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Vacation Bible School
July 25-27



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.



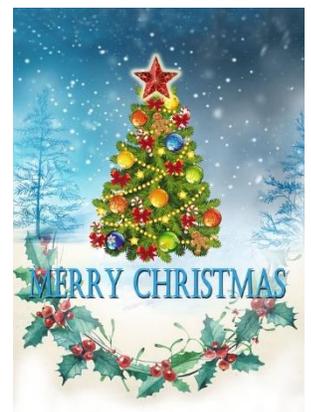
W.I.S.E. Church Meeting: Sunday, July 11th (after the church service). This is a follow up to our May meeting regarding the groups to support our community, the Bethel congregation, and beyond through difficult times. At our first meeting, the following groups were discussed: Be a Friend Group, Life Changes Group, and Grief Group. Please join us and let us know what group(s) interest you.

Weekly Thursday Email: If are not already receiving our weekly Thursday email of announcements and upcoming events, please email Ruth Saalweachter at ruths@bethelucc.org, to be added to the email list. If you use to get the emails but have suddenly quit receiving them, you may have been accidently unsubscribed. Please contact the office and you will be re-subscribed. If you are already receiving the Thursday emails, you don’t need to contact the office. Thank you.

**Join us for CHRISTMAS IN JULY on Sunday, July 18.
Christmas Worship Service at 10:15 a.m.
Ice Cream Social following Worship**

Stock Up Stockwell: As a *very early Christmas present* for Stockwell Elementary School please consider bringing one or more of the items below to church on *any Sunday in July*. Envelopes for financial donations are in the pews.

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| Ticonderoga #2 pencils | Art boxes |
| Jumbo Kindergarten Ticonderoga pencils | 1-inch binders |
| Crayola 24-count crayons | Composition notebooks |
| Crayola colored pencils | Post-it notes |
| Black Expo dry-erase markers, chisel tip | Kleenex |
| Pocket folders with or without prongs | Clorox wipes |
| Reams of copy paper, white or color | Ziploc bags, sandwich or gallon |
| Financial donations for children’s underwear | |



Our mission focus for July is Stockwell School. Please use the above list of needed items when you shop for school supplies. If you prefer to donate money for needed items, please make checks payable to Bethel UCC, and put Stockwell School Supplies in the memo line. (Special envelopes will be in the pews.)



Early Childhood Committee: Our Bethel Buddies Child Care and Preschool is quickly filling up with children whose families are excited about our program! Current enrollment is 28. In August, we will be caring for at least 34 children. All four rooms are open: Infants, 3s, 4s, and 5s. Denise is working on hiring an afternoon teacher for the 3 year-olds. She was able to hire seasonal staff members for the summer so that the regular staff could take vacations.

A big thank you goes out to those in our Bethel family who have provided enrichment experiences for students. Leesa Scales, Joan English, and Bob English all volunteered to help with the gardening experience. Bob was a huge hit, and many of the boys have mentioned that he is super cool. Cynthia Grassman is celebrating music once a month, and we are hoping Sam and/or Debra will be able to provide a Chapel experience monthly. We've also had Chuck Payne, from another church, as a monthly volunteer reader and a Traveling Artist program for the children. Denise is planning a special water activities day for later in the summer.

Please like and share the Bethel Buddies Facebook page. Facebook provides great visibility for our program in the community. Denise posts fun photos of the activities that the little ones are doing. Several families have enrolled because they saw our Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/BethelBuddies>

Congratulations to two more graduates!

Ellie Kemper, daughter of Susan and Brady Kemper, and granddaughter of the Reverend Don and Mrs. Jean Bernhardt, graduated with honors from FJ Reitz High School, and from the EVSC Medical Professions Academy. Ellie will attend Indiana University in the fall and study biology/pre-med.



Elise Umbach, daughter of Sara and John Umbach, and granddaughter of the Reverend Don and Mrs. Jean Bernhardt, graduated with honors from FJ Reitz High School and from the EVSC Medical Professions Academy. She will attend DePauw University in the fall where she will be a part of the Honor Scholar program and a member of the women's swim team. Elise will study biochemistry in preparation for applying to veterinary school after graduation from DePauw.

Deadline for the August newsletter is July 21st.

On Being Good Stewards of the Earth and Our Resources: The earth is the LORD's, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. (*Psalm 24:1 KJV*)

What a grand day June 6 was as the congregation voted unanimously to install solar panels that are expected to provide 100% of our electrical needs! This was made possible by the legacy gift of Jeanne Carter. Hurray for Bethel UCC! Solar will help us be good stewards. Hurray for Jeanne Carter! She continues to teach us.

