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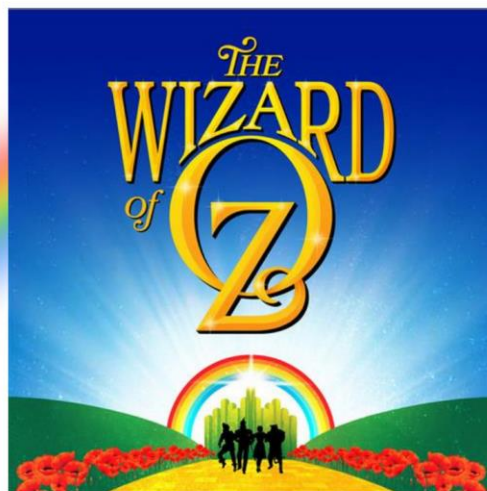
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“Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called
children of God.” Matt. 5:9



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.



July 21, 22, 23, 24

@ Bethel UCC 3029 N Green River Rd

Visit www.dreamstreetstudio.org for tickets!

SHOW TIMES:

Thursday July 21st, 6PM

Friday, July 22nd, 6PM

Saturday July 23rd, 6PM

Sunday, July 24th, 3PM

Tickets will also be available at the door.



Habitat for Humanity is our mission focus for August. Habitat for Humanity partners with people in our community, and all over the world, to help people to build or improve a place they can call home. Habitat homeowners help build their own homes alongside volunteers, and pay an affordable mortgage. With community support, Habitat homeowners achieve the strength, stability, and independence they need to build a better life for themselves and for their families. If you would like to donate to this ministry, envelopes will be available in church through the end of August. Thank you.

The excitement builds: We are pleased that the Diversion Center is almost a reality. Many have asked, “When will it open?” Answer: We can’t open until we hire staff. We can’t hire staff until we know how many nights we can function. While the County Commissioners are recommending the \$500,000 amount to the County Council, that vote has not been taken. We hope the vote will happen soon. Then, we can count on the \$500,000 from the county in addition to the \$300,000 we are assured from the city. Given that, we expect to open by the beginning of 2023. "In the unlikely event, we don’t get the \$500,000, we will evaluate the possibility to open on a less than ideal, reduced scale with the city’s \$300,000 and any support we receive from local stakeholders in and beneficiaries of the program Thanks for asking; thanks for supporting us. United Caring Services



“Uncage” Justice:

Bethel is a member of CAJE: Congregations Acting for Justice and Empowerment. On July 17, it was our privilege to host our newly assigned organizer, Yvonne Martin; to thank Janel Allen for serving as our Team Leader; and to think again about how we are involved in doing justice as well as loving kindness and walking humbly with God, (Micah 6:8). It was great to have 21 at the spring’s Nehemiah Action Assembly, our yearly accountability gathering. It is great to have 20 members on our Bethel Justice Network. Our next involvement will be to have members at the vote of the County Council on the \$500,000 requested for the Diversion Center, date and time to be announced, stay tuned.



Turning Green:

As so many parts of the world experience life threatening heat and devastating droughts. We are so fortunate to have air conditioning and water. Still, we are part of God's global family. What we do affects our brothers and sisters, as well as ourselves. The Department of Energy estimates savings of about 1 percent for each degree of thermostat adjustment per 8 hours, and recommends turning thermostats back or up 7 to 10 degrees from their normal settings for 8 hours per day to achieve annual savings of up to 10%. Heating and cooling your home makes up about half of your energy bill, using more energy and costing more money than any other system in the house.

PRAYER SHAWLS FOR GENERAL SYNOD 2023



Whether you knit, sew, crochet, or have NO CRAFT SKILLS at all, you can participate!

Prayer shawls can be triangular, rectangular, or square, and generally sized to go around an adult's shoulders or be used as a lap blanket.

You can make them with yarn, fleece, or any other material.



A target number right now is to have 650 prayer shawls to come from our respective churches. At the IKC Annual Meeting in 2023, we hope to begin to assemble and display the shawls and bless the shawls.

For more information on this project or anything else regarding the IKC General Synod Local Arrangements Committee, contact Co- Chairs, Becky Moore or Rev. Merlyn Lawrence at generalsynod2023@ikcucc.org.



Bethel sent \$2000 to help our friends rebuild after Hurricane Odette. Our funds are at work. Here is the letter from Edwin Consigna who is on the scene doing the work of helping. He is also the friend and colleague of our member the Rev. Neneng Paniamogan, who helped us know of the need. Our thanks to Christy Woywood for tussling with the international banking system. See the letter below.

From Brother Edwin Consigna

“Our Dear Brethren in Christ Jesus,

We are proud to praise and glorify our living God for His blessing until this time!

The United Church of Christ in the Philippines (UCCP) here in Siargao District, Surigao del Norte will extend a heartfelt and unspeakable thanks to our God. Wherein the Churches is one of the chosen and worthy of help and really great need to be rebuilt and its members are simple farmers, fishers, and motorbike drivers, construction workers which also damaged last storm super typhoon Odette and now thanks to the Lord and BETHEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 3029 North Green River road, Evansville IN 47715.

In connection with this, we are very proud in our Lord through your effort with vision of love and integrity, fairness and concern for others that we are now witnessing. It is a great and beautiful history of our lives that we can pass on to the next generation that God is with us always. HE not forsaken us and there is really hope, love, and joy behind the great devastating event we encountered.

Praise God through you (Bethel United Church of Christ) who are worrying and thinking in this way to help us despite your hectic schedule in the ministry and busy individual life. We also pray that the living God will continue to shower of blessings upon you and your family. Again, thank you very much, we appreciated your effort. Glory and honor God.”

Thank you for supporting Bethel's Christmas in July Celebration! The Bethel congregation was so generous in giving school supplies and monetary donations for Stockwell students. Your monetary donations will purchase underwear for students in need and additional school supplies. A detailed list of all donations will appear in the September Record. Thank you!

JOYS & CONCERNS –

- Congratulations to Wilder and Janel Allen on the birth of their granddaughter!
- Congratulations to Mike and Carol Roth on their wedding!
- Our gratitude to Christy Woywood for assuming the duties of custodian as well as financial secretary.
- Congratulations to Bobby and Jamessa Potts on the adoption of Clayton Gene Potts

Thank you to Linda Garrett, Rev. Vivian Horn, and Margret Clem for your contributions to Jean Bernhardt's Memorial Fund.

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.

Happy August Birthdays to:

2	Carol Garvey	11	Sherri Hudson	19	Bradley Neiswinger
3	Joan Roth		Ryan Langford	21	Clay Schmitt
4	Jacob English		Corey Schmitt	22	Mary Lee Korb
6	Cindy Perigo	13	Deborah Josey	26	Gary Tichenor
	Jamessa Potts		James Vogel	29	Letta Fraccaro
	Claire Rowley	14	Frank Schultheis	30	Lee McRae
10	Sandra Altheide	