

# Word of Hope

**MOUNT HOPE**  
United Methodist Church



## Pastor McGill Writes. . .

### *You Are an Ambassador for Jesus Christ*

I want you to consider what it means to be an ambassador for Jesus Christ. As disciples of Jesus Christ we are both citizens and ambassadors of another world. Our purpose is eternal. The resources needed to complete our assignment here on earth are unlimited.

In Philippians 3:20 we read, "For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ." Paul speaks these words to the believers at Philippi, a Roman city in the country of Macedonia. It enjoyed a Roman culture and the rule and protection of Roman government, all the while in Macedonia. Philippians understood very well Paul's charge about being citizens of another world. Paul spoke, not about going to heaven some day, but about being a citizen of heaven today, right now. He specifically was speaking of living with heaven's benefits here on earth. Do you understand?

As a disciple/ambassador of Jesus Christ we have the privilege of representing heaven in this world, so that we might bring a manifestation of heaven to earth.

As ambassadors we

live in one world while representing another. An embassy is the headquarters of an ambassador and his or her staff. It is actually considered a part of the nation it represents. So it is with the believer/ambassador. The Bible promises: "Every place that the sole of your feet will tread upon I have given to you." (Joshua 1:3).

Stay with me. You see, just as ambassadors of the United States have an income level on the standard of living of this nation regardless of what nation they serve in, so also ambassadors of the kingdom of God live according to the economy of heaven, thought they are still on earth. All of our King's resources are at our disposal to carry out His will. That is how Jesus in Matthew 6:26 could speak of the carefree life when He said, "consider the sparrow."

As an ambassador, the military of the kingdom I represent is at my disposal to help me carry out the King's orders. If as a representative of a nation my life is threatened, all of my government's military might is prepared to do whatever is necessary to protect and deliver me. So it is with heaven's angelic host. They render service to those who will inherit salvation (Hebrews 1:14).

As a believer/ambassador of Jesus Christ, we are here

representing another world. How much of heaven has God purposed to become manifest here on earth? No one knows for sure. But we do know through Church history that it's more than we have now. And we know through the Scriptures that it's even more than has ever entered our minds (1 Cor. 2: 9-10 and Eph. 3: 20-21).

God has chosen to work through us. We are His delegated authority on planet earth, and prayer is the vehicle that gives occasion for His invasion. Those who don't pray allow darkness to continue ruling. A powerless Church is far more costly in terms of human suffering and lost souls. As an ambassador of Jesus Christ our commission to a lost world is to give them answers for the impossible, and a personal encounter with God.

Take some time to meditate on what you have just read. As a believer/ambassador of Jesus Christ with heaven's resources available to you to carry out His will, what do you need to do to become a more yielded vessel so the Holy Spirit can use you? What changes do you need to make personally in the way you think and the way you believe?

Pastor McGill

June 2010

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#### Special points of interest:

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- ◆ **27th: Church Picnic. Worship at 8:15 and 10:30 a.m.**



## A Call for Special Prayer

One of the privileges of ministry is leaning how to release the Holy Spirit into a situation. So many in our Church Family here at Mount Hope have been suffering with cancer. I am using the term cancer to mean a tumor which grows progressively through the body. This includes leukemia, lymphoma and other malignant tumors.

The devil has certainly been oppressing the body with this dreaded disease. I would like you to join with me in prayer for the Holy Spirit to be released over the Church Family to bring about an encounter with the healing power of God for the uprooting and destruction of the spirit of cancer.

Please understand that

the anointing is substance. It is the actual Presence of the Holy Spirit, and He can be released into our surroundings. He is released through faith and compassion for those who are suffering. Please include this in your daily prayer time with the Lord.

Pastor McGill

### DEATHS

Irma Goodale Taylor, May 3

### WITHDRAWN MEMBERSHIP

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## Who Is The Holy Spirit?

Want to grow in your relationship with the Lord? Then build your relationship with the Holy Spirit. He gives us the guidance, knowledge and direction we need.

