



Allen AveNews

Allen Avenue Christian Reformed Church, Pastor Mark Hofman
695 Allen Avenue, Muskegon, MI 49442



September 2
Labor Day



September 12
Pontoon Boat Ride
With John & Carol Schuitema



September 15
Fall Kickoff & Potluck



October 25
Jon Hayes Concert &
Chili Supper

Special Collection



September 8
Love INC

October 6
Muskegon Christian School

Two Left Feet

Do you ever feel like you have two left feet?

Summertime wedding receptions invite us to prove how well (or not!) we can keep our feet moving on the dance floor. For a few of us – it’s a spotlight to show we can still “cut a rug.”

For the rest of us, it’s a humbling display of stepped-on toes and bad re-enactments of the slide, the shuffle, and the silliest of them all, the worm.

Dancing is a gift to express our joy, and it’s a terrifying reminder that we all have hang-ups or inabilities or insecurities. If we carry a cane or wheel into the room; if we struggle with our body and it’s mechanics; if we don’t always feel confident in our own skin. These fears can keep us at the sidelines, off the floor, isolated and alone.



What do we do when we ache to join the dance while we also struggle with the “two left feet” of our bodies, minds, hearts and spirits?

God sees what we see and what we can’t see. He knew when he made us that our joy would be intertwined with our struggles and sorrows. He came into this life, this dance, and showed us that there’s not one of us—not a single one—who isn’t in need of help; in need of a healing physician; in need of a partner to guide us in the steps of the joyful dance.

God has invited us to turn around and believe that the Holy Spirit can teach us to *really* dance. The Holy Spirit has been poured out to keep us in step and glorify the Father. To “prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment” (John 16:8) and to reveal that our only mediator, our perfect partner in the dance of life is the savior, Jesus Christ.

We don’t need to fear having two left feet. We can trust that the Holy Spirit will keep us in step with the savior. So let’s walk by the Spirit, be led by the Spirit, and live by the Spirit (Gal. 5:13-26)

—Pastor Mark

Note: If you exchange assignments with someone, let Susan Vanderlaan know so she can have it right in the bulletin. aacrcsecretary@gmail.com or 231.722.6411

Nursery Schedule



- September 1 Stephanie Hofman
Maelin Vlasma
- 8 Kristen Vlasma
Deb Anderson
- 15 Becki Fisher, Addie Maat
- 22 Nancy Rop, Jasmine Snyder
- 29 Mary Patton
Laurie DeJonge

- October 6 Carol Peterman
Karen Alphenaar
- 13 Renee Vlasma
Beth VanRees
- 20 Dale Johnson
Serenity Alphenaar
- 27 Amber Johnson
Melisa Vlasma

Coffee Schedule



- September 1 Sandy Volkers, Ron Friday
- 8 Toni & Scott Schuitema
- 15 Education Committee
- 22 Jasmine & Travis Snyder
- 29 Laurie & Roger Slorf

- October 6 Kristen & Ron Vlasma
- 13 Judy Vaandering, Sue Secord
- 20 Sherrie & Jack Wolffis
- 27 Susan & Bob Vanderlaan

Happy 50th Anniversary, Jack & Laurie DeJonge



Combined Service

On August 3 & 4, 2024, we celebrated worship with our sister churches: 2nd Reformed in Grand Haven, New Era CRC, Angel Community Church, and Allen Avenue. There were combined services on August 3 at Angel Community and on August 4 at Allen Avenue.



Congregational Prayer by
Judy Vaandering



Pastor John Medendorp



Pastors Jeffrey Hough & Mark Hofman



Welcome

Welcome to new members: Betty TenBrink by transfer from New Era CRC and Emma Peklar by baptism.



Bishop Small Group

On July 30, Randy and Becki Fisher hosted our small group at their cottage on West Lake. Randy grilled steaks and we all brought a dish to pass. It was great weather and we had a wonderful time of fellowship.



