



**HAMLIN CHURCH**  
UNITED METHODIST

**JANUARY 2012**

## A WORD FROM THE MINISTER

### **A WORD FROM PETER**

January 6th is the Feast of the Epiphany. The word means 'manifestation' symbolized by the light of the star the Wisemen followed to Bethlehem. The journey of the Magi represents, as promised by the prophet Isaiah, the coming of all humankind to the light of Christ, regardless of ethnicity, religion, political or economic status. God has become human. This is good news for the human project! Regardless of our mythic membership (see ethnicity, religion, favorite sports team, politics or economics), we all share a divinized humanity in Christ Jesus. Greater than our differences is our common humanity now gathered up in God. Despite the unity of the Nativity scene – poor shepherds and rich foreigners, animals, angels and stars, adults and a child; Christian history has been one mostly of division, crusades, inquisitions, reformations, counter-reformations, and more denominations than one can count.

Some of the brightest theologians of today are saying that the new reformation of the 21st century is the reunification of Christendom across denominational lines- indeed, the even greater coming together of all humanity and an ailing creation in need of healing. Church is practice in a microcosm of this coming together. How can we come together and get along, passionate about our Christian faith in a pluralistic world? Consider what we have done already, bringing together two United Methodist congregations, and sharing a building with Old Catholics, Mennonites, and the Bilingual Childcare Center. This is amazing in an age of anxiety, division, and a lot of old empty church buildings.

An exciting new opportunity for unity at Hamline Church United Methodist has arisen. House of Mercy Lutheran church is interested in renting our sanctuary and education rooms Sunday evenings. This would provide yet another chance for the working of the Holy Spirit across denominational lines. Imagine Methodists, Mennonites, Catholics and Lutherans joining together in shared ministry with youth and young adults, missions, and dining hall. This arrangement has already been discussed at Church Council and Trustees. House of Mercy's presence would not limit our use for the occasional afternoon or evening event in the sanctuary, nor Sunday evening book or Bible studies. The proposal would be good stewardship of our beautiful building bringing even more people through its doors. We would start with a six-month trial period and there will be an informational adult forum after worship on January 29th in the Fireside room. Each of our congregations has unique gifts to offer to the whole; and remember, Epiphany is a season of visitors coming together sharing exquisite gifts.

## **HAMLIN KIDS**

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### **SUNDAY SCHOOL IN THE NEW YEAR**

After the earnest and beautiful Christmas program, and the lively Watch Night party, we're returning to our more familiar Sunday morning schedule starting January 8. Nursery care is available for infants and young toddlers in Room 5, and all other ages (even adults) have terrific classes available from 9-9:50. Lessons are designed to be accessible and welcoming even if kids aren't here every week; jump in anytime! If you're interested in teaching at any age level, contact Stephanie Bowron (SBowron@hamlinechurch.org) for more information.

### **IMPORTANT PARENT MEETING JANUARY 17**

Parents of infants through youth are invited to a fun (really!) and interesting meeting on Tuesday, January 17. From 6:30-7, you'll have a chance to get to know other parents as we define our hopes and expectations for Sunday School; from 7-8:30, we'll discuss the benefits and drawbacks of the various Sunday schedule configurations. The purpose is to gather feedback from parents about which Sunday schedule will best fit our goals for the programs. We'll also issue a paper survey so that people who can't be there can participate in the conversation. Childcare is available upon request; let me know the name and age of the child/ren and so that I can staff the play room adequately for the number of kids.

## **WORSHIP**

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### **CELEBRATE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN!**

On January 22, we will celebrate United Methodist Women (UMW) and their contributions to missions locally and beyond. Please welcome Sandy Meyer, Twin Cities District UMW President as our guest speaker. Following the service everyone is invited to a free special brunch sponsored by UMW as a thank you to the congregation for their support.

### **WOMEN'S CHOIR FORMING FOR UMW SUNDAY**

All Hamline women are invited to join this choir to sing on UMW (United Methodist Women) Sunday, January 22. The choir will be directed by Jan Kimes who was founder and 30 year director of The Bel Canto voices international touring choir. for girls, and Childrens Chorusmaster for the Minnesota Opera. Rehearsals will be January 11 and 18 at 6:30 pm in the choir room. For further information, please call Jan Kimes at 763.862.3130.

## **SERVE**

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### **EVERY CHURCH A PEACE CHURCH ( ECAPC)**

Hamline Church is hosting the January ECAPC potluck in the Fireside Room on January 9, 2012 at 6:30 pm. The topic is Atoning for Torture and the speaker is Dr. Steven Miles, Professor of Medicine and Bioethics at the University of Minnesota Medical School. The presentation will examine the complex matter of torture, moral injury and atonement. There will be time for discussion. Please join us.