Jesus said, "But now I am going to Him who sent Me; and none of you asks Me, Where are You going?" "But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart.

"But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you.

"And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment; concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me; and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged. I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.

"But when He, the Spirit of Truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but

whatever He hears [from the Father], He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said that He takes of Mine and will disclose it to you." John 16: 5-15

The glory that God gave to Jesus, He has given to us. The Spirit discloses that which belongs to you. "The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one;" John 17:22.

Isaiah 11:2 says, "The Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and strength, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD." Holy Spirit is to be our closest Friend in the earth. He is here to lead us into realms of glory. He is a gift given to us by the Father.

Instead of trying to figure out the answers to problems on your own, go directly to Holy Spirit. Build your relationship with Him, and He will give you an impartation of knowledge

that will be the truth. When you rely only on your own reasoning, you are eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, a carnal way of living.

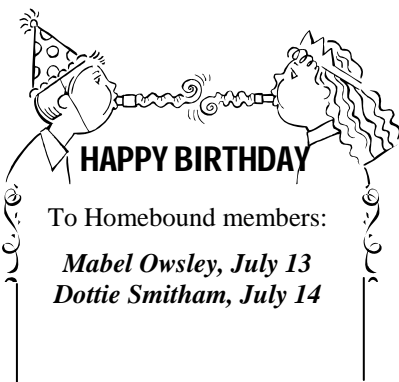
God the Father has given us the deepest part of His own nature in the Holy Spirit.

Jesus came in the physical to connect us with the physical aspect of God. He said, "If you have seen Me, you have seen the Father." Holy Spirit comes with truth, grace, wisdom, revelation and promise. He is the Spirit of the Lord, the living God, the Spirit of Jesus, the Spirit of the Father, the Paraclete (He who comes alongside).

The life-giving core of the living God has been given to you at the very center of your being. God has spared nothing; scripture says, "Deep calls unto deep." My spirit resonates with His Spirit.

Holy Spirit knows the mind of God. If you have given your heart to the Lord, you have the mind of the Spirit in you; "For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, THAT HE WILL INSTRUCT HIM?"

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### Mount Hope Church Staff

- Dr. Thomas C. McGill, Senior Pastor
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- Pastor Philip G. Ealy, Family Life Ministry
- Cynthia Babiak, Youth Director
- Kristine Leary, Director, Children's Center
- Sharon Kope, Director of Music
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- Eileen McIntyre, Handbell Director
- Lin Heintz, Secretary
- Joan Bear, Asst. Secretary
- Leo Volmer, Building Superintendent
- Larry Miles, Asst. Bldg. Superintendent
- Bud Bostwick, Security Guard



## Youth Sunday, June 13th

Please plan to join us on Sunday, June 13th for Youth Sunday! The youth and leaders have been working hard to put together a service that they hope will both inspire you and bring glory to our Heavenly Father. There will be worship music featuring the "all new" youth band, a message illustrating how our group is responding to Ephesians 2: 8-10, and an invitation for you to respond as well. We pray that this will be a Spirit-filled service that will illustrate the many ways that God is working in and through our Youth Fellowship.

The Youth Sunday service will mark the culmination of our second annual "30-Hour Famine." The Sen-

ior High will be going without food for 30 hours in an effort to better understand the needs of those less fortunate.

Did you know the 840 million people in our world do not have enough to eat?

2.1 billion people live on less than \$2 per day.

880 million people live on less than \$1 per day.

Every day 26,000 children die as a result of hunger and hunger-related diseases.

\$30 provides education, nutrition and medical care to a child for an entire month!

Our Youth know these things, and that's why they are "Going hungry for a cure." They have been busy collecting donations to help solve the hunger problem in our world, and they will eat

nothing for 30 hours prior to the Youth Sunday service.