Lighthouse Tour

On Sunday afternoon, July 28, a group of people from Allen Avenue visited the Muskegon South Pierhead Light. Many of us had lunch either before or after the tour at The Deck.



Dan, our tour guide

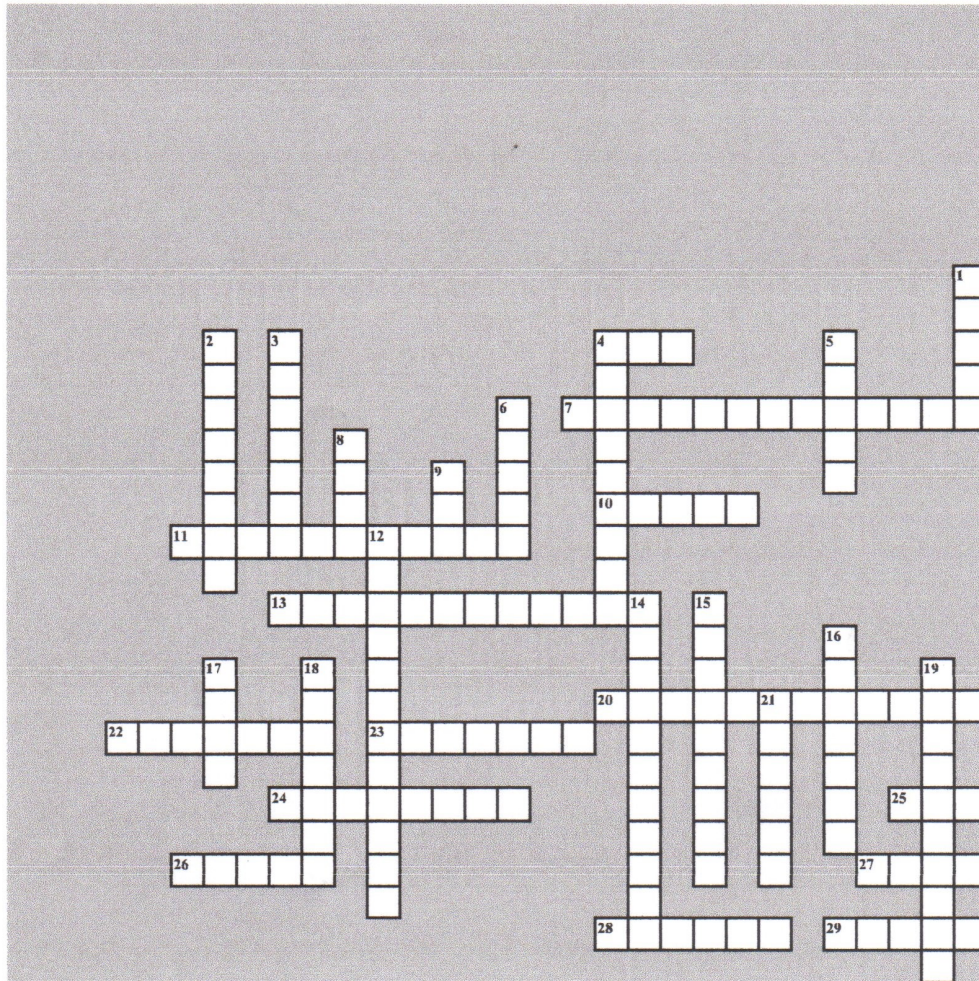


Only four of us could go up at once, so we had to wait our turn.



Jesus Washes Feet

Answers are based on John 13 & Luke 22 in the KJV.



Across

- 4 Jesus baptized or dunked this.
- 7 Jesus must be reckoned among these.
- 10 The Lord placed this in the Kingdom.
- 11 Jesus gave a new one of these.
- 13 The large upper room where Passover was held.
- 20 This is through the blood of Christ.
- 22 Unusual headcovering
- 23 Dining posture
- 24 Jewish feast celebrated during the Last Supper.
- 25 The thief had had this (Jno. 12:6).
- 26 Satan would sift Peter like this.

