

Hope United Methodist Church

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Chuckles



What do you get when you cross poison ivy with a four-leaf clover?

A rash of good luck.

Why can't you borrow money from a leprechaun?

Because they're always a little short.

Why don't you iron 4-Leaf clovers?

Because you don't want to press your luck.

Rainbow Notes

HOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MARCH 2020

From the Pastor's Desk

In the very first Calvin and Hobbes comic strip, Calvin's dad is working on the car, when Calvin walks up in a safari hat and says, "So long, Pop! I'm off to check my tiger trap! I rigged a tuna fish sandwich yesterday, so I'm sure to have a tiger by now!" His dad replies, "They like tuna fish, huh?" As Calvin walks off, he says, "Tigers will do anything for a tuna fish sandwich!" The final frame shows Hobbes, hanging by his foot from a tree, munching on a tuna fish sandwich. He says to no one in particular, "We're kind of stupid that way."

Every day we are tempted to be less than we can be. Without giving it much thought, we choose what's easiest. We seldom consider how much more is possible. We take tuna fish when we could do better.

We have the opportunity to do better. God is seeking for us

to grow and develop into complete human beings. I have learned over my life that often this is going to be hard and sometimes painful, but when reflected upon beneficial. When have all heard that life is not fair. True and there is little we can do about it. We are told that it can be hard. True. And all we can do is accept it and move on. Could there be a reason for it?

A group of mountain hikers came across an old woodsman with an axe on his shoulder. "Where are you going?" they asked him.

"I'm headed up the mountain to get some wood to repair my cabin," replied the woodsman.

"But why are you going up the mountain?" they asked incredulously. "There are plenty of trees all around us here."

"I know," he said, "but I need strong timber and it grows only on the highest eleva-

tions, where the trees are tested and toughened by the weather around them. The higher up you go, the stronger the timber grows."

And that is what God desires for us — that through the winds of trial and the storms of temptation we would grow strong and live on a higher level — strong to resist evils presence, strong to serve God, and strong as we stand together in faith and service to one another.

The season is now Lent. A time we prepare and reflect on our lives. Where are the places we have taken the easy way? What would happen if we trust God to guide us through the difficult way? Who might we become and what might we be able to do?

Pastor Dana

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Hope's Happenings

Community Lenten Soup Luncheons at 4th Ave UMC

WHAT: All you care to eat soup served with bread, crackers, milk, coffee & water and 1 piece of dessert. Adults: \$8.00 / Children 12 & Under: \$3.00

WHEN: Every Friday 11am-1pm. Starting February 28th. Ending April 3rd.

WHERE: 4th Ave UMC

TAKE OUT:

Quart of Soup: \$7.00

Pint of Soup: \$4.00

Dessert: \$2.00

Meal: \$8.00. Includes 1 pint soup, bread, crackers, and dessert.

For take-out orders, call 334-4308 Tuesday–Thursday 9AM—Noon.



Cinderella's Closet at Hope 2020: March 7th thru April 5th



**Hope Church Financial Report
as of February 29, 2020**

Checking Account Balance		25,186.00	
Building Maintenance Fund		3,276.32	
Apportionments	7,647.00		
Amount Received to Pay Out	<u>(205.00)</u>		
Apportionments Balance Due		7,442.00	
Edward Jones Opportunity Fund Balance (as of Dec. 31, 2019)		66,872.22	
Xcel Energy Shares Account Balance (Oct. 22 nd , 2019)		774.69	
Building Fund Balance (Since 6/17/2015)		17,495.00	
FOCUS Dollars Balance (Since 6/21/2015)		22,170.00	
50% Designated for Building Fund Maintenance	11,085.00		
25% Designated for Discretionary Fund	5,542.50		
25% Designated for Grow	5,542.50		
Piano Fund Balance*		2,500.00	
Checking Account Balance	25,186.00		
Minus Building Fund Balance	(17,495.00)		
Minus FOCUS Dollars Balance	(22,170.00)		
Minus Missions/Designated Funds *	<u>(2,659.27)</u>		
Actual Checking Account Balance minus		<u>(17,138.27)</u>	
Missions/Designated Funds (*Funds Due)			
African Mission		-	
Camp Koronis		15.00	
Community Café		-	
Crop Walk		-	
*Discretionary Funds (1/1/17 to present)		400.00	
Faribault Food Shelf		215.00	
Feed My Starving Children		281.27	
Heifer International		175.00	
Honey (To FMSC)		16.00	
Love Offering		-	
*Prom Dress Donations(4/5/2015 to present)		1,157.00	
Salvation Army		40.00	
S'mores Kronis		-	
*Roof (10/7/2018 to present)		140.00	
UMCOR		220.00	
Vacation Bible School		-	
Cash Flow	Income	Expenses	Ending Balance
February	6,639.28	6,898.38	(259.10)

8th Annual Cinderella's Closet at Hope Prom Dress Giveaway



Helping Girls afford the Prom Dress & Prom Experience of their Dreams!

Cinderella's Closet at Hope wants to help girls get a dress for one of the most memorable days of their lives. We have various sizes, colors and styles of new and gently used formal gowns. Attendees will be able to pick out a dress, a pair of shoes, jewelry and other accessories.

The best part is that it is all for **FREE** or a good will donation!

