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[Know your Apples](#)

Here is the scene: The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Church elementary school for lunch.

At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note, and put it on the apple tray...

'Take only ONE. God is watching.'

Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies.

A child had written a note, 'Take all you want. God is watching the apples.'



Rainbow Notes

Hope UMC

July 2013

The Star-Spangled Banner

Issue 7

It was a deadly September attack on America. Casualties on our own shores. The nation's capitol targeted. The White House in danger. Terror. Heroes.

On hero was Francis, a Georgetown attorney heavily involved in national politics. An evangelical Christian, Francis taught Bible classes and witnessed boldly, once telling a friend in Congress, "Christ alone can save you from the sentence of condemnation."

But nothing prepared Francis for the hostage-recovery mission he undertook at the request of the President of the United States. He was seeking the release of a prominent physician, Dr. Beanes, who had been taken captive. During that assignment he was detained by enemy troops and forced to watch a brutal assault on the eastern seaboard.



Toward the morning of September 14, 1814, when it became clear that American forces had withstood the 25-hour bombardment, Francis Scott Key penned another hymn, scribbling it on the back of an envelope. The first stanza we all know, but have you ever sung the last stanza of "The Star-Spangled Banner"?

**Blest with victory and peace,
may the heaven-rescued land**

Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation!

Then conquer we must when our cause it is just. And this be our motto: "In God is our trust."

And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave. O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Excerpted from [Then Sings My Soul](#). © 2003 by Robert J. Morgan.



I Pledge Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.



Cash Flow for Hope UMC

<u>IN</u>	<u>OUT</u>	<u>Overall Total</u>
May \$8,862.93	\$10,057.29	-\$1,194.36
June \$11,260.50	\$8,529.16	+\$2,731.34

He is a wise man who does not grieve for the things which he has not, but rejoices for those which he has.
- Epictetus



HOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Worship: Sunday 10:30 Sunday School 10:45

Albert Einstein, the German born mathematician, slowly watched his homeland give in to Adolf Hitler's fascist dictatorship. Einstein wondered if any were going to stand up and oppose Hitler. He said, and I quote, "When Hitlerism came to Germany I expected the Universities to oppose it. Instead they embraced it. I hoped for the press to denounce it, but instead they propagated its teachings. One by one the leaders and institutions which should have opposed the Nazi philosophy bowed meekly to its authority. Only one institution met it with vigorous opposition and that was the Christian Church."

Einstein confessed, "That which I once despised, I now love with a passion I cannot describe." The commitment of the Church in standing against evil made a profound impression upon Albert Einstein. Those individuals in the 1930's understood the cost associated with their actions, and they did not back down. The church today can do no less.

It was at church women's conference. In a workshop which focused on conflict resolution, the leader asked participants to take part in an exercise. Her purpose was to demonstrate that many times people do not present what is really concerning them, they rather come forth with a blanket statement that is so broad it cannot be dealt with. Conferees were to break into "twos"; then, one would present something with which they had a problem - something that upset them. The other half of the couple was then to respond, "That's your problem, but what is your real concern."

Pam Laing was paired with a good friend of hers who immediately offered to state a problem. She was working as a layperson in a church. She said she gets really upset when people say that the church is very important to them, yet immediately say that they can't help with a specific program or emphasis because they have to do something which is more important. Her examples were, "I really think that the children are a top priority for the church, but I cannot teach Sunday School because that is the morning that my children sleep in, since they've been up late the night before." Or, "I think that family outings or fellowship time is important, but I cannot come to the picnic because my son has baseball practice that day." She gave several other examples, all of which are excuses similar to those every church worker has received. After listening to her, Pam responded as the leader had asked, "That is your problem, what is your real concern?"

Her response was, "My concern is that I wish we could kick all the "buts" out of the church!" She then went on to explain that grammatically, anytime a sentence contains the word "but" that it entirely negates what was said before.

We are called to fight the dark that would overcome us. There are no "buts" about it.

See You Sunday!

