

Rainbow Notes

Softly and Tenderly



Will Lamartine Thompson (1847-1909) was born in Pennsylvania, but his family moved to East Liverpool, Ohio (near the Pennsylvania border) while he was still quite young. His father was a successful merchant, and also served in the Ohio legislature for a time.

Thompson showed an early interest in music, and had written several songs before finishing high school. In those days, not many people were privileged to go to college, but Thompson graduated from Alliance College (Alliance, Ohio) with a degree in business. He later graduated from the New England Conservatory of Music as well as studying music in Leipzig, Germany.

When he couldn't get what he considered to be a fair price for his music, Thompson decided to go into business for himself. He started a music store in East Liverpool in association with his father's business—and another outlet in Chicago. Then he went into the mail order business, selling sheet music and music books

Thompson turned out to have considerable business acumen, in part due to his father's influence and in part due to his undergraduate business degree. He marketed his music, in part, by sending copies to various minstrel shows, which were popular at the time—and he may have paid some of them to sing his music (a legitimate form of advertising). He quickly became successful, and was known as the millionaire "Bard of Ohio." Thompson was a Christian, and while attending a Dwight L. Moody evangelistic meeting decided to devote himself to writing and promoting Christian music. He wrote "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling" in 1880. It quickly became popular as a hymn of invitation in evangelistic meetings, and was soon incorporated into church hymnals as well. Thompson wrote "Jesus is All the World to Me" in 1904, and it became quite popular as well. He was as successful with Christian music as he had been earlier with secular music. I am told that he sold two million books of

quartet music.

Dwight L. Moody, the most famous evangelist of his day, used "Softly and Tenderly" as an invitation hymn in his meetings. Thompson visited Moody as the latter was dying, and Moody told him, "Will, I would rather have written 'Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling' than anything I have been able to do in my life"—quite a tribute from someone as accomplished as Moody.

Even though he became quite rich, Thompson continued to live a life of service. He supported various civic and religious activities generously. He was also aware of the fact that small town people had very little exposure to good music, so he loaded a piano on a horse-drawn wagon and went through small Ohio towns giving concerts of his music.

Thompson became ill on a trip to Europe in 1909, and died shortly thereafter.

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"Work as if everything depended upon your work, and pray as if everything depended upon your prayer."

"The fellow that has no money is poor. The fellow that has nothing but money is poorer still."

H o p e s H a p p e n i n g s

Faribault Christian Woman's Connection invites you to a Noon luncheon at the Moose on July 14, 2015. Special feature will spiritual Journaling by our guest speaker, Sue Selbin. Sue will also present Lavish, Exquisite & Tantalizing: "The Frosting on the Cake "of Life"

Join us for Prayer Coffee at Winnie Hendrickson, 2002 Legacy Dr. on July 5th at 9:30am.

Call 334-7481 for reservations.



"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

HOPE UMC ANNUAL SALAD LUNCHEON

JULY 11TH 2015

11:00 - 1:00 PM

ADULTS: \$7.00

CHILDREN 3 TO 10: \$3

UNDER 3 FREE

SEE YOU THERE



You say : "It's impossible." God says : "All things are possible." (Luke 18:27)

You say : "I'm too tired." God says : "I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28-30)

You say : "Nobody really loves me." God says : "I love you." (John 3:16 & John 3:34)



Straight River Golf Course is up and running.

Holes 1-9 are par 3 and holes 10-18 are executive par 3.

The condition of the course is improving and the changes to the club house and landscaping are spectacular. They have a chef with a limited menu. Items are being added as improved.

All are invited to join in on Wednesday mornings at 9 a.m. and

Thursday evenings at 5 p.m. Dinner usually follows the round of golf. Last week the group ate at the Golf Course and the food was excellent.

We look forward to seeing you there!