## CONNECT

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### DIRECTORY

Hamline Church United Methodist will have a new, comprehensive directory this year that will display not only the face—and faces—of our new community but its spirit as well. We'd like everyone who identifies as a part of this community to be included.

Photo sessions will begin Sunday, January 8, and will continue every Sunday through the rest of that month. Between now and January, we'll give you all the information you'll need to be a part of this exciting project. So mark your calendars. If you'd like more information at this point, feel free to contact Seth McCoy. Otherwise, we'll keep you updated regularly. That's a promise, Kent Krueger.

### FICTION & FELLOWSHIP 1/15/2012 6:30PM Green Room

The book for discussion in January is "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" by Rebecca Skloot.

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

Men, join us for breakfast and fellowship January 26 at 8am at Perkin's in Roseville. The group meets every 4th Thursday, so join in when you can.

## GROW

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### ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday morning (all Sunday classes start January 8 at 9:10)

\*Barb and Al Edgar will lead a study of The First Paul: Reclaiming the Radical Visionary Behind the Church's Conservative Icon. The group will meet for seven weeks in the Green Room. Contact Barb or Beth Beaty for more information or to purchase a book.

\*Centering Prayer meets in the Prayer Chapel. No preparation needed for this 20 minute silent prayer session.

\*Wednesday nights (7-8pm) starting January 11, Seth McCoy will lead a Hebrews Bible Study in the Parlor. Bring your own bible. Please let Beth Beaty know if you are planning to attend.

\*On your own time, please join Beth Beaty in reading Mudhouse Sabbath: an Invitation to a Life of Spiritual Discipline. Contact Beth Beaty for more information or to order a book.

### PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS DISCUSSION

If you would like to join Anne Thompson at her home for a follow-up discussion of Richard Rohr's Preparing for Christmas, please contact her at annemthompson@comcast.net or let Diane know that you are interested. Date/time: Sunday, January 15, 12:30 - 2:30 pm. Please RSVP by Sunday, January 8.

## **“ A HOPEFUL EARTH: FAITH, SCIENCE, AND THE MESSAGE OF JESUS”**

**Sunday, January 29th, 1:30-5:30 pm**

**Klas Center, Hamline University**

**WITH Bishop Sally Dyck and Sarah Ehrman**

Is our environmental crisis also a spiritual crisis? You are invited to take a deeper look at this question with the authors of the book *A Hopeful Earth: Faith, Science and the Message of Jesus*, written by Bishop Sally Dyck and Sarah Ehrman, Sally's niece and environmental science educator. This interactive afternoon will include worship, presentation, discussion, and an opportunity to develop a plan of action for yourself and your faith community. Refreshments will be provided. Pre-register at [www.hamline.edu/hopefulearth](http://www.hamline.edu/hopefulearth) to receive detailed directions and an excerpt from the book. The event is free and open to all, sponsored by Minnesota Interfaith Power and Light and Hamline's Wesley Center for Spirituality, Service and Social Justice.

## **NEWS**

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### **HAMLIN MIDWAY ELDERS**

#### **LUNCHEON FEATURES LOCAL WRITER/PROFESSOR**

“Remembering Mimi: Recipes, Family and Cooking Across Generations” will be presented at a luncheon for seniors on Tues., Feb. 14 at 1514 Englewood Ave at 11:30. Neighborhood resident and Hamline University Assistant Professor, Kim Johnson, will address the love of a granddaughter for a grandmother through a delightful history of recipes. A \$4.00 free will donation is asked for the meal but there is no cost to attend the program which begins at 12:15. Reservations preferred but not required. (651) 209-6542.

#### **JOINT FRIENDLY EXERCISE**

A free, eight week session of “Joint Friendly Exercise Classes” will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning Feb. 7 from 2:00 - 3:00PM at 1514 Englewood Ave. Instructors have been trained by the MN Arthritis Foundation and are CPR certified. Past attendees noticed increased strength and range of motion as well as reduced pain. Call (651) 209-6542 to register.

### **HAMLIN UNIVERSITY'S SAFE ZONE IS SPONSORING A LECTURE/DISCUSSION ON**

The History of the Gay Rights Movement and the Modern Struggle over Same-Sex Marriage at noon on Thursday, February 2, in Room 101 of the Hamline University Law School. The Nationally known civil rights and sexual orientation law expert Dale Carpenter, Earl R. Larson Professor of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Law at the University of Minnesota Law School, will discuss this movement, its impact on American Society and the prospects for marriage equality in light of recent state developments. In light of the fall 2012 Minnesota Ballot initiative to constitutionalize marriage as a male-female institution, the Social Justice and Missions Committee urges everyone to take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about this important topic.

