

Deuteronomy 6:1-9 NRSVUE

¹ “Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the LORD your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, ² so that you and your children and your children’s children may fear the LORD your God all the days of your life and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. ³ Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, has promised you. ⁴ “Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. ⁵ You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶ Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. ⁷ Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. ⁸ Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, ⁹ and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

*This is the Word of God, for the people of God!
Thanks be to God!*

August 23, 2026



*Mission Statement
Knowing Christ, Growing in Faith, and Showing God’s Love*

*Vision Statement
Bethel United Methodist Church continues its unchanging heritage of faith, striving to be a sacred place to know Christ fully, grow spiritually, and show God’s love through compassion, service, and generosity.*

Worship

Celebration of



August 23, 2026
8:00 & 11:00 a.m. Service

GATHER IN GOD’S NAME

Prelude: Keith Parsell

Greeting & Announcements

*Call to Worship:

Leader: We are called to love the Lord our God.
People: *We are called to love with all our heart and soul.*
Leader: We are called to love the Lord our God.
People: *We are called to love with all our mind and strength.*
Leader: We are called to love the Lord our God.
People: *And we are called to love our neighbor as ourselves.*
Leader: Come, let us love our God and share God’s love in this time of worship!

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

*Opening Hymn: “Maker, in Whom We Live”#88

Opening Prayer: *Awesome God, what amazing grace You have shown to me and the entire human race, that Your love for us is so great that You would send Your only begotten Son to die for our sin. No matter what it takes, I pray that I may learn to love You with all my heart, and soul, and mind, and strength - and with every fiber of my being, knowing that it is only as I die to self and live for Christ, that Your love may be manifested in me. Thank You, in Jesus' name, who taught us to pray...*

The Lord’s Prayer: *Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

AUGUST 23—AUGUST 30

Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Live - Sanctuary
	9:15 a.m.	Contemporary Worship -Come Alive Time - BFH
	9:30 a.m.	Summer Sunday School - Various Rooms
	11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Live - Sanctuary
Monday		Joyce Mentzer’s Sabbath
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Church Council Meeting - PMH
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	Miracle Singers - BFH
Friday		Pastor Jim’s Sabbath
		Ray Davis’s Sabbath
	4:30 p.m.	Bollinger/Meisenzahl Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday	2:30 p.m.	Bollinger/Meisenzahl Wedding
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Live - Sanctuary
	9:15 a.m.	Contemporary Worship -Come Alive Time - BFH
	9:30 a.m.	Summer Sunday School - Various Rooms
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BFH - Bethel Fellowship Hall
PMH - Parsonage Meeting House



PRAYER LIST 8/23/2026

Key: ***Bold, Italicized & Underlined*** type indicates a request new this week

Rehabilitation: David Hurlock, Paul Webb

Hospital: Rosalba Bellen (Friend of Kathy Engel), John Horne, Trent Prechatka

Hospice: Norah Atkins, Rosemary Bouvier, Donald Dickey, Mrs. Sample, Barbara Starkweather, Jim Willhite

General Concerns: Andy Baker, Mike Bakker, Bill, Donna Bowers, ***Sharon Cherry***, Chris Clark, Brett Conaway, Daniel, Ruth Dougherty, Kim Edmonds, Bridget Fowler, Chandler Fox, Joan Fox, ***Rick Gaskill***, Fred Gentry, Bill Gibbons, Giovanna, Rev. Sterling Green, Jack Harrison, Connie Hearn, Jim Holt, Bob Hunsberger, Ida, Laura (Daughter of Marilyn Emanuel), Harry Marker & Family, Mason, Ginny Mitchell, June Myers, Tammy Myers & Family, Brody O'Neill, Pauline Powell, Margaret Quillen, Steven, Danny Summers, Debbie Summers, Helen Walter

