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Building Bridges to The Families Of Our Community!

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CHURCH STAFF

- **Bette Thompson** Pastor
- **Tammy Bainter** Administrative Assistant
- TBD Choir Director
- **Candy Henkler** Organist/Pianist
- **Diana Cook** Pianist
- **Geri Angel** Custodian

A word from Pastor Bette…

Several years ago, I attended a retreat at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House in Indianapolis. I was there with other clergy colleagues for several days. During this time, we all had the opportunity to write a word on a rock. We were instructed to choose a word that represented a personal struggle or a joy and place the rock on the altar in the sanctuary. Then…we picked up someone else's "rock" and meditated and prayed through the outside labyrinth, placing the rock we had been holding, in the center of the labyrinth. It was a meaningful way to focus on someone else's concern, rather than my own. Surprisingly, many of the words on the rocks in the center pile were words I could identify with. For that moment, I was taking part as a steward, or caregiver, of the person's word which was on the rock I prayed for. We can be stewards in so many ways.



We also had the benefit of listening to several lectures and discussions about stewardship which caused me to think about this topic in an entirely new way. We studied holistic stewardship, and stewardship of our words, and sustainable stewardship. I am thrilled to be able to share these with you all in the coming weeks and months. We will be walking this journey together as we seek to discover new and exciting ways to talk about our stewardship.

What better way to reflect on the subject of being stewards than by clinging to the promise of hope we find in God's Word? All the truth we need to know about stewardship is firmly grounded in God's Word. Hear these words from the prophet Isaiah:

> WHEN YOU PASS THROUGH THE WATERS,
> I WILL BE WITH YOU; AND WHEN YOU PASS
> THRUGH THE RIVERS, THEY WILL NOT SWEEP
> OVER YOU. …SINCE YOU ARE PRECIOUS AND
> HONORED IN MY SIGHT AND BECAUSE I LOVE
> YOU…DO NOT BE AFRAID, FOR I AM WITH YOU.
> ISAIAH 43:2-5 NIV

These words bring my soul great comfort! There is much to be celebrated! So very much to be thankful for. I am looking forward to spending time together, and as always, I keep you all in my prayers.

Blessings and love,

Pastor Bette

OCTOBER B-DAYS

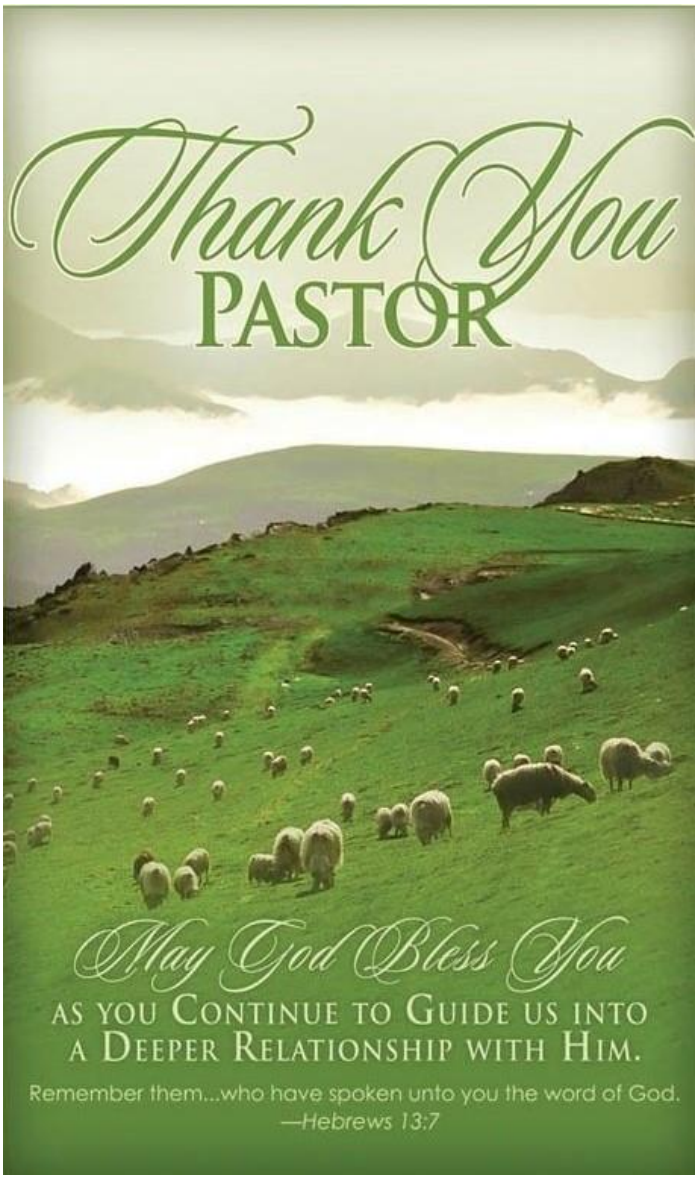
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8	Maiah Ullery
9	Jeff Clark
11	Tom Cook
12	Linda Miller
	Randy Beehler
	Margaret Wenger-Crilow
14	Mark Cook
15	Grace Sciba
18	Braden Ullery
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28	Zach Clark
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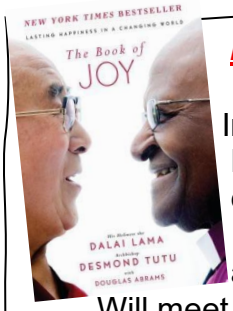
♥ ANNIVERSARIES ♥

