

RAINBOW NOTES

Hope UMC

He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought



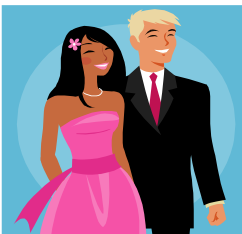
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Special points of interest:

- We have received a total of \$34,242 FOCUS dollars
- All women are invited to English High Tea on May 11, 2013
- The Prom Dress Give Away was very successful.



The Civil War was being waged, and the outcome was still uncertain. Joseph Gilmore, pastor of Philadelphia's First Baptist Church, wanted to turn his people's attention away from the unsettling news of the war to the security of God's guidance in all things. So he turned to Psalm's 23 for the text. The important thing, he said, is to know that God is leading—no matter how or where He Leads us. After the service, Gilmore went to a deacon's home, and the

conversation continued to revolve around blessedness of God's leading. As others went on talking, he took out a pencil and wrote the words of this hymn, gave it to his wife, and forgot about it.

Three years later he was a pastoral candidate for a church in Rochester, New York. Since he was unfamiliar with the church's hymnal, he began leafing through it and spotted the hymn "He Leadeth Me"—his own hymn! Without his knowledge, Mrs. Gilmore

had sent the words to a Christian periodical, which had them set to music. Gilmore later commented, "That was the first time I knew that my hymn had found a place among the sounds of the church." For those who are led by the Lord, there often delightful surprises.

"For Thou are my rock and my fortress; for Thy name's sake Thou wilt lead me and guide me. Psalm 31:3, NASB

Taken from "The One Year Book of Hymns

FOCUS Dollars from Donna Smith/Carol White

We began the FOCUS Initiative in Jan 2010. When we started our loan balance was \$174,167.04. We have received a total of \$34,242 in FOCUS dollars from January 2010 to March 7, 2013.

Our current loan balance is \$83,150.42!! In 3 years and 3 months, we have reduced our loan balance by \$91,016.62! Please consider giving to our FOCUS fund. Just

make a note on your envelope or check. When this loan is paid we can then consider moving forward to a new sanctuary and additional Christian Education space.



HOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

3166 197th Street East
Faribault, MN 55021

Worship: Sunday 10:30 Sunday School 10:45

Martin Luther King used to tell the story of Sister Pollard, a seventy-year-old African American woman who lived in Montgomery, Alabama during the now famous bus boycott. One day, after walking significant distances daily for several months, Sister Pollard was asked if she wanted a ride. When she answered, “No,” the person responded, “But aren’t you tired?” To which Sister Pollard answered, “My feet is tired, but my soul is rested.”

Resurrection living, moving beyond our fears and trusting that God is fashioning a way out of no way, celebrating the promise that a new world is unfolding — this leads us to affirm as well that our souls are rested. We will continue to face all kinds of challenges and struggles along the way; “our feet will be tired,” but our spirits will be strengthened through the presence of the risen Christ. This is the good news we celebrate at Easter.

But it doesn’t stop just at Easter, as the disciples, too, found to be true. It’s what happens after Sunday, into Monday, Tuesday etc.... that matters.

Father Basil Pennington, a Roman Catholic monk, tells of an encounter he once had with a teacher of Zen. Pennington was at a retreat. As part of the retreat, each person met privately with this Zen teacher. Pennington says that at his meeting the Zen teacher sat there before him smiling from ear to ear and rocking gleefully back and forth. Finally the teacher said: “I like Christianity. But I would not like Christianity without the resurrection. I want to see your resurrection!”

Pennington notes that, “With his directness, the teacher was saying what everyone else implicitly says to Christians: You are a Christian. You are risen with Christ. Show me (what this means for you in your life) and I will believe.” That is how people know if the resurrection is true or not. How does it affect how we live? It is something to think about this Easter season.

Pastor Houck

Hope's Happenings

The Christian Women Connection will hold a luncheon at noon on Tuesday, **April 9** at the Fari-bault Moose Lodge. The special speaker at this luncheon will be Lisa Schultz-Fred, whose topic is "Broken and Spilled Out," a program that features how she recovered after the sudden death of her husband. The luncheon's special feature is the Country Goods Shop out of Medford.

For reservations call 507-334-7481



April 13, 2013 @ 9 a.m. is UMW Church Cleaning Day.



All are asked to come and help with Spring cleaning. Remember "many hands make light work"

UMW will meet briefly . Coffee and treats provided.

"Raise the Roofs"

Dinner will be at the American Legion Club, Sunday, **May 5th @ 5:30 p.m.** Social Hour and 6:15p.m. dinner. Ron Tuin, Mel and Mary Sanborn have tickets. Cost is \$25.

Please consider making a donation to the silent auction, live auction and/or donation of an antique item for the auction as well. Please contact one of us if you have an item to donate. Receipts will be given.



Operation Minnesota Nice will meet **April 17th** at 7p.m. at Hope UMC.

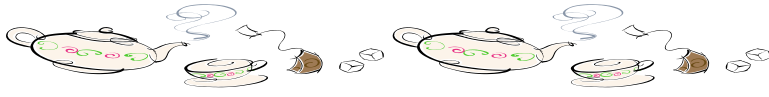
The Prom Dress Give Away was very successful. There were many items donated by the community such as free make up, many jewelry items etc. There is still a nice selection of dresses remaining. If you know of someone that would not be able to attend prom, because of the cost of a dress, please have them call Heather Grambart at 952-240-0269.

