

Rainbow Notes

H O P E U M C

His Eye Is On the Sparrow

Special points of interest:

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“Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your father in heaven. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are worth more than sparrows” (Matthew 10:29-31).

We all face discouragement at times. Circumstance, sorrow, or trials come upon us and in our humanness we can lose the joy and courage that should be ours.

The hymn, “His Eye Is On the Sparrow” was inspired by a couple, the Doolittles of Elmira, New York, who had reason to be discouraged. For twenty years Mrs. Doolittle had been confined to bed as an invalid. Her husband, a partial invalid, managed his business from a wheelchair. The songwriter, Civilla Martin, tells of a visit to the Doolittles in 1904. Deeply impressed by the joyful spirit

that the Doolittles maintained in spite of severe adversity, Mrs. Martin asked the woman if she ever got discouraged because of her physical condition. Her friend responded quickly We all face discour-



agement at times. Within just a few minutes Mrs. Martin completed the writing of her new text, which has since been a source of much encouragement to many of God's people. It is interesting that our Lord chose the most common of

all birds, sparrows of little human value, to teach a profound truth: In God's eyes, no one is insignificant! He is vitally concerned with even the small details of our lives. Notice also that the Bible uses another bird to teach this inspiring truth: “Those who hope in the Lord will soar on wings like eagles” (Isaiah 40:31). With an awareness of God's concern for our lives and the promise of His enabling power to live victoriously, why should we be afraid? **“Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior” (Habakkuk 3:17, 18).**

Hope Church Cash Flow			
	IN	OUT	Overall Total
Jan. 2013	\$7,355.31	\$9,591.42	-\$2,236.11
Feb. 2013	\$9,417.78	\$12,184.54	-\$2,766.76
Mar. 2013	\$10,475.78	\$5,999.25	+\$4,476.53
Apr. 2013	\$9,671.78	\$11,805.73	-\$2,133.95



HOPE UNITED

METHODIST CHURCH

3166 197th Street East

Faribault, MN 55021

Worship: Sunday 10:30 Sunday School 10:45

Numbers. Our lives are filled with numbers. Each year we file our income taxes. Now that's an exercise in numbers to end all numbers games. Pages upon pages of numbers: earned numbers, spent numbers, invested numbers, and saved numbers. When it is finally prepared, we send it off to the Internal Revenue Service with our Social Security number on it. And the IRS takes all those numbers and puts them into a computer, along with the numbers of thousands and thousands of other people. And to them, we become a number.

The government knows us by our tax number. The state knows us by our driver's license number. The bank knows us by our account number. And when we retire, we'll be remembered by our Social Security number. And it goes on and on. In fact, sometimes I wonder if anybody knows us at all without a number!

It is refreshing to know people and places who actually know our name. A place where we become a member of the family as we share our lives together, put forth our hopes and dreams, weep and embrace about our losses, and laugh together in the joy of life that is renewed each day. That place is the church.

In a world where we are numbers it is nice to know there is such a place. It is nice to know that God knows us intimately, in fact, better than we know ourselves and there are other people who seek to know us as well. The Old Testament writer put it clearly when he wrote, "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want." Jesus told his disciples, "My sheep hear my voice and I know them and they follow me, and I give them eternal life."

There is an old story of a census taker who was making his rounds in the lower East side of New York, who interviewed an Irish woman bending over her washtub. "Lady, I am taking the census. What's your name? How many children have you?" She replied, "Well, let me see. My name is Mary. And then there's Marcia, and Duggie, and Amy, and Patrick, and..." "Never mind the names," he broke in, "just give me the numbers." She straightened up, hands on hips, and with a twinkle in her eye, said, "I'll have ye know, sir, we ain't got into numberin' them yet. We ain't run out of names!"

God knows us by name, and there is a place where we can be known too. See you in Church on Sunday.

Pastor Houck

Hope Board Memebers-2013

Mission Statement: Hope Church exists to help people "Experience Acceptance and Grow in Christ"

Church Council:

Chair:	Carolyn Hanson (2013)
Secretary/ Treasurer:	Carol White (2013)
Finance Chair:	
Trustee Chair:	
UMW President:	
SPRC Chair:	
Lay Leader:	Chuck Rassbach-2013
At Large:	
Lay Delegate AC:	
Membership Secretary	Carole Schneider

Trustees:

2013-David Hanson, Richard Smith

2014-Bev Witt, Larry DeCoux

2015- Don Ites, Ron Tuin

Staff Parish Relation

2013-Bev Witt

2014-Jeni Larson, Rose Marraccini

2015- Krista Alhman, Jeff Hammerschmidt

Finance Committee:

