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A friend of mine was in front of me coming out of church one day, and the vicar was standing at the door, as always, to shake hands with the worshipers. He grabbed my friend by the hand and pulled him aside. The vicar said to him, "You need to join the army of the Lord." My friend replied, "I'm already in the army of the Lord, Father." So the vicar inquired, "Then how come I only see you at Christmas and at Easter?" My friend whispered back, "I'm in the secret service."...

Harry walked over to the Priest after services, "You know Father, I am really stuck in a quandary I would like to attend church next week but I just can't miss the big game next Sunday, it's just out of the question." "Oh Harry, Harry" said the Priest putting his arm around Harry, "don't you know? that's what recorders are for." Harry's face lit up "you mean I could record your sermon?"...

A kindergarten teacher gave her class a "show and tell" assignment of bringing something to represent their religion. The first boy got in front of the class and said, "My name is Benjamin and I am Jewish and this is the Star of David." The second boy got in front of the class and said, "My name is Mary. I'm Catholic and this is the Crucifix." The third boy got in front of the class and said, "My name is Tommy and I am Baptist and this is a casserole."

Rainbow Notes

Mel Sanborn 2013 Outstanding Senior Citizen

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Mel Sanborn was honored as the 2013 Outstanding Senior Citizen at the Rice County Fair. He was nominated by friends Chuck and Sue Rassbach. The fair committee considers volunteer activities, community involvement and how that person's efforts have benefited others.

The list of Mel's volunteer activities is seemingly endless. Having been born and raised in the Cannon City area, Sanborn serves on the Cannon City Cemetery Association Board and helps plan the Memorial Day program each year. He also serves as an election judge and this year chaired the Cannon City Reunion, spending countless hours ensuring its success.

Sanborn has served on the board of directors for the Rice County Activity Center, a program that provides day training and habilitative services to adults with developmental disabilities, for at least eight years. He also helps regularly with Habitat for Humanity builds in Rice County and has devoted many hours to the organization's Raise the Roof fundraising event. He also delivers meals to the community as a volunteer for Meals on Wheels and helps at the Community Cathedral Café weekly meals. Last but not least are the many hours that Mel's



gives to Hope UMC. He has served as Trustee, Lay Leader, on the Evangelism team, choir, active in Bible study and is currently Member at Large. Mel, along with Ron Tuin also keeps the grass mowed. He has a keen eye for maintenance issues and is willing to see that they are repaired.

Congratulations Mel. Your honor is well deserved.

Congratulations!

More About Jesus

Liza Hewitt wrote this hymn as she was studying the promises of God that had been fulfilled in Jesus Christ. The more she studied, the more excited she became as she saw Scrip-

ture fulfilled in every aspect of Christ's life. All of scripture, she discovered focused on Jesus Christ.

It is especially significant that Hewitt was so faithfully seeking God at the time, she was recovering from a severe spinal in-

jury. A schoolteacher, Hewitt had been struck with a heavy slate by one of her students. She was never again able to teach in the public schools, but she continued to be involved with Sunday school. There

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Worship: Sunday 10:30 Sunday School 10:45

Some years ago, when Leonard Griffith was pastor of the famous City Temple in London, he wrote a book entitled *Barriers to Christian Belief*. In that book he dealt with some problems that have over the years been real obstacles and stumbling blocks for people in their faith pilgrimage... specific problems that hinder people, that burden people, that disturb people... and keep them away from the Christian faith. One of the barriers he listed was... "unanswered prayer." It does seem to be a fact of our experience that many people do get discouraged and they do give up and drop out on the faith because they feel a sense of failure in their prayer life.

This leads us to ask then... "How do you pray?" "Why pray at all?" "Is there a special formula or a sacred language that should be used?" One thing is clear. There are many questions and there is much misunderstanding about how you pray and why. In a Peanuts cartoon Charlie Brown is kneeling beside his bed for prayer. Suddenly he stops and says to Lucy, "I think I've made a new theological discovery, a real breakthrough. If you hold your hands upside down, you get the opposite of what you pray for."

Prayer must be more than an emergency magical lamp rubbed in a crisis. The truth is that many people give up on prayer because they never understand what prayer is. Much that passes for prayer might be superstitious, and self-centered, and is therefore different of the pattern of the prayer that Jesus offered to us his disciples.

I was talking to a person about prayer and she gave me an example of prayer. It did not ask for the Rolls Royce (that she may have deserved), or for the healing of her family members. She simply prayed, "Lord I don't understand why these things are happening, it makes no sense at all. What I do ask, though, if for me to trust you and to accept your will in all things. Open my mind and heart to be able to be open to your ways, then all will be fine."