- 27 This lifted up against Christ (Psalm 49)
- 28 Lord, whither goest Thou? (see: Jno. 8:21)
- 29 Jesus' girdle

Down

- 1 The unclean disciple
- 2 Lord, who is it?
- 3 This must come before Jesus would drink the fruit of the vine again.
- 4 Must be fulfilled.
- 5 Where Jesus washed feet
- 6 Where Satan entered Judas.

- 8 Disciple thought to be leaning on Jesus' bosom.
- 9 Jesus pronounced this upon Judas.
- 12 Love manifests this.
- 14 Why the Lord Supper is eaten.
- 15 Judas promised to betray Jesus in the absence of this.
- 16 What Jesus gave the disciples.
- 17 Rooster
- 18 This not greater than the Lord.
- 19 Passover bread
- 21 There were two of these in the upper room.

Answers on next page

THE VEGETABLE GARDEN

First plant five rows of PEAS

- Patience
- Promptness
- Preparation
- Perserverance
- Purity

Next plant three rows of SQUASH

- Squash gossip
- Squash ritiism
- Squash indifference

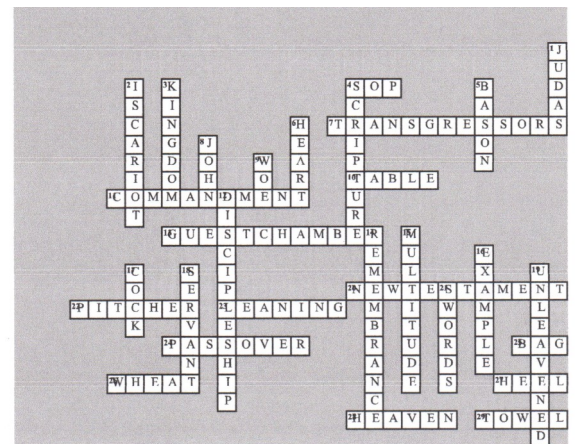
Then plant five rows of LETTUCE

- Let-us be faithful to duty
- Let-us be unselfish
- Let-us be loyal
- Let-us be true to obligations
- Let-us love one another

And no garden is complete without TURNIPS

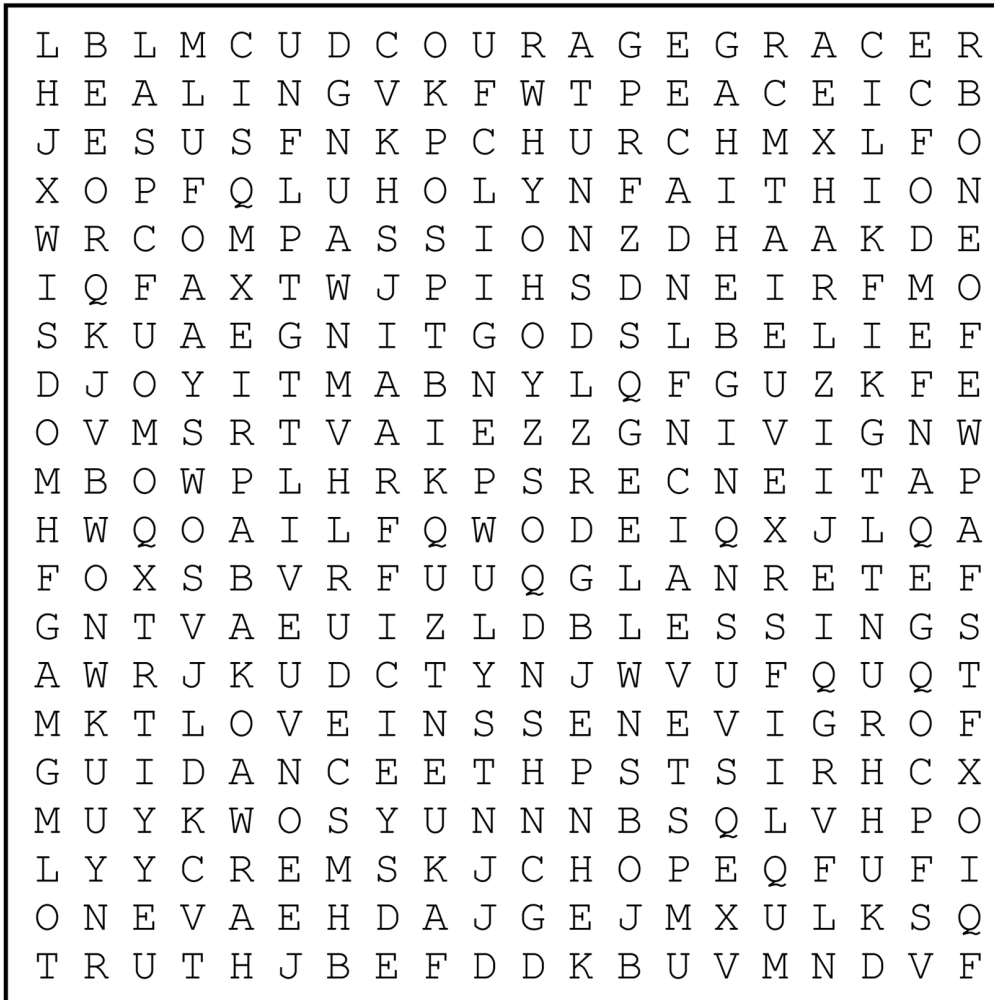
- Turn-up for important meetings
- Turn-us with a smile
- Turn-up with good ideas
- Turn-up with determination to make everything good and worhwhile

