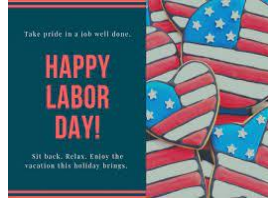


ELAM E-NEWS

September 3, 2021



The office will be closed on Monday in observance of the Labor Day Holiday. Hope you and your family have a happy one.

G.R.O.W. (GOD RENEWING OUR WOMEN)
SEPTEMBER 11 FROM 9:00 -11:00 am
IN THE PIERCE FAMILY LIFE CENTER



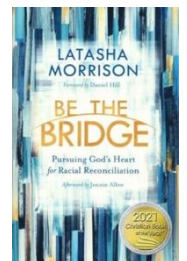
Have you ever experienced sudden inspiration? Saw or heard something so touching, so powerful you just wanted to share it with your friends?

We're setting aside the previously advertised topic because we discovered a beautiful song and video presentation called "The God Who Sees" and we want you to ... well, SEE it! Join us Saturday, September 11 at 9 am in the Family Life Center to enjoy this moving video, and discuss how you might relate to the characters remembered in the music. Bring a friend, bring a breakfast dish to share (Janine will be sending out the sign-up genius link soon), and let us know if you need more information or childcare. Please contact Angela Smith angdem@msn.com or Janine Phillips at janineglitters@verizon.net -- we look forward to seeing you in person on September 11!

New Book Study

Pastor John and Clint Amoss will co-lead a 10-week study based on the book *Be the Bridge: Pursuing God's Heart for Racial Reconciliation* by Latasha Morrison,

beginning on Wednesday, October 6th at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. This *New York Times* bestselling book brings the reconciling power of the Gospel to the racial tensions we face today. We Christians can truly become bridge builders through honest conversation together. Join us for this timely study. Please inform the church office (610-459-2911 or mary@elamumc.org) that you will be joining the study. **Be sure to purchase the book and read the Forward and Chapter 1 prior to the first meeting.** A Zoom invitation will be provided one week before the study begins for all those who register.



Those Needing Our Prayers

Families of American soldiers & Afghans killed in Afghanistan

Tara*

Ruth Ellen Finucane

People of Haiti

Anna Elliott*

Reina

Marie, sister-in-law of Rich and Susan Gatchell

Young coworker of Sherri Fox, whose boyfriend was killed in an accident.

**Hospitalized: John Fleming, Chester County Hospital, Room 5011,
701 East Marshall Street, West Chester, PA 19380**

Don't forget that after 2 weeks these names will be removed from the list. Those with asterisks are people who need continuous prayer and they will be listed on the Prayer List that will be sent out weekly.

Homebound: Sandi McCall, 411 N. Middleton Road, A206, Media, PA 19063



Thank you for your calls, cards, visits, food, flowers and prayers. I am getting stronger every day, and I look forward to worshipping in person soon. The power of prayer is awesome.

Pat Howard

Thank you so much for all the birthday cards and well wishes I received for my 82nd birthday. It was a lovely surprise and really lifted my spirits.

Nancy Boyer

REFLECTION

The Seed in Rich Soil

“But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.” Luke 8:15

God is always dropping seeds into our heart's soil. They are seeds of love, goodness, faithfulness, kindheartedness, generosity, integrity and many other Gospel virtues and values. These seeds will not take root and grow if the soil of our hearts is dry and rocky with attitudes of self-centeredness, indifference, envy, and prejudice or arrogance. The seeds of God lie dormant in our hearts, ready to take root only if they are embraced. Today, let us peer into our hearts and check the soil to see if it is the kind that will allow God's love to grow.

O Divine Planter:

I embrace the seeds of your love in my heart.

I will nurture these seeds with my faith.

I will water them often with my prayer.

Amen

Joyce Rupp

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Psalm 125
James 2:1-10, 14-17

MUSIC FOR SUNDAY

*“This Is Holy Ground,” “We Are Standing on Holy Ground,”
“Our God Reigns,” “I Love You, Lord,” “Blessed Be the Name of the Lord,”
“Jesus, Name Above All Names”*

This is Holy Ground

This is holy ground, we're standing on holy ground,
for the Lord is present and where He is is holy.
This is holy ground, we're standing on holy ground,
For the Lord is present and where He is is holy.

These are holy hands, He's given us holy hands,
He works through these hands, and so these hands are holy.
These are holy hands, He's given us holy hands,
He works through these hands, and so these hands are holy.

