

ELAM E-NEWS

September 10, 2021

UMCOR DISASTER RELIEF – 2021 DISASTER RESPONSE

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is responding to many disasters in the United States and around the world. We encourage you to consider giving to one of the following:

Haiti Earthquake

On Saturday, August 14, 2021, a 7.2 magnitude earthquake produced widespread destruction in the western region of Haiti. As of August 20, more than 2,200 are dead and 12,000 injured, while hundreds more are still missing. According to Haitian Civil Protection, more than 37,300 homes have been destroyed and 46,000 have sustained damages, leaving thousands homeless. Several hospitals have been damaged or destroyed, while those still operating are completely overwhelmed, lacking sufficient personnel and medical supplies.

Hurricane Ida

Category 4 Hurricane Ida made landfall in Louisiana on August 29, the 16th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina. UMCOR is working with conference disaster response coordinators to assess the storm's impact and respond to immediate needs. UMCOR awarded an initial solidarity grant to the Louisiana Conference.

Wildfires in the West

The California-Nevada and Oregon-Idaho Conferences received grants to aid in the response to the 2021 Dixie and Bootleg Fires. Technical assistance and training are also being provided to the conferences. UMCOR continues to provide assistance for recovery from previous wildfires. The California-Nevada Conference was awarded a grant this year to help rebuild homes after the Camp Fire of 2018.

Please write your check to Elam and write your choice on the memo line. On the memo line write either Haiti Earthquake, Hurricane Ida or Wildfires in the West. You can also donate online via Elam's website.

Please make sure to note your gift as going to Haiti Earthquake, Hurricane Ida or Wildfires in the West.

Those Needing Our Prayers

Reina	Marie, sister-in-law of Rich and Susan Gatchell	
Matt Murphy	Bonnie's nephew Mark Wiechecki, her brother-in-law Danny Wiechecki (COVID), her sister Marilyn Wiechecki, Mark's wife, Krista Wiechecki*	
Helen Cassidy	Bill Cloud	Nick DeShullo Family

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: *Jean James*, 313 Oakleaf Terrace, Glen Mills, PA 19342

Those Who Lost Loved Ones:

Sam Ferrarelli and Family, 749 Shavertown Road, Garnet Valley, PA 19060
(His sister passed away suddenly on September 4.)

*In Memoriam
Isabel Hendrix
2021*

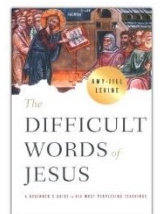
**G.R.O.W. (GOD RENEWING OUR WOMEN)
SEPTEMBER 11 FROM 9:00 -11:00 am
IN THE PIERCE FAMILY LIFE CENTER**



Have you ever experienced sudden inspiration? Saw or heard something so touching, so powerful you just wanted to share it with your friends? ***We have 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 9:00 am in the Pierce 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 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?

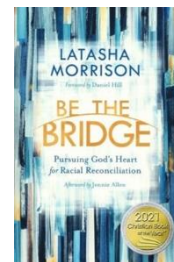


Dr. Levine discusses five other phrases that Jesus spoke. She uses Biblical references and also Torah and Talmud citations. Her research is outstanding. The book is available at Amazon, Cokesbury or your favorite bookseller. If you have trouble ordering the book or if you would like me to order it for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

Fall 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.



REFLECTION

Thoughts on Labor Day and Everyday

“One of the most demanding, but often overlooked, dimensions of the creation story is that when creation was finished, it wasn’t really finished at all. Instead, God committed the rest of the process to us. What humans do on this earth either continues creation or obstructs it. It all depends on the way we look at life, the way we see our role in the ongoing creation of the world.

Work is our contribution to creation. It relates us to the rest of the world. It fulfills our responsibility to the future. God left us a world intact, a world with enough for everyone. The contemplative question of the time is what kind of world we are leaving to those who come after us. The contemplative sets out to shape the world in the image of God; to bring the Glory of God into the stuff of the moment, the character of the little piece of the planet for which we are responsible.

The ideal state, the contemplative knows, is not to avoid work. The first thing Genesis requires of Adam and Eve is that they ‘till the garden and keep it.’ They are then commanded to work long before they sin. Work is not, in Judeo-Christian tradition, punishment for sin. Work is the mark of the conscientiously human. We do not live to outgrow work. We live to work well, to work with purpose, to work with honesty and quality and artistry.

The contemplative is overcome by the notion of ‘tilling the garden and keeping it.’ Work does not distract us from God. It brings the reign of God closer than it was before we came. Work doesn’t take us away from God. It continues the work of God through us ... it turns the ordinary into the grandeur of God.”

Joan Chittister

We, as Your humble followers, commit to working hard for Your Glory and to protect our precious Earth which You created for our use and continuance. Sadly, generations haven’t always taken good care of our Earthly gift. The Earth left for our children and grandchildren is in serious jeopardy. We vow to do better. In the Name of Your Son who walked this beautiful Earth in His little piece of the planet ... Amen.

