

Rainbow Notes



H o p e U M C

This is My Father's World



Maltbie Babcock was an athlete. An outstanding baseball pitcher and a champion swimmer, he kept himself in shape by running. When he was pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Lockport, New York, he would run out in the early morning to the brow of the hill two miles away and look over at Lake Ontario. Before he left, he would tell his church staff, "I am going out to see my Father's world." From the brow of the hill, he would run two more

miles to a deep ravine where as many as forty different species of birds found a sanctuary. Then he would run back.

Babcock loved athletics and nature, as well as playing music on the organ, piano, and violin. So it was not strange that he should write a hymn extolling God's handiwork in nature. There are good lines to memorize here, lines to remember when the world seems to be going haywire: "This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget that though the wrong seems oft so

strong, God is the Ruler yet."

For the word of the Lord is upright; and all his work is done in faithfulness. He loves righteousness and justice, the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord. By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and all their host by the breath of his mouth. He gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle; he put the deeps in storehouses. Let all the earth fear the Lord, Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him! Psalms 33:4-8, RSV

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2012 - 2013 Sunday School

Another Sunday School year has come to an end. This year we had 25 different children attend.

Thank you to Nancy DeCoux for organizing the curriculum and staff.

Also, thank you to the following for helping with the youth of Hope UMC : Rose Marraccini, Sayaka Yamazaki Chou, Judy Lee, Heather Grambart, Bev Witt, Cathy and Jeff Ham-

merschmidt, Nancy DeCoux, Betty Kuntz, Doug Madow, Eric Schreiber, Julie Carlson, Aleya Hammerschmidt, Alessandra Lee, (Continued on Page 3)



HOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Worship: Sunday 10:30 Sunday School 10:45

Celtic Christians chose, not the dove, but the wild goose as a symbol representing the Holy Spirit. It sounds strange to us, but it has a long tradition in Ireland.

While the Roman Church imagined the Holy Spirit in the form of a peaceful, graceful dove, the Ancient Celts understood the Holy Spirit to be like a wild goose. When you hear of the Spirit descending like a heavenly dove on you, you hear harps and strings softly playing and get a peaceful feeling. The image of the Holy Spirit as dove has become so familiar and domesticated an image we pay little attention.

The image of a wild goose descending upon you is a different matter altogether. A wild goose is one noisy, bothersome bird. I like this image of the Holy Spirit as a wild goose because it jars us out of our complacency. We need such an image to correct our overly safe and overly sweet image of the Spirit. One preacher friend asked, "How many times can you sing 'There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit in This Place' without your blood sugar reaching diabetic levels?"

When the Spirit comes in the Bible, it never seems to be sweet or safe. God's Spirit called the prophets to speak to Israel in words that were bold and sometimes dangerous. Ezekiel saw a vision of God's Spirit blowing through a valley of dry bones and bringing them to life. John the Baptist dressed in camel's hair and eating wild locusts proclaimed, "I baptize you with water but he who comes after me will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire." Paul gave this advice to young Timothy, "For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline"

Unpredictableness. That is what the Spirit presents. It is exciting and keeps the faith fresh and interesting. When we attempt to make the faith something that we can control that God for the unpredictableness of the Spirit that stirs all things.

See Ya Sunday,

Pastor Houck

Hope's Happenings

The Christian Women Connection will hold a luncheon at 12 noon on Tuesday, June 11th, at the Faribault Moose Lodge. The speaker will be Sharon Minton, from Joplin Mo. She speaks of life's tragedies and triumphs. The luncheon's special will be a Style Show by Christopher Banks.

For reservations call Faribault-507-334-7481; Northfield-507-645-7008 or Kenyon 507-789-5396.

We have finished our Bible Study of Amos. Bible Study will resume again in the fall.

Operation Minnesota Nice will meet June 19th at 7p.m. at Hope UMC.

Coming up UMW Annual Salad Luncheon on July 13, 2013. There is a sign up sheet on the back table.