### You can participate, too!

We invite you, our Church Family, to join us in "Going hungry for a cure." On Sunday, June 13, please consider going without breakfast and coming to church hungry. Then donate the cost of what you would have spent on breakfast (usually about \$5) to our Famine Fundraiser to help feed a hungry world. What a wonderful way to join with the youth in providing for God's children and to celebrate the wonderful ways that God can use us all to do His good work! See you on the 13th... come hungry! **Cindy Babiak**



## Father's Day Special

What an honor and privilege it is to be a father! In our society we often neglect our responsibility to give the respect necessary that is due to fathers.

On June 20<sup>th</sup> Mount Hope Church will be having a special program to celebrate Father's Day. A team

called Covenant Players will be presenting several dramas focusing on the responsibility and privileges of fatherhood. This is a national team of highly skilled individuals who minister all throughout the United States as well as several foreign countries.

Also that morning, the Mount Hope Youth will be having a special Father's Day breakfast. So wives, sons and daughters, why not tell Dad that you would like to treat him on his special day to breakfast and a program that honors him as a father?

See you on Father's Day!



## Angel Food Ministries

**Don't forget to order your Angel Food! Log onto their web site or stop by the church for June's menu and to order your meals.**

**See the calendar on page 7 for the order**

## Annual Church Picnic

On Sunday June 27<sup>th</sup> Mount Hope will be having its annual Church Picnic. This is a time for the entire family to enjoy and be involved in this fun-filled event. On that day, as a Church Family we will attend morning worship at 8:15 or 9:30 a.m. (no 11:00 service) and Sunday School at 9:30. Then we'll proceed to the picnic for lunch at

11:30. Games follow at 12:30. The celebration closes with a vesper service at 2:30 p.m.

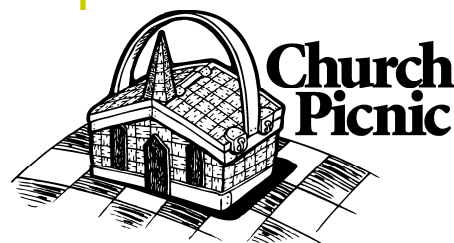
The Church will provide the BBQ chicken. And for those of you who were asking, the McCollum family will once again be providing their famous roasted corn! You may sign up for the side dish or dessert you want to

bring to share.

A tent with tables and chairs will be provided. You may wish to bring your own lawn chair.

Plan to attend this event with your entire family, and pray for good weather for the time of fellowship.

Prepare to be blessed!



*Pastor Phil*



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Children's Center News



Our Children's Center has just finished another fantastic year. We had a very successful and exceptionally fun Hop-a-thon for muscular dystrophy in late April. We had to hop in Habbersett Hall because of the weather, but we still had a great time.

This year 88 of our students will be off to Kindergarten in the fall!

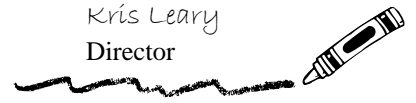
We will be getting

ready for Bible School from June 21<sup>st</sup> to June 25<sup>th</sup> this year. Some of us will be here volunteering for the week, and many of our children will be here learning about our Lord in a fun and exciting way.

We are getting ready for a repeat of our successful morning Summer Camp. The program will start on July 5<sup>th</sup> and end on August 20<sup>th</sup>. We will be cooking, crafting,

playing, learning, running through the sprinkler, and keeping Christ in our 'Center'. We always have room for more children, so if you are interested, please call 610-558-0442. We also have a few spaces in our 2-day morning and afternoon Pre-K classes for the 2010-2011 school year. Call for information.

Kris Leary  
Director



High School/College Bible Study

Are you a high school senior or a college student who is home for the summer? If so, you're invited to join us for a Bible-study created just for you! We will be meeting

on Wednesday evenings at 8 pm at the Babiaks' home beginning June 16. We will be studying the book, "Crazy Love" by Francis Chan. You can check it out at

www.crazylovebook.com.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Cindy Babiak at 610.659.3697 and sign up so we can order you a book.

