

March 2021

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Birthdays

9-Heather Lohrmann

13-Andrew Chou

16-Holly Witt

18-Andrew Lohrmann

23-Gary Tiedeken

24-Shelly Velishek

28-Logan Waldriff

30-Kevin Spinar



"Fish for Lent"

John Smith was the only Protestant to move into a large Catholic neighborhood. On the first Friday of Lent, John was outside grilling a big juicy steak on his grill. Meanwhile, all of his neighbors were eating cold tuna fish for supper. This went on each Friday of Lent. On the last Friday of Lent, the neighborhood men got together and decided that something had to be done about John. He was tempting them to eat meat each Friday of Lent, and they couldn't take it anymore. They decided to try and convert John to become a Catholic. They went over and talked to him and were so happy that he decided to join all of his neighbors and become a Catholic. They took him to Church, and the Priest sprinkled some water over him, and said, "You were born a Baptist, you were raised a Baptist, and now you are Catholic." The men were so relieved, now their biggest Lenten temptation was resolved.

The next year's Lenten season rolled around. The first Friday of Lent came, and just at supper time, when the neighborhood was setting down to their tuna fish dinner, came the wafting smell of steak cooking on a grill. The neighborhood men could not believe their noses! WHAT WAS GOING ON? They called each other up and decided to meet over in John's yard to see if he had forgotten it was the first Friday of Lent. The group arrived just in time to see John standing over his grill with a small pitcher of water. He was sprinkling some water over his steak on the grill, saying, "You were born a cow, you were raised a cow, and now you are a fish."

Chuckles





Rainbow Notes

Hope United Methodist Church

From The Pastor's Desk

The Lenten Season is upon us once more. This year it seems like we have been in a year long season of Lent. With the pandemic and all the politics, medical, and personal issues, it has been long year.

In Lent, however, we can take this time to reflect upon our lives as individuals as a community and as a nation. It is necessary to reflect upon a reason for the craziness that confronts us. Perhaps it is a time for us to look at ourselves and why we believe what we believe and do what we do.

Lent traditionally been the season in which Christians focus on the call to ongoing repentance and change. Lent is also a call to humility as we remember our mortality and our need for God. Lent is not intended to make us feel terrible about ourselves. During Lent we focus on prayer, self-examination, and repentance not in order to feel guilty, but in order to clear space for God to work in our lives.

Some find that giving something up – a favorite food, a bad habit – helps to open that space for God and serves as a con-

stant reminder of God's presence. Others find it more helpful to take on something new – ten minutes of prayer, a daily walk, or some other spiritual practice.

Hopefully the times will change as we do. It is also my hope that we can come together in one place to worship together and to be together. It will happen when it is safe and God opens the doors for us again.

Pastor Dana

March 2021

Rainbow Notes

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God So Loved the World

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on John 3:16-17

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J G O D B M A M R Y F N I L O
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Y I V L G C S P L H E O J E U
B W E E B O M E Y I V E O D U
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For God So Loved the World

John 3:16 (NIV)

Name: _____

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Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

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- 2-1-16-23-5 _____
- 4-1-5 _____
- 18-15-23-7-15-17-15-3 _____
- 4-20-17-15 _____
- 23-7-14-15 _____
- 3-1-24 _____
- 15-9-15-16-24-20-23 _____
- 23-1-17-15-5 _____
- 12-15-16-7-3-25 _____
- 1-24-23-26 _____

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS

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| God | gave | whoever | eternal |
| loved | only | believes | life |
| world | Son | perish | |

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| Checking Account Balance | | 41,280.90 |
| Building Maintenance Fund | | 5,892.53 |
| Total 2021 Apportionments | 7,300.00 | |
| Amount Received to Pay Out | (25.00) | |
| Apportionments Balance Due | | 7,275.00 |

Edward Jones Opportunity Fund Balance (as of 1/29/2021) 70,606.44

Xcel Energy Shares Account Balance (1/20/2021) 1,100.73

Building Fund Balance (Since 6/17/2015) 20,460.00

FOCUS Dollars Balance (Since 6/21/2015) 18,881.00

50% Designated for Building Fund Maintenance 9,440.50

25% Designated for Discretionary Fund 4,720.25

25% Designated for Grow 4,720.25

PPP SBA Loan 4/22/2020 \$10,500 Forgiven

Piano Fund Balance* 2,500.00

Checking Account Balance 41,280.90

Minus Building Fund Balance (20,460.00)

Minus FOCUS Dollars Balance (18,881.00)

Minus Missions/Designated Funds * (2,103.00)

Actual Checking Account Balance (163.10)

Missions/Designated Funds (*Funds Due)

Cinderella's Closet (1/1/2020 to present) 130.00

*Discretionary Funds (1/1/17 to present) 400.00

Food Shelf (Paid Quarterly) 100.00

Feed My Starving Children (Paid Quarterly) 50.00

Honey (1/1/2020 to present) 26.00

*Prom Dress Donations(4/5/2015 to present) 1,157.00

Salvation Army (Paid Quarterly)

*Roof (10/7/2018 to present) 140.00

UMCOR (Paid Quarterly)