Long Term: Ansalvish Family, Bryan Attix, Rev. Gloria Attix, Ruth Ann Baker, Ginny Barney, Wesley Beam, Mike Beaucheman, Dave Beddle, Nancy Bektolino, Daryl Bradley, Elaine Bramante, Inez Brengle, Dale Buckwalter, Dan Carrier, Liz Carrier, Janette Clavette, Victor Colon, Rev. Charles Covington, Jay Dentino, Bob Dickey, Jim & Marilyn Emanuel, Pat Emmett, Tom Engel, Olga Fitch, Frank Fitzgerald Sr, Michael Gallagher, Peggy Gastner, Gayle Gibbons, Danny Gillespie, Hazel Gillespie, Jude Gray, Jeanne Hafer, George Hammond, Kelly Harp, Heather & Indy, Nancy Hecker, Jack Henriksen, Jim Hooban, David Jones, Erika Jones, Chubby Joseph, Deb Kellenbenz, Adam Kent, Faye Kintz, Norm Kugel, Janice Kulp, Donna LaValle, Paulette Lazarro, ***Nancy Logan***, Bill Lyons, Rob MacArthur, Dr. Jim Marvel, Patty Marvel, Medhi, Claranne Meitrott, Stephen Metler, Stephanie Miller, Rev. Charles Moyer, Nancy (Friend of Janine Phillips) Chuck Naspinsky, Ted Niemczyk, Ray Norris, Lori O'Day, Brian O'Dell, Mike & Sallee O'Neill, Peter (Brother of Pauline Powell), Earl Peters, Dick Plambeck, Suzie Pryor (Niece of Elizabeth Fields), Ray Quillen, Beth Rampson, Beth Rinker, Carla Robinson, Martha Rougeux, Tom Schaich, Mary Louise Scott, John Schulze, Bill Seitz, Denny Shultz, Logan Smith, Tricia(Spangler)Gracey, Chet Sprague, Judy Stevenson, Bonnie Stevlingson, Margaret Stockslager, Dale Stough, Peggy Thomas, Dave Trout, Dawn Vandegrift, Kathy Watson, Kathy Wetherhold-Parrott, Hilda Williams, Trish Wilson, Woody Wilson, Theresa Wise, Lucretia Y., Marge Zayatz

Up Coming Procedures: Dick Plambeck

Recovering From Procedures: Carol (Sister of Marilyn Emanuel), Ellie Colon, Tim Fleming, Pat Kearns, Dick Lisse, Carla Robinson, Dale Stough

Other:

- All the College Students Returning to School.
- People affected by the earthquakes in Colombia.
- People affected by the wildfires in Washington State.
- Mother African Union Church North, Wilmington, DE sanctuary destroyed by fire
- The people of Iran and Venezuela.
- All those caring for family and friends, especially spouses and those that have lost a child.
- Delaware Firefighters, EMS, State Troopers & Local Police.
- For racial justice in the United States.

Sympathy to:

- ***Family & Friends of Fran Baker, who passed away August 16th.***

LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD

Joys & Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

God’s Tithes and our Offerings

Offertory: Keith Parsell

*Doxology:.....#94

Hymn of Preparation: “*My Jesus, I Love Thee*”#172

Scripture Lesson: Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Message: “*A Methodist Loves God*” Pastor Jim Penuel

GO FORTH IN GOD’S NAME

*Closing Hymn: “*I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*”#540

*Benediction & Final Blessing

Leader: As we depart, may the Peace of Christ be with you.

People: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

(All are invited to pass the Peace of Christ to all as you exit during the Postlude)

*Postlude: Keith Parsell

**Those who are able, please stand.*

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God

Hearing assistance devices are located at the sound booth.

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Come Alive Time WORSHIP

August 23 2026
9:15 a.m. Service

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering: *(Please watch the screen for upcoming events)*

Greeting and Opening Prayer

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

*Opening Song: "Great Things" Logan Shuttleworth

Children's Message: "God Loves Us!"

Joys & Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

Offering: "God of Wonders" Logan Shuttleworth

LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson: Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Message: "A Methodist Loves God" Pastor Jim Penuel

GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Closing Song: "Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone" Logan Shuttleworth

*Benediction & Final Blessing

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People: **May the Peace of Christ be with you.**

(All are invited to pass the Peace of Christ to all as you exit.)

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Volunteers Needed For Bounce Back to Church:

The "Bounce Back to Church" event on September 13th will be happening soon and we need some volunteers to help. We will need 4 people to help scooping ice cream and help with the fixings, 4 people to help serving the pizza, 4 people to supervisor the bounce houses, and will need help with registration for Sunday school. If you are available to help please contact Pastor Jim at pastorjim@bethellewes.org
Thank you for helping to make this event a success!



Blessing of the Backpacks, September 13th It's that time of year again. We will have special prayers for the 2026-2027 school year on September 13th, and bless the backpacks of our students and the bags and totes of school employees. Along with the backpacks we will bless a token to be carried to school all year as a reminder of God's presence, and our prayers.