UMW will have a brief meeting with set up for the luncheon to follow.

"Rice County Food Shelf "Food of the Month"

June—Pancake Mix and Syrup

July—Crackers

August —Cereal

September—Mashed Potato Flakes

October—Canned fruit and fruit juice

November— Canned vegetables

December-Rice

English High Tea was served to Mother's and Daughter's on May 11, 2013 by Nancy DeCoux along with her parent's, Sydney and Judy Brown. Sydney was born and lived in England until age 15. He provided a history of "High Tea" and "Low Tea."

Thank you to Nancy and her parents for providing a wonderful afternoon to about 50 women.

Thank you also to all who provided china, and teapots. There was a wonderful variety of styles displayed.

2012 - 2013 Sunday School

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Alessandra Lee, Sidney Carlson, Pastor Dana, Alex Chou, Lavoy Shaffer, Mary Sanborn, Ali Hamerschmidt, Emily Carlson.

This year they learned about the creation and how God created everything.

Other people of the Bible that they learned about were Noah, Abraham and Sarah, Moses and The Ten Commandments, Joseph, Samuel, and John the Baptist.

Being thankful ,the Christmas Story and the stories

of Jesus and his love were also told.

The children also learned about and took Communion.



Hope Church Council Meeting Minutes from May 1st, 2013; 7PM

Present: Judy Lee, Donna Smith, Carole & Harold Schneider, Mel Sanborn, Carol White, Pastor Dana Houck, Dave Hanson

Seeds of Hope Report: Judy is still working on Seeds of Hope By-Laws. Judy read the By-Laws to the group. It was suggested one "At Large" individual should serve a two year term and another "At Large" individual should serve a 3 year term, or a one year term and a two year individual serving at all times. There should be seven voting members on the board – four

from Hope church. The Seeds of Hope Board year will run from July 1st to June 30th.

Mel Sanborn made a motion to adopt the Seeds of Hope Board By-Laws. Carole Schneider seconded. Motion carried.

It was suggested that a brick be placed on the dumpster and recycling bins so garbage and recycling doesn't fly all over.

Also suggested, was to pile daycare items in a more compact way so the divider doesn't come out as far as it has been.

Acceptance of Minutes: Mel Sanborn made a motion to accept the minutes from March 6, 2013. Harold Schneider seconded. Motion carried.

Finance Report: The Checking Account balance is at \$2,462.96. The Building Maintenance Fund balance is currently at \$3,824.00.

The interest on the building loan paid YTD is \$1,120.42. The principal and FOCUS dollars (\$1,827.00) paid YTD is \$10,431.58.

Seeds of Hope has gifted \$1,650.00 YTD.

It was brought up that Lynn Patricia would like to be paid \$10.00 a year for reimbursement for URL cost of the new Web Site. Dave Hanson made a motion to pay Lynn Patricia \$10.00 a year for URL cost of the new Web Site. Mel Sanborn seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business: Tim Highland will fix the roof around the sky light when notified.

Garden- Check with Tweihoff's to till the area. Jerry Olson possible contact for tilling area in orchard for plants with vines. It was suggested there may need to be a committee and more organization form this season. Could meet some Sunday after church with those interested in using the garden.

New Business: Many systems have been needing attention at this time. The alarm panel has been sounding again. Carol will look into this. Kevin Voracek's name was brought up as a potential contact to look at the alarm system.

The septic system has malfunctioned. Flom's Septic and Drain has been notified and has given council members an estimate for what will be needed and what the cost will be to fix the septic system.

Someone needs to ask what Flom's time line is to start working on the septic system. Carol will take care of this.

There is water in the duct work that runs under the floor. Carol had Luiken's Heating and Air

Conditioning check on this problem. They weren't able to locate the problem of why or how water is getting into the duct work. They suggested that we use dehumidifiers to get the moisture out of the air in the areas affected. Carol was asked to contact the church's insurance company and ask them to have someone come out and make a report of the problem with the water in the duct work and how we should proceed.