Because of Jeanne's generosity, this will not cost us money but it will save us, enabling us to do more ministry. We are grateful for her gift. At the same time, it is good for each of us to have some "skin in the game." As Patti Coleman so eloquently stated this not just about money; it is about saving the earth for our children and their children.

I shared a check list, asking each of us to mark one (or more) actions that we are willing to take. Many of us weren't present because of summer plans or COVID. So, I'm asking the same of those who weren't there.

- _____ Talk with one other person about climate change.
- _____ Restart Bethel's Green Team.
- _____ Join Tri-State Creation Cares.
- _____ Unplug any appliance that isn't used generally.
- _____ Write letters to state legislators (We'll provide contact info if needed.)
- _____ Clean refrigerator coils.
- _____ Buy a new houseplant.
- _____ Use cloth towels and napkins rather than paper.
- _____ Use a canvas leash for your dog rather than a nylon one.
- _____ Read your magazines and pass them on.
- _____ Consider putting solar in for one's own property.
- _____ A favorite one that you add _____.

So far, the runaway favorite is "Unplug any appliance that isn't used generally." Did you know that any instant on appliance, like a TV, computer, or coffee maker is constantly draining energy as long as it is plugged in? As some of you know, I'm spending a good amount of time away from Evansville. My exit includes unplugging lots of devices – and my electric bill shows it. ☺ I'm eager to restart the Green Team. Won't you join me? ~ With faith and hope, Stephanie Weiner, Stephanieweiner4@gmail.com

JOYS & CONCERNS – Please continue to pray for those who are suffering from physical, emotional, or mental health issues. Pray for those who work in essential services, for families, for neighbors, for the community at large. “And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.” Ephesians 4:32

We mourn the loss of: Ed Komuves (husband of Louella) who died May 29.

Family and Friends Serving in the Active Military - We hold in our prayers:

* Scott and Will Kirk, Air Force, grandsons of Carmen Mazick.

* Jacob Swanson, Army, grandson of Ruth Willis.

MEMORIALS:

A memorial was given in memory of Ed Komuves, to the Helping Hand Fund, from Joan & Bruce Roth.



Happy July Birthdays to:

2	Jean Bernhardt	9	Donna Condi	21	Jennifer Neiswinger
	Kim Farney		Gale Neidig	22	Shirley Mangold
	Donna Herum	12	Colin Burleigh	23	Sam Buehrer
3	Nyla Schmitt		Brenda Phelps	24	Joan Ritter
4	Sue Dills	13	Charles Marx	25	Eliza Schuff
	Mark Neidig		Story Thomas	26	Darlene Neidig
5	Nila Finney	15	Derek Perigo	27	Keith Greubel
6	Matthew Neiswinger	17	Larry Appman		Delores Padgett
7	Barry Burleigh	20	Larry Coleman	28	Jana Bonifer
	Daniel Glaser	21	Gerald Hudson	29	Rebecca Fehd

Happy July Anniversaries to:

9	Haley & Chris Schmitt	23	Sue & Jerry Dills (55)
10	Jo Ann & Joe Harris (50)		Andrea & James Wright
	Nita & Jim Voorhees (66)	24	Kacie & Chris Whiteley
14	Cindy & Robert Shafer	28	Leesa & Scott Scales
18	Ellen & Sam Buehrer		

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Dear Bethel Family: Thank you for helping in making the wheelchair ramp possible. I have been homebound for the past year, due to my stage 3 rheumatoid arthritis. The wheelchair ramp has allowed me the mobility to see my doctors and having tests done. A grateful thank you to all that made this happen. Please keep me in your prayers. ~ Yours in Christ, **Susie Jett Phillips**



Dear Friends at Bethel UCC: Thank you. Your generosity is helping people who are homeless, hungry, and hurting keep their dignity. Your compassion is allowing people to rebuild their lives. Your unconditional love is restoring joy to those in need empowering them toward success. Thank you for your donation of \$5,000 to **United Caring Services**. You are helping UCS provide the basic needs of life – food, clothing, safety, and shelter. You are helping people receive the necessities they need to flourish – love, faith, hope, and housing. In 2020 more than 2,900 lives were improved thanks to you. Your continued support is important and appreciated as we strengthen our *Community of Caring* for all people. Together, we will break the cycle of poverty and homelessness. ~ Sincerely, Jason Emmerson, Executive Director

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Contact Debra Niswonger for more information at

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The Good Samaritan Home is seeking large print books. One of the residents is working with the activities department to update the Good Samaritan Home libraries. They would like to supplement the collections with more books. If you have books (LARGE PRINT ONLY) that you would like to donate, please bring them to the Good Samaritan Home, 601 N Boeke Road in Evansville. Or contact Rev. Michael Erwin, mberwin@gmail.com, 812-250-9399, to make arrangements for delivery.

