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**MAY 2024 Bethel Record/Newsletter**

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**Monthly Mission: Strengthen the Church**

Communion Sunday → May 5th

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE → May 15th

Office Closed Memorial Day → May 27th

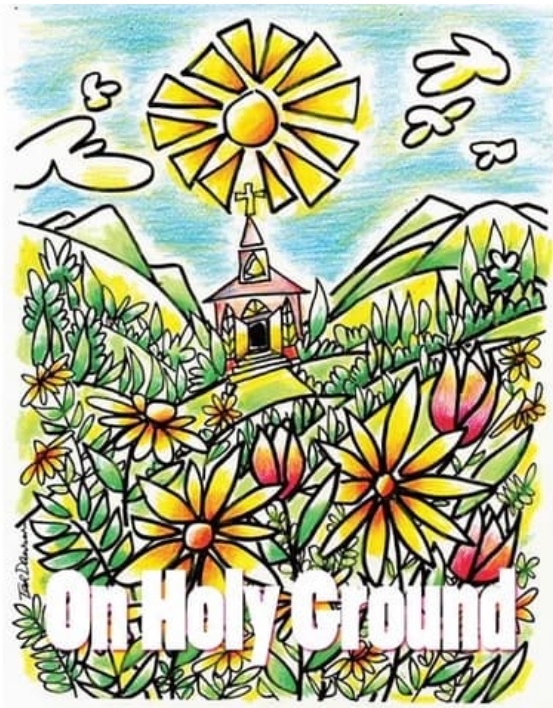
OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY - THURSDAY 8AM - 2 PM, FRIDAY CLOSED



**OUR VISION IS TO BE UNITED IN SEEKING GOD'S WILL  
AND SERVING ALL PEOPLE.**

**Because we affirm the face of God in all, we fully welcome and include people of all abilities, ages, cultures, gender identities, races, sexual orientations, and socio-economic backgrounds, into our life and ministry.**

**MISSION FOCUS - MAY 2024  
STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH**



The Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations.

As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults.

**NEHEMIAH ACTION - May 6th  
(Entire CAJE Network and Guests)  
St. Benedict School Auditorium  
Sign In 6:00 PM / Call to Order 6:30 PM**



Congregations Acting for Justice and Empowerment (CAJE)

Bethel had a great turn out and there was great energy at the recent CAJE rally. We know we can make our commitment of 30 to attend the rally. We have good news to share and good people to share it with. Mayor Terry has agreed to come, won't you? As of this writing, we already have 12. Please sign up in the narthex or by letting Barry Burleigh or Stephanie Weiner know.

## VISION MEETING

A Visioning forum will be held on **Sunday May 5th in the Fellowship Hall** after shortened Sunday services, including a 45-minute meeting. This follows our previous Vision Luncheon on April 7th, which saw over 30 members engaging in discussions about the future of Bethel.



### 4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SUMMER MUSICAL

Disney's The Little Mermaid, under the direction of Abby Thomas, is the Youth Musical for this summer!

#### Auditions:

Sat., April 27, 1-4 PM

Sun, April 28, 1 – 4 PM

All 6 – 18 year olds are welcome to try out.

#### Show Dates:

June 27-30, All at Bethel.

Times TBD

### APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT 2024

We are teaming up with our friends from Oberlin again this year. To connect with the group let the office know. Oberlin's contact is Erik Andrews.



### MEROM CAMP & RETREAT CENTER



Merom Camp and Retreat Center offers several camp programs throughout the summer. Each camp offers a unique experience to suit every kind of camper of all ages and backgrounds! What all of our camps share is that they provide a safe and fun environment to learn, make life long connections, and grow into their best self. All registrations and payments are due 1 week before the event.

Check out their website for more information on all of the camps offered this summer: <https://www.merom.org/summer-camps>

## BIBLE STUDY

- May 5: Mark 10:1-31
- May 12: Mark 10:32-52
- May 19: Mark 11
- May 26: Mark 12:1-17

**Please join us. We meet in the Youth Room, 103 each Sunday at 9 AM**

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## FRIDAY FRIENDS

The Friday Friends meet on the first and third Friday at 11 AM every month in Fellowship Hall. We each bring our own sack lunch, and someone brings dessert for all of us. Then we play cards or dominoes or “Apples to Apples.”

Sometimes we just chat, solving world problems or our own! We sure would like to make more friends! Everyone is welcome!

**How about having lunch with us on May 3rd and 17th?**

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## NINE TO DINE

This unique name was given to emphasize that both singles and couples should consider joining one of these dining out groups. Bethel currently has 3 groups who meet on a monthly basis. Those of you who do not participate in one of these groups, and would like to join, please give me a call. I am currently pondering starting a new group, and would be very pleased if those of you who are new to Bethel would consider joining in. It's a great way to learn more about each other while breaking bread at your favorite restaurant. I look forward to hearing from you.

Debbie Wilson  
812-470-0147

## ETSA: We're stronger together!

What a great annual meeting of the Evansville Tri-State Association of the United Churches of Christ: great worship and inspiring message from Billy Thompson, the faith relations manager of Habitat; upbeat reports from the IN-KY conference, UCS (the ETSA gave chairs for the shelter AND drawings are bring completed for Zion House, shared housing that will be available in what was Zion UCC's parsonage; Good Sam; CROP/Bread for the World; Back Bay; Sister Joanna's table; and Hope International “our” school in Nigeria.