8	Keith & Tammy Bainter	1988
25	Jeff & Rhonda Clark	1978
	Randy & Gail Greenlee	1985
	Ryan & Carissa Ullery	2003

Worship Service
Service starts @ 9:15 a.m.
with fellowship to follow.
ALL ARE WELCOME!







MON/TUES ADULT BIBLE STUDY!!

In person in the Kitchenette Room downstairs, across from the library, and we will also attempt by Zoom. Will meet every Monday morning at 9:30am and Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm. We are studying and relating to Scripture the book *"The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World."* If you cannot meet by Zoom, there are other options.
Please contact Pastor Bette at (574) 229-7810

If you would prefer to do your giving online:



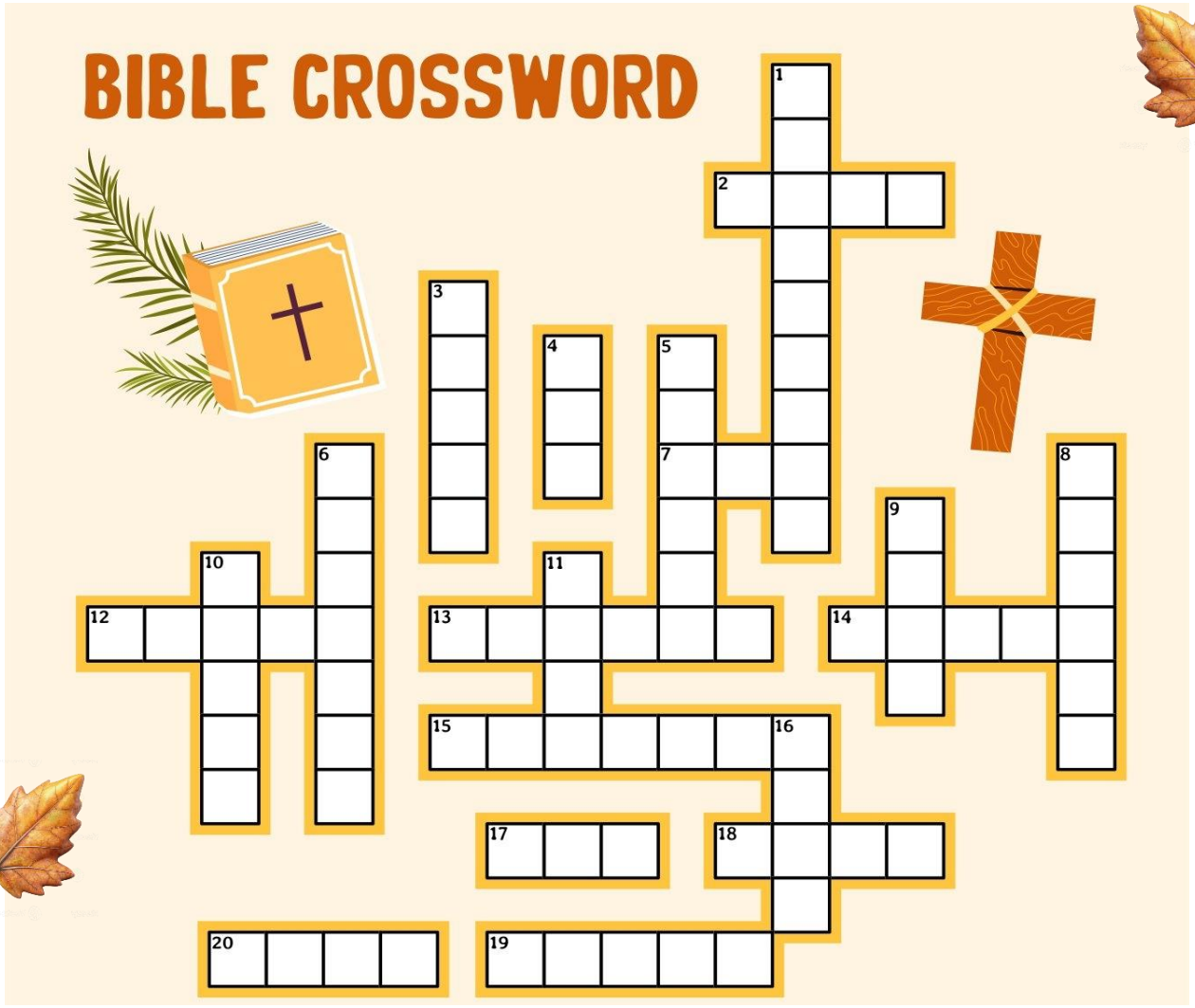
Remember to turn your clocks back before you go to bed on Saturday, October 31st.