## COMING UP IN FEBRUARY: THE IMAGINE NO MALARIA CAMPAIGN

Every year there are almost 500 million cases of malaria. 90% of these occur in sub-Saharan Africa. Children are especially vulnerable and a child dies of malaria every 45 seconds - despite the fact that malaria is a preventable, treatable, and beatable disease. The Social Justice and Missions Committee proposed, and our Board approved, that Hamline Church join The United Methodist Church and other Global partners in the campaign to end malaria. We have set a goal of raising \$20,000. A \$10 net used to prevent bites by malaria carrying mosquitoes will save one life. Our hope is that each family will make a commitment to save at least 10 lives. A pledge of only \$1.00 per week per family for two years will meet our goal and help save 2000 lives! Watch for additional information and the opportunity to help make this a successful campaign.

## USE SCRIP GIFT CARDS OR GIVE THEM AS GIFTS AND SUPPORT HAMLIN CHURCH!

Make regular purchases and help our church produce revenue without spending extra money. Retailers locally, like Barnes & Noble, Best Buy, Cub Foods and Holiday, and retailers nationally participate by providing gift cards and then donating a percentage of the sales.

1. Pick up an order form in the Fireside Room.
2. Return to Virginia Anderson in person or by mail by 1/8
3. OR register at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) and order online. Get our church's code from Virginia.
4. Sunday, 1/15, pick up your order.

Check out what cards are for sale each Sunday. Examples are - Cub, Rainbow, Target, Starbucks, Olive Garden, Wendy's plus several more. [www.glscrip.com](http://www.glscrip.com)

Thank you to everyone who has participated, especially those who order monthly!

FOOD PERSPECTIVES, INC. [www.foodperspectives.com](http://www.foodperspectives.com).

Do you like to eat or try new foods? Sign up to become a taste tester!

1. Go to: [www.fpitesters.com](http://www.fpitesters.com).
2. From the homepage, click on Become a Tester.
3. Then click Sign up Online.
4. Complete the form, indicating Hamline Church in the "Organization" field.
5. Click Create Account.

OR pick up a form in the Fireside Room and give it to Virginia Anderson. A confirming email or letter from FPI Testers will be sent, giving the PID and PIN numbers.

If you qualify and participate in a taste test, our church will receive \$10 and you will receive between \$25 - \$175, depending on time involved and the level of commitment. Use this money as you wish - treat yourself to dinner out, pay bills, or even donate it to our church. To see if you qualify for a test; you may be contacted by a "live" caller who will ask a series of questions, by an Interactive Voice Response (a recording) that asks questions, or online through an email account. If you don't qualify, no money is received and your name is put back for future test possibilities. Any questions, please contact Virginia.

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# COUNCIL

## SUMMARY OF THE NOVEMBER 22 CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING HAMLINE CHURCH, UNITED METHODIST

1. The following amendments were made to the minutes of the October 25 Council meeting:
  - a. The exterior signs will be changed to reflect the proper congregational name.
  - b. If this pledge is made by December 31, 2011, it will be matched by a conference donor. The minutes were approved as amended.
2. Pastor Seth gave the Pastoral Update on behalf of Pastor Peter Boehlke, who was not present due to illness. Peter has a handout on Vital Congregations, a metric which the Minnesota Annual Conference is asking us to adopt. Vital Signs of the congregation, such as small groups, donations, etc are summarized regularly and the best practices of congregations are shared. Seth will put a PDF version of the handout on the website.
3. Seth opened a discussion on important Communication Practice—How We Engage in Disagreement. The basis of the framework portrayed on a handout on Conflict Resolution comes from Jesus in Matthew 18. “If a fellow believer hurts you go and tell him—work it out between the two of you. If he listens, you’ve made a friend. If he won’t listen, take one or two others along so that the presence of witnesses will keep things honest, and try again. If he still won’t listen, tell the church. If he won’t listen to the church, you’ll have to start over from scratch, confront him with the need for repentance, and offer God’s forgiving love.”The two former congregations had different styles of leadership. The process presented can be still used to address current issues as well as those which arose in earlier stages of the merger. It was suggested that our Lay Leaders would be useful as mediators. The Council needs to serve as a model for the rest of the congregation. It was proposed that the Council adopt the Matthew 18 passage as a guideline.
5. Mary Bakeman apprised the Council on the status of National Historic Register status for HCUM; final approval should come in late February. A celebration, open to the public, was proposed for some date after Easter. Mary, Marguerite Pramann, and a consultant who assisted with the application process are to be commended.
6. Todd Jones reported for the Finance committee that we are in the black, but a significant fraction of the 2011 apportionments remain to be paid. The pledge drive is ending and the budgeting process for 2012 is underway.
7. HUMC will be participating in Feed Our Starving Children on April 21, 2012. It is hoped that several families will be involved.
8. The Staff Parish Relations committee reported that Frank Evans is at home and that in the Interim, Diane Milbrandt and Seth have been doing some of Frank’s duties. The committee proposed that Seth’s hours be increased from 20 to 30 hr/week through the end of 2011. The proposal was approved in the form of a motion. A second proposal is that Seth go to full time in January, 2012, finances permitting. It was mentioned that the Bilingual Child Care and Educational Center would like to lease one additional classroom.
9. A bulletin insert lists all of the Advent Activities. Contributions are also being sought for poinsettias, special music, and stained glass window preservation.
- 10; Julie Bayerl, for the Membership/Outreach committee presented a handout on the Membership & Outreach process, showing the steps of Marketing and Communications, Visitor Experience, Connections, Discovery, Member Orientation Process, Membership Commitment, and Integration

