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Families Of Our Community!*

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- **Sharon Shinn**
Administrative Assistant
- **Kristin Farwig**
Choir Director
- **Sandra Metcalf**
Organist/Pianist
- **Diana Cook**
Pianist
- **Geri Angel**
Custodian

A word from our pastor...

Every single morning when I open my computer, my antivirus program appears in the corner of my laptop to warn me of potential problems that could be coming up. It glares at me each morning, and subliminally suggests whether or not I need to scan my computer for potential threats or risks. This brings to mind a popular TV show in the 60's and 70's, where the funny looking robot yells out "Warning! Will Robinson!" I wasn't old enough to fully understand what the show was about, or why this robot with the funny looking arms would say this, but it makes me think that if we see these warning signs too frequently, they may lose their power to properly alert us to potential hazards.



The name of this show was Lost in Space, and by today's standards, it does not seem to rank up there with the latest in space-aged technological movie making practices. But the concept still is timeless.

Which causes me to consider....who do we count on to alert us when we need a heads up, to avoid getting into the rough spots of life?

As Christ-followers, we have the Word of God to instruct us, and the voice of the Holy Spirit to lead us and also to guide us. The Holy Spirit warns us of danger, as he did during the days in the Bible to act as a witness and as a warner as the prophets did when God's people strayed. Sometimes they took heed and listened as in the story of the Ninevites and Jonah. Other times they did not heed the warning and suffered the consequences of their actions.

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BIRTHDAYS**ANNIVERSARIES**

1	Sue	Struble	11	Bodie & Franki	Bender	2020
3	Ryan	Ullery				
6	Jacob	Billier				
7	Nancy	Miller				
8	Tami	Pyfer				
	Kathy	Moyer				
12	Bodie	Bender				
14	Alex	Pyfer				
25	Tim	Farwig				
26	Diana	Cook				
27	Jemma	Ullery				



We are still missing 2 keys. One for the elevator which is on a lanyard and the other for the Table & Chairs closet. Please check your pockets.

**Position Needed**

A Piano accompanist is needed for our weekly Wed. night choir rehearsals, Sunday morning services and special programs. Please help spread the word! Anyone interested may call Deb Beehler

574-596-7624

or

Sharon Shinn

574-293-3905

**Prayer Requests**

Would you like to be added to our "Prayer Request emails". Emails go out every week with the Joys & Requests given on Sunday.

Let the office know so we can add your name.

Cont. from page 1 The robots, and all other human-made warning signals are flawed, however. They can fail and lose their power over time and repetition. They malfunction. But the Holy Spirit is perfect in timing and in the lessons we are taught.

I have had many warnings from doctors and well-meaning, wise physicians. Advice from health experts that I have ignored. Now, by God's grace, I have a second chance at treating my body well, and possibly a new lease on living a healthy lifestyle. As I face my open-heart surgery tomorrow and look to the doctors and surgeon to help me be better, I am reminded of the aspects pertaining to our spiritual health; Prayer, bible study, spiritual disciplines. And I am reminded always that God is always making all things new.

Praise be to God for his grace and leading. I pray that I may follow him and lead my body towards a new and more healthy direction. I pray this for all of us, as we begin our second year of ministry together. Blessings to you all, and many hugs of appreciation also.

God is good! All the time!

All the time, God is Good!

Blessings and Love,

Pastor Bette

Pastor Bette's heart surgery was June 26th. She went home July 1st. She had some nausea and weakness in the beginning, but is getting stronger everyday. Pastor Bette sounds almost like her normal self. She is on the road to a full recovery. She wants to thank everyone for your prayers and well wishes. She will continue to be on medical leave for several weeks. Feel free to call the church office with any needs you might have. Please keep Pastor Bette, Rich, Amanda and family in your prayers.



Guest Preacher

Following Pastor Bette's surgery, we would like to help supply some meals for her and Rich. If you would like to be a part of this, please call the church office so we can keep a schedule. Also to give you some ideas. We do not want to overwhelm them with food.