LOAVES OF LOVE (LOL) FOOD PANTRY – UPDATED LIST

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

Toilet paper	Paper towels	Tissues	Chef Boyardee	Canned fruit
Canned chicken	Granola bars	Oatmeal	Cereal	Syrup
Canned dice tomatoes				

MUSIC FOR SUNDAY

Good God Almighty

Intro

Good God Almighty
I hope You'll find me
Praising Your name no matter what comes

Verse 1

I can't count the times I've called Your name some broken night
And You showed up and patched me up like You do every time
I get amnesia, I forget that You keep coming around
Yeah, ain't no way You'll ever let me down

Chorus

Good God Almighty
I hope You'll find me
Praising Your name no matter what comes
'Cause I know where I'd be
Without Your mercy
So I keep praising Your name at the top of my lungs

Post-Chorus

Tell me is He good? (He's good)
Tell me is He God? (He's God)
He is Good God Almighty

Verse 2

You say Your love goes on forever, that Your mercy never stops
So why would I assume You'd be somebody that You're not
Like sun in the morning, I know You're gonna be there every day
So what on earth could make me be afraid?

Chorus

Post-Chorus

Bridge

Praise Him in the morning
Praise Him in the noon time
Praise Him when the sun goes down
Love Him in the morning
Love Him in the noon time
Love Him when the sun goes down

Chorus

Post-Chorus

Outro

Jesus in the morning
Jesus in the noon time
Jesus when the sun goes down
Jesus in the morning
Jesus in the noon time
Jesus when the sun goes down

Chain Breaker

Verse 1

If you've been walking the same old road for miles and miles
If you've been hearing the same old voice tell the same old lies
If you're trying to fill the same old holes inside
There's a better life
There's a better life

Chorus

If you've got pain, He's a pain taker
If you feel lost, He's a way maker
If you need freedom or saving, He's a prison-shaking Savior
If you got chains, He's a chain breaker

Verse 2

We've all searched for the light of day in the dead of night
We've all found ourselves worn out from the same old fight
We've all run to things we know just ain't right
When there's a better life
There's a better life

Chorus

If you've got pain, He's a pain taker
If you feel lost, He's a way maker
If you need freedom or saving, He's a prison-shaking Savior
If you got chains, He's a chain breaker

Bridge (3x)

If you believe it
If you receive it
If you can feel it
Somebody testify

Chorus

If you've got pain, He's a pain taker
If you feel lost, He's a way maker
If you need freedom or saving, He's a prison-shaking Savior
If you got chains, He's a chain breaker

Tag

If you need freedom or saving, He's a prison-shaking Savior
If you got chains, He's a chain breaker

How He Loves Us

Verse 1

He is jealous for me,
Loves like a hurricane, I am a tree,
Bending beneath the weight of his wind and mercy
When all of a sudden,
I am unaware of these afflictions eclipsed by glory
And I realized just how beautiful You are,
And how great Your affections are for me.

Pre-Chorus

And oh, how He loves us oh
Oh how He loves us, how he loves us so

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Pre-Chorus**Chorus**

He loves us, oh how He loves us,
Oh how He loves us, oh how He loves.

Verse 2

We are His portion and He is our prize,
Drawn to redemption by the grace of His eyes,
If grace is an ocean, we're all sinking.
So Heaven meets earth like an unforeseen kiss,
And my heart turns violently inside of my chest,
I don't have time to maintain these regrets,
When I think about the way ...

Chorus (2x)**Pre-Chorus****Chorus (2x)*****Mighty to Save*****Verse 1**

Everyone needs compassion
Love that's never-failing
Let mercy fall on me
Everyone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a savior, The hope of nations

Chorus

Savior, he can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever, author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

Verse 2

So take me as you find me
All my fears and failures, And fill my life again
I give my life to follow, Everything I believe in
Now I surrender, Now I surrender

Chorus (2x)**Bridge (3x)**

Shine your light and let the whole world see
we're singing,
for the glory of the risen king, Jesus

Chorus (2x)***God Is Good***

May your struggles keep you near the cross
And may your troubles show that you need God
And may your battles end the way they should
And may your bad days prove that God is good
And may your whole life prove that God is good

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Psalm 19
Mark 8:27-38

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		

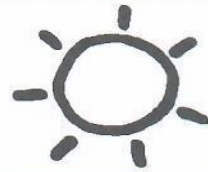
ANNIVERSARIES

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 a 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.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Children's Worship Bulletin™



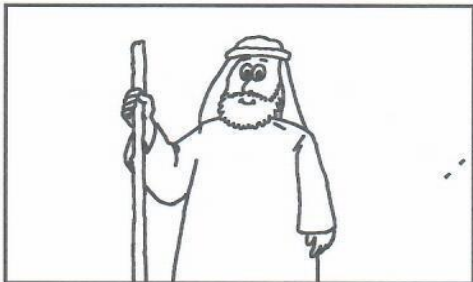
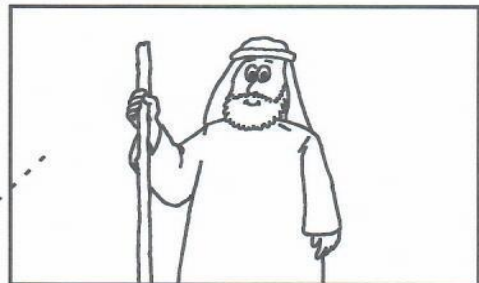
Ages 3+

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Who Do You Say I Am?