# January 2012

## Hamline Church Calendar

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday |
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| <p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 AM Small Group Dis-cussion</li> <li>9:00 AM Sunday School</li> <li>9:10 AM Adult Educ</li> <li>10:00 AM Worship</li> <li>11:00 AM Hospitality</li> </ul>  | <p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4:30 PM Centering Prayer - Chapel</li> <li>7:00 PM Emotions Anonymous</li> </ul>  | <p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4:30 PM Centering Prayer - Chapel</li> <li>6:30 PM Pipe Band</li> <li>7:00 PM Social Justice/Missions</li> </ul>   | <p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4:30 PM Centering Prayer - Chapel</li> <li>6:15 PM Handbell Choir</li> <li>7:00 PM OA Group</li> <li>7:15 PM Chancel Choir Reh</li> </ul>                       | <p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:45 PM Gratitude</li> </ul>   | <p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12:30 PM St. Anthony Old Catholics</li> </ul> |          |
| <p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 AM Small Group Dis-cussion</li> <li>9:00 AM</li> <li>9:10 AM Adult Educ</li> <li>10:00 AM Worship</li> <li>11:00 AM Hospitality</li> <li>11:30 AM Confirmation</li> <li>6:30 PM Fiction &amp; Fellowship</li> </ul> | <p>9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12:00 PM Hamline Women @Scatzos</li> <li>4:30 PM Centering Prayer - Chapel</li> <li>6:00 PM Every Church A Peace Church</li> <li>6:30 PM Dance Class</li> <li>7:00 PM Emotions Anonymous</li> </ul> | <p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11:30 AM Hamline Midway Elders Lunch - Fireside Room</li> <li>4:30 PM Centering Prayer - Chapel</li> <li>6:30 PM Pipe Band</li> <li>7:00 PM Trustees</li> </ul> | <p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4:30 PM Centering Prayer - Chapel</li> <li>7:00 PM OA Group</li> <li>7:15 PM Chancel Choir Reh</li> </ul>  | <p>12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:45 PM Gratitude</li> <li>7:00 PM Staff Parish</li> </ul>          | <p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fare For All</li> </ul>                      |          |
| <p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 AM Small Group Dis-cussion</li> <li>9:00 AM Sunday School</li> <li>9:10 AM Adult Educ</li> <li>10:00 AM Worship</li> <li>11:00 AM Hospitality</li> </ul>   | <p>16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4:30 PM Centering Prayer - Chapel</li> <li>6:30 PM Dance Class</li> <li>7:00 PM Emotions Anonymous</li> </ul>  | <p>17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4:30 PM Centering Prayer - Chapel</li> <li>6:30 PM Finance Committee</li> <li>6:30 PM Pipe Band</li> </ul>  | <p>18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4:30 PM Centering Prayer - Chapel</li> <li>6:30 PM Hamline Midway Elders Board Meeting</li> <li>7:00 PM OA Group</li> <li>7:15 PM Chancel Choir Reh</li> </ul> | <p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:45 PM Gratitude</li> </ul>  | <p>20</p>   |          |
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An intimate Christian community, witnessing to the larger dimensions of life in Christ, in ministry, on the inward and outward journey



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