It was suggested that the little vacuum cleaner be gotten rid of. It doesn't work well at all. Carol will look into this.

The pews were moved and put 22 inches apart and the angle of the pews was changed on the right side of church to match the pews on left side.

The printer needs to be dealt with. It is in the works to get a different one. Carolyn Hanson has been looking into costs of different printers. She will also take care of contacting the people we have the contract with for the current printer.

Mel and Mary want to use the church on the 3rd of August for the Cannon City Reunion. There will be 15 or so people attending.

The hog roast/picnic will be here again this year. It will be on the 15th of September. The members of 4th Ave UMC will be doing the coordinating and cooking, etc.

Asked to have Carolyn put the address of the web site in the bulletin if it isn't already.

Carol brought up that she would like to see the prom dresses and racks moved to a different space in the church instead of the room where the tables and chairs are kept. The council members voted to have them moved to the garage.

There are extra light fixtures in the garage that Mel would like to donate to Habitat for Humanity if we don't want them. Carol said they may be able to be used to fix light fixtures in the church that aren't working. Mel and Dave will look into.

It has been very nice that Nancy DeCoux has been sending out cards to all members for various reasons.

The UMW meeting will be at Mary Sanborn's 9:30 am on the ?.

It was suggested the pipe in the pantry be insulated so it isn't so hot in the pantry and the heat isn't lost.

Adjournment: Harold Schneider made a motion to adjourn. Donna Smith seconded. Meeting adjourned

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PRAYER CHAIN

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Worship: Sunday 10:30 Sunday School 10:45

Daytime: Carole Schneider 334-7178
 Heather Grambart 952-240-0269
 Nancy DeCoux 334-7309/431-6235
 Connie Tuin 334-3425
 Shirley & Judy 332-9871
 Sue Rassbach 334-9089
 Mary Sanborn 334~6541/210-3567
 Betty Knutz 334-3286
 Carolyn Hanson 334~7481/612-554~9491

Evening: DonnaSmith 332-8258
 Kim Tiedeken 332-6854
 Rose Marraccini 332-0520
 Bev Witt 334-2848/202-1472
 Pastor Dana Houck 685-4662
 Church 334-5849

The purpose of the Prayer Chain is to strengthen Hope UMC through intercessory prayer and to provide prayer support for those in need. An important part of our Church family is coming together in prayer, whether that is in person or spiritually.

If you have a prayer request you can contact anyone on the above list to start the prayer chain.

'This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us — whatever we ask — we know that we have what we asked of him' (1 John 5: 14, 15 NIV)

JESUS PRAYS FOR ALL BELIEVERS



Complete the paragraph by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the story.

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)

Alone Glory Message Prayer Unity
Believe Loved One Sent World

"The spiritual meaning of love is measured by what it can do. Love is meant to heal. Love is meant to renew. Love is meant to bring us closer to God."

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Where Is God ?

A couple had two little boys, ages 8 and 10, who were excessively mischievous. They were always getting into trouble and their parents knew that, if any mischief occurred in their town, their sons were probably involved.

The boys' mother heard that a clergyman in town had been successful in disciplining children, so she asked if he would speak with her boys. The clergyman agreed, but asked to see them individually. So the mother sent her 8-year-old first, in the morning, with the older boy to see the clergyman in the afternoon.

The clergyman, a huge man with a booming voice, sat the younger boy down and asked him sternly, "Where is God?"

The boy's mouth dropped open, but he made no response, sitting there with his mouth hanging open, wide-eyed. So the clergyman repeated the question in an even sterner tone, "Where is God!!?" Again the boy made no attempt to answer. So the clergyman raised his voice even more and shook his finger in the boy's face and bellowed, "WHERE IS GOD!?"

The boy screamed and bolted from the room, ran directly home and dove into his closet, slamming the door behind him. When his older brother found him in the closet, he asked, "What happened?"

The younger brother, gasping for breath, replied, "We are in BIG trouble this time, dude. God is missing - and they think WE did it