Some people thought Jesus was John the Baptist, Elijah or another prophet.

Match the pictures.



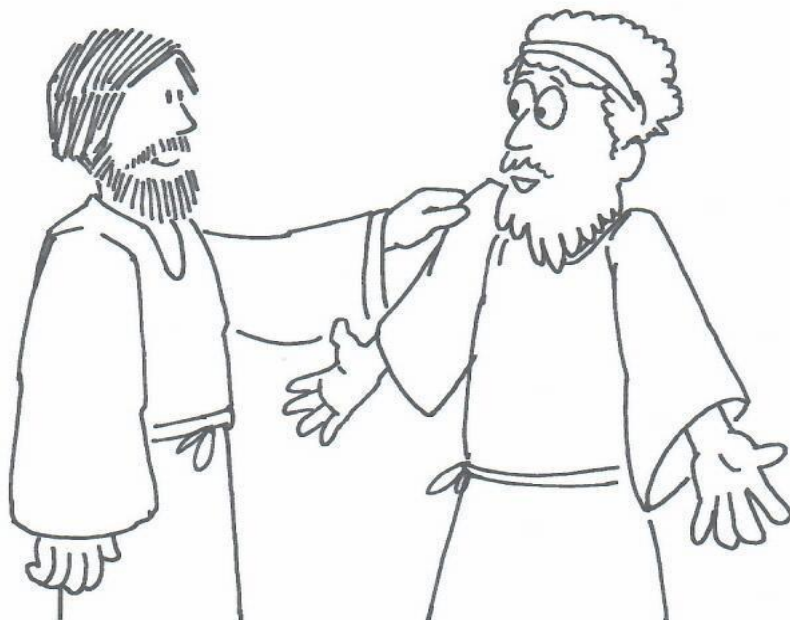
Peter answered Jesus.

Use the code to fill in the missing letters.

△ = a △△ = e △△△ = i △△△△ = o

“Y _____ u _____ r _____
△△△ △ △△

t h _____ C h r _____ s t .”
△△ △△△





Jesus said to the disciples,
"Who do YOU say I am?"

Find Peter's answer below.

Arrange the words below in alphabetical order.

The second letter of each word will spell the answer.

CHAIN

DRESS

ISSUE

FIRST

ACORN

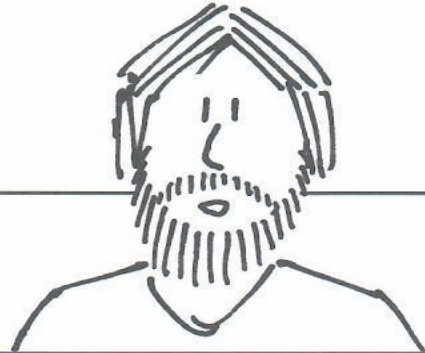
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"You are the

_____."

Jesus told the disciples
that the Son of Man must ...
what?



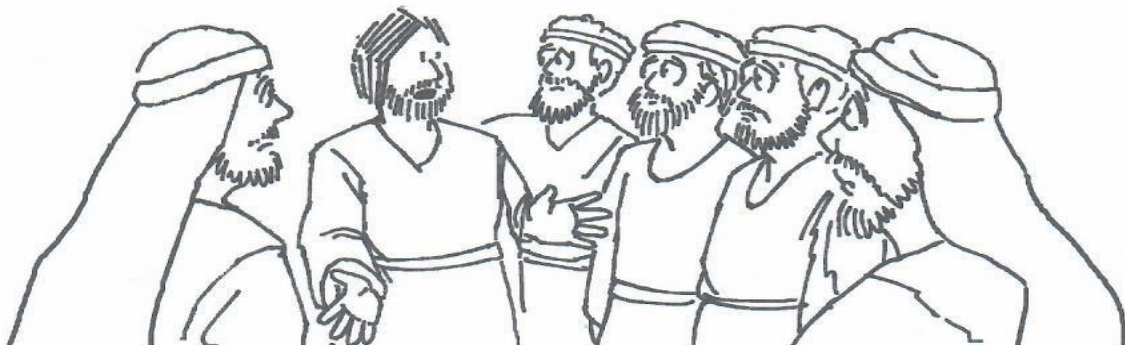
Unscramble the words below
to find the answer.

1. _____
 rfusfe namy nhtigs

2. _____
 eb teerjced

3. _____
 eb dlikle

4. _____
 eirs efatr ehtre sady



REMINDERS

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

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.



The Lord says, “Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.”

Jeremiah 29:12