We Are Standing on Holy Ground

We are standing on holy ground,
And I know that there are angels all around.
Let us praise Jesus now,
We are standing in His presence on holy ground. (2X)

Our God Reigns

How lovely on the mountains are the feet of Him
who brings good news, good news.
Announcing peace, proclaiming news of happiness,
Our God reigns! Our God reigns!
Our God reigns, our God reigns!
Our God reigns, our God reigns! (2X)

I Love You, Lord

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice
to worship You, O my soul rejoice.
Take joy, my King, in what You hear:
may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear. (2X)

Blessed Be the Name of the Lord

Blessed be the name of the Lord,
He is worthy to be praised and adored;
So we lift up holy hands in one accord,
singing "Blessed be the name,
blessed be the name, blessed be the name of the Lord." (2X)

Jesus, Name Above All Names

Jesus, name above all names,
beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us;
blessed Redeemer, Living Word. (2X)

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

If you wish to send a card to any of these persons, please call or email the church office at 610-459-2911 or mary@elamumc.org for addresses.

BIRTHDAYS

09/01	Lynne Ashman	09/18	Glenn Palmer
	Daniel Ryan	09/20	Kayla Rasmussen
09/02	Ryan Lamparelli	09/21	Bob Dingle
09/03	Colleen Weese		Jacob Fouraker
09/04	Mark Simunov	09/22	Shawn Thomas
09/06	Abigail Dembek	09/23	Ashley Hathaway
09/09	Morgan Morrisroe	09/24	Mark Wiechecki
09/10	Charles Fouraker	09/26	Kellen Truitt
	Ginny Roberts	09/27	Nathan Hofmann
09/11	Kimberly Warner		Danielle Mosby
09/14	Adam Oldrati		
	Bill Simmons		

ANNIVERSARIES

09/10/1977	Jane & George Sabol
09/08/1979	Ruth Ellen & Robert Finucane
09/29/1979	Beckie & Jim Davis
09/19/1980	Linda & Bill Simmons
09/15/1984	Kathy & David Stebbins
09/24/1988	Sherri & Mark Fox
09/30/1995	Deb & Zak Topka
09/24/2010	Meredith & Bob Lawler

If your name is not listed here and you have an September birthday or anniversary, please contact Mary at 610-459-2911 or mary@elamumc.org, and you will be added to our records. Please also let us know if we have an incorrect anniversary or birthdate.

“As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people, from this time on and forevermore.”

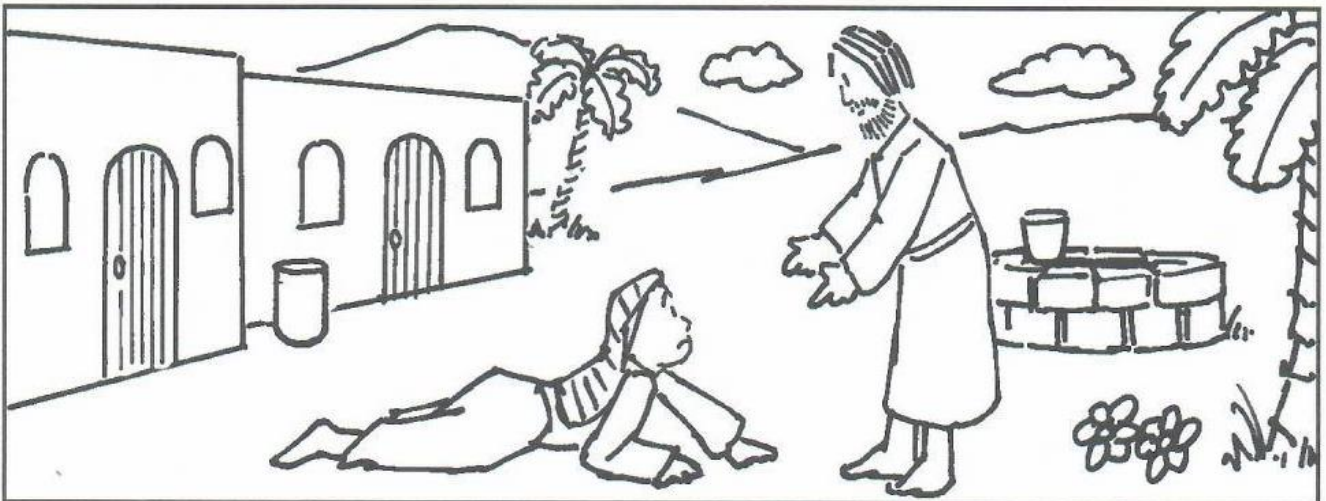
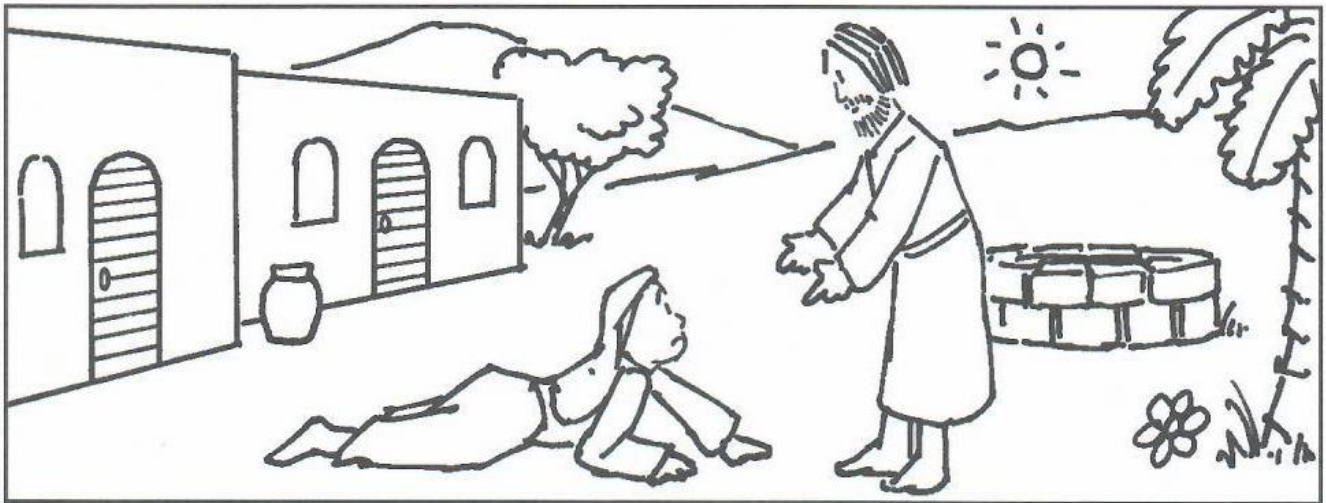
Psalm 125:2