PROMISES

No one is better than their ability to keep one's promises.
Fill in each blank with the proper person associated with the promise.

1.	_____ promised his daughter Achsah to the man who captured Kirjath-sepher.	Joshua 15: 16-17
2.	_____ promised God a tenth of all God gave him in exchange for God's protection	Genesis 28: 20-22
3.	_____ promised the Israelites they would not go out of Egypt empty-handed.	Exodus 3: 15-21
4.	_____ promised Merab to David if he would fight for Saul.	1 Samuel 18: 17
5.	_____ promised Ephron money for a burial ground.	Genesis 23: 12-13
6.	_____ promised his birthright to Jacob for a bowl of pottage.	Genesis 25: 33-44
7.	_____ promised the spies safety in exchange for her life.	Joshua 2: 3, 14
8.	_____ promised to work for Laban seven years in exchange for Rachel.	Genesis 29: 20
9.	_____ promised great riches and a wife to the man who killed the Philistine giant	1 Samuel 17: 25
10.	_____ promised a Comforter when He went away.	John 14: 16
11.	_____ promised Jesus power and glory in exchange for reverence.	Luke 4: 6-7

NAME _____

Return Quiz July 25th

Answers for "Pits"; 1. Joseph, 2. Korah, 3. Sodom & Gomorrah, 4. The Israelites, 5. Absalom, 6. Benaiah, 7. Ishmael, 8. Jesus, 9. Satan, 10. Reuben, 11. Solomon. Those persons challenging themselves: Jim Angel, Lana Berg, Marcia Clark, Marta Clark and Jane Lechlitner.



We are also hard at work preparing for this year's **Soup of Success fundraiser - Bubbles, Bites & Bids**. Please mark your calendars for Thursday evening, **September 5, at 6:00 pm**. Please join us at the beautiful Lex 530 event center in Elkhart. Yummy hors d'oeuvres, champagne, wine pull, live music by High Gravity and over 50 items up for silent auction. Emceed by Brad Priest, this event is sure to be a fun evening! Tickets are \$75 with proceeds benefiting Church Community Service's **women's empowerment program, Soup of Success**.

MISSIONS

Loose Coin Offerings: LoveWay, "providing equine experiences for individuals with disabilities since 1973". We work alongside our horses and community volunteers to assist individuals with disabilities to live their best lives by empowering them to grow cognitively, physically, socially, and emotionally.

You may give anytime during the month. Simply write a separate check or cash and mark it "loose coin". May donations of \$153.36 went to *Sleep in Heavenly Peace*. Thank You for your generosity.

CHURCH COMMUNITY SERVICES

July giving: *Cereal, Poptarts, coffee, juice...Breakfast food*. We (CCS) leverage every donation. For example, a \$100 donation gives us the leverage to purchase \$600 worth of food for the pantry!

JULY VOLUNTEERS				
	Liturgist	Acolytes	Children's Message	Guest Speaker
7 th	Steve Squibb	Alex & Jake Pyfer	Kristin Farwig	Pastor Ed Geleske
14 th	Gail Greenlee	Keith & Tammy Bainter	Carolyn Landis	Pastor Joy Ahlemeyer
21 st	Deb Beehler	Brian & Becky Metcalf	Marta Clark	LuAnn Pontius
28 th	Linda Vest	Dave & LuAnn Pontius	Jeff Clark	Pastor Ed Geleske
USHERS: Marcia Cook, Jimmi Johnson, Dave Pontius & Jon Pyfer				



STRONGER TOGETHER

Saturday, August 10, 2024
11:30 am – 2:00 pm (EDT)

Join us for a time to gather, connect, worship, and be STRONGER TOGETHER.

The event will include food trucks, face painting, worship & praise bands, the onsite playground, and the option to go to the Potawatomi Zoo (open from 10 am – 5 pm).

Churches or individuals can purchase zoo tickets in advance for a discounted rate of \$9.00/adult and \$8.00/senior/child (regular day-of tickets are \$14/adult, \$12/child/senior). Senior is adults 62+ and children are 3-14 years old.