What's New In the Library

I want to say a heartfelt *THANK YOU* to Anna Knight for her many years of service to the library. She has been with us for many years, and done a great job of helping to

keep things running smoothly. She is a particular favorite of the kids at the Children's Center, who often ask, "Where's Miss Anna?" (or sometime "the other lady") when she hasn't

been at work as usual. We will all miss her greatly!

Lynn Ward.  
Library Coordinator

The Shoes (continued from the back page)

But I felt moved somehow and wanted to meet the shoe man. So after the closing prayer, I reached over and shook his hand.

He was old and his skin was dark, and his hair was truly a mess. But I thanked him for coming, for being our guest.

He said, "My name's Charlie, I'm glad to meet you, my friend." There were tears in his eyes but he had a large, wide grin.

"Let me explain," he said wiping tears from his eyes. "I've been coming here for months, and

you're the first to say 'Hi.' "

"I know that my appearance is not like all the rest, but I really do try to always look my best."

"I always clean and polish my shoes before my very long walk but by the time I get here, they're dirty and dusty, like chalk."

My heart filled with pain and I swallowed to hid my tears. As he continued to apologize for daring to sit so near.

He said, "When I get here, I know I must look a sight, but I thought

if I could touch you, then maybe our soles might unite."

I was silent for a moment knowing whatever was said would pale in comparison. I spoke from my heart, not my head.

"Oh, you've touched me," I said, and taught me in part, that the best of any man is what is found in his heart."

The rest, I thought, this shoe man will never know ... like just how thankful I really am that his dirty old shoe touched my soul. ~ Anonymous





## Vacation Bible School

*High Seas Expedition – Exploring the Mighty Love of God!*

When: June 21 – June 25<sup>th</sup>

Time: 9:00 – 11:45 a.m.  
Need more info? Contact Carolyn Lobb at [astonbarb@comcast.net](mailto:astonbarb@comcast.net) or 610-494-1267.

Register on the OUR Ministries/VBS page of the Mount Hope web site ([mthope.org](http://mthope.org)).

## Summer Sunday School

Goodbye snow!

Hello summer heat and sunshine! We are preparing for that time when we give our regular teachers a break and give you the opportunity to

serve the church in a special way. During the months of July and August we need you to volunteer for one or more Sundays to teach in the combined Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> grade

class. Curriculum is provided. To volunteer or get additional information, please contact Carolyn Lobb at 610-494-1267 or [astonbarb@comcast.net](mailto:astonbarb@comcast.net).



## Who Is The Holy Spirit (continued from page 2)

But we have the mind of Christ.” (1 Corin. 2:16).

The Bible tells us that Holy Spirit is our teacher and revealer of all things. He leads, guides and directs you. He speaks in you, to you and through you. He gives power to cast out demons. He releases power through the Church; He is the power of might. He is the anointing, and He releases His anointing to you. He baptizes us, soaks and fills us. He gives new birth; He gives life, releasing salvation. He leads us into worship. He flows like a river from our inner being. He ministers truth. He dwells in us. He comforts and gives strength. He proceeds from the Father.

He shows us things to come. He gives the gift of tongues (your spiritual prayer language). He releases prophecy, dreams and visions. He gives guidance and direction. He imparts holiness.

He is the spirit of Light/Life. He walks with us and invites us to walk with Him. He is the sword, the rhema Word of God: the quickened personal Word of God. He gives prayer and groans within us in interces-

sion. He produces fruit in us. He helps us in our weakness. He bears witness in us to the Truth.

He is the Spirit of adoption: He adopts us and forms us into the likeness of Jesus Christ. He forms the nature of Christ within our whole being. He gives power to us to mortify the deeds of the flesh.

He ministers power, signs, wonders, preaching and love. He searches the deep things of God. He quickens the mortal body. He reveals to us what has been given to us by God.

He washes, sanctifies, purifies and justifies. He gives gifts to the Church. He seals us. He gives liberty; where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

He changes us into the image of Christ. He is the promise of the blessing of Abraham. He releases the cry to the Father. He gives access to the Father. He builds us up together for a habitation for God. He strengthens us in might. He brings us into unity. He is the wine of the Presence of God.

