

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 NRSVUE

¹⁸ My joy is gone; grief is upon me; my heart is sick. ¹⁹ Listen! The cry of the daughter of my people from far and wide in the land: “Is the Lord not in Zion? Is her King not in her?” (“Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?”) ²⁰ “The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.” ²¹ For the brokenness of the daughter of my people I am broken, I mourn, and horror has seized me. ²² Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of the daughter of my people not been restored? ¹ O that my head were a spring of water and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!

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

September 28, 2025



*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



September 28, 2025
8:00 & 11:00 a.m. Service

GATHER IN GOD’S NAME

Prelude: “Songs of Hope” arr. Smith

Greeting & Announcements

*Call to Worship:

Leader: God sees the hurt of all God's people.
People: Praise the God of our salvation!
Leader: God wants everyone to be saved.
People: Praise the God of our salvation!
Leader: God sent Jesus to give himself for all.
People: Praise the God of our salvation!

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

*Opening Hymn Medley: “God Hath Spoken by the Prophets”#108 UMH

Opening Prayer: *God of grief, you see our hurt and weep: "O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears." Sometimes we share your grief, and we despair. Sometimes we are so used to the way things are, that we scarcely notice. But one day, one night, one morning, maybe this morning—your pain, our pain, our world's pain, hits us. And we call out to you, "Is there a balm in Gilead? Is there healing?" Today we wait for your answer, you who weep for us and with us. This we pray 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.*

SEPTEMBER 21–SEPTEMBER 28

Sunday	8:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Traditional Worship Live - Sanctuary Contemporary Worship -Come Alive Time - Sanctuary Sunday School - Various Rooms Traditional Worship Live - Sanctuary Fuel - PMH
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Monday *Joyce Mentzer’s Sabbath*

Tuesday	10:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Galatians Bible Study - PMH “J” Crew - Music Room YM ² - Music Room
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Wednesday	12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Mary Martha Circle Meeting - PMH King’s Kids - Music Room First Towne Ringers - Music Room
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Thursday	1:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m.	Kay Poole Bible Study - PMH Miracle Singers - BFH Chancel Choir - Music Room
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Friday *Pastor Jim’s Sabbath*
Ray Davis’s Sabbath

Sunday	8:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Traditional Worship Live - Sanctuary Contemporary Worship -Come Alive Time - Sanctuary Sunday School - Various Rooms Traditional Worship Live - Sanctuary Fuel - PMH
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Church Livestream Available Online Sundays
9:15 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Or anytime after the services on YouTube

BFH - Bethel Fellowship Hall
PMH - Parsonage Meeting House



BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PRAYER LIST
9/21/2025

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

Rehabilitation: ***Joann Brittingham***, ***Jack Henriksen***, David Hurlock, Bobby Lane, Paul Webb

Hospital: ***Chuck Burton***, ***Bill Dell***, Susan French, Dottie Mckain, ***Joe Seay***

Hospice: Gary Arrell, Barry Attix, Rosemary Bouvier, Harlow Carson, Jim Kardas, Brenda Keith, Sharon Messinger, Mrs. Sample, ***Jim Smith***

General Concerns: ***Meg Anderson***, Bruce Antonio, Carolyn Arrell, Felena Bartlett, Marilyn Battiste, Paula Carridan, Tracy Carson, Clawson Family, Kathy Counts, Scott Dailey, Bob Dathe, Pat Emmett, Sean Eviston, Jessi Ferree, Giovanna (Sister of Mauro De Mederios), Jessica, ***Kelly Jones***, Kelsea, Kelly Lahorcek, Whitney Murray, Kelly Pinsky, ***Beth Rampson***, Naomi Rickards, Janice Skok, Linda Sydell & Family, Jayne Tamborello, Theresa Walls, Joan Webb

