Funds: Dave Anderson  
Co-Financial Secretaries: Diane Milbrandt & Barb Brokopp

## INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

Pete Thiesen, Chair  
Roger Greiling  
Dave Purcell (Trustees Liaison)  
Staff Liaison: Pastor Mariah

## MINISTRY TEAMS LEADERSHIP 2016

*For informational purposes - no election required.*

## Membership & Outreach

Chair: Stephanie Bowron  
Staff Liaison:  
Mariah Tollgaard &  
Ross Hackenmiller

## Member Care

Co-Chairs: Judy Hartman &  
Elaine Christiansen  
Staff Liaison:  
Pastor Mariah

## Dining Hall

Co Chairs: Teresa Renneke,  
Eric Molter, and Mark Krueger  
Staff Liaison:  
Maggie Nancarrow

## Spiritual Formation

Co-Chairs - Jeannine Voshell  
Staff Liaison:  
Amy Schroeder Ireland

## Worship

*team in re-formation in 2016*

## Social Justice and Missions

Chair: Shirley Wright  
Vice-Chairs Barb Edgar  
& Diane Krueger

## Garden

Amy Schultz  
Kathy Evenson McDermott

## Bread Oven

Mark Ireland

## Refugee Ministry

John Bailey

## Ministry of Memory

Mary Bakeman, Historian  
Staff Liaison: Mary Kay Olson

## Stewardship Task Force

Adine Momoh  
Mark Krueger

## Building and Grounds Team

Jeff Dreisbach, John Jakel, Al  
Edgar, Bob Sellers, Tom Beach  
Staff Liaison: Mary Kay Olson

## Hamline Women/UMW

Co-presidents: Jane McClure &  
Helen Vulu  
Leadership: Annette Merry,  
Monell Jakel, Virginia Anderson  
Staff Liaison: Pastor Mariah

## Healthy Church Initiative Leadership Team

Barb Deming  
Maggie Nancarrow  
Sharon Fields  
Gil Young  
Mariah Tollgaard  
Jan Bajuniemi  
Walker Brault



# YOUTH UPDATE

## Mission Trip & YLP

### LEANDRA STARTS A MENTORING PROGRAM!

Hi! I am Leandra Dahlke, I'm 14 and I was just confirmed last spring. This summer I am, along with 3 other students, taking part in the young leaders program at Hamline Church.

As a part of this program I would like to start a mentoring program for first year confirmands. As someone who was just in that position 2 years ago, I know how confusing and hard it can be, which is why I want high schoolers to be paired up, 1 on 1, with a first year confirmand.

The purpose is to offer guidance and friendship, because I know that its a big step and it can be a lot to take in and try to understand at once. 9th-12th graders would be paired up with 7th graders and they would be able to have 1 on 1 conversations as well as whole group conversations about how everything is going.

This project is something I feel would build a stronger relationship between the youth as well as making the confirmands feel more comfortable.

Leandra is working together with the help of Elena and Maggie to help make this 7th grade mentorship program a great experience! Interested? Get in touch!

*The Young Leader's Program is an internship program for high school students who want to experience ministry leadership. It is a pilot program for the summer of 2016. Keep an eye out for our youngsters serving in the garden, at the bread oven, or in worship.*

### THANK YOU MISSION TRIP DONORS!

A great many thanks to the nearly 50 people who donated to the Hamline Church Youth Mission Trip! Our group of 16 students and chaperones will be going to the Rosebud Reservation to serve the Lakota people with Tree of Life Relief. We leave on Sunday, July 31 and return on August 6. Please join us in worship on July 31 for prayer and a sending of our wonderful young people.

**We have reached our goal, having raised nearly \$4000 for our cause!** Our total budget for this trip is more than \$6000. The difference is made up by carryover from last year, family contributions, and the church's resources. This is a significant amount of money, and we are so grateful that this congregation is so generous in their giving. Without you, this trip would not be possible. You are making a future possible where our next generation learns to embrace and learn from difference, not fear it.

### SHAREHOLDER'S DINNER

**Thursday, August 18 at 6pm**

*Cooked with the help of the Hamline Church Bread Oven!*

Shareholders will receive an invitation and an opportunity to RSVP for this event in their emails.

Keep an eye on our journey by following the church on facebook ([facebook.com/hamlinechurchum](https://facebook.com/hamlinechurchum)). Shareholders will receive continuing updates from our young people about their experiences.