He brings supply and provision. He offers us fellowshipship. He imparts grace. He

is the Spirit of glory and ushers in the glory. He speaks to the Churches. He calls for the Bridegroom along with the Bride. He conceives in us the anointings and purposes of God. He teaches us. He gives us commandments. He empowers us to be a witness for the Lord. He empowers us with boldness.

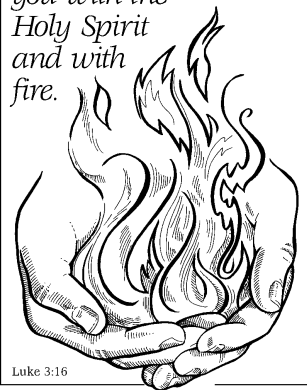
He gives us sight. He commissions us. He restrains us. He appoints ministries and gives authority. He releases love. He is righteousness, peace and joy. He releases in us the confession of Christ’s lordship.

He brings the Gospel. He keeps us in the Truth and the Light.

Wow! Doesn’t that build your faith? Doesn’t that make you love Him all the more? So begin to get to know Him. Spend time with Him alone when you give Him your undivided attention and He *WILL* give you His.

Every one of these characteristics is taken directly from the Bible. Get to know both Him *and* your Bible better— look ‘em up! [biblegateway.com](http://biblegateway.com) will help.  
~ adapted, Patricia King

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.



Luke 3:16



# Just for KIDS

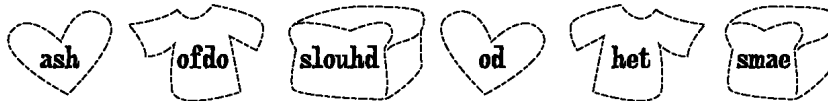
## Give to those in need

John the Baptist spoke to a crowd, telling them they should be fruitful. When the crowd asked how they could be fruitful, John the Baptist responded with some specific ideas.

Unscramble John the Baptist's reply from Luke 3:11 (NIV), and write the words in the blanks below.

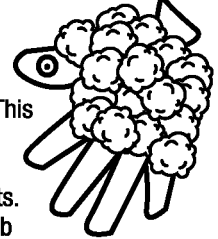
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with food him who should with man share do the should  
two tunics has the who none and one the same has



Answer: "The man with two tunics should share with him who has none, and the one who has food should do the same." (Luke 3:11, NIV)

## Lamb Mission Bank



God can do great things with our gifts. This craft reminds us that every little coin counts. When your lamb is full, empty out the coins and give them to a charity or church mission program.

**What you need:**

- Knit glove (black or white)
- 1-foot-long piece of thin ribbon, any color
- Stapler
- Craft glue or hot glue gun
- Fiberfill or cotton balls
- 2 googly eyes

**What you do:**

1. Staple one end of the ribbon to the inside of each side of the glove's opening to make a hanger.
2. For the lamb's body, cover the palm and half of the thumb with glue. Stick the fiberfill or cotton balls onto the glue.
3. Glue a googly eye to each side of the mitten's thumb. (The other fingers will be the legs.)
4. Hang the lamb where you'll see it often. Whenever you have extra change, drop it into your lamb bag.