2013-Don Ites, Larry DeCoux

2014-Julie Carlson, Harry Schneider

2015- Donna Smith, *Eric Miller*, Gary Tiedeken

Nomination Committee:

2013-Cathy Hammerschmidt, Connie Tuin, *Gary Tiedeken*

2014-Heather Gambart, *Shelley Velishek*, Kurt Larson

2015- Diane Piper, Diane Ites,

Worship committee: Mary Sanborn, Cathy Hammerschmidt, Heather Grambart, Chuck Rassbach, Nancy DeCoux, and Carolyn Hanson

Misson Committee: *Rose Marraccini, Sue Rassbach, Judy Lee, Ali Hammerschmidt, Emily Carlson, Hope Miller*

Hope UMC

The Christian Women Connection will hold a luncheon at 12 noon on Tuesday, **May 14th** at the Faribault Moose Lodge. The special speaker at this luncheon will be Cheryl Gerdes, Cedar Falls, IA-"From Perfection to Peace" The luncheon's special feature is Carol Shaft Springmeyer and Shaft's Shoe History Reflection.

For reservations call 507-334-



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. Tea Pot Sets will be used for centerpieces. Please RSVP to Nancy DeCoux @ 334-7309.



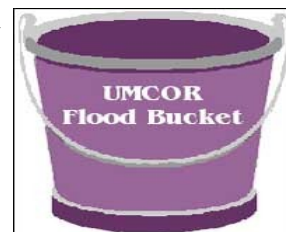
UmcOR Kits Are Another Way to Give

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to alleviating human suffering around the globe. UMCOR's work reaches people in more than 80 countries, including the United States. They provide humanitarian relief when war, conflict, or natural disaster disrupt life to such an extent that communities are unable to recover on their own.

UMCOR is a ministry of The United Methodist Church, and their goal is to assist the most vulnerable persons affected by crisis or chronic needs without regard to their race, religion, gender, or sexual orientation. They believe all people have God-given worth and dignity.

While UMCOR cooperates with other aid organizations to extend their reach, the most important partners are the people they serve. They are confident that successful solutions to emergency or chronic conditions begin with the affected population. UMCOR provides these survivors not only temporary relief but long-term education their donors specify. When UMCOR donors give their time, money, and supplies, they join UMCOR as the hands and feet of Christ.

This year Hope UMC is accepting monetary gifts in memory or in honor of a mother or father for Mother's and Father's Day. These gifts will be sent to UMCOR to use towards kits to assist in recovery from disasters, such as the Flood Buckets. There is more information on the bulletin board in the Narthex.



“Rice County Food Shelf “Food of the Month”

- May–Pasta
- June–Pancake Mix and Syrup
- July–Crackers
- August –Cereal
- September–Mashed Potato Flakes
- October–Canned fruit and fruit juice
- November– Canned vegetables
- December-Rice



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 * *Whether it’s the*
 * *best of times or*
 * *the worst of*
 * *times.*
 * *it’s the only time*
 * *we’ve got.”*
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*Annual Conference is May 29-31, 2013 in St. Cloud. The **Love Offering for Missions** is received by Minnesota United Methodist churches and delivered to conference session.*

The offering benefits international, national, and local mission projects, and helps fund Volunteer in Mission scholarships. Explore the 2013 conference theme, “Unleashing Bold Spirit-Leaders,” by giving to these ministries that support emerging leaders in Minnesota and around the world; Women & Community Association, Red Bird Missionary Conference, Emma Norton Services, Native American Ministries in Minnesota and Volunteers In Mission Scholarships Please join United Methodists across the state by supporting the Love Offering generously. Give and mark “Love Offering” on your check memo and/or giving envelope.

Special Music is needed. See Nancy DeCoux if you are able to or know someone who would be willing to provide special music .



Don't be afraid
 that your life
 will ever end, be
 afraid that it
 will never begin.

Operation Minnesota Nice will meet **May15th** at 7p.m. at Hope UMC.

 UMW will meet at Carolyn Hanson’s on June 1, 2013 at 9:30am..

 Coming up UMW Annual Salad Luncheon on July 13, 2013.