Avoid cash-only sales and limited sizes on-site by pre-purchasing your Stronger Together t-shirt online this year too!

Presale zoo tickets and t-shirt sales will be available from June 12th-July 23rd.

Register here:

<https://inumc.swoogo.com/stronger24/begin>

CARD MINISTRY

Are you a person that likes to send cards to people? Do you find joy in making others smile? Call the church office and we can give you some names of people that could use a little, "Hello", in the mail. Or maybe you would rather give them a call. Just let us know how or if you can help.

TRUSTEES

Lots of things are going on around the Church and Parsonage. We made some progress on the Fellowship Hall floor maintenance but hope to improve the appearance even more by winter. Many thanks to Carl Lechlitner for spearheading the effort to secure and install LED lighting both inside and out at the Church. With the energy rebate, this was a deal that we could not refuse. This effort should save the Church up to 50% reduction in energy! Kudos go to Gary Buss and Steve Mann for their assistance in the re-wiring transition. Jim Eggleston and LeRoy Schrock got our cooling going.

And we are at the mid-way point of painting in the Parsonage.

Still much to do, we look forward to getting yet another phase completed!

Mark Landis, Chairman

UNITED METHODIST MEN

Next month July 7th, Invite your neighbors

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

We will be attending the play, "The Music Man" at the Round barn in Nappanee.

COMMUNITY CARRY-IN LUNCHEON

August Carry-In is Tuesday the 6th at Noon.

COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND

Some of you may know we have one(1) couple and the Pastor that take Communion to some of our homebound members every month. If we had more volunteers, we could take to more people. Or we could switch months. No one would need to do this every month.

This is a ministry of our church. A way to take care of our people, to let them know we are thinking of them.

Will you please prayerfully consider helping take Communion to some of our members.

If you want more information or would like to volunteer, call the church office, 574-293-3905.

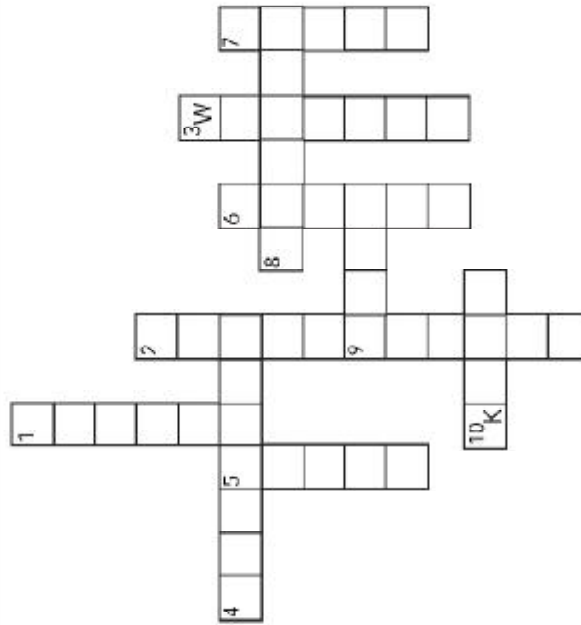


PUZZLE

THE WONDER OF STARS

The heavens display evidence of God's great power.
What else does the Bible say about the sky?

Directions: Use the clues and Bible references (all *NIV*) to complete the crossword.



DOWN

- The sun, moon and stars do this to God. (Psalm 148:3)
- God made these as numerous as the stars. (Genesis 26:4)
- Don't do this to the stars and sky. (Deuteronomy 4:19)
- What do the heavens declare? (Psalm 19:1)
- The moon and the stars do this at night. (Psalm 136:9)
- When we're pure, we do this like the stars. (Philippians 2:15)

ACROSS

- The heavens are the work of these. (Psalm 8:3)
- On what day did God create the stars? (Genesis 1:14-19)
- God calls each star by this. (Isaiah 40:26)
- A star announced the arrival of him. (Matthew 2:2)