Pastor Houck



Hope's Happenings

The Christian Women Connection will hold a luncheon at **12 p.m. on Tuesday** at the Faribault Moose Lodge, 1810 Fourth St. NW. Nancy Brydges will be the speaker. She is a weight lifter, fitness advocate, antique collector, substitute teacher and missionary. Her topic is the challenge of new beginnings. Our special feature is the platoon sergeant Jan from the Faribault Reserve Center. Music will be provided by Katy Van Haren. The cost is \$8.50. For reservations, call 507-334-7481.

Annual Hope UMW Salad Luncheon will be on July 13, 2013 @ 11:30-1 PM. Tickets will be available at the door or by calling 334-6541 for reservations. Cost is \$7; Under 10 \$3 and Under 3 are free. Salad plates will be available for takeout. 10% will be given to Back Pack Basics.



Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat is playing at the Chanhassen Dinner Theater. Hope UMC will be taking our youth. If there are others from our congregation interested please sign up at the back table or contact Pastor Dana @334-5849 (Office) or 685-4662 (Home) or Carolyn Hanson @ 334-7481. Watch for details on date and time.

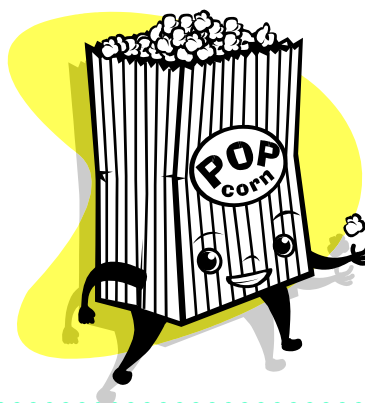


Learn to smile at every situation. See it as an opportunity to prove your strength and ability.

Used Copier for sale. For details see Carolyn Hanson or call @ 334-7481

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

“Rice County Food Shelf “Food of the Month” –July is Crackers.