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Faith and Healing

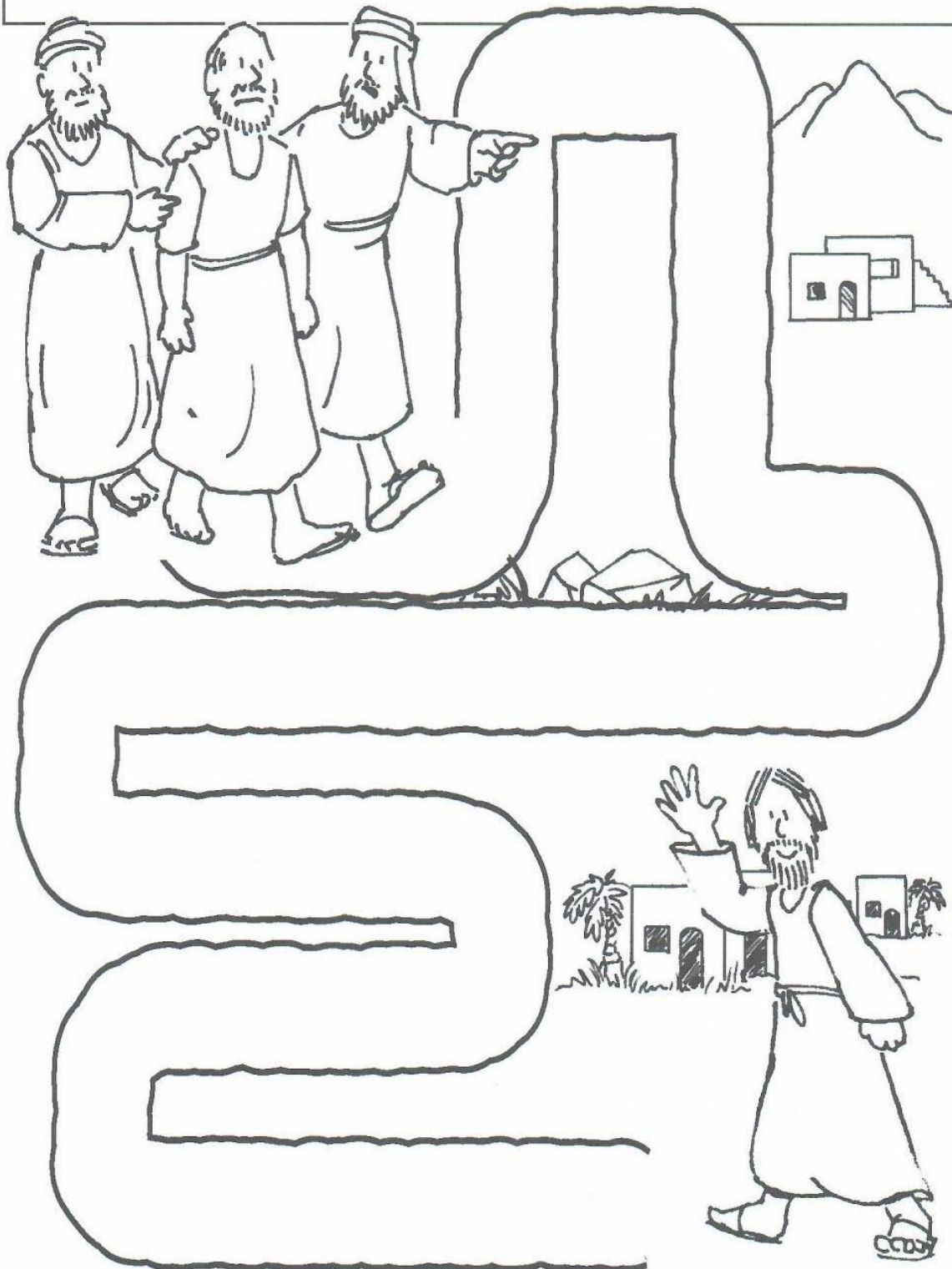
A woman came to Jesus for help.
She bowed at His feet.