Kid's Page

Jesus Prays for All Believers

"My _____ is not for them _____. I pray also for those who will

_____ in me through their _____, that all of them may be

_____, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also

be in us so that the _____ may believe that you have

me. I have given them the _____ that you gave me, that they may

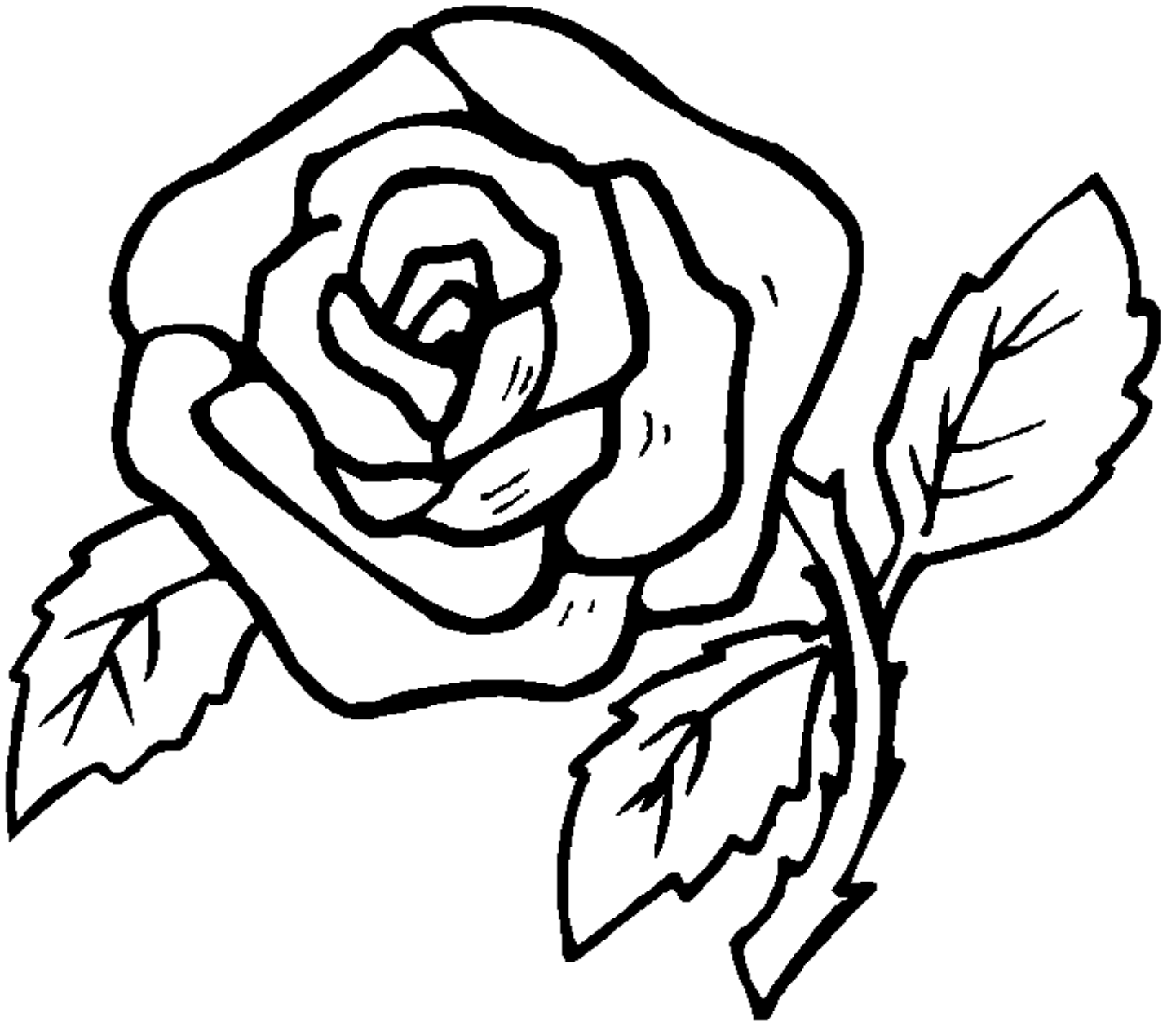
be one as we are one: I in them and you in me. May they be brought to

complete _____ to let the world know that you sent me and have

_____ them even as you have loved me.

John 17:20-23 (NIV). Fill in the blank using the words below.

Alone Glory Message Prayer Unity Believe Loved One Sent World



Happy
Mother's Day!

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Cleaning the Attic

While cleaning the attic, Joan and Harry found an old stub for some shoes they left at the repair shop 10 years ago. They thought it would be funny to go to the shop and see if the shoes were still there. So they did. They handed the stub to the repair man who took it and looked in the back. He came out again and said, "They'll be ready on Wednesday."

T h r e e S i s t e r s

Three elderly sisters, ages 92, 94 and 96, shared a house together. One evening, the 96 year old sister went upstairs to take a bath. As she put her foot into the tub, she paused. Then she yelled down to the other two sisters and asked, "Was I getting in the tub or out?"

"You dern fool," said the 94 year old. "I'll come up and see." When she got half way up the stairs she paused. "Was I going up the stairs or down?"

The 92 year old sister was sitting at the kitchen table drinking a cup of tea and thought, "I hope I never get that forgetful, knock on wood." She shook her head and called out, "I'll be up to help you both as soon as I see who's at the door."