We also voted and installed officers:

- **President (23-26) Emily Slade (Bethlehem)**
- **V-Pres (22-25) Terry Farmer (St. Paul's German Township)**
- **Sec. and Registrar (22-25) – Erin Vaughn (St. Paul's, Fort Branch)**
- **Treas. (24-27) Steve Worthington (Bethlehem)**

Committee on Ministry: Class of 2027: Jeff Long, JD Rose, Margaret Clem, De Brown; Class of 2026: Donna Schmidt; Dee Carithers, Elisabeth Baer, Doug Turner; Class of 2025: Lynn Marino, Sam Buehrer, LeeAnn Shafer

There is an unexpired term for a lay person in the class of 2025. Have an idea? Please share with Rev. Buehrer or Rev. Terry Farmer, chair of the Nominating Committee [tfarmer@fsolegal.com](mailto:tfarmer@fsolegal.com).



# Bethel Buddies

## Child Care & Preschool



**Morning Exercise**



**Getting Ready for the Eclipse**



**Music with Ms. Cynthia**



**Graduation Photos**

## NEWS FROM HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

**The UCC/DOC Build** at 500 Covert is really taking shape. Owner-to-be Brittany is really excited and really involved, getting her sweat equity hours in .. Framing will begin mid May. The dedication will occur in mid-August. More volunteer opportunities will be shared as they become available.



**The Appman/Bethel/Veterans build** is also coming along, right across the street at 419 Covert. Chance and his wife are also working on their sweat equity hours. We expect the framing to be in 1 to 3 weeks. Habitat is working with the wartime museum and the VFW. A large percentage of the core team are vets.



**Meanwhile:** The Perigo-Prickett Society is being hosted for its annual luncheon and program. Named for former Bethel president, Jim Perigo, and pastor, Jim Prickett, this society is composed of people who are naming Habitat in their estate plans. A number of Bethel members are already a part of this. Stephanie Weiner has an extra ticket if anyone is interested in exploring the possibility: **Thursday, May 16 at the Evansville Country Club.** As Millard Fuller and the plaque given members say, “Make no small plants.” Please let Stephanie know if you’d like to attend:

[stephanieweiner4@gmail.com](mailto:stephanieweiner4@gmail.com).

**And:** Join her and others for the **Annual Walk for Dreams.** Habitat will receive \$20,000 if it raises at least \$120,000 and is one of the top fundraisers. It will receive \$6,000 if it has the most walkers, \$6000 if it has at least 100 walkers and \$25 for every walker. Besides, it is a short and beautiful walk along the Ohio; the vibe is energizing, and the walking (or sitting) company can’t be beaten. **Sunday, May 19, 1 to 3 PM** at Bally’s, the Riverfront.



# BIRTHDAYS

## AND ANNIVERSARIES

### Happy May Anniversaries to:

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|---|------------------------------|----|----------------------------|
| 4 | Kraig & Jennifer Nance       | 10 | David & Michelle Vanhooser |
| 8 | Suzanne & Robert Farney      | 12 | Mike & Carol Roth          |
| 9 | Maureen & Dr. Harshad Parmar | 19 | Juanita & Elmer Paniamogan |

### Happy May Birthdays to:

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|----|------------------|----|-------------------|----|-------------------|
| 1  | Linda Garrett    | 14 | Kyra Webster      | 26 | Kayla Kemper      |
| 5  | Chance Webster   | 15 | Kaylann Payne     | 28 | Charlie Haller    |
| 9  | Micah Pricher    | 16 | Carlos Haskins    | 29 | Michael Vanhooser |
| 10 | Sharon Lawson    | 23 | Michael Vannatter | 30 | Stephanie Weiner  |
| 10 | Luke Lawson      | 24 | Marilyn Baggerly  |    |                   |
| 13 | Jennifer Webster | 24 | Bob Bennett       |    |                   |

**Family and Friends Serving in the Active Military** - We hold in our prayers: \* Jacob Swanson, Army, grandson of Ruth Willis.

### Memorials:

Funds were given to the Helping Hands Account and General Memorial Fund in Memory of Mary Jean Johns from Frank Schultheis.

## Nursing/Rehab/Retirement Home/Homebound

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(812)704-0059

Physical Address:

Celebrations Assisted Living  
5311 Rosebud Lane, Apt. 313, Newburgh, IN 47630

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Victor Luhring (149)

Heritage Center 429-0700  
1201 W Buena Vista Rd., Evansville, IN 47710

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Harriet Anderson (103)

Holiday Villa  
1200 W Buena Vista Rd., Evansville, IN 47710

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Nancy Westbo (153)

North Park Nursing Center 425-5243  
650 Fairway Dr., Evansville, IN 47710

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Letta Fraccaro (1119)

Covenant Living at The Holmstad  
700 W. Fabyan Pkwy, Batavia, IL 60510

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Linda Garrett (117)  
Marianna & Jim Vogel (226)

Primrose Retirement Community  
9800 Lincoln Ave., Newburgh, IN 47630

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Jeanette Plane- (South Rm.3)

Protestant Home 476-3360  
3701 Washington Ave., Evansville, IN 47714

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Sandra Altheide (316)  
Ritchie Taylor (528)

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3001 Galaxy Dr., Evansville, IN 47715

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