M i s s i o n / W o r s h i p C o m m i t t e e

Our mortgage is paid in full!! There are two member loans that will need to be paid. Our Church is about 15 years old and is in need of several maintenance issues. Currently we are making changes to the flat roof over the narthex. The updates should alieve the leaking issue that we have been dealing with.

When these are completed we will have the task of deciding what our future goals will be. If you have ideas or concerns please let the pastor or any member of the council know.

The Mission/Worship Committees have combined. At there last meeting several issues were addressed: July 12th will be Sunday School Recognition & Confirmation Sunday; Aug. 31st Sunday Worship and Picnic Pot Luck to celebrate "Burning of the Mortgage", former pastors will be invited to attend.

The following opportunities to serve were identified: Help the Habitat Builders with work on buildings or serving meals. You can go to wed site to sign up; Do a personal journal with help from 40 Days of Prayer-Reach and Renew Rejoice book. (Mary Sanborn has information); Serve communion; Change banners; Help with readings (scripture); Help with Sunday School; Serve Sunday Coffee treats; Children's time; Plan a music service; Help plan the mortgage paid in celebration; Update the Bulletin Board and information wall in entry; Keep up lawn and flower beds. Feel free to let the Worship and Mission Committee know if you see others needs in our community.

Hope Church Council Meeting Minutes From May 31st, 2015; 12:10 PM

Present: Mel & Mary Sanborn, Pastor Dana Houck, Donna Smith, Carolyn Hanson, Carol White, Jeni Larson

Meeting Called to Order:

Acceptance of Minutes: Clarification as to whether or not Carol White is on the Finance Committee is needed. Carol White is not on the Finance Committee. With this clarification made, Mel Sanborn made a motion to accept the minutes from March 29th, 2015. Donna Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Dana Houck has been appointed here for the next year!

He is glad we are opening the church more and more for various activities and groups. Would like to see more. Would like to see more people get involved in activities at church.

He is working on a connectional system.

Can present a video on Apportionments – it's good and explains more about why we give

Apportionments. We are already half way through the year.

The Bible Study group is good and will continue.

He would like to see more small groups and more diverse groups in the future.

SPRC Report: There was a proposal to give a 4% raise across the board to following: Secretary and Keyboard Wages. Also brought up was Treasurer, Lawn Maintenance, Sound System, and Choir Director. At this time these positions are done voluntarily with no pay. The SPRC Committee was of the mind that the wages of these positions should be increased and recorded as such on the Budget, if so we ever do pay for these positions the wages reflect a fairer wage level. The Council suggested that the matter of Treasurer, Choir Director, and Lawn Maintenance be brought before the SPRC Committee to be voted on for consideration for raises. It was suggested that the Sound System person be gifted once in summer and once if the fall for their contribution. Although the Keyboard position is paid as an

independent entity, the SPRC Committee expressed they would like to raise this person's wages too. The Pastor will speak with this person.

Also discussed was if we want to perhaps start paying a lawn service to take care of the lawn for the church. It takes Mel, Ron, and Dave (and others?) about 4 hours a week to take care of mowing, trimming and weeding, etc. Perhaps we need to start asking for new help.

Financial Report: See handout. Checkbook Balance - \$5,703.81. Building Maintenance Fund -\$ 3,252.81. Balance of Apportionments needed to pay in full is \$4,600.00.

Mel Sanborn made a motion to accept the Financial Report. Motion carried.

Trustee Report: Mel and Carol got bids for taking care of the leaking roof.

1. Meisner Roofing – proposed to fix the *two* front flat roof areas for \$3,500.00.
2. Valentyn Builders – proposed to roof over the *four* flat roof areas with pitch for \$4,156.00.
3. Orland Anderka – proposed to extend valleys and sort of cover the *two front* flat roof areas for \$1,675.00.

The Council wanted Mel and Carol to get drawings from these individuals to bring back to Council before making a decision on one.

