



Rainbow Notes

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Ray Palmer was a rather unhappy and lonely young man teaching school in New York City when he was inspired to write the words for this song. He wrote the words in a notebook that he kept in his pocket, and didn't give the matter much more thought.

Two years later while visiting Boston, Palmer happened to run into his friend, Lowell Mason, an accomplished musician. Mason said that he was getting ready to publish a hymnbook and asked if Palmer had anything he would like to contribute. That caused Palmer to remember his

poem, so he pulled out his notebook and showed Mason what he had written. Mason copied the words and set them to music.

Later, Mason said, "Palmer, you may live many years and do many good things, but I think you will be best-known to posterity as the author of 'My Faith Looks Up to Thee'"-- and that is, indeed, how it turned out.

When this story is read, it make you reflect on the fact that the Spirit sometimes touches our lives in

ways that we could not have predicted. In those moments, our lives become unusually blessed -- and convey unusual blessings to others.

But rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's suffering's that when His glory is revealed he may also be glad with exceeding joy. 1 Peter 4:13



Inside this issue:

Baptism	2
Hope's Happenings	2
Poinsettia's	3
Coloring Page	4
Decoder Puzzle	5

Some people say, "I go to church, so I am a Christian." But that's like saying if you go to McDonald's you are a Quarter Pounder!!

Happy New Year



Tradition dictates that every 365 days, you should try to kick bad habits and start your life anew. So sit down with a cup of coffee, a paper and a pen and reflect: What kinds of New Years Resolutions will you make for yourself this January 1st?

1. Be realistic by setting achievable goals. Winning the lottery, for example, is

out of your grasp.

2. Describe your resolutions in specific terms. Instead of "I don't want to be lazy," opt for "I want to exercise regularly" or "I will cut down on my television watching."

3. Break down large goals into smaller ones. For instance, commit to losing weight by resolving to join a gym and improve your eat-

ing habits.

4. Find alternatives to a behavior that you want to change, and make this part of your resolution plan. So you want to quit smoking but you smoked to relax yourself? What other forms of relaxation are available to you?

5. Above all, aim for things that are truly important to

you, not what you think you ought to do or what others think you should do.

In Lamentations 3:40 the bible urges us to examine our lives regularly, and to seek God's help to become better persons every day.

Baptism

The stained glass piece hanging above the door at the front of the sanctuary was given by Mel & Mary Hanson Sanborn. It is called "Baptism" and was created by Linda VanLear & Chuck Rassbach in Memory of Walter & Ruth Sommerness Sanborn, John & Bertha Sommerness and Leonard & Stella Hanson.

Grandpa Sommerness made our communion table and the baptism font in addition to many other pieces in our old church (much like Chuck, does now); he was lay leader for many years and taught adult Sunday School too; Grandma Sommerness was very active in women's circles and my parents were active

in Women's Missionary Society/Circle and Gleaners (an adult fellowship group).

Grandpa Sommerness made our communion table and the baptism font

Hope's Happenings

Faribault Christian Women Connection will hold its monthly meeting on Jan. 18 at noon at the Faribault Moose Lodge, 1810 Fourth St. NW. The group's special speaker will be Karen Taucher. The topic is "Extreme Makeover: Karen's Addition." The special feature will be Piecemakers "Quilters." All women are welcome.
For Reservations call: 331-2305:
507-645-7008 or 507-789-5396

UMW
UMW will meet at Linda Rose's place on Saturday, January 5th @ 9:30. All women of Hope UMC are members of UMW and are invited to attend. UMW will not meet in February. We will again meet at Nook and Cranny on March 2, 2013.

Rice County Food Shelf
of The Month
January-Soup
February-Beans (caned or dried)
March-Tuna
Feel free to purchase any item that is on sale.

I will be out of the area for the month's of January, February and March. Heather Grambart is coming to my aid! Please contact her at 334-2848 or 952-240-0269. Articles for the bulletin are due by Thursday of each week. Newsletter items are due by the last Thursday of each month. Items for Heather can be placed in Carolyn's mailbox.
Thank you Heather for you're willingness to cover in my absence. Statements will be available at the service on Sunday. If they are not picked up they will be mailed.
December 30th giving will be entered on next year's giving.

Our Altar was beautiful with Poinsettias that were given by:

Kent and Marlene Sterling in Memory of: Kent's parents, Marlene's parents, Grandson Steven, Grandson Garrett and Joan & Lyle Schreiber

Ron and Connie Tuin in Memory of Ron's parents, George and Lois Tuin and Connie's mother, Phyllis Morris

Diane Piper in Memory of Bruce Morelan, and Bob and Jeanette Morelan

Ellie Leiser in Memory of Robert Leiser

Dave and Carolyn Hanson in Memory of Wyman Hanson and Mary Jane Gullikson

Mel and Mary Sanborn in Memory of Mel's parents, Ruth and Walt Sanborn and Mel's grandparents John and Berth Sommerness

Larry and Nancy DeCoux in Memory of Jane DeCoux and Dorothy and John Ennis

Gerry and Ardith Krogh in Honor of their daughters, Jenny and Pam and their families

Bev Witt in Memory of Bev Witt family, Norbert and Dorothy Buringer; In Memory of Ewalt and Lucille Siebert and Emil and Ruth Siebert

Bev Witt in Honor of Josh Grambart family, Eric Miller family and Harold and Carole Schneider





After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.
Luke 2: 46

The Boy Jesus in the Temple

After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Luke 2:46 (NIV)

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

D	U	X	I	B	C	Y	A	V	H	G	F	J	L	S	Z	R	Q	O	P	W	T	E	K	M	N
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

- 20-8-17-23-26-22-15 _____
- 12-23-8-15-22 _____
- 10-19-25-23 _____
- 17-23-14-8-22-4-9-23-15 _____
- 12-17-4-23-26-1-15 _____
- 22-23-25-20-14-23 _____
- 22-23-8-6-10-23-17-15 _____
- 25-19-22-10-23-17 _____
- 15-23-8-17-6-10-4-26-11 _____
- 10-19-2-15-23 _____

FRIENDS	RELATIVES	PARENTS	FEAST	SEARCHING
HOUSE	TEMPLE	MOTHER	HOME	TEACHERS