Just a reminder to conserve energy and keep us safe. The Church building belongs to all of us, and we need to take care of it.

- If you unlock it, Lock it back up.
- If you turn it on, Turn it off.
- If you open it, Close it.

Thank You!

BIBLE CROSSWORD



Across:

2. This led the wise men to baby Jesus
7. The first woman
12. The queen of what country came to see Solomon
13. What is it called when we talk to God
14. Who wrote the 23rd Psalm
15. Wisest man in the world
17. God Created the world in how many days
18. Two ladies argued about this
19. Who parted the Red Sea
20. What kind of bird did Noah send out of the Ark to see if the land was dry

Down:

1. The town Jesus was born in
3. Long sharp weapon
4. Who created everything
5. How many disciples did Jesus have
6. Who was the first Jew
8. What Solomon asked God for
9. The first man
10. Who is a descendant of Abraham and King David, and is Savior of the world
11. The first king of Isreal who died in battle with his son, Jonathon
16. He built the ark

NAME: _____

Please return to church office by October 16th

September Puzzle Answers: Corinthians, Galatians, Philippians, Hebrews, Titus, Matthew, Timothy, Luke, James, Romans, Revelation, Colossians, Jude, Thessalonians, Ephesians, Mark

Those that were up for the challenge in September: Jane Lechlitner, Jim Angel, Lana Berg, Marta Clark, Marcia Clark, and Roberta Mann

THANK YOU...

- Salvation Army "We appreciate your church's support of the mission to help folks in crises."
- Loveway "Thank the church family for your generosity and continued support of the mission of Loveway through your recent donation towards our Mission to Release Change initiative."

MISSIONS

Loose Coin Offerings: October Loose Coin will go to **Bashor Children's Home:** "Faithful to God and in keeping with the United Methodist tradition, to provide *Help for Today and Hope for Tomorrow* to troubled children and their families"**.** Simply write a separate check or cash and mark it "loose coin". Thank you for your generosity.

Church Community Services:
October… Canned Vegetables, Hearty Soups, boxed potatoes, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Pasta, Spaghetti Sauce….See collection areas by both doors.

In September, over $320 was collected through loose coins for RETA.

OUR MISSIONS AT WORK…
Please see bulletin board going into fellowship hall for the letters & cards.