Long Term: Ansalvish Family, Bryan Attix, Rev. Gloria Attix, Fran Baker, Matthew Baker, Ruth Ann Baker, Ginny Barney, Wesley Beam, Nancy Bektolino, Gavin Birl, Daryl Bradley, Inez Brengle, Liz Carrier, John Caycedo, Janette Clavette, Rev. Charles Covington, Jay Dentino, Bob Dickey, Richard Dickey, Christine Drew, Bonnie Ekas, Erika, Marilyn Emanuel, Trish Emmett, Tom Engel, Susie Eveland, Olga Fitch, Frank Fitzgerald Sr, Gayle Gibbons, Danny Gillespie, Hazel Gillespie, ***Junie Grant***, Alex Grove, George Hammond, Kelly Harp, Nancy Hecker, Lou Henderson, Sharon Henderson, Connor Hiple, Jim Hooban, Kayla Hottinger, ***David Jones***, Chubby Joseph, Deb Kellenbenz, Adam Kent, Faye Kintz, Kathy Kroley, Norm Kugel, Janice Kulp, Paulette Lazarro, Nancy Logan, Bill Lyons, Rob MacArthur, Madison MacElrevey, Matt, Kortlyn, & Bodi, Dr. Jim Marvel, ***Patty Marvel***, Janet McGinnis, Claranne Meitrott, Stephen Metler, Marsha Miller, Chuck Naspinsky, Curt & Melinda Newsome, Ted Niemczyk, Lori O'Day, Brian O'Dell, Thom Pemberton, George Pepper, Earl Peters, Jodi Potter, Steve Rellihan, Beth Rinker, Carla Robinson, Tom Schaich, Mary Louise Scott, John Schulze, Bill Seitz, Betty Sheats, Logan Smith, Tricia (Spangler) Gracey, Chet Sprague, Judy Stevenson, Bonnie Stevlingson, Dale Stough, ***James Taylor***, Bonnie Tedesco, Peggy Thomas, Dave Trout, Bob Turcovski, Dawn Vandegrift, Michael Walker, Wanda, Kathy Watson, Kathy Wetherhold-Parrott, Hilda Williams, Trish Wilson, Woody Wilson, Theresa Wise, Lucretia Y., Glenn Yetter, Marge Zayatz

Up Coming Procedures: Irving Walls

Recovering From Procedures: Thelma Bradley, ***Liz Carrier***, ***Ruth Daughtery***, Joyce Famelio, ***Ed Keefer***, Cecelia Offidani, Logan Shuttleworth, Rob Skok

Other:

- Assassination of Charlie Kirk.
- Prayers for Frederick County MD Therapeutic Riding as they recover & rebuild from their devastating fire.
- Pray for all those affected by the Minneapolis & Denver School Shootings.
- Democratic Republic of the Congo - under attack by M23 rebels
- Ongoing Wars in the Middle East & Eastern Europe.
- All those caring for family and friends, especially spouses and those that have lost a child.
- Delaware Firefighters, EMS, and State Troopers.
- For racial justice in the United States.

Sympathy to:

- Family & Friends of Lucy Harris, Mother to John Harris, who passed away Sept. 9th.

LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Joys & Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

God's Tithes and our Offerings

Offertory: *"As the Deer"* arr. Wagner

Presented by Clois Bell (8) and the Chancel Choir (11)

See page 9 in your bulletin for the history of this "Song From the Storm".

*Doxology:.....#94 UMH

Hymn of Preparation: *"Just as I Am, Without One Plea"* (Stanzas 1-3 and 6).....#357 UMH

Scripture Lesson: Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

Message *"A Broken Heart"* Pastor Jim Penuel

GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Closing Hymn: *"There Is a Balm in Gilead"*.....#375 UMH

*Benediction

**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



September 28, 2025
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 Songs of Praise & Worship: *"I Have This Hope"*
"Jesus, Messiah"

Children's Message: *"God Is Our Comforter"*

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Offering: *"Here's My Heart, Lord"*

LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson: Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

Message: *"A Broken Heart"*

Pastor Jim Penuel

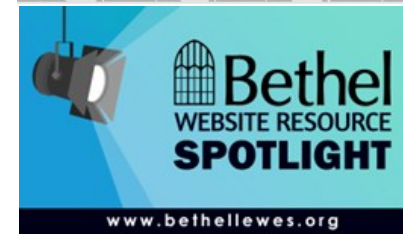
GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Closing Song: *"What a Friend / He Loves Us"*

*Benediction
**Those who are able, please stand.*

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Bethel Website Resource Spotlight

Have you visited the church website recently? There are many resources to be found that you might find helpful, and we want to share them with you!

Today's resource spotlight is the Prayer Request page. If you or someone you love is need of prayer, you can let Pastor Jim and our prayer team know by using the Prayer Request form found by clicking the "Prayer" tab at the top of Bethel's website (bethellewes.org). There you will find options for sharing your concern/joy with the church, or keeping it just within the ministry team. You can also share news and updates about a concern you've shared previously.

