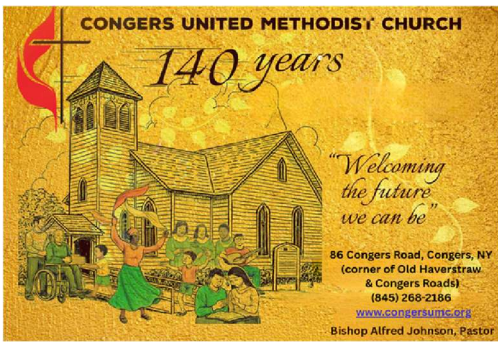




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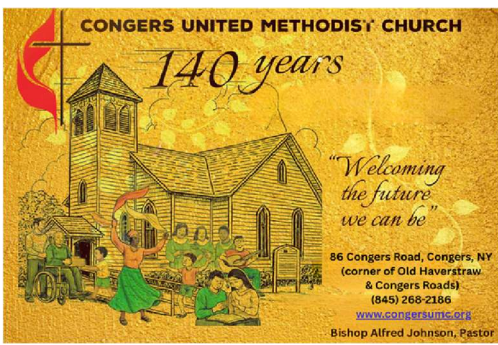
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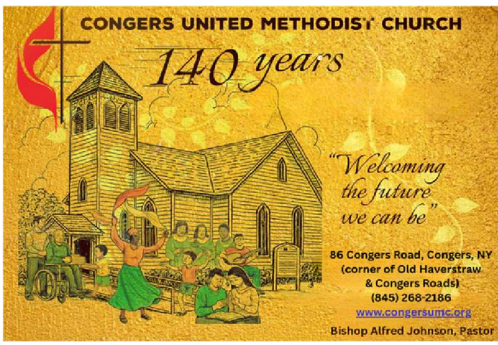
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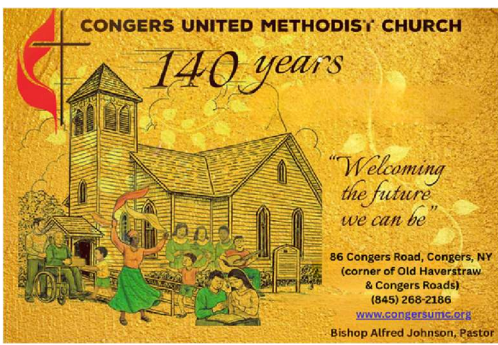
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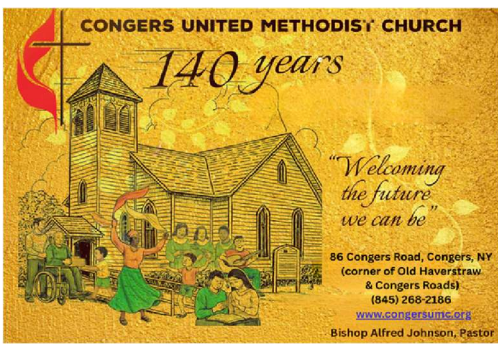
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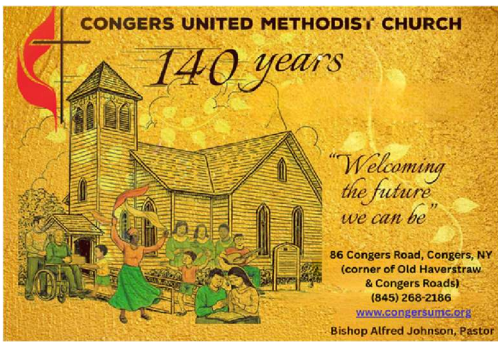
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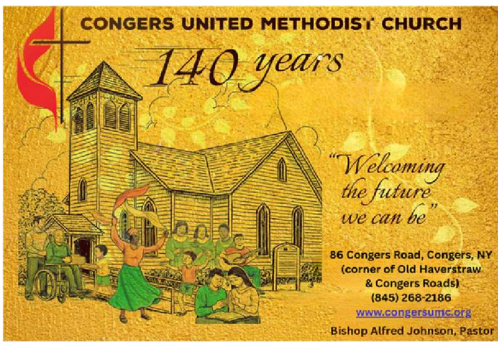
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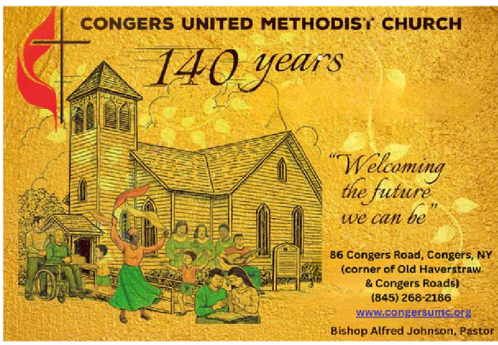
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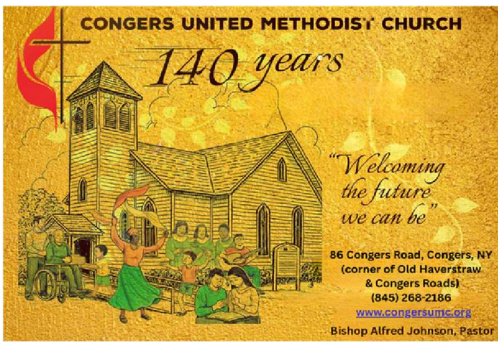
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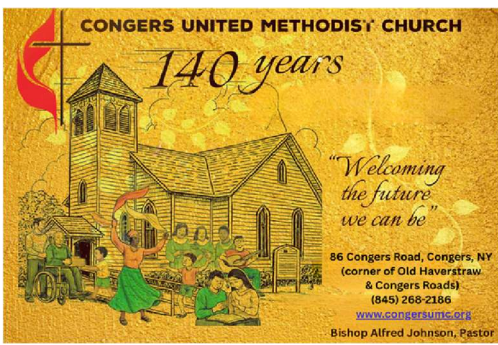
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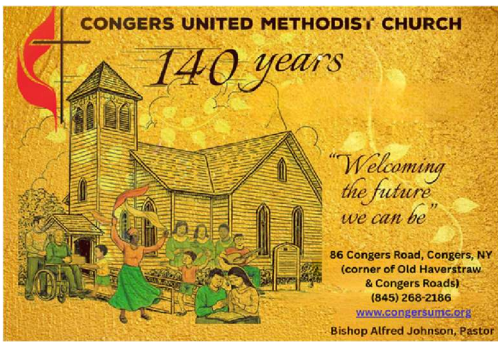
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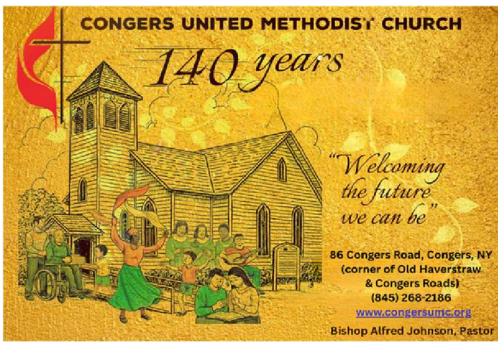
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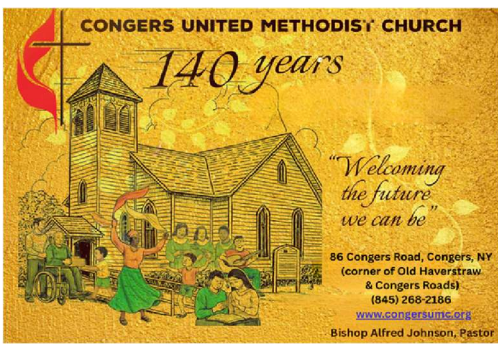