Circle 10 things that are different in the bottom picture.



A man's friends took him to see Jesus for help. The man could not hear or speak.

Help the man get to Jesus.



Faith and Healing

A woman fell at Jesus' feet.

Her daughter was possessed by an evil spirit.
The woman begged Jesus to heal her daughter.



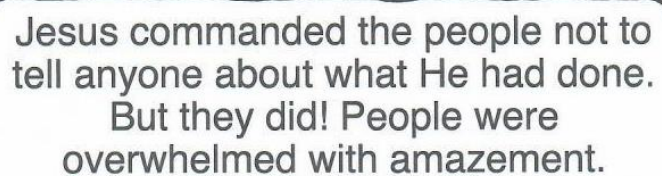
Use the puzzle below to find out what happened next.

Cross out the first letter and every other letter after.

(We have done the first 2 for you.) Then copy
the remaining letters to the lines below and read the rest of the story.

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Write the letter missing from each set on the line.

They said,

“He has CEF MNP LMO CDF everything UVX DFG JKM KMN.”

He even makes the CEF DFG YZB EGH

and the

LNO STV RSU DFG QRT NOQ CDF YZB IJL



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REMINDERS

DO YOU HAVE DOCUMENTS THAT NEED SHREDDED?

On Saturday, **September 11, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** WSFS Bank, 395 Wilmington-West Chester Pike, Glen Mills (middle of 202) is holding a shredding event. Here is your opportunity to shred your confidential documents for free and protect yourself from consumer fraud and identity theft.



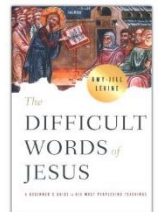
LOAVES OF LOVE (LOL) FOOD PANTRY - UPDATED

Loaves of Love is currently very much in need of the following things:

Pancake mix cereal canned fruit peanut butter

NEW BOOK STUDY BEGINS IN SEPTEMBER

A new 6-week study via Zoom is scheduled for September based on a thought-provoking new book, *Difficult Words of Jesus*. The author, Amy-Jill Levine, a professor at Vanderbilt Divinity School, chooses six of Jesus' teachings for us to discuss. Dr. Levine shows how Jesus' challenging teachings would have sounded to the people who first heard them, how they have been understood over time, and how we might interpret them in the context of the Gospel of love and reconciliation. For example, the first chapter is entitled "Sell What You Own." What did Jesus mean by this requirement for the rich young man that he was to sell all of his belongings in order to inherit eternal life (Mark 10:17-27)? What does that mean for our own materialistic society today?



Dr. Levine discusses five other phrases that Jesus spoke. She uses Biblical references and also Torah and Talmud citations. Her research is outstanding. The book is available at Amazon, Cokesbury or your favorite bookseller. If you have trouble ordering the book or if you would like me to order it for you, please let me know.

The Zoom sessions will begin on Monday, September 20, at 10:00 a.m. and will continue on September 27, October 4, 11, 18 and 25. If you are interested, please contact Sue Kardine at 484-832-8882 or at sdkardine@comcast.net. Hope you can join us for this fascinating study.

Looking for Something to do?

How about a band concert? Did you know that our own Ginny Lockwood plays in several local bands? Below is a list of upcoming music performances by the bands in which she participates, including dates, times, bands, and venues with addresses. Why not take a look to see if there are any you would like to try?

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Band</i>	<i>Address</i>
09/12	3:00 p.m.	Mansfield Brass Quintet	Silverside Church
		(Silverside Church Fall Concert Series)	2800 Silverside Road, Wilmington, DE 19810
09/19	3:00 p.m.	22 Park Avenue Swing Band	Silverside Church
			2800 Silverside Road, Wilmington, DE 19810
10/30 & 10/31	12 noon till 2:00 pm	Mansfield Brass Quintet	Halloween at Linvilla Orchards
			137 W. Knowlton Road, Media, PA 19063