Bethel Golf Outings are Back

This golf season we still have 2 dates booked for Bethel Golf Outings at The Rookery in Milton. These outings are open to men, women and children alike. These outings are just fun ways for golfers in the church to connect and play together on Saturday afternoons. Our tee times start at 3:00 and we can accommodate up to 20 golfers for each date. You can play 9 holes or 18 and you can walk or ride carts and each outing will be at the twilight rate to be more affordable for everyone. All you need to do is email or text Ray and he will coordinate the details with everyone the week of. ***The next date we have on the books is September 19th*** so let Ray know if you will be joining. The are last date is October 17th. Please reach out to Ray with any questions. ray@bethellewes.org

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BOUNCE BACK TO CHURCH!

Celebrate a new season of ministry at
Bethel United Methodist Church

SEPT. 13 @ 10:30

- ▶ **COMBINED WORSHIP - 10:30 am**
- ▶ **SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF**
- ▶ **BOUNCE HOUSES**
- ▶ **GAMES**
- ▶ **PIZZA**
- ▶ **ICE CREAM**

(8:00 Traditional worship service also provided)

BETHEL INFORMATION

To our guests...

Welcome to Bethel! Thank you for worshipping with us. We invite you to experience the love and grace of God in Jesus Christ today. During the announcements we would like to give you a welcome packet—just raise your hand and an Usher will bring you one. We value your feedback. Please fill out the Information Card in the mug and place it in the offering plate. For more information about Bethel, visit our website at www.bethellewes.org or call the Church Office. Thank you.

Worship Opportunities

Traditional Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary, 8:00 a.m.
Contemporary Worship in Fellowship Hall, 9:15 a.m.
Traditional Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary, 11:00 a.m.
Church Livestream Watch Online Sundays @ 9:15 or 11:00
Or anytime after the services on YouTube

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Leaders for Today's Service

Greeters:	8:00	Janet Jack
	9:15	Libby Gibson
	11:00	Ushers
Ushers:	8:00	Ernie Stanley, Head Usher Sandy Hunsicker, & Ron Smith Assistants
	9:15	Libby Gibson, Head Usher
	11:00	Joann Brittingham, Head Usher
		Jim Brown, Miguel Gomez, & Ralph Scott; Assistants
Liturgists:	8:00	Bill Collick
	9:15	Ray Davis
	11:00	Emory Buck
Audio Visual Techs:		Ray Davis, Ed Emmett, Drew Fyock, Norm Macturk, Mauro Medeiros, Lauren Mentzer, Todd Mentzer, John Roman Nehrbas
Musicians:	9:15	Logan Shuttleworth, vocalist
	8:00 & 11:00	Keith Parsell, organist

Weekly Statistics

Attendance: August 16, 2026: 292 (8:00-66; 9:15-140; 11:00-86

Contributions for August 16, 2026

weekly deposit	\$ 22,574.67
weekly budget	\$ 16,915.18
YTD collection	\$ 633,914.93
YTD budget	\$ 558,200.94



To enroll, click on the "Giving" tab on the Church's website.

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Love Offering: The August Love Offering will benefit Family Promise of Southern Delaware. FPSDE's mission is to help families experiencing homelessness and low-income families achieve sustainable independence through a community-based response. Family Promise of Southern Delaware serves families of all compositions. Love Offerings may be given throughout the month in the "designated" plates found at the back of Fellowship Hall & the Sanctuary or online by clicking "Choose a Fund" and then by clicking "Communion/Love Offering" in the drop down menu. If donating by check please remember to make payable to Bethel UMC and note love offering.



Last Call for Sewists: The Missions/Elizabeth Circle team wants to thank all of the sewists that have picked up dress and/or shorts kits, and returned the completed kits! If you are still working on completing a kit(s), please return them in the original pouch in the completed bin in Fellowship Hall by August 30th.

These dresses and shorts are for the children in the Congo Mission.



Please contact Pam Monti prmonti@aol.com or Bev Delli Santi bevdell45@comcast.net if you have questions. Thank you for your help!



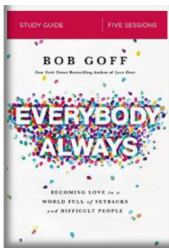
Elizabeth Circle Meeting: Elizabeth Circle will begin our new year of service and fellowship in Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, September 1, at 12:45 p.m. We will serve refreshments and enjoy a social time, then begin our meeting to plan some of our activities for the year. For more information, contact Donna Fleischauer (djmarrin@yahoo.com) or any circle member. We welcome all women of Bethel to join us.

Bethel UMC Men’s Ministry Opportunities!