Rice County Food Shelf "Food of the Month"
 April—Peanut Butter
 May—Pasta



Mother & Daughter English High Tea

All women are invited to English High Tea on May 11, 2013 at 2p.m. Sydney and Judy Brown, Nancy DeCoux's parents, will be our hosts. Sydney, who grew up in England, will provide us with the history of this English tradition. RSVP to Nancy @ 334-7309 by May 4, 2013.



Kid's Page

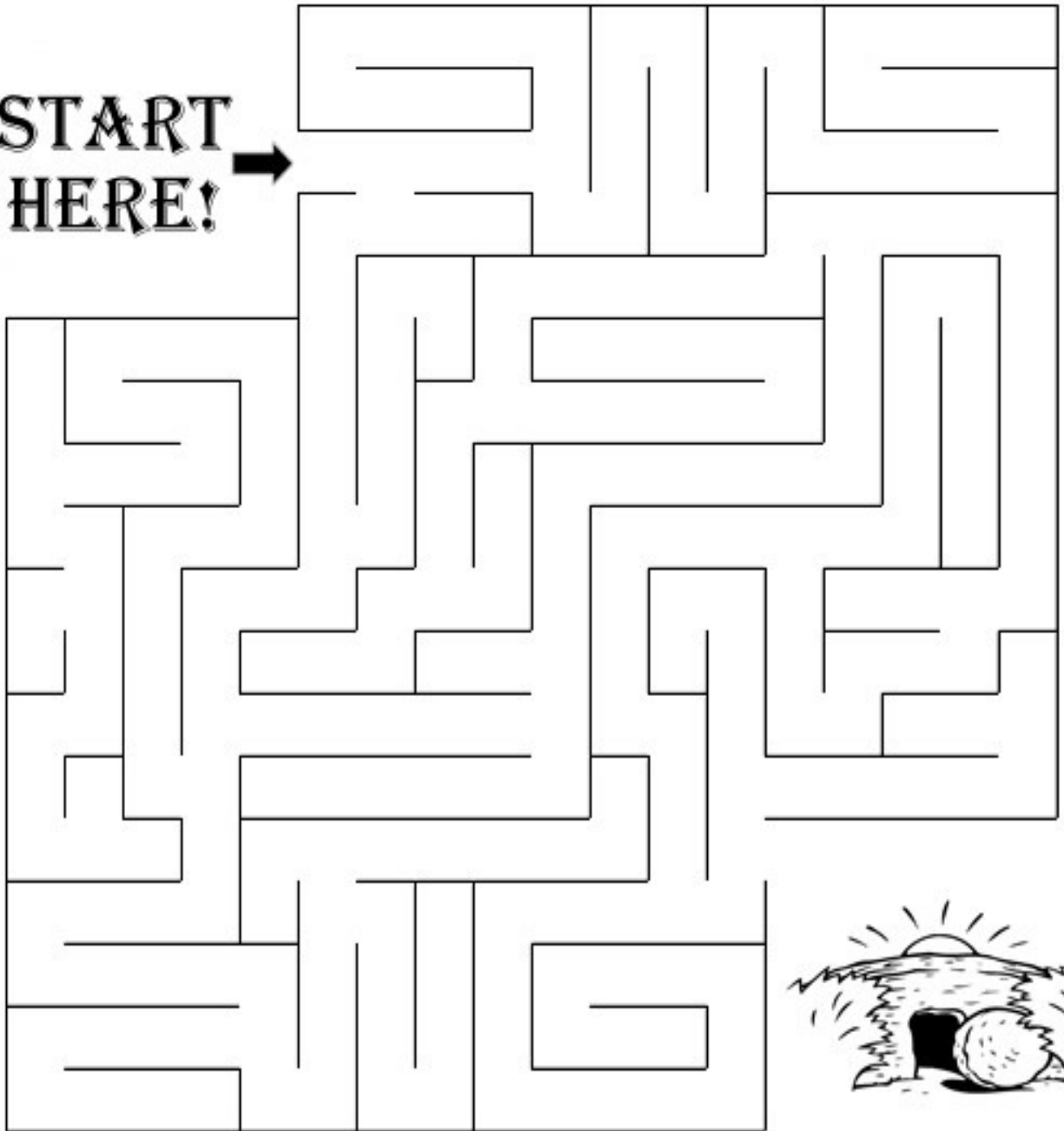


"He is not here, he is risen!"

He is not here! He has risen!

Can you find your way to the empty tomb?

**START
HERE!**



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An inexperienced preacher was to hold a graveside burial service at a pauper's cemetery for an indigent man with no family or friends. Not knowing where the cemetery was, he made several wrong turns and got lost. When he eventually arrived an hour late, the hearse was nowhere in sight, the backhoe was next to the open hole, and the workmen were sitting under a tree eating lunch.

The diligent young pastor went to the open grave and found the vault lid already in place. Feeling guilty because of his tardiness, he preached an impassioned and lengthy service, sending the deceased to the great beyond in style.

As he returned to his car, he overheard one of the workman say to the other, "I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years and I ain't never seen anything like that."

One Easter Sunday morning as the pastor was preaching a children's sermon, he reached into his bag of props and pulled out an egg. He pointed at the egg and asked the children, "What's in here?"

"I know, I know!" a little boy exclaimed, "pantyhose!"