The matter of getting a new riding lawn mower for the church was brought up. The men who mow have been having many issues with the mowers over the years and we really need to look at purchasing a new riding mower. Chuck Rassbach had done some research on different models and this info was given to Mel to look over. After Mel, Ron, and Dave have a chance to look over the info it will be discussed again at the next meeting.

With much consideration given to members to use the area set aside for the garden, it was determined no one wants to garden this year, so the garden plot needs to get leveled out and seeded to make it look

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No one wants to garden this year, so the garden plot needs to get leveled out and seeded to make it look nice, and help with mowing the plot.

Old Business: Jeni brought up that the water stills smells bad. The issue lies with the new water heaters which have rods in them which makes well water react and smell bad. If the rods are removed, as some people do, this will void the warranty of the water heaters. Carol will look up the info when the warranties run out. Then we could potentially remove the rods from the units.

Mel brought up the preserving of several old books that the church has. He would like to see us do one at a time to keep them from falling apart any further. Donna Smith can get archival paper and we can start this process ourselves by making copies of info in one book – the “Articles of Incorporation”, dated 1884. Then the process will continue from there. Mel said the Historical Society of Faribault would take our books and help preserve them. If we decide to have them keep the books there will have to be some sort of notation where these books are and that we have these books at there. There will be more discussion on other books that need preserving. It will cost the following to have these books rebound; “Die Bibel” -\$250.00, Manuscript -\$65.00, and a black Bible - \$225.00.

Prom dresses need to be put away in the small room in the Nursery. Carolyn will talk with Heather.

Jeni was given permission to throw away broken toys as she saw fit. May be an issue to throw them in the garbage here as there may not be room and all garbage needs to be bagged.

New Business: Plan a celebration when the mortgage is paid for. Could invite previous pastors to come celebrate. Pastors Schneider (sp), Carol Noreen, Roger Grafenstein, Millers, Budke(sp)...

There will be planning of a picnic this fall.

It was suggested there be a movie night again late June or July.

There will be recognition of the Sunday School kids 14th of June.

Carolyn requested Carol White's hours of work so Carol can attend the meetings. Carol can attend church the following dates of the months Council has their meetings; July 12th, 26th, Sept. 6th, 20th, Nov. 1st, 15th, 29th, and Dec. 13th, 27th.

Adjournment: Donna Smith made a motion to adjourn. Mary seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Hope Church Meeting Minutes from June 14th, 2015; 11:15 AM

Present: Carole & Harold Schneider, Carolyn Hanson, Mel & Mary Sanborn, Carol White, Jeni Larson, Bev Witt

Old Business: Since there has been rain the past few weeks, there has been more damage and leaking from the church roof. There was discussion about forgoing getting drawings from the three companies who submitted bids for the roof and decided to vote on one of the bids and get the work in progress.