PROGRESS REPORT FROM TRUSTEES

Our church well was chlorinated successfully and cleared for use. Cameras are being installed at the three outside entrances. These are to monitor the traffic 24/7. They are for that purpose only. Air sampling was performed last week for the church and the Parsonage. It is mandatory for the Parsonage only, every two years. The fourteen-year-old washing machine and the '60's Sears garage door opener on the north door was replaced at the Parsonage but only after having been professionally evaluated and determined not repairable. The vinyl floor tile has been overlaid in the lower hallway. Last fall when stripper was applied, dozens of tiles popped up, revealing adhesive that needed to be sealed up to remain harmless for long term building use.
~ Mark Landis

Remember in Prayer

Homebound & Care Facilities: Jean Green, Margaret Pierce, Patsy Seigler, Jan Slabaugh, Paula Adams, Pam Hochstetler, Dee Kallimani, and Pastor Ron Bowman

Ongoing Health Concerns: Kathy Eggleston, Betty Hershberger, Lora Mahler, Wanda McCartney, Sue Raab, Linda Squibb, Marti Stickel, Polly Brown, Nila Young, Tammie Pedler, Shannon Cabanaw and Pam Ruiz.



Northern Lakes District Charge Conference

Date: Saturday, October 17th, 2026
Location: Lydick United Methodist Church
26510 Edison Road
South Bend, IN 46628
Time: 9:00 a.m.
If you would like to attend and carpool, please meet us in our church parking lot, where we will be leaving at 8:00 a.m. ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

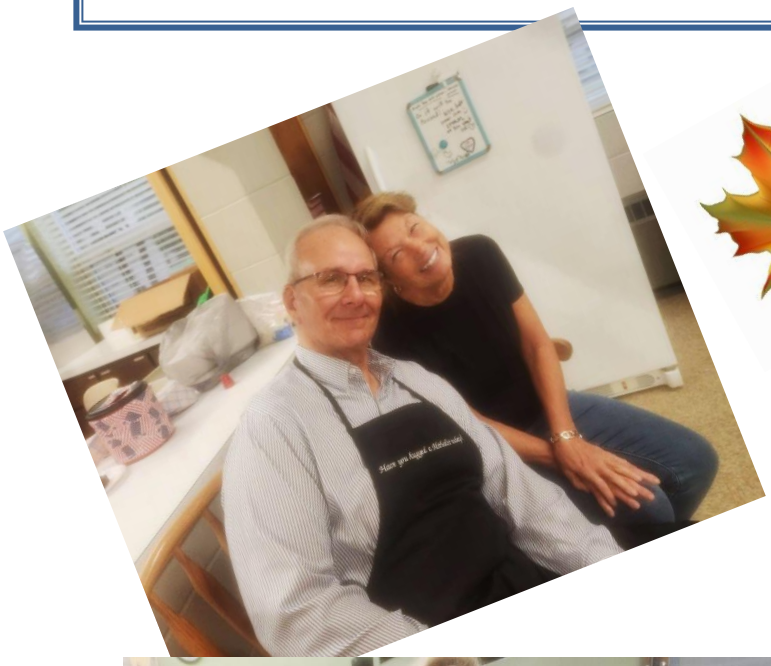
"Morning Sunshine"

CHILDREN'S MUSIC TIME

Carolyn Landis is bringing back the children's music program. Children, grades K-4th, will be dismissed for a short time during "Passing the Peace" to go downstairs with Miss Carolyn and Miss Candy to learn songs about Jesus and His love. They will be brought back up in time for Children's Church. If you feel led, please reach out to Miss Carolyn to help.

START CHILDREN OFF on the way they should go, and even when they are old, THEY WILL NOT TURN FROM IT. ~Proverbs 22:6 NIV