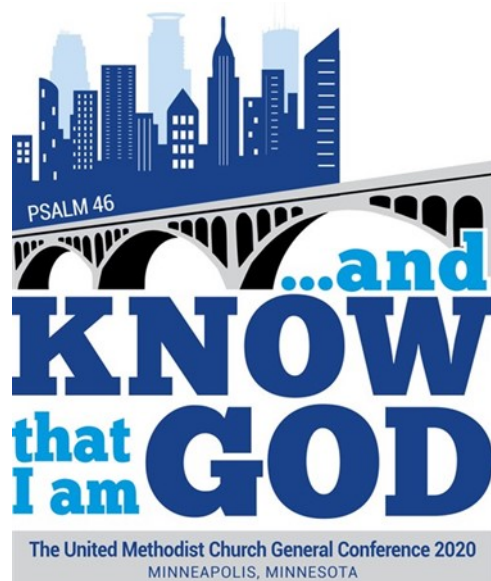
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Misc (2020 Christmas) 100.00

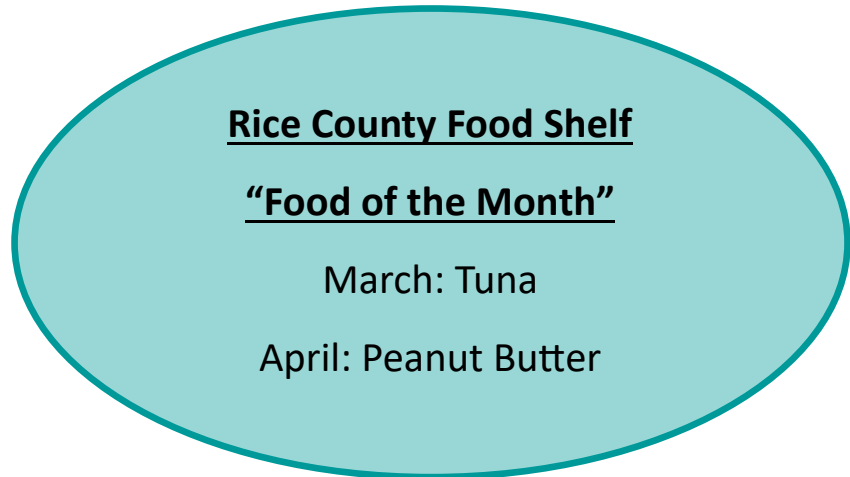
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| Cash Flow | Income | Expenses | Ending |
| January | 8,633.73 | 5,154.67 | 3,479.06 |



Hope's Happenings



The Commission on the General Conference for The United Methodist Church has released a **statement** announcing its decision to further postpone the 2020 General Conference given that the trajectory of the coronavirus pandemic does not seem to allow for the planning and holding of a large, in-person international gathering in late August and early September of this year. Furthermore, the Commission, after hearing a report from the Technology Task Force it established, did not think a full General Conference could be held virtually given challenges of internet access and time differences involved. It is important to know that there is a 16-hour time difference between the Philippines and the U.S. West Coast time zones. The Commission sought to do justice and avoid harm. General Conference is now scheduled for August 29-September 6, 2022 in Minneapolis.



Hope Church Worship Services
Due to the Coronavirus all activities and services in the church building have been suspended until further notice.
The Worship Services for Sunday are streamed live at 10:30 am. If you would like to watch and participate please contact Jenna Dahl at jdahl60@gmail.com. We will also attempt to put the recording on the website and our Facebook page.



Hope's Happenings Continued



Community Action Center

About CAC's NEW Faribault Food Access Initiative

In March 2020, a collaborative partnership of more than 10 nonprofits and social service agencies, including Faribault Public Schools, Growing Up Healthy, and Faribault Youth Investment, came together to establish a neighborhood-based mobile food distribution. Over the past year, this team of community partners has worked to meet the food needs of more than 1,500 households in nine low-income neighborhoods throughout Faribault. These neighborhoods were identified in partnership with the Faribault School District, due in part to the high population of children and youth living in these areas. In addition to food sourced from regional food banks, the mobile food distribution initiative also delivered school meals to these select neighborhoods.



Serving the Faribault Community

CAC was invited by our partners to take the lead in supporting the growing food access needs in Faribault. We will strive to meet these needs through our new choice model food shelf, opening this spring, and our continued mobile food distributions.

CAC currently hosts bi-weekly pop-up food distributions in select neighborhoods. For more information about distribution dates and locations, please visit communityactioncenter.org/faribault.

Looking Ahead

CAC is continuously working with Faribault community partners to identify food access needs. We are excited for the spring 2021 opening of our choice model food shelf. With a strong emphasis on healthy, culturally connected foods and fresh produce, our choice model food shelf gives families and individuals the opportunity to select the items they need and enjoy the most.

For up-to-date information, please find us on Facebook by searching Faribault Food Access Initiative or visit communityactioncenter.org/faribault.

Si aad u daawato macluumaadkan oo af-Soomaali ah, fadlan booqo communityactioncenter.org/faribault ama Facebook "Faribault Food Access Initiative."

Get Involved!
We are always looking for volunteers to help with a variety of tasks. For more information, please visit communityactioncenter.org/faribault or contact Interim Faribault Food Access Coordinator Steph Helkenn.
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