Are you looking for a way to deepen your faith and connect with other men from Bethel UMC? Two opportunities are offered each month to gather and grow:

Second Sunday of each month, 8:00-8:45 am in the Parsonage Meeting House

- Upcoming dates August 9 and September 13

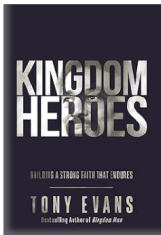


Everybody Always by Bob Goff

In Everybody, Always, Bob Goff's joyful New York Times bestselling follow-up to Love Does, you'll discover the secret to living without fear, constraint, or worry. Bob teaches you that the path toward the outsized, unfettered, liberated existence we all long for is found in one simple truth: love people, even the difficult ones, without distinction and without limits. Light reading – great discussion!

Fourth Wednesday evening of each month, 7:00-8:30 pm at Barry Eaton’s home

- Upcoming dates August 26 and September 23



Kingdom Heroes by Tony Evans

A six-session video study exploring the "Hall of Faith" in Hebrews 11. Filmed at the Museum of the Bible, it examines Old Testament figures like Noah, Abraham, and Rahab to teach how to build an enduring, trust-filled faith during difficult times. The series focuses on breaking cultural norms, navigating trials, and applying biblical principles for a lasting legacy. Are you living out your faith?

All men of Bethel are invited and encouraged to join us. Even if you haven’t been before, we welcome you to check out either/both gatherings. Light refreshments.

Please contact Barry Eaton at 1785eaton@gmail.com or Ray Davis at ray@bethellewes.org for more details.

NOTE SHEET

Note Sheet
A Methodist Loves God
Deuteronomy 6:1-9
8/23/26

5 Marks of a Methodist:

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____

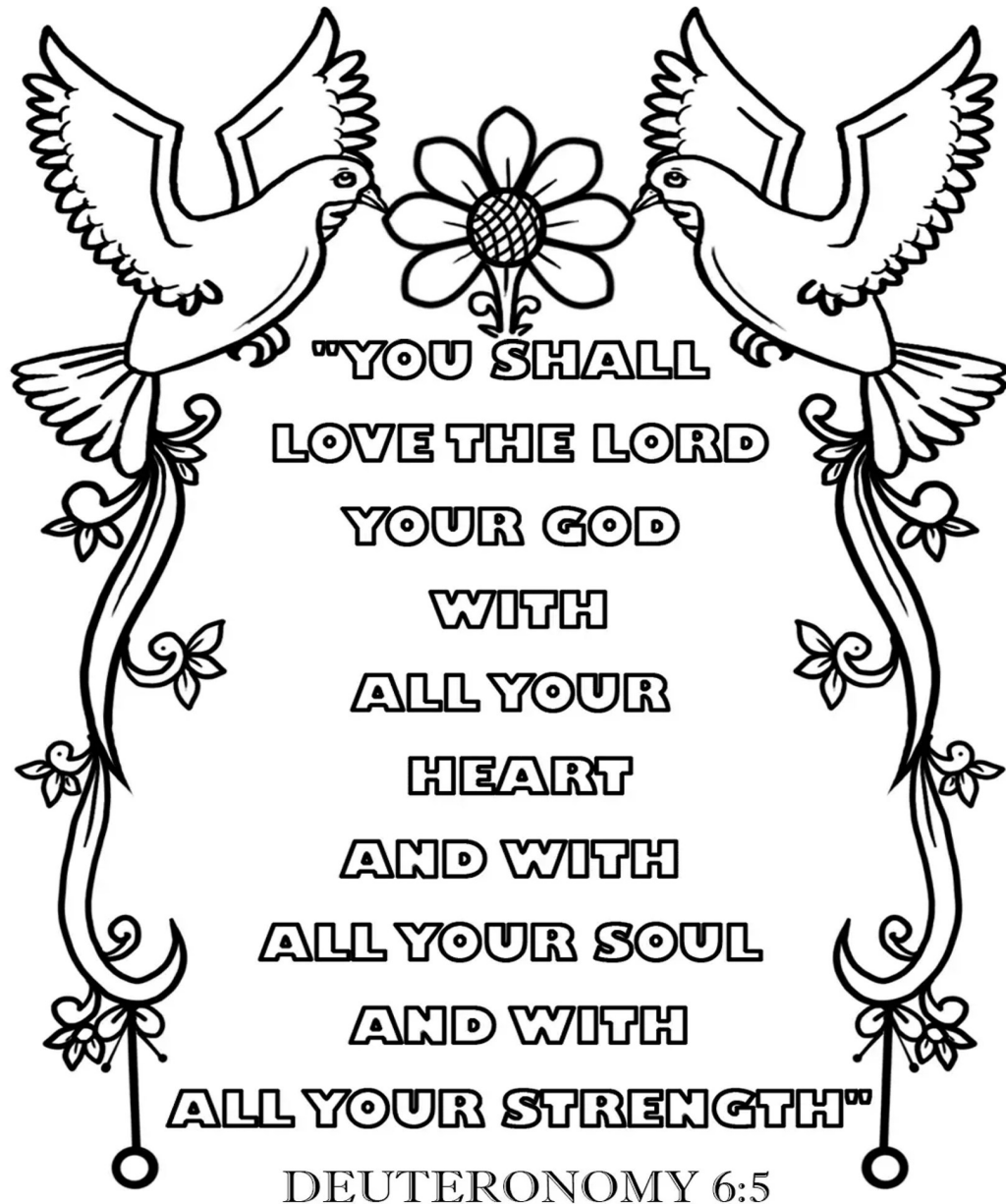
- 1. The commandments of God are meant to endure through the _____,
- 2. Deuteronomy 6:5, “You shall _____ the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.”
- 3. We are meant to write this commandment on our _____.
- 4. Deuteronomy 6:4-5 is known as the “_____.”
- 5. If we have the _____ of God fully dwelling our hearts, everything else falls into place.
- 6. You can't draw from an _____ well.