—Submitted by Betty TenBrink



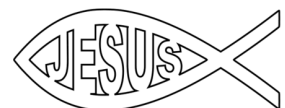
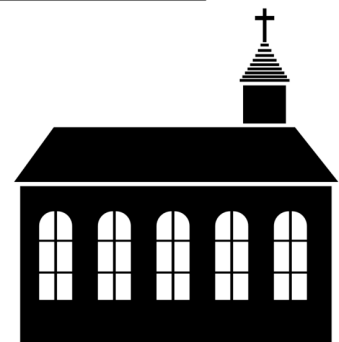
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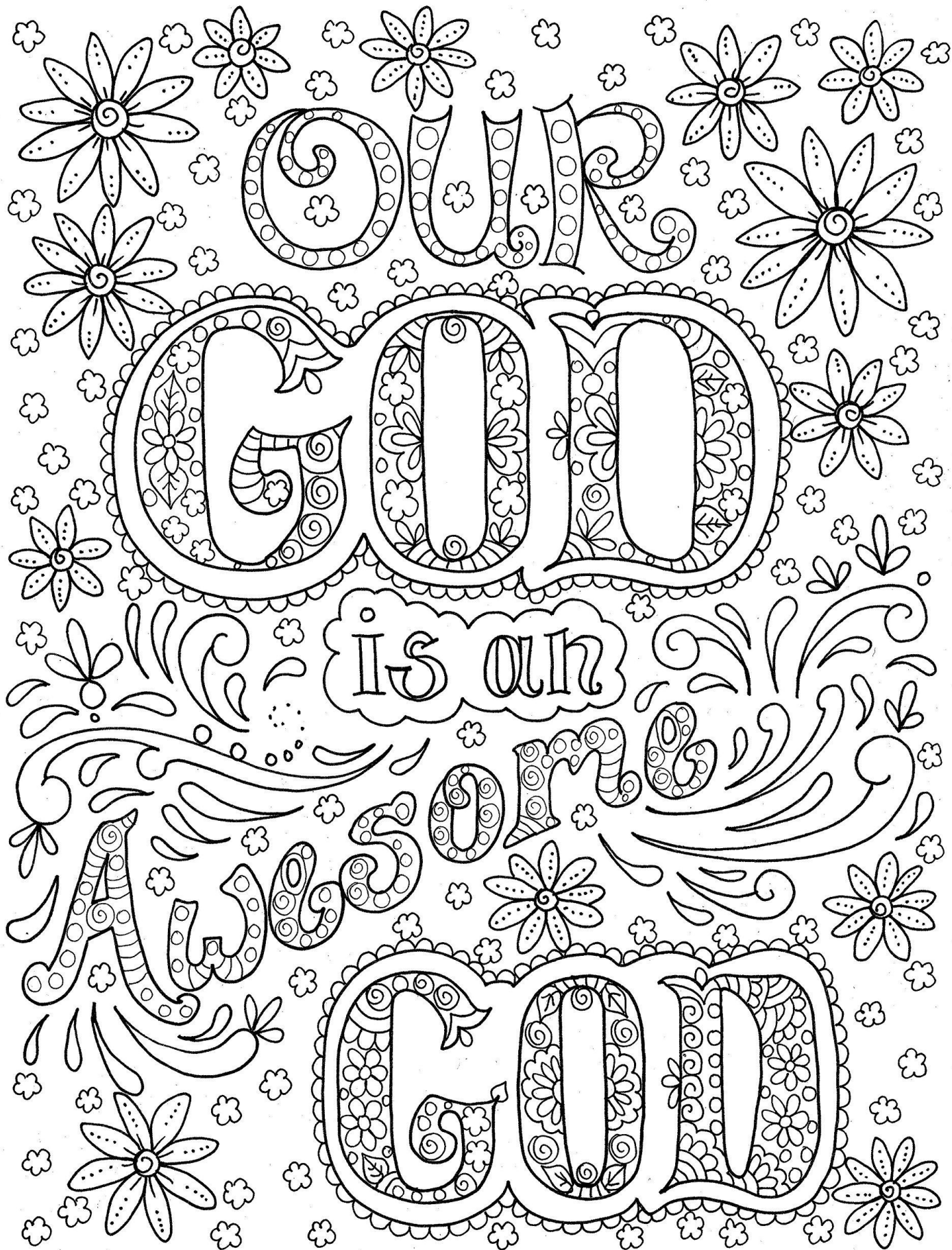
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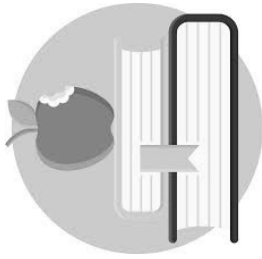


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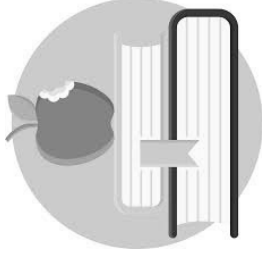
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| BELIEF | FRIENDSHIP | JOY |
| BLESSINGS | GIVING | LOVE |
| CHRIST | GOD | MERCY |
| CHURCH | GRACE | OBEDIENCE |
| COMPASSION | GUIDANCE | PATIENCE |
| COURAGE | HEALING | PEACE |
| ETERNAL | HEAVEN | SALVATION |
| FAITH | HOLY | SPIRIT |
| FAITHFULNESS | HOPE | TRUTH |
| FORGIVENESS | JESUS | WISDOM |







September 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Don Green Katelyn Morris	4	5	6	7 Daniel Maat
8 Randy Fisher	9	10 Courtney Vanderlaan	11 Dale Johnson	12	13	14
15 Jack DeJonge	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Betty TenBrink	26	27	28 Kevin Rop
29	30 Jim Doornbos					



October 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Lois VandenBosch	2	3 Emily Snyder	4 Gary Schelske	5 Jill Schuitema
6	7 Karen Alphenaar	8	9	10 Bob Botting	11 Shelby Schuitema	12
13	14	15	16	17 Yeabsira Vlasma	18 Beth VanRees	19 Toni Schuitema
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Pat Madendorp	28 Deb Vlasma	29	30	31		