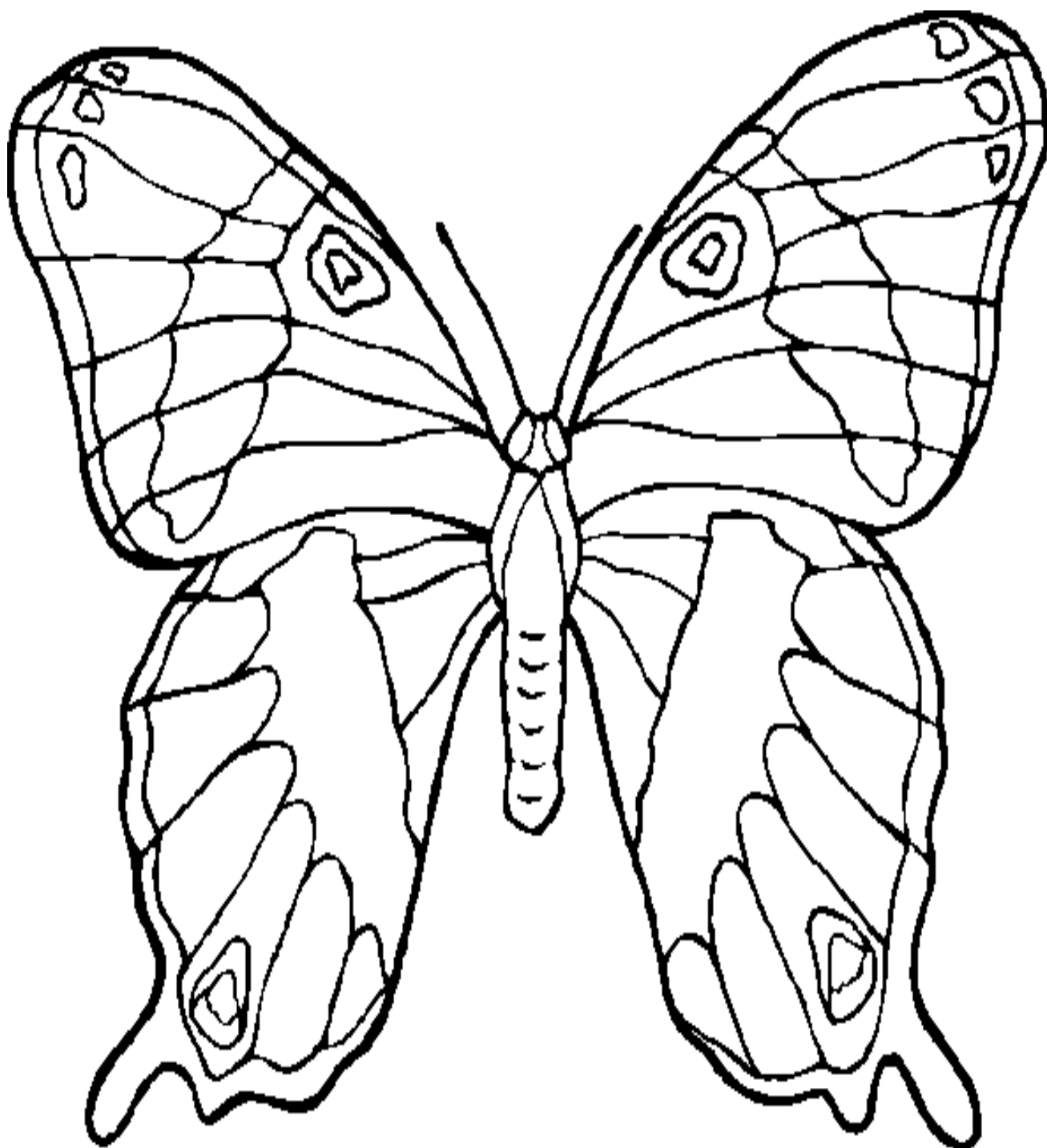
A motion was made by Mel Sanborn to go ahead with the roofing project and to accept the bid from Valentyne Builders, LLC who will roof over the four flat roof areas, with a pitch and extending the valleys, at the cost of \$4,156.00. Harold Schneider seconded. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Harold Schneider made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully,

Carol White

Secretary



The Butterfly

God has created a very beautiful world!

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.

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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
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parents
feast

home
relatives

friends
temple

teachers
mother

searching
house

July 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Events:

Morning Worship 10:30 am

Golf Wednesday's—9 a. m. & Thursday's—5 p. m.

11--Salad Luncheon 11-1 p.m.

12—Sunday School Recognition & Confirmation

14—CWC 12 N @ Moose Club

22—Bible Study Resumes—6:30 (2 Corinthians)

26—Potluck

August 16th—Church Picnic following morning worship @ Chuck & Sue Rassbach's

Birthdays:

4—Don Ites

8—Helen Koch

10—Alessandra Lee

13—Sidney Carlson

15—Linda Taylor

23—Larry DeCoux; Betty Hoffman

24—Jeni Larson

27—Dorothy Patee

Anniversaries:

15—Joan & Dennis Sutter

17—Ardith & Jerry Krogh