Scripture reading for further reflection: Matthew 22:34-40, Matthew 12:33-37.

Note: You may access the Digital Sermon Note Page by scanning the QR Code



CHILDREN'S PAGE



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Sandwich & Side for 18 for Tharros. Tharros is fully operational, with 18 residents. Bethel is one of several faith-based organizations that will be supplying a cold supper of a sandwich and a side for each resident. To sign up just go to bethellewes.org; click on the "Information" tab and select "Bethel Food Ministries" from the dropdown menu. Under the heading "Tharros Village - Sandwich and Side" there are instructions and a direct link to the SignUp.com signup page. Openings are available every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday through November 28th.

Deliver sandwiches and sides to 18006 Coastal Highway, Lewes between 4pm and 6pm.

Gate is kept locked: Detailed instructions are on the SignUp.com page. To view click on the words "Sandwich & Side for 18", under any of the dates. Contact is Cathie Wagner ccwgr@aol.com.



Bethel Cookbooks Are Here!!!



The Elizabeth Circle continues to have Bethel Cookbooks for sale. They may be purchased online through the church website or by using the order forms in the lobby. Books may be picked up Sunday after services or by other arrangement. Contact Donna Fleischauer at djmarrin@yahoo.com with any questions

Cookbook Recipe Correction as of June 30, 2026:

Page 5 - Pimento Cheese Spread - Add 1 cup sharp shredded cheddar cheese to ingredients.

Page 102 - Southern Shores Cheesecake - Butter should be $\frac{3}{4}$ cup softened, not $\frac{1}{4}$ cup.

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BOOK OF ACTS



ALL WELCOME

Coming in September

What: Bible Study on “The Book of Acts”

Led by: John Hammett

When: Thursday mornings from 10 – 11:30

Beginning: September 17

Ending: December 10

Want to attend? Questions? Email John at hammettjohnj@comcast.net making sure to identify yourself and contact information

Important: Read the Book of Acts before the study begins. A chapter or two a day will have you ready.

An exciting adventure awaits as we understand the Bridge built by the Holy Spirit between the Gospels and Epistles and the Church today.

CHILDREN’S PAGE

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

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Doorposts	Forehead	Command	Israel
Gates	House	Teach	Might
Heart	Soul	Talk	Bind
Love	Lord	God	

Interested in Teaching Sunday School



for the **2026-2027** School Year?

We are looking for **Sunday School teachers** for several of our classrooms, along with **substitute teachers**.

Teachers work together to create a rotating schedule that works best for the team. **You do not need to teach every Sunday** of the school year!

There is an **easy-to-follow curriculum** and supplies available at each age level.

We are looking for additional teachers for:

- **2 & 3 year old** ♥ Once a month; rotation/dates based on your availability
- **1st & 2nd grade** ♥ Once a month; rotation/dates based on your availability
- **3rd & 4th grade** ♥ Coverage as needed
- **5th through 8th grade** ♥ 4th Sunday of the Month



Would you consider sharing the **love of Jesus** with our youngest Bethel members?
Safe Sanctuary Training and Background Check required.



If you can't commit to a classroom, we are building our **Substitute teaching** list for the school year.

Make a difference.
Share His love.
Inspire young hearts.



Interested?
Contact Katie Davis kdavis4786@gmail.com 302-381-0864



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8.29.26

9AM — 2PM



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