Be sure to check out other great website resources in the weeks to come!



Bethel Golf Outing - Final Event of the Season

Our final golf outing of the season will be Saturday, October 18th at the Rookery. We have six tee times reserved (up to 24 players) beginning at 2:00 p.m. at the twilight rate. For this event, we'll be hosting a Flag Tournament for anyone who would like to participate. For those who prefer regular play, we'll still have plenty of spots available. A Flag Tournament (sometimes called a "last man standing" format) works like this: each player gets a set number of strokes based on their handicap and the course par. You play until you've used all your strokes, then place your flag where your final shot lands. The player who makes it the farthest wins. We'll have a few trophies for the winners of the tournament! Please let Ray know at ray@bethellewes.org if you plan to join or if you have any questions. Looking forward to a great final outing together!

Annual Church Conference: This year's annual Church Conference is fast approaching. Please mark your calendar. Church Conference will be held here at Bethel UMC on October 15th at 6:30pm. Church Conference will be presented by a worship style service. All are welcome to attend

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Love Offering: The October 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

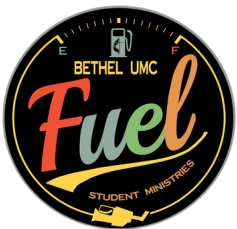
of Southern Delaware serves families of all compositions. Love Offerings may be given throughout the month in the "designated" plates found at the back of Fellowship Hall & the Sanctuary or online by clicking "Choose a Fund" and then by clicking "Communion/Love Offering" in the drop down menu. If donating by check please remember to make payable to Bethel UMC and note love offering.

Men's Ministry - New Monthly Gathering Launching This Fall!

The Bethel Men's Ministry is growing! We will continue to meet on the second Sunday of each month in the Parsonage Meeting House from 8:00-8:45 AM, as we have been. In addition, we're excited to launch a new monthly gathering which started, September 24th, and will continue on the fourth Wednesday of each month, we'll meet from 7:00-8:30 PM at Barry Eaton's home for a time of fun, fellowship, and spiritual growth.

We'll be using video-based studies throughout the year, kicking things off with an Andy Stanley series on the importance of community.

All men of Bethel are invited and encouraged to join us. Please contact Barry Eaton at 1785eaton@gmail.com to let him know you're planning to attend or if you have any questions. Let's grow together in faith and friendship!



Sunday Night Fuel (Bethel's Youth Group)

Fuel meets each and every Sunday evening from 6:30 -8:00 in the Parsonage meeting House. Fuel is open to any student in the 6 -12th grade, and we always encourage students to invite their friends. For new families, there are several ways to stay connected with all the weekly Fuel events. You can follow us on Facebook under "Fuel Student Ministries", you can follow us

on Instagram @fuelstudentmin and you can join our Remind list to get updates sent directly to your phones or email. For any questions or to join our Remind group please email Ray Davis- ray@bethellewes.org

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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Church Office Hours M-F 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.



Leaders for Today’s Service

Greeters:	8:00	Beth Mills
	9:15	Curtis Moomaw
	11:00	
Ushers:	8:00	Ernie Stanley, Head Usher
		Sandy Hunsicker, & Ron Smith Assistants
	9:15	Libby Gibson, Head Usher
	11:00	Joann Brittingham, Head Usher
		Miguel Gomez & Ralph Scott; Assistants
Liturgists:	8:00	Nancy Smith
	9:15	Ray Davis
	11:00	Jim Vandegrift
Audio Visual Techs:		Ray Davis, Ed Emmett, Norm Macturk, Mauro Medeiros, Todd Mentzer
Miracle Singers:	9:15	Kim Edmonds, Cathy Ferree, John Harris, Faye Kintz, Patty Marvel, Bill Powell

Weekly Statistics

Attendance: September 21, 2025: 360 (8:00-45; 9:15-191; 11:00-124)

Contributions for September 21, 2025

weekly deposit	\$ 10,938.41
weekly budget	\$ 16,461.43
YTD collection	\$ 580,163.58
YTD budget	\$ 625,534.34



To enroll, click on the “Giving” tab on the Church’s website.

