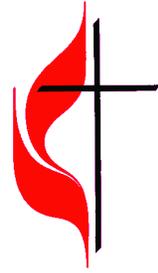


The Messenger

NEW HOPE PARISH

**United Methodist Churches of
Hennepin, Magnolia, and McNabb**

December 2018

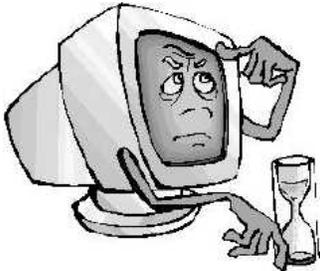


Church services

Hennepin U.M.C.: 8:30 A.M.

Magnolia U.M.C.: 10:00 A.M.

McNabb U.M.C.: 11:15 A.M.



From the computer.

As we enter the season of Advent, I would hope that we all reflect on this time of the year, and grow with it. Remember we are preparing for the birth of our Savior. It is a time when we should also cleanse our souls and minds to try to make ourselves worthy of this birth, Do we really know the magnitude of this birth, oh, I know, we read the bible, we go to church, we pray, we fast, and try to do as best we can, but do we really appreciate this holy birth, all too often people tend to forget the real reason for Christmas, we go out and spend hundreds of dollars on buying that special gift for Uncle George or Aunt Mary, with our minds set on the commercial side of Christmas, forgetting why we are out there in stores fighting the crowds and cold weather, we need to focus more on the real reason for Christmas, take time during this time of Advent to gather ourselves more closer to Jesus let Him know that we still have Him in our hearts and minds. so I do believe amongs't the better ways to do this is by attending church services, listen to the messages by the Pastors, and maybe this will help us grow in our faith, and then by thhhe time of the birth of Jesus we will have a better understanding .

Well I hope every one has been good this year, or else Santa will pass you by. But let us not pass on these birthdays, good presents only.

Dec 1 Mark Ahlers	Dec 11 Angie Augspols	Dec 21 Trent Miller
1 Scott Smith	11 Michele Faulkner	Dec 22 Kayley Paterson
Dec 2 Don Jackson	Dec 14 Deb Ahlers	22 Karter Patterson
Dec 5 Krystal Leonard	Dec 16 Aleceya Davis	Dec 23 Carol Epley Schmitt
5 Jordan Lutes	16 Sara Heimbecker	Dec 24 Morgan Crew
5 Leo McCauley	16 Alice Prentiss	

Dec 25 The most important Birthday of all Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Dec 7 Priscilla Lovell	Dec 17 Kyle Wilson	Dec 25 Jim McQuilkin
7 Kay Petersen	Dec 18 Rev Mary McQuilkin	Dec 26 Lori Nimke
7 Janet Kuhn	Dec 19 Natasha Steele	Dec 27 Frances Caughlan
Dec 9 Keira King	Dec 20 James Tunney	Dec 28 Alicia Mallery
Dec 10 Cameron Smith	20 Barb Casey	Dec 30 David Sartin
	Dec 21 Peter Lovell	Dec 31 Vanessa Ahlers

And now special Christmas anniversary wishes for these fine folks

Dec 2 Fred & Kathy Sammons	Dec 22 Ron & Betty Dean
Dec 12 Greg & Loida Glenn	Dec 29 Jim & Lara Petersen
Dec 14 Dave & Cheryl Smith	Dec 31 Matthew & Meagan Dean

A most sincere and holiday wish for all that your day was as great as possible, and a wish for a very Holy and Blessed Christmas to all, and may The Lord add His Blessings.

Concerns: Remember to keep our country in prayer, and the world, we need now more than ever to pray for world peace, also pray that the gun violence will stop, also keep our military in mind.

Observation: Some people have glorious old age, because one of their greatest delights is that they have outlived most of their opposition.



Native American Meditation

Honor the father and the mother. Father stands for wisdom, and mother stands for feelings. Inside each of us is the father and the mother. If we don't honor both, we will not grow in balance. To honor both the father and the mother helps our masculine and feminine sides grow. This winter season is a good time to focus on this. This is our season of reflection. Honoring both sides allows us to see the Creator is both father and mother.

Don Coyhis

Church sign: Try our Sundays, They are better than Baskin-Robbins.

Psalm 146: 20 The Lord preserveth all them that love him: but all the wicked will he destroy. 146:21 My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord: and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever. Revelation 22: 21 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen KJV

Think about it: Germs attack the weakest part of your body, maybe that explains so many head colds.