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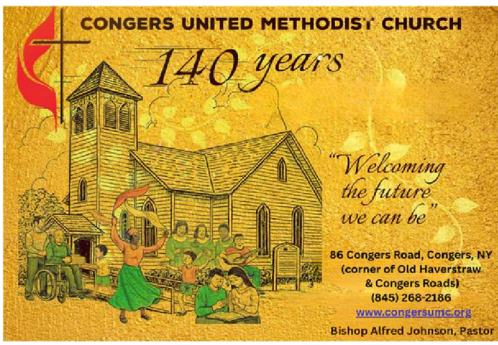
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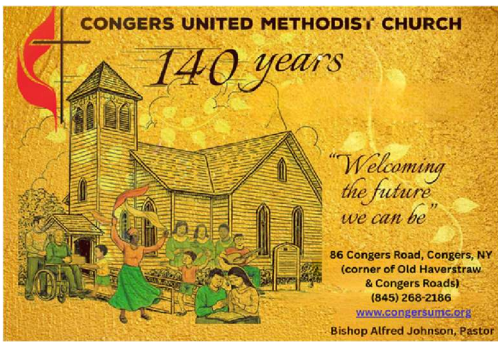
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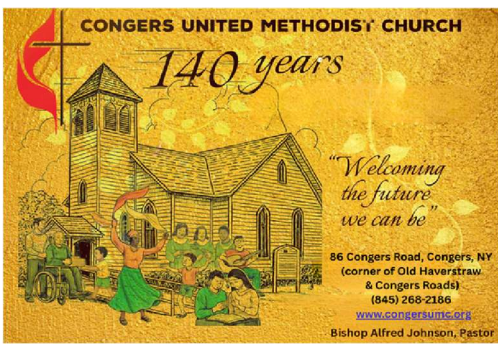
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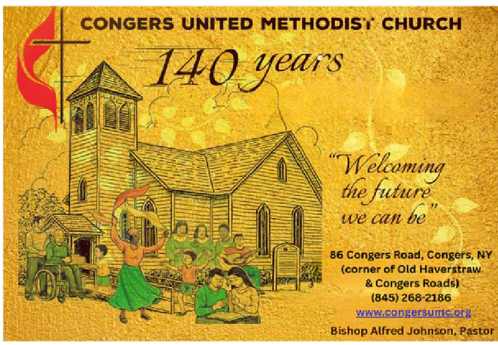
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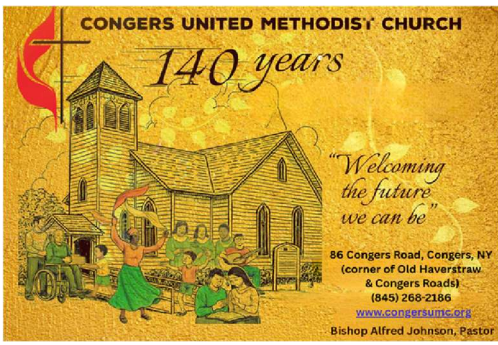
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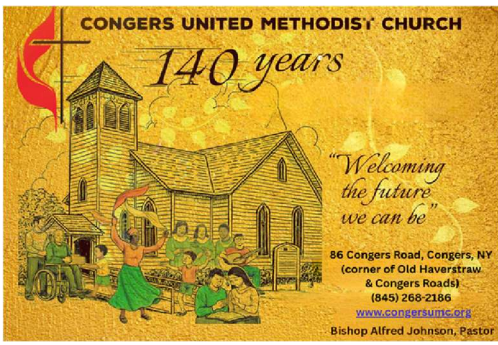
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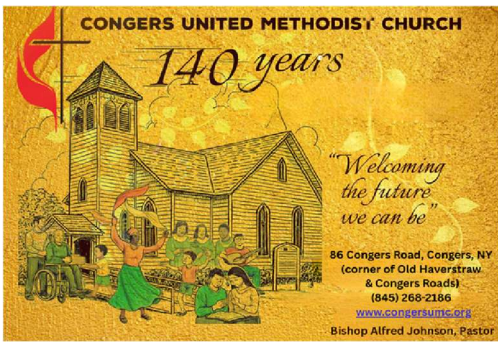
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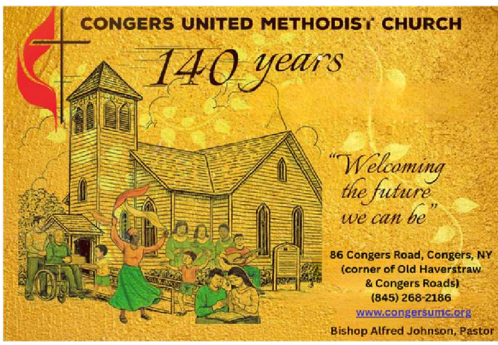
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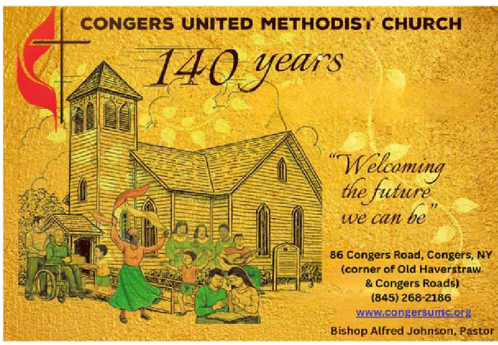
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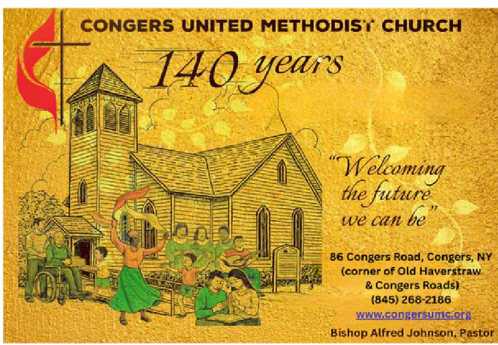
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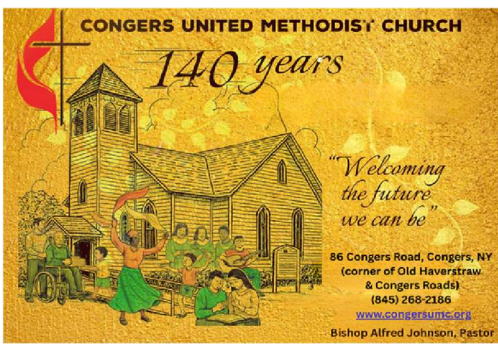
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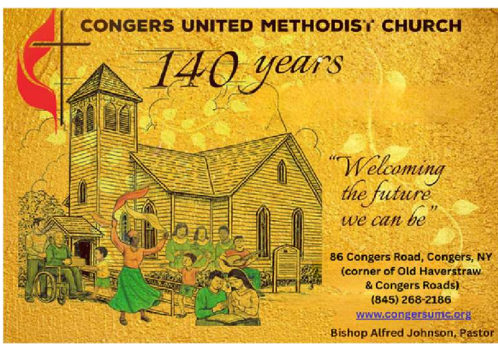
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We welcome The Reverend Gabrielle Corbett. Gabrielle, as our guest preacher and presider over our Charge Conference. She is Lead pastor of Suffern and Pearl River United Methodist Churches, soon to be *Living Hope UMC*. Deeply committed to leaning into new ways of being church, she is passionate about making disciples who transform the world. Ordained in the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference, she has served under appointment since 2014 and gives time to the wider church as Meadowlands DCOM chair and full inclusion chair for the Board of Ordained Ministry. A graduate of Smith College and Princeton Theological Seminary, she is now a Doctor of Ministry student at Northwind Theological Seminary. She is leading the 9 UMC churches in Rockland County to become a new powerful Cooperative witness to Christ for salvation, peace and justice. At home, she is kept busy and joyful by her husband, Matt, their children, Jesse and Georgia, 2 cats, 1 dog!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