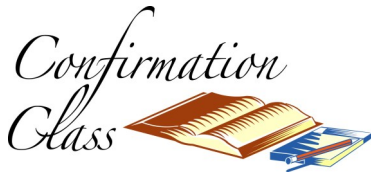


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Women’s Ministry: All women are invited to join us in the parsonage meeting house the second Wednesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. We meet September through June and all women are warmly welcome to join us and be a part of this caring, FUN, and active ministry!

The October Love Offering is for Family Promise of Southern Delaware, a nonprofit, located in Lewes. FPSDE has two programs: Prevention and Rapid Rehousing. The Prevention Program works with families at risk for homelessness. By assisting them with back rent and utilities, FPSDE helps them remain housed. The Rapid Rehousing program assists families who are already homeless. The FPSDE Case Manager helps families find affordable housing and then continues to work with them to identify and overcome barriers and to develop skills and resources that will ensure they can maintain long-term stability.



Confirmation Classes: Our first Confirmation class for the 2025/2026 school year will be on Sunday, October 19th from 5:00-6:00. Confirmation is open to all 7th grade or older students who have not yet been confirmed. In The United Methodist Church, Confirmation class is an educational process for young people who have been baptized as infants or children to publicly affirm their Christian faith and accept their baptismal covenant. In class we teach topics like the Bible, how to read Scripture, the meaning of sin and salvation, United Methodist history, and church organization. This class will take place in the Parsonage once a month (typically the 3rd Sunday of the month). Students attending are welcome and encouraged to stay for Fuel (our youth group) at 6:30. Please sign your student up by calling the office and letting Sandy know or by emailing Ray directly at ray@bethellewes.org.

Elizabeth Circle Meeting: The Elizabeth Circle will meet in Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, October 7th, 2025, at 12:45 PM. We will serve refreshments and enjoy a social gathering and then begin our meeting shortly after. For more information about the Circle, contact Donna Fleischauer (djmarin@yahoo.com) or any Circle member. We welcome all women of Bethel to join us.

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The Fall Blood Drive: Hosted by Elizabeth Circle for the Blood Bank of Delmarva which will be held Tuesday, October 14th from 10am to 4pm in the fellowship hall. The donation site is up and running for you to register. A minimum age of 17 years and generally good health are all that is required to donate.

The blood supply continues to be low so we hope all healthy individuals will consider donating this gift of life.

Sign-up at: https://donate.bbd.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/10978

Any questions, please contact Marilyn Mead at marilynwm26@gmail.com

Hymn Series Featured Song: “As the Deer” This morning’s featured ‘song from the storm’ was written by Marty Nystrom in 1981 as a response to an incident in his life in which he found himself broken in heart and spirit. In the summer of 1981, Nystrom travelled to Dallas, Texas, chasing...God? No, a girl! And, when his heart was broken over her, he bemoaned where he was stuck - stuck in Dallas (he had no money for a ticket home) and stuck in spirit as well as a result of the stresses he faced in his career. A friend advised him to fast, to draw himself back toward God, and to seek God’s direction for his life. Following his friend’s advice, Nystrom began to fast and meditate. After being nourished for 19 days with only water and the Spirit, Nystrom sat at a piano and read the words of Psalm 42. While he meditated on the poetry of the Psalm, “As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God,” he began to sing its message. In a matter of minutes, the entire song was written. After this life-changing experience of communion with God, he went on to devote his life to music ministry and teaching with a renewed focus, purpose, and energy. “As the Deer” quickly became a beloved hymn of faith and assurance for Christians around the world. Its simple lyrics serve as a wonderful reminder of our innate desire for God, the amazing connection He offers, and the genuine fulfillment that comes from worshiping Him, even in the midst of life’s storms.

