

# CHURCH OF HOPE

# ANCHOR

May & June 2014

**\*\*June 1, 2014  
Summer Worship  
starts at 9:15AM**

**Regular Worship**  
will resume on  
September 7  
at 10:15AM

### ***FYI***

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## **Annual June Brunch Monday, June 2nd @ 10:30AM**

The Women's Association of the Church of Hope in Gardner, Illinois will host their Annual June Brunch on Monday, June 2, 2014 at 10:30AM. All women in the area are invited to join and share the fellowship with each other. Fruit, coffee cakes, various salads and sandwiches will be served following Gerri Smith's performance. There is no charge for the brunch, but a free will donation will be collected.

Our featured speaker will be Gerri Smith. Gerri is no stranger to our church as she has done her

portrayals of "Mrs. Peter", "Esther", "Mrs. Job", "Mrs. Noah", "Fannie Crosby", "Ruth", and "Rahab" the last nine years and she is becoming a tradition at the Church of Hope June Brunch. This year she will portray "Jochebed". Gerri began her ministry by doing Chalk Art but allergies forced her to find another avenue to share the message with others, so she became a storyteller after a congregation requested she do "Jochebed". Later she was asked to do "Katie Luther" and the rest is

history as word of mouth advertising expanded her ministry into many other characters. Gerri and her husband Philip travel around the country in their RV as she shares her faith in her ministry.

Please come and join us. Reservations are requested; please call Ann at the church office (237-8312) or Marge Mahler (584-2894).

## **Summer Evening Bible Study Returns!**

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Starting Thursday, evening June 5th a 6:30PM we will begin a new bible study called "Making Sense of the Bible". In Making Sense of the Bible, Adam Hamilton invites us into an honest conversation about the Bible. It begins with foundational questions such as, How and when was the Bible written? Who decided which books made it into the scriptures and why? How literally must we read it? And, Is

the Bible ever wrong? From there, Hamilton considers the real questions people frequently ask that continue to divide Christians and denominations alike, including:

- Were Adam and Eve real people?
- Why is God so violent in the Old Testament?
- Why would Paul command women to "keep silent in the church"?
- Is Jesus the only way to salvation? • How does

God view homosexual people?

- Is the Book of Revelation a guide to the End Times?

In approachable and inviting language, Hamilton addresses these often misunderstood biblical themes leading readers to a deeper appreciation of the Bible so that we might hear God speak through it and find its words to be life-changing and life-giving.

## Fay's Pork Chop BBQ Saturday, June 21st , 5:30-7:30PM

The Church of Hope in Gardner will holding a barbeque that will be catered by FAY'S PORK CHOP BAR-B-QUE (these are the same people who cook at the Sandwich Fair) on Saturday, June 21, 2014 • 5:30-7:30P.M. at the Gardner American Legion. During dinner you can enjoy a FREE concert by the southern gospel group Jake's Boys. A free will offering will be taken for the group.

Three meal combinations will be offered by Fay's:

2 Pork Chop Meal

Combo Chicken & Pork Chop Meal

½ Chicken Meal

All meals include:

Baked Beans, Applesauce,  
Coleslaw, Rolls & Butter,  
dessert & drink.

Tickets will be \$13.00 or 2 for \$25.00. Tickets are being sold in advance so that Fay's Bar-B-Que will have an accurate ticket count so the correct amount of food is prepared. Please contact in the church office (237-8312) or Marge Mahler (584-2894) by June 7th.



## Church of Hope Youth Group



New this year to the Church of Hope is our Youth Group. This group is being led by Ashley Bozue and Frank Chandler. The group will meet the second Sunday of each month from 4-6PM and a meal will be provided. \*Please take note that no meeting will be held in May due to Mother's Day.

All of the youth in the area is welcome to attend this group. So far they have had a Wii bowling tournament, movie day, roller skating party. Future events that are being considered are; Zoo trip, Joliet Slammers game, and Community mission project. If you have any others

suggestions please talk with Ashley, Frank or Pastor Jan.

## Members & Friends of the church who need prayers

Please lift up in prayer the following members & friends of the church who are facing or recovering from illness or surgery --

Louise Mc Daniel, Gary Corneglio, Sandy Jensen, Marjorie Geiger, Pastor Jan Chandler, Bill & Betty Rennie, Linda Offerman, Bill Mahler, Evelyn Howland, June Olson, Marge Byers, Evelyn Bozue, Carol Miner, Jason Winchell, Stephanie Olson.



If you have someone you would like on the prayer list, please contact the church office at 237-8312.