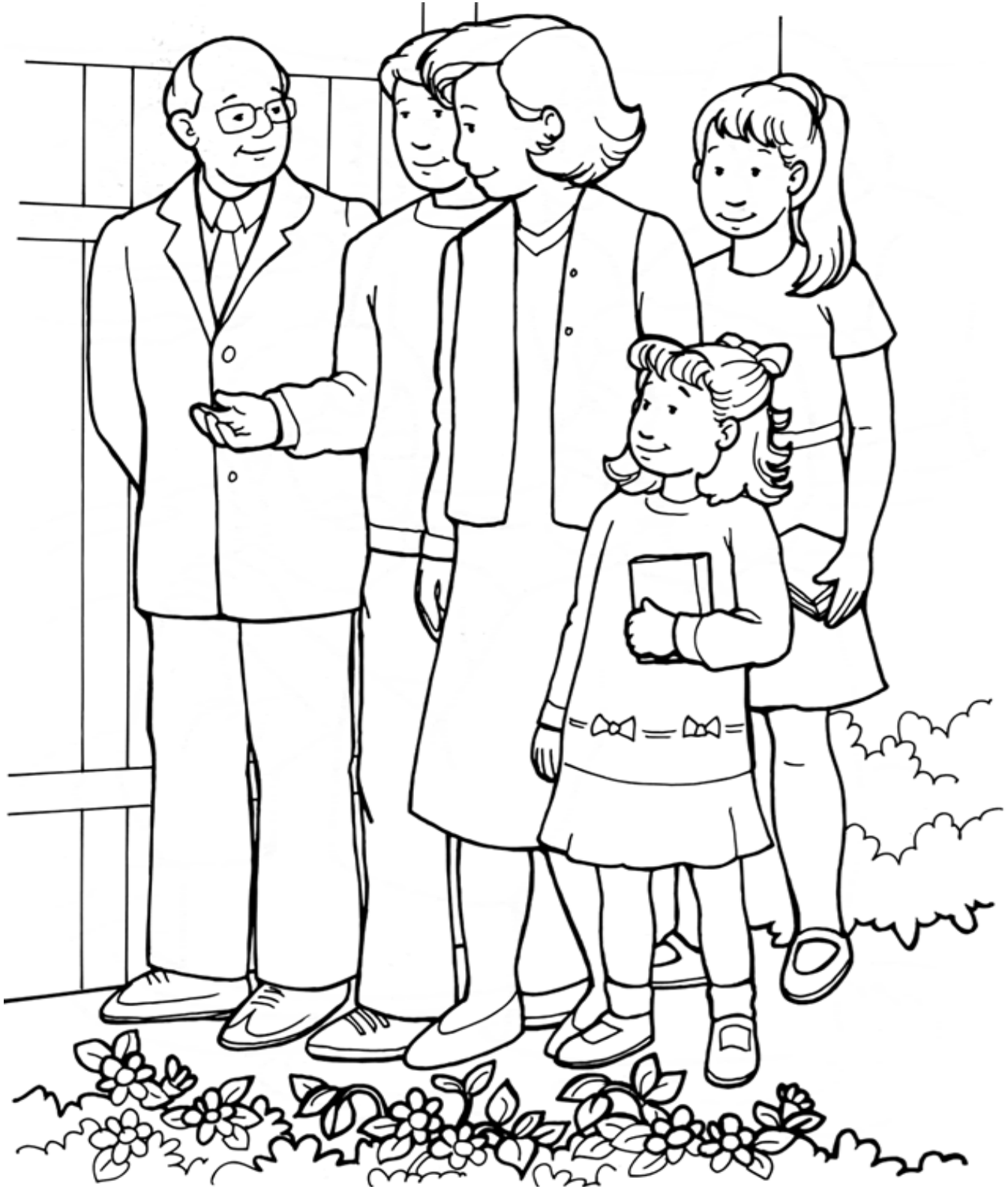


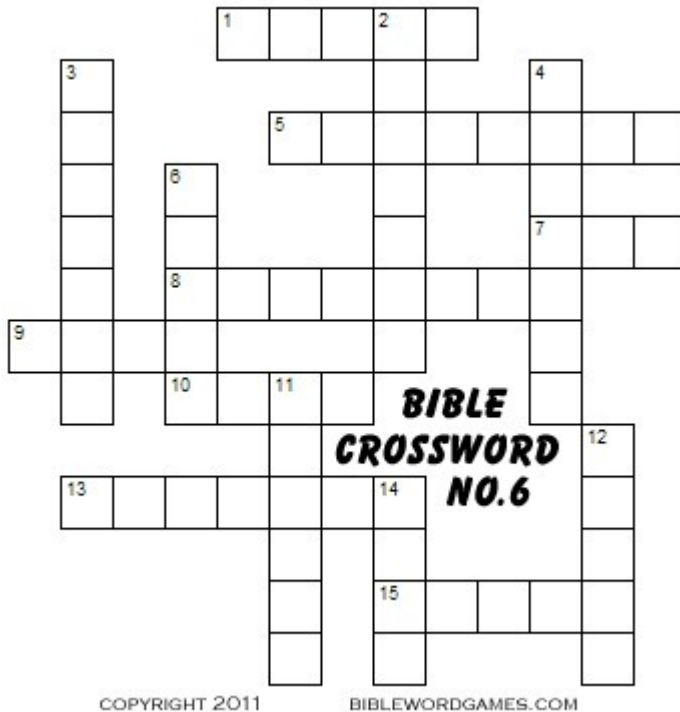
Coming Up

Friday, July 26, 2013 **Family Movie Night** starting at **6:30**. Bonfire, wiener roast and root beer floats.

Movie and popcorn to start at 7:15. Watch for more details.

Kid's Coloring Page





ACROSS

- 1** Noah found ___ in the eyes of the LORD.(Gen 6:8) KJV
5 God made a ___ with Noah after the flood (Gen.9:9)
7 Second son of Noah (Gen.7:13)
8 God caused the flood because the earth was filled with ____ (Gen.6:13)
9 The last bird Noah sent out to search for dry land (Gen.8:10)
10 God asked ___ to build an ark (Gen.6:14)
13 Noah brought all the ___ into the ark two by two (Gen.6:20)
15 How many people were on board the ark? (Gen.7:13)

DOWN

- 2** The waters ___ all the mountains in the world (Gen.7:20)
3 God put a ___ in the clouds as a sign of no more floods (Gen.9:13)
4 Third son of Noah (Gen.7:13)
6 The first bird Noah sent out to search for dry land (Gen 8:7)
11 The ark came to rest on the mountains of ___ (Gen.8:4)
12 How many days did it rain during the flood? (Gen.7:17)
14 First son of Noah (Gen.7:13)