NOTE SHEET

Note Sheet

“A Broken Heart”

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

9/28/25

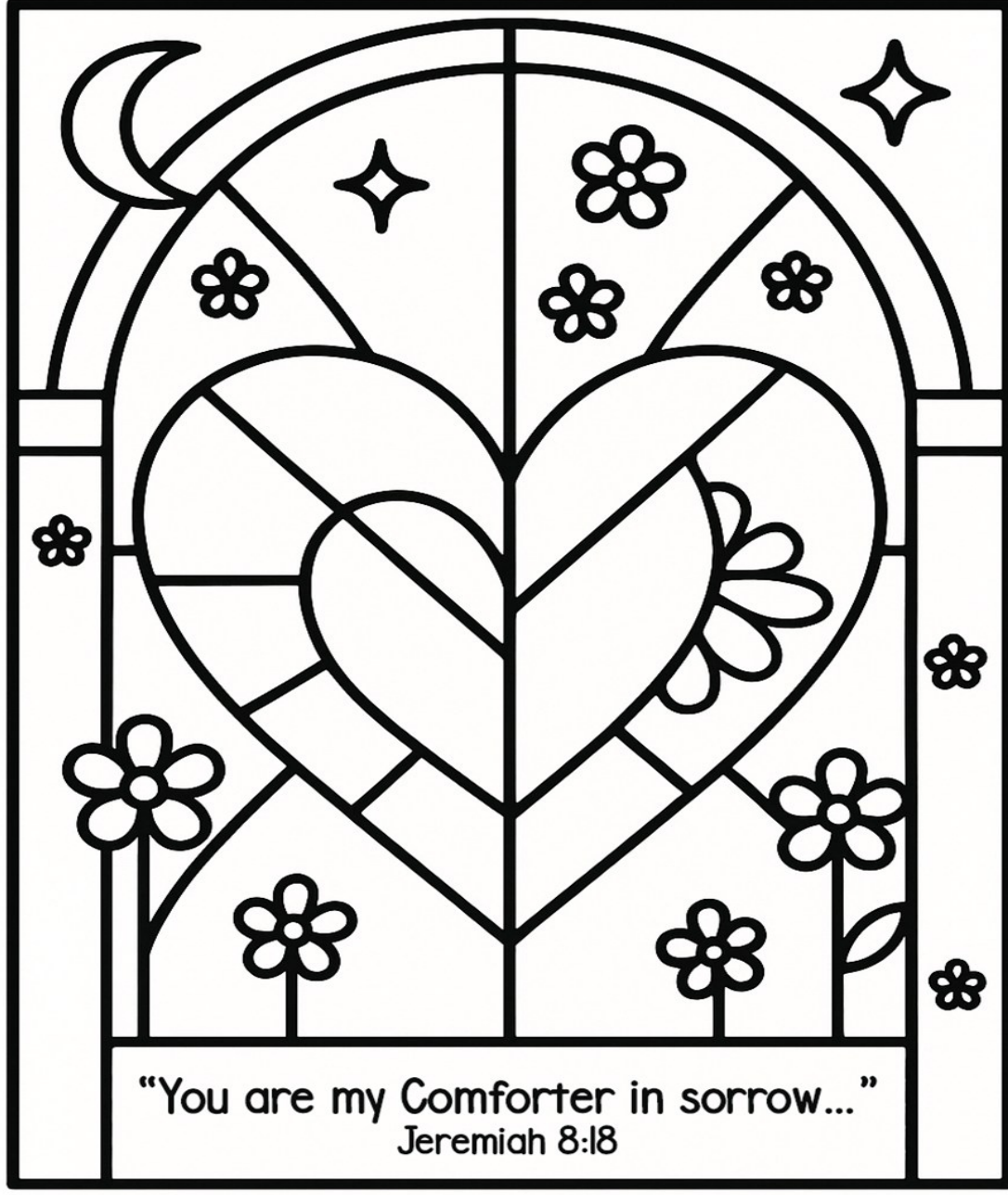
1. There are times in our lives when we need to have the opportunity to _____.
2. Lament is something that we engage in both _____ and _____.
3. Lament is both _____ and _____.
4. In the midst of our sorrow and lament, God is _____.
5. We cannot heal the pain we don’t _____.
6. “There is a _____ in Gilead.”
7. Psalm 34:18 promises us, “The Lord is _____ to the brokenhearted and _____ the crushed in Spirit.”

Scripture reading for further reflection: Psalm 34

Note: You may access the Digital Sermon Note Page

by scanning the QR Code





We are collecting donations for our Trunk or Treat!

Oct. 26th



4:30-5:30 pm

Bethel Parking Lot

10/12: Candy (All Kinds including allergy friendly)

10/19: Individual Snack Packs (Cookies, Chips,

Goldfish, gummy snacks, etc.

10/26: Small Toys

**(Pop Its, Fidgets, Bracelets,
Pencils)**