From the Pastor's Desk

Well, after sitting at my desk stressing over what to write about, I have come across a prayer that was written by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Dietrich was a well-known theologian of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century who was imprisoned and executed for participating in a plot to assassinate Adolf Hitler. He was a man who stuck with his faith and suffered in the name of the Lord, but he shows us a strength that can only be found through faith in God. So here it is:

***God, I Call to You***

*God, I call to you in the early morning;*

*help me pray and gather my thoughts;*

*I cannot do it alone.*

*In me it is dark, but with you there is light.*

*I am lonely, but you do not leave me.*

*I am faint-hearted, but with you there is help.*

*I am restless, but with you there is peace.*

*In me there is bitterness, but with you there is patience.*

*I do not understand your ways,*

*but you know the right way for me.*

*Father in heaven,*

*Praise and thanks be to you for the rest of the night.*

*Praise and thanks be to you for the new day.*

*Praise and thanks be to you for all your love and faithfulness in my past life.*

*You have shown me many good things,*

*Let me now also accept hard things from your hand.*

*You will not place on me more than I can bear.*

*You make all things serve your children for the best.*

I hope that you all will use this prayer each and every day as you start on your daily journey. God has a plan for all of us, so please keep your eyes and hearts open to all that the Lord will be offering to you. Hope to see you in church!

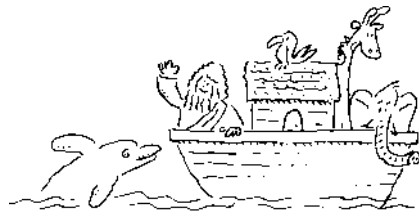
Blessings,

Pastor Jan

(Taken from "I Want to Live These Days With You; A Year of Daily Devotion" by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Westminster John Knox Press, Louisville, 2005. p. 62)

## Vacation Bible School ■ June 23-27 ■ 5:00-8:00PM

**FREE Church of Hope Community Vacation Bible School.**



**Join Us At VBS!**

We would like to invite all children ages 4 (must be potty trained) to Junior High to come and join us for Community Vacation Bible School the week of June 23-27 from 5:00-8:00PM, a light meal will be provided for the children. The

Church of Hope is located on the corners of Monroe & Jefferson in Gardner. This year promises to be a lot of fun! We will have story time, crafts, music and more. Also, this year we will have a new curriculum for the Junior High age students.

Vacation Bible School is **FREE** this year. Registration forms have been placed at the following locations; *South Wilmington Post Office, Gardner Post Office, Standard Bank in Gardner*. All local churches have also been sent registration forms or you may call the church (237-8312) for one. A drop off box for registration forms is located on the alley side of the church by the red door. **PLEASE TRY TO PRE-REGISTER**. This helps us make sure that enough supplies are purchased. For more

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO MOW  
THE CHURCH LAWN WEEKLY**

**CAN YOU HELP?**



**Sign up in the back  
of the church or call  
the church office**

**ARE YOU AVAILABLE TO HELP TIDY  
UP THE CHURCH?**

We are looking for volunteers that we can call when the church needs a little cleaning. The office is making a list of people we can call when needed.



**Thank you, thank you, thank you to...**

- Everyone who helped clean up the outside of the church
- The ladies who are keeping the inside of the church clean
- Those who keep the church decorated for every season
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### Church of Hope Calendar

May 4	9:00am	Sunday School	21		Pastor's Lectionary Group
	10:15am	Worship Service with Communion	May 25	10:15am	Worship Service
	12-3pm	Rock A Thon at the Gazebo	26		Church office closed/ Memorial Day
7		Pastor's Lectionary Group	27	7:00pm	Session/Deacon's Meeting (rescheduled date)
May 11	9:00am	Sunday School	28		Pastor's Lectionary Group
	10:15am	Worship Service /Happy Mother's Day			
14		Pastor's Lectionary Group			
	11am-2pm	Braceville UMV Salad Luncheon			
May 18	9:00am	Sunday School - Last Day			
	10:15am	Worship Service			

#### May

- 3- Bill Malek, Ashley Bozue,
- 5 – Jacob Nelson
- 6- Benny Grant
- 7 – Matt Finn
- 9- Tessa Hammons
- 10- David Wayne, Dan Steichen
- 12- Ida Schopp
- 14- Carrie Howland, Barb Bexson, Jim Kociss
- 15- Deb Bozue
- 16- Dane Halpin
- 17- Alex Howland
- 18- Alex Romanetto
- 20 – Michael Schmoeger
- 21- Kade Kociss
- 22- Helga Male, Sheryl McDaniel

#### June

- 1-Sheila Conger
- 2- Dodie Howland, Kurt Kociss, Mary Lopez
- 5- Dorothy Treasure
- 7- Samantha Crater, David Bexson, Dennis Malher
- 10- Greg Myers
- 11 – Mike Finn
- 14- Brooks Malek
- 17- Spencer McDaniel
- 18- June Olson
- 22- Vicki Wayne
- 26- Harold Mahler, Kelly Steichen
- 29 – Bill Clover
- 30 – Brad Thompson

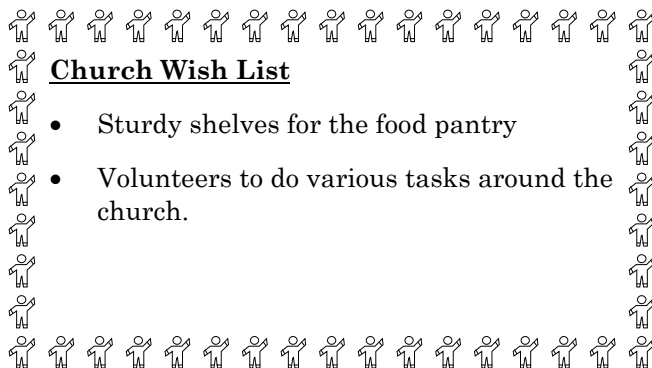
#### ATTENTION MEMBERS & FRIENDS

If you have an email address please send it to us at: [churchofhope@sbcglobal.net](mailto:churchofhope@sbcglobal.net)

The church is trying to send out this newsletter by email to as many people as possible.