# HAMLIN WOMEN

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Take a break from the kitchen or grill during July 4th holiday week and join the Hamline Church Women/United Methodist Women at Roseville Davanni's for a youth mission trip fundraiser. We'll be at Roseville Davanni's, 1905 West Perimeter Drive, 4-8 p.m. Thursday, July 7. Bring your fundraiser ticket, eat in or carry out, and 20% of your total order before sales tax will be donated to the trip. The youth did hit their fundraising goal but this event gives them an extra boost ... or the money can be saved for 2017. Coupons are on the tables at hospitality, on bulletin boards or can be emailed by contacting us at hamlinewomen@gmail.com

The dinner night caps a successful 2015-2016 for the women. Thanks to all who helped with the spring cookie walk and who enjoyed our spring potluck at Pastor Mariah's house.

Special thanks to all who helped with the Twin Cities District UMW meeting. Hamline Church hosted for the first time in many years. Thanks to UMW district leadership, our guests and guest speaker, Chef Erik and the kitchen crew, the registration and hospitality crew, the cleanup crew, Pastor Mariah, music leader Jan Kimes, history tour leader Mary Bakeman, tea hostesses Marguerite Pramann and Priscilla Luitjens, the Hamline Liturgical Dancers and our young ushers for a successful day. We had many positive comments.

Look for our late summer school supply drive in cooperation with Social Justice and Missions. This annual event helps students in need and is a program of Interfaith Action. We'll also be recruiting helpers for Toddler Tuesdays and Make, Bake and Play Days starting in the fall, and for our annual Hamline-Midway Holiday Marketplace Saturday, November 5. Information will come out via email or will be on our bulletin board.

Hamline Church Women  
United Methodist Women

\$ Amount of order: \_\_\_\_\_ Order number \_\_\_\_\_

Have you noticed something special at our baptisms and confirmation? Babies get handmade quilts. Older children being baptized and our confirmands receive prayer shawls. These are made by church volunteers, often with supplies provided by Hamline Church Women/United Methodist Women. These supplies are our gift to the church.

Shawls are also made for Member Care. We also make bags to hang on wheelchairs and walkers for residents of the Walker Nursing Home in Minneapolis, easy "Linus blankets" for people in need and hats, scarves and mittens for our annual "mitten tree" drive for Hamline Elementary. Last year we were able to provide some winter wear for Galtier Elementary School, which is also in our neighborhood.

This fall we will help Sunday School children make easy lap robes for Walker residents.

Hamline Church Women/United Methodist Women want to jump-start craft ministry at the church. We need to know if there is interest in getting a group together again on a regular basis, even if just means knitting or crocheting after church. We can provide kits and materials. We need your ideas!

We also have instructions for easy no-sew fleece scarves and children's tie fleece prayer shawls. We'll have some kits ready by mid-July. Contact use at hamlinewomen@gmail.com or find Helen Vulu or Jane McClure after church most Sundays.

Handmade items provide comfort to those in need and help celebrate special days. Help us help others!

Hamline Church Women



# UMW SCHOLARCHIP RECIPIENT, SYMONE BROWN

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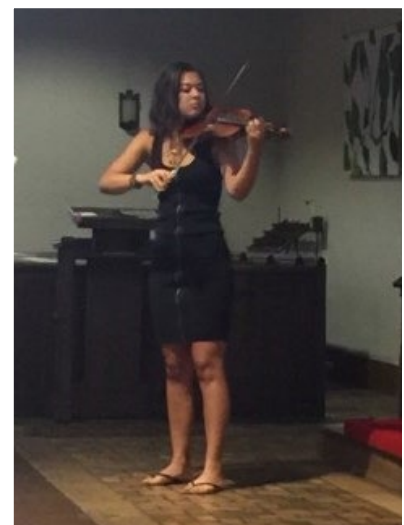
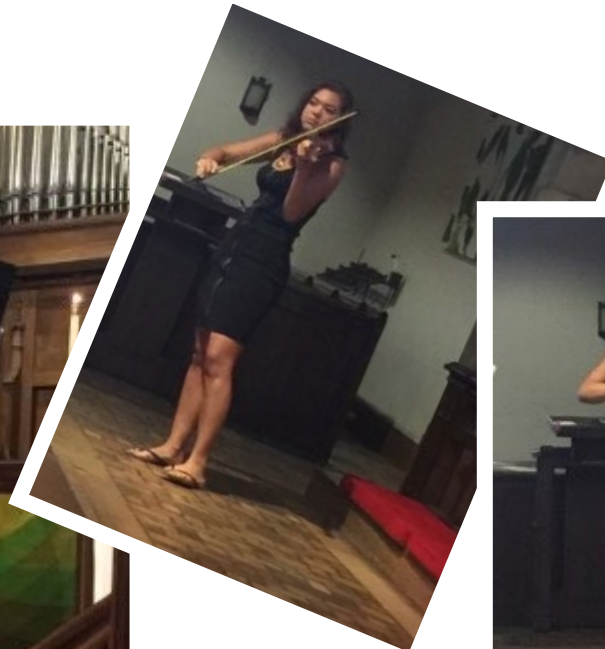