COMPASSION PRAYERS

Please keep in heart and prayer church members, families, and friends who stand in the need of prayer. You can find the complete list on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. (If there are additions, removals, or amendments to this list, please let Pat Williams know.)



We pray for God's Peace and Justice throughout our country and throughout this world; such as the ongoing wars and conflicts between Israel and Palestine, Ukraine and Russia, Israel and Iran, our country and Iran, The Congo, Somalia and other parts of Africa, and other parts of our world. Global issues, such as, immigration, atomic energy, women and children abuse, active shootings, climate change, attacks on democracy, disarmament, food insecurity, the unsheltered, etc.

If you didn't bring your non-perishable food item to be donated to **PEOPLE TO PEOPLE**, this Sunday, and you would like to donate, bring it next week or see Francis Reid, coordinator, for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SPECIAL FUTURE PROJECTS:

Next Sunday: October 25, 10am, we will welcome a brief presentation by Dilcia Suazo of Proyecto Faro, Acting Co-Executive Director of Proyecto Faro (Project Light House) in Stony Point, NY, leading the organization's Legal Empowerment Program and community advocacy for immigrant rights. We will lift a special offering for this important work.

Sunday November 1, All Saints Sunday. We will remember and celebrate the "Saints" of our lives above with the calling of names and lighting of candles. We will also celebrate **Holy Communion**.

Saturday, November 7, 4pm, Boots on the Ground is coming back!! Tickets available now! More information will be forthcoming.