Please help us keep postage down and send us your email address.

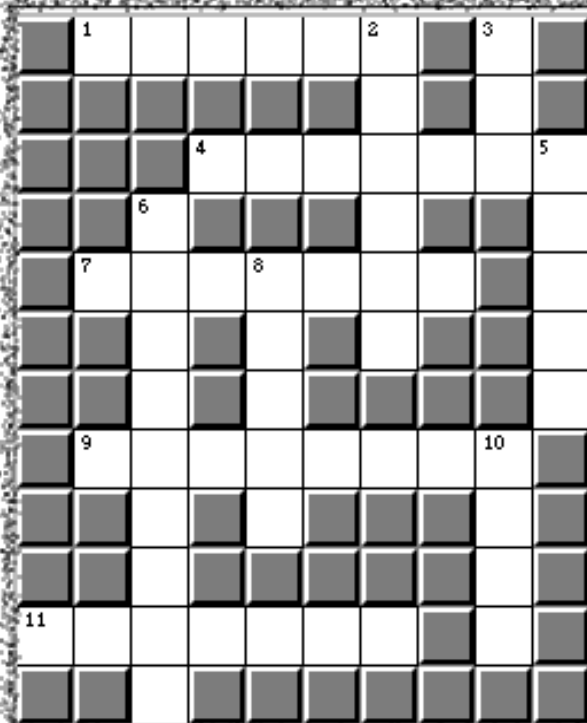
Thank you!



**Church Wish List**

- Sturdy shelves for the food pantry
- Volunteers to do various tasks around the church.

# OUTERSPACE PUZZLE PAGE

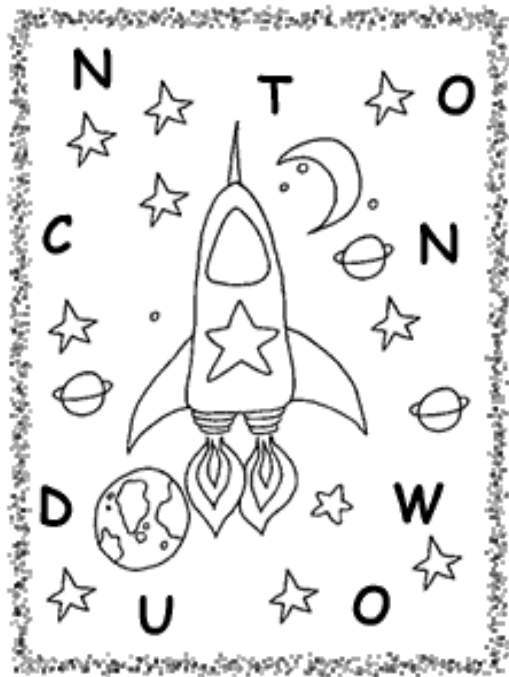


## ACROSS

1. Seventh planet from the sun
4. Eighth planet from the sun
7. Closest planet to the sun
9. What meteors are called before they visit Earth
11. Fifth planet from the sun

## DOWN

2. Planet with many rings
3. The closest star to Earth
5. Third planet from the sun
6. Tool used to look at planets and stars close-up
8. Sometimes shows a pretty tail
10. The \_\_\_\_\_ side of the moon is cooler than the other side



**Blast Off for some fun!**  
Games on this page are related to outer space & our solar system.

## SPACEY WORD SEARCH

Hunt for the words shown on the list below, then circle them as you find them!

E P O C S E L E T J P M R T M  
 Q L S M E R C U R Y O F E F O  
 P S S A E B E N Y O C S T A P  
 N P E E T G W M N B M T I R K  
 J N E P T U N E X C S A P C E  
 V E N U S X R L I K R R U E T  
 R Z O W R U X N D C A D J C U  
 J M A R S P N Q D O T U P A H  
 Z X S Q B R K O V T S S H P U  
 M D I U H I M T U V B T S S S  
 W L D S I E T R Q M G G E B V  
 L M U B T K A S T E R O I D S  
 A K C E P N F R S O L U N G W  
 S N O T U O A F N P L A N E T  
 R R P S P X L X C O M E T S D

- mercury
- venus
- mars
- jupiter
- saturn
- uranus
- neptune
- telescope
- stars
- moon
- sun
- orbit
- planet
- stardust
- meteor
- comets
- asteroids
- spacecraft

Using just the letters in the word below, can you make at least 12 new words? **RULES:** You may only use a letter as many times as it is shown in the key word. Each word must be at least 4 letters long. **GOOD LUCK!**

## ASTEROID

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See the letters around the rocket at the top of the page? Try to rearrange them to fill in the blanks:

WHAT HAPPENS BEFORE LIFT-OFF

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