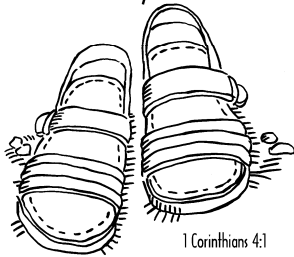


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Every Sunday:</b>  <b>8:15 &amp; 11:00 a.m. - Traditional wor</b>  <b>9:30 a.m. - Contemporary Worship</b>  <b>9:30 a.m. - Sunday School for all ag</b></p>		<p><b>1</b>                      9:00 AM Library Open                      7:00 PM Kelli Girls BS (6)  <b>7:00 PM Baptism Sem (L)</b></p>	<p><b>2</b>                      9:30 AM Staff Mtg (L)  <b>1:30 PM Education (L)</b>                      6:30 PM 9:30 Reh (S)  <b>7:00 PM Trustees (L)</b>                      7:00 PM Bells of Hope (104)</p>	<p><b>3</b>                      Busch/Babiak Wed Reh (S)                      7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir (216)</p>	<p><b>4</b>                      5:00 PM Busch/Babiak Wed (S)</p>	<p><b>5</b></p>
<p><b>6</b>  <b>Communion</b>                      Blood Pressure Screening (HH)                      9:00 AM Angel Food orders (HH)                      9:15 AM - 10:45 am. Library open                      10:30 AM Angel Food orders (HH)                      6:00 PM KFC (FH)                      6:00 PM YF PULSE (HH, 6)</p>	<p><b>7</b>                      7:30 PM Selah Bible Study</p>	<p><b>8</b>                      9:00 AM Library Open                      4:00 PM WOH Dine (Of)  <b>7:00 PM Ad Bd (HH)</b></p>	<p><b>9</b>                      9:30 AM Staff Mtg (L)                      1:00 PM Angel Food order (HH)                      5:30 PM Angel Food orders (HH)                      6:30 PM 9:30 Reh (S)                      7:00 PM Bells of Hope (104)</p>	<p><b>10</b>  <b>11:00 AM Busy Beavrs (Kit)</b></p>	<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>12</b>  <b>YF - 30 Hour Fa</b></p>
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<p><b>27</b>                      8:15 AM &amp; 9:30 a.m. Worship                      9:15 AM - 10:45 am. Library open  <b>11:00 AM Church Picnic</b></p>	<p><b>28</b>                      8:00 AM YF Hershey Park                      7:00 PM Men's Felwshp (L)</p>	<p><b>29</b>                      9:00 AM Library Open</p>	<p><b>30</b>                      9:30 AM Staff Mtg (L)                      6:30 PM 9:30 Reh (S)                      8:00 PM HS/Col Bib Stdy (Babiaks)</p>	<p><b>Community Events:</b>  <b>Tuesdays - 8:00 pm AA (FH)</b>  <b>Thursdays - 6:00 pm AA (FH)</b></p>		



Think of us in this way,  
as servants of Christ  
and stewards of  
God's mysteries.



1 Corinthians 4:1

## The Shoes

My alarm went off—it was Sunday again;  
I was sleepy and tired, it was my one day to sleep in.

But the guilt I would feel the rest of the day  
Would have been too much, So I'd go. I'd pray.

I showered and shaved, I adjusted my suit and tie,  
I got there and sat in a pew, just in time.

Bowing my head in prayer before I closed my eyes,  
I saw the shoe of the man next to me was touching my own. I sighed.

With plenty of room on either side, I thought, "Why must our soles touch?" It bothered me, his shoe touching mine, but it didn't bother him much.

A prayer began: "Our Father" someone said, I thought, "This man with the shoes has no pride. They're dirty, worn, scratched end to end, even worse, there are holes on the side!"

"Thank You for blessings," the prayer went on. The shoe man said a quiet, "Amen."

I tried to focus on the prayer, but my thoughts were on his shoes again.

Aren't we supposed to look our best when walking through that door?

"Well, this certainly isn't it." I thought, glancing toward the floor.

Then the prayer was ended and the songs of praise began;  
the shoe man was certainly loud, sounding proud as he sang.

His voice lifted the rafters, his hands were raised high, the Lord could surely hear the shoe man's voice from the sky.

It was time for the offering and what I threw in was steep.  
I watched as the shoe man reached into his pockets so deep.

I tried to see what was pulled out, what the shoe man put in,  
then I heard a soft "clink" as when silver hits tin.

The sermon really bored me to tears, and that's no lie;  
It was the same for the shoe man, for tears fell from his eyes.

At the end of the service, as is the custom here,  
We must greet new visitors and show them all good cheer.

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