September Joys & Concerns

- Darin Miller asks for prayers for the Bainters, who lost a family member.
- Kathy Moyer asks for prayers for Nila Young who has many changes happening in her life.
- Cheryl Cabanaw asks for prayers on behalf of her aunt, Sue Raab, who is still at The Waters for rehab to get stronger. Continued prayers for Cheryl's daughter, Shannon, for her health issues.
- Pastor Bette also asks for prayers for Nila Young as she is being transferred to a health care facility.
- Carl & Jane Lechlitner asks for prayers for Nancy Warnick who is battling cancer.
- Jackie Ullery asks for prayers for the friends and family of the Jimtown Student, Oscar Madrigal, who has passed away.
- Prayers for Kristin and her family, as Kristin's brother, Blake, has unexpectedly passed away.
- Jeff Clark asks for prayers for his MIL, Margaret Pierce, who has fallen. Prayers that she is a better listener in the future.
- Pastor Bette is joyful that Candy Henkler is here and will be playing the organ next week.
- Lana Berg asks for prayers for Marcia Cook who is having a knee replacement on Tuesday.
- Becky Buss asks for prayers for Margaret Wenger and her family as her husband, Ernie, has passed away. Also, prayers for Becky & Gary as they travel to Kalamazoo to attend the celebration of life for her friend Anna Smith's son, Kaden, who drowned this summer. Prayers for his family and friends.
- Jeff Clark asks for prayers for their Aunt Betty Jane, who is 101, and fell and broke her pelvis. This is going to be difficult for her as she is a very active lady. Also, continued prayers for his mother-in-law, Margaret Pierce, who is still having some difficulties and could use our prayers.
- Becky Buss is asking for prayers for Polly Brown's husband, Larry, who is needing open heart surgery. They are currently waiting for the surgery to be scheduled.
- Kathy Moyer asks for prayers for Tom Myers and his wife Stephanie, as Tom fell and is in the hospital.
- Tammy Bainter is joyful that Marcia Cook is improving a little every day from knee replacement. Continued prayers.
- Jimmi Johnson asks for prayers for his grandson, Stephen, as he has entered a 45-day rehab center.
- Cheryl Cababnaw asks for prayers for the family and friends of Richard Polland who has passed away.
- Becky Buss asks for prayers and cards for Polly and Larry Brown. Larry is needing heart surgery.
- Jane Lechlitner asks for prayers for her grandson, Conner, who is recovering from appendicitis.
- Mark Landis asks for prayers for his mom, Jean (93), who fell and broke her femur and had to have the bone replaced along with a ball joint in her hip.
- Mark also thanked everyone who helped with the church this week.





OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS

	Liturgist	Acolytes	Children's Message	Children's Church
4th	Kristin Farwig	Jon & Tammy Pyfer	Deb Beehler	Littles: Linda Vest & Jane Rapp Youth: Jon Pyfer
11th	Jeff Clark	Mark & Angela Cook	Pastor Bette	Littles: Linda Vest & LuAnn Pontius Youth: Jon Pyfer
18th	Jeff Clark	Jim & Geri Angel	Gail Greenlee	Littles: Jackie Ullery & Jill Biller Youth: LuAnn Pontius
25th	Tammy Bainter	Dave & LuAnn Pontius	Jeff Clark	Littles: Jackie Ullery & Jill Biller Youth: Kathy Moyer
Ushers	Mark Cook, Maria Moleski, Lana Berg, Keith Berg			

Looking for a chance to volunteer during the week? We have the perfect opportunity for you! Susanna's Kitchen served over 18,000 meals in 2025 and they need you! Helping is easy, fun and fulfilling. All you need to do is add your name to the sign-up sheet on the Mission's bulletin board located in the fellowship hallway. Thank you.

1 Peter 4:10 NIV
"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

LAMPLIGHTERS ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

This class has met since the early 1960s, and they love to welcome newcomers! Please join them Sunday mornings after fellowship, which follows the worship service. The Lamplighters meeting is downstairs in the last class on the left down from the church office. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 574-293-3905.

COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND

We Need YOU!!

Some of you may not know that ***we currently have no teams that take Communion to some of our homebound members every month.*** This is a ministry of our church. This is a chance for you to be included in our busy family of volunteers. A way to take care of our people, to let them know we are thinking of them. Will you please prayerfully consider helping to take Communion to some of our members. If you want more information or would like to volunteer, call Pastor Bette at 574-293-3905.