Symone Brown, granddaughter of Hugh and Jan Lampert, is the 2016 recipient of the Hamline Church Women (UMW) scholarship, which was awarded during the June 12th worship service. Symone is an accomplished violinist and provided lovely music which enhanced our service. The scholarship recognizes college students connected to Hamline Church who have church or service oriented career goals.

Symone represents a proud family tradition at Hamline Church, her great grandmother Ida Olson was a member, grandparents Hugh and Jan were married in the church and mother Wendy was confirmed and married at Hamline as well.

Symone is entering her senior year at Augsburg College and expects to receive an education degree and then continue her own education. She has devoted her college free time to teaching and tutoring students in after-school and summer programs at Anne Sullivan and Marcy schools in Minneapolis, and has taught G.E.M.S (Girls in Engineering, Mathematics, and Science) for the past three summers.

Congratulations to Symone, and best wishes in your future service endeavors.



# TIME FOR A DEEP BREATH!

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Conference season is over for another year! This year included a technologically significant quadrennial General Conference (GC) in Portland, Oregon, accompanied by streaming live sessions, blogs, and basic access for anyone with an internet connection. Decisions affecting our Discipline (rule book) are decided at these sessions. Especially relevant to us, our Dakotas-Minnesota Area Bishop Bruce R. Ough was elected president of the United Methodist Council of Bishops, a world-wide role.

The last time GC was held in Minnesota was 1956, doubly significant because it marked the centennial of the birth of the Minnesota Annual Conference (MAC) and the year that full clergy rights for women (with guaranteed appointments) were approved, though women clergy had served congregations in Minnesota for decades. This year's MAC celebrated both those anniversaries, in addition to other business matters relevant to the MAC as body.

Hamline Church and Hamline University have served as the co-hosts for MAC. In 1948 the former Northern Annual Conference met at the Church, while the Minnesota Annual Conference met at Hamline University. The celebration honoring their merger was held at the Church. The new Minnesota Annual Conference returned until 1969, the year after the merger of the Evangelical United Brethren Church with the Methodist Church to become The United Methodist Church. Following standard practice, ministers typically met at Hamline Church and the lay delegates at the Field

House. Ordinations, worship services and at least one dinner were held at the Church.

Perhaps the most significant to take place at Hamline Church in 1956, on the heels of that year's GC authorization of full clergy rights for women, was when The Rev. Mary MacNicholl became the first woman in Minnesota to become a trial member of the MAC and eligible to receive full clergy rights. As Rev. Ken Beck later reminisced:

"She was ready, and so when the time came—it was like Lincoln said, 'I will study and prepare myself, and perhaps the day will come.' She had done that. Of course Jeanne Audrey Powers was working at Boston getting her degree—but when the door opened, [Mary] was already there."

The Rev. MacNicholl had already received a seminary degree from Drew University in New Jersey before she had been ordained deacon in 1950 and elder in 1952. She was voted into full membership in the MAC in 1958. In recalling our heritage, we must also remember that today's current events will become tomorrow's heritage. Our MAC will continue to meet each year. The next scheduled GC session will take place in Minneapolis in 2020.

These denominational legislative bodies like the GC (and the MAC) are likely to continue to be in the secular news in the future. In Portland, Bishop Ough established a group to meet on the major issue that faced the GC this year: how our world-wide denomination should deal with the social issue of same-sex marriage and the rights of LGBTQ members. Among other actions, he called for unity and focus on our agreements rather than our points of difference. And Bishop Ough's recent statement after the Orlando shooting is a good reminder, too:

"As the people called United Methodist, let us not lose heart, but redouble our commitment and efforts to fulfill God's vision of the Beloved Community throughout the world."