Cinderella's Closet at Hope

Event Dates:

Saturday, March 7, 2020 - 12:00pm to 4:00pm

Sunday, March 8, 2020 - 1:00pm to 4:00pm

Saturday, March 14, 2020 - 10:00am to 2:00pm

Sunday, March 15, 2020 - 1:00pm to 4:00pm

Saturday, March 21, 2020 - 12:00pm to 4:00pm

Sunday, March 22, 2020 - 1:00pm to 4:00pm

Saturday, March 28, 2020 - 10:00am to 2:00pm

Sunday, March 29, 2020 - 2:00pm to 5:00pm

Saturday, April 4, 2020 - 12:00pm to 4:00pm

Sunday, April 5, 2020 - 1:00pm to 4:00pm

Event at:

Hope United Methodist Church

3166 197th St. E

Faribault, MN 55021

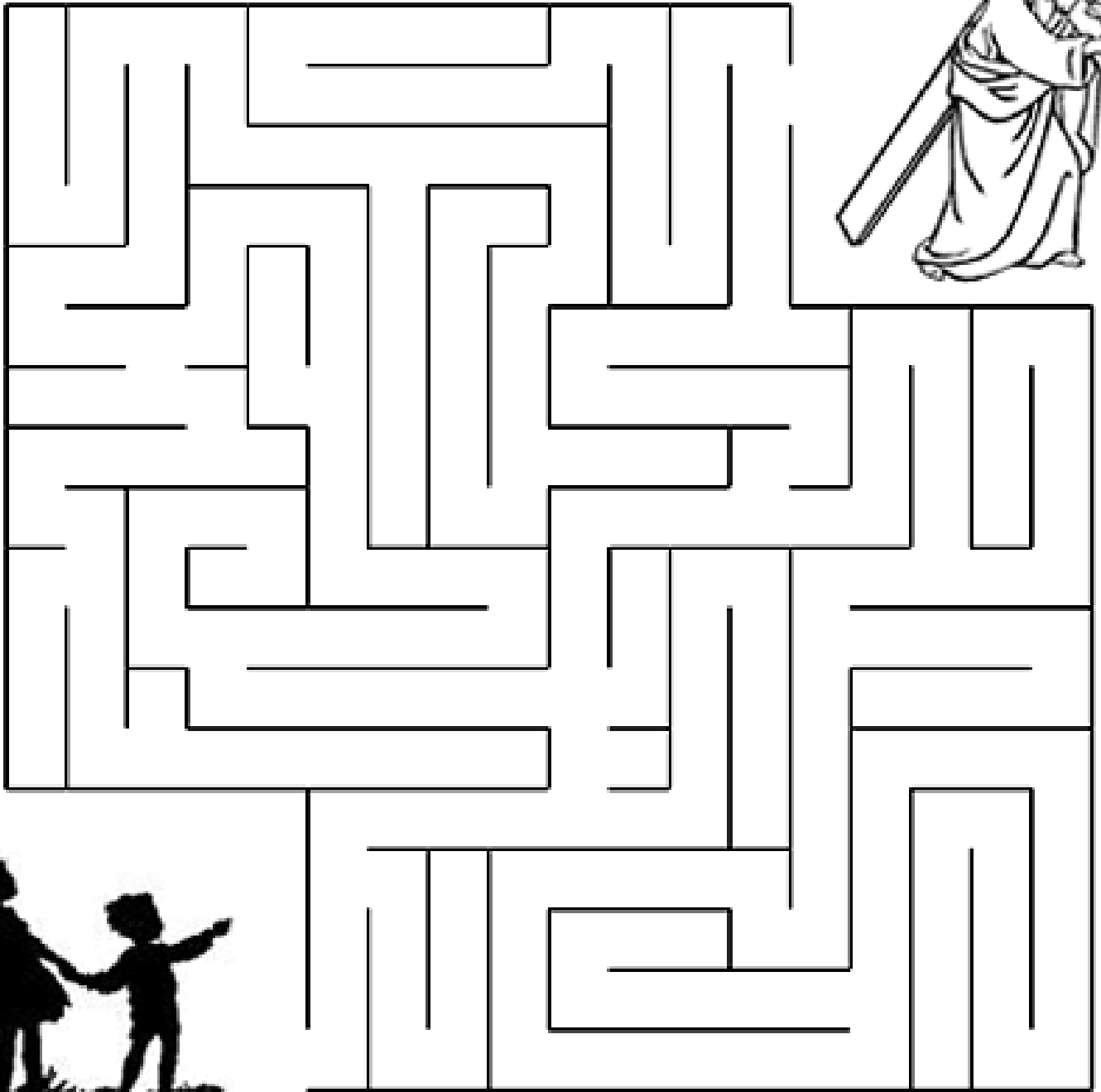
Signs will be out, labeled Hope United Methodist Church and follow arrows

Donation Drop-off site:
Hope United Methodist
Church at 3166 197th
St. E, Faribault, MN
55021, on these dates.
Or call 952-240-0269,
ask for Heather.

****Visit our Facebook page, Cinderella's Closet at Hope for more details or any changes****

Donations of dresses, shoes and/or accessories may be dropped off at Hope United Methodist Church on these dates or set up a time with Heather Grambart.





March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Every month: Potluck last Sunday of the month; No Sunday School on Communion Sunday; Sunday School at 10:30; Noisy offering 1st Sunday.

7 - Jesus Food @ Faribo West Mall @ 10am

10 - CWC @ 11:45am

21 - Food at Faith @ Waseca UMC

Every Friday in March - Community Lenten Soup Luncheon @ 4th Ave UMC from 11am to 1pm

Birthdays:

9-Heather Lohrmann

13-Andrew Chou

15-Ellie Leiser

16-Holly Witt

18-Andrew Lohrmann

23-Gary Tiedeken

24-Shelly Velishek

30-Kevin Spinar