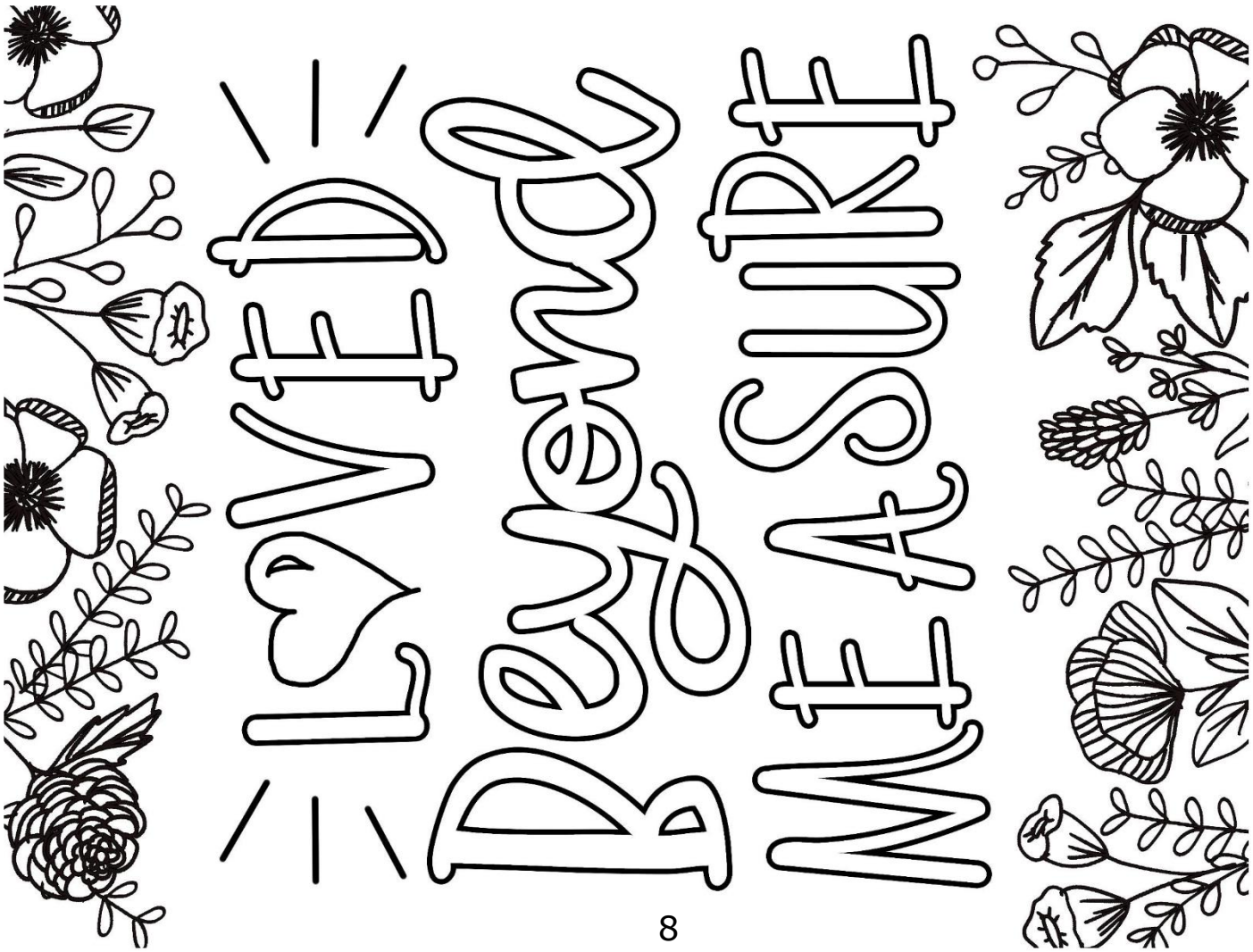
UPCOMING EVENTS

United Methodist Men (UMM)
Next Coffee & Donuts
October 4th @ 7:30 a.m.
November 1st @ 7:30 a.m.
December 6th @ 7:30 a.m.
January 3rd @ 7:30 a.m.

United Women In Faith (UWIF)
October 25th @ 7:45 a.m.
November 22nd @ 7:45 a.m.
December 13th Making gifts for Shut-Ins
January no meeting

COMMUNITY CARRY-IN LUNCHEON
October: Tuesday the 6th @ Noon
November: Tuesday the 3rd @ Noon
December: Tuesday the 1st @ Noon
January: Tuesday the 5th @ Noon

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