Mary Bakeman  
Hamline Church Historian

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR DINING HALL VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to everyone who helped out to make this year's "Back to the '50s" Car Show such a success. We grossed **\$51,375** and we could not have done it without you. Special thanks to our very own Iron Chef Erik Hendrickson and to John Jakel, Wayne Ferlas, Travis Evans, and Michael Coates for the many hours they spent getting the Dining Hall ready for this event. Thanks to all for your generous support.



## WELCOME TO MIDWEST CHILD DEVELOPMENT

We are excited to report that we have a new daycare tenant, Midwest Child Development. MCD uses a Headstart Minnesota model, intentionally working with children of low income families to provide essential and quality early childhood education. They begin moving in on July 1st and will be open for business on July 11. Our existing tenant, Bilingual Childcare and Education Center, will be staying on through August, and will be moving into Rooms 6 and 7 (Youth Room & Godly Play Room). For a short while, we will be bursting at the seams with children!

We are also taking advantage of this time to do some repairs and improvements. The most obvious improvement will be changing out the carpet in the daycare rooms for vinyl plank tile and replacing one of the sinks. Other improvements are more behind the scenes. We'll be finishing our and rekeying and alarm system upgrades to include an integrated entry system for the west door for the new daycare as well as a few more cameras to cover all the building exits; a plumbing fix for the downstairs hall bathrooms so our friend the drain cleaner doesn't have to visit us so often; and a new roof over the Sanctuary stairwells so we can get rid of the bucket on the NW stairs. We hope as you come in for services you will also notice the refinished wood doors - they look fantastic! We will be providing a new system as well to hold the doors open. This will prevent the hinges from getting bent and the door then out of alignment. A stuck door is not an open door, and we are all about opening our doors and offering welcome and hospitality to new and old alike.

- Mary Kay Olson, Church Administrator

## DAVANNI'S NIGHT FOR THE YOUTH MISSION

**Thursday, July 7 from 4 - 8 pm at Roseville Davanni's**

Two more ways are available to support the youth mission trip. Hamline Church Women/UMW host Davanni's Night at 1905 Perimeter Drive, Roseville. Bring our special coupon, order food to eat in or take out, and a portion of proceeds will go to the mission trip. Coupons are available at coffee hour and on bulletin boards around the church. Email [hamlinewomen@gmail.com](mailto:hamlinewomen@gmail.com) and women will send you a coupon to print out.

## HAMLIN WOMEN OUTDOORS BIKE RIDES

**Saturday, July 9 at 8 am**

Hamline women are invited to join a casual riding group. Rides will range from 10-30 miles depending on the weather and what people are comfortable with. We will meet the first and third Saturday in June and August. In July we will meet the second and fourth Saturday. The ride will begin at 8 am leaving from the courtyard in front of Longfellow Grill.

**Contact:** Emily at [em.lynn.miller@gmail.com](mailto:em.lynn.miller@gmail.com) or (605) 949-1784

## YOUTH PARTY BY THE LAKE

**Sunday, July 10 at 12:30 pm**

Join the Hamline Youth, grades 6 - 12 to hang out at the Schultz' for some summer fun! Swimming, games and good company abound.

**Contact:** Maggie at [mnancarow@hamlinechurch.org](mailto:mnancarow@hamlinechurch.org)

## STAND UP PADDLE BOARDING WITH THE HAMLIN WOMEN OUTDOORS

**Saturday, July 23 at 8 am at Lebanon Hills Regional Park, Eagan. No cost.**

All Hamline Women can come enjoy an early morning paddle on a quiet lake. Meet at the Schulze Lake Visitor's center. 860 Cliff Road Eagan. Coffee and treats will be served. Wear a swimsuit or clothes that might get wet, bring a towel.

**Contact:** Terri Shefelbine at 612-237-5959 or [terrias@usgo.net](mailto:terrias@usgo.net)

## PB&J SUNDAY

**Sunday, July 24 during worship**

During the summer months, when school is closed, some children miss meals because they depend on school breakfast and lunch. In order that they may still have some kind of meal, social justice members have tried to collect PB&J on the 4th Sundays of the month. These donations go to the Keystone food pantry, where families can pick up free bread. Kids can make themselves sandwiches in the summer months and have something nutritious to eat. This does not affect our normal 1st. Sunday collection.

**Contact:** Bob & Jacquie Sellers at [jksellers@usfamily.net](mailto:jksellers@usfamily.net)

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