An interesting perspective but I think she is close to understanding something deeper about belief and walking with God.

A man once said that his life and faith were strengthened mightily when one night he opened his mother's bedroom door and saw her on her knees in prayer. He said, "I heard her mentioning my name to the Lord, asking that God would guide me to be strong against temptation and to lead a life that was pleasing in God's sight. I realized, then, that she had been doing this every night of my life. I have not been the same since that night."

Pastor Houck

Hope's Happenings

Christian Women's Connection

The Christian Women Connection will hold a luncheon at noon on Tuesday, **August 13, 2013** at the Faribault Moose Lodge. This group is open to all women, and no dues or membership is required. Our special feature will be Judy Keogh who is a Master Gardner. Judy will be teaching the group how to take care of house plants. The speaker at this luncheon will be Dorothy Rapurt. Dorothy is an active volunteer with National Alliance For Mental Illness. She is also the author of "God Placed Her In My Path: Lessons Learned From Bi-Polar Disorder." She will be speaking how her plans for a perfect life were shattered after adopting a daughter with mental illness. For reservations to this luncheon call 507-334-7481.



Judy will be teaching the group how to take care of house plants.

**"Rice County Food Shelf
"Food of the Month"
August-Cereal
September-Mashed Potato Flakes
October-Canned fruit and fruit juice**

"As long we don't forgive people that have hurt us, they occupy a rent-free space in your mind."

More About Jesus-Continued from page 1

she was able to combine the two great lives of her life: children and Jesus. Once she was asked to speak at another church on Sunday morning but she declined, saying that her ministry as superintendent of the primary department in her Sunday school came first.

Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of

Jesus our Lord, as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through those you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world

through lust. 2 Peter 1:2-4, NKJV.

Taken from The One Year Book of Hymns Devotionals.

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Our Friday Nite Movie was a huge success. Many roasted hot dogs over a bonfire for the first time. They had never heard of a wiener roast! It was wonderful to see all ages represented. Plans are to have a Family Nite quarterly. We are open to suggestions-maybe a game nite.



Coming up:

Gretchen Moe representing Back Pack Basics will speak on **August 11, 2013** during morning worship.

Sunday School begins September 8, 2013. If you are interested in teaching or helping in any way see Nancy De Coux.

UMW picnic at Rassbach's, 1805 Havel Place, on August 11th. Bring meat to grill and dish to share. On September 15, 2013 We will have combined Sunday Morning Services with several other Methodist Churches in the area. 4th Ave Methodist will host it at Hope UMC. Watch for details.





I can be a friend to someone who is sick.

The Boy Jesus in the Temple

"Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" Luke 2:49 (NIV)

Each line of the puzzle has one word hidden in a list of random letters. The blank space is a missing letter that belongs to that word. Fill in the missing letter.

1.	L	R	E	L	A	T	I	V		S	A	N	R	D	H	H	W
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3.	E	M	R	V	L	B	B	T		M	P	L	E	U	E	Z	K
4.	G	F	D	N	L	Z	H	O		E	P	R	P	O	B	Q	V
5.	Q	X	B	O	F	R	I	E		D	S	V	D	E	K	O	J
6.	Y	H	P	I	A	G	E	F		A	S	T	D	S	Z	X	A
7.	D	E	G	O	S	E	A	R		H	I	N	G	J	C	Q	W
8.	O	V	Y	I	U	P	A	R		N	T	S	B	J	W	S	Y
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10.	W	L	B	H	D	K	C	M		T	H	E	R	D	G	E	V

parents
feast

home
relatives

friends
temple


teachers
mother

searching
house



Hope UMC

August 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <i>Ardith Krogh</i>	2	3
4 Morning Worship @ 10:30 am Communion	5	6 <i>Lori Sutter</i>	7 <i>Steve Hafemeyer</i>	8	9	10 <i>Chole Robinson</i>
11 Morning Worship @ 10:30 am All Church Picnic at Rassbach's	12	13 Faribault Christian Women's Connec- tion 12N @ the Moose. <i>Daisy Robinson</i>	14	15	16 <i>Greg Sterling Pepper Ennis</i>	17
18 Morning Worship @ 10:30 am	19	20	21 MN Nice # 7pm <i>Hope (Witt) Miller</i>	22	23 <i>Roger Grafen- stein Buck & Lynn Ennis</i>	24
25 Morning Worship @ 10:30 am Potluck	26	27	28	29	30 <i>Richard Smith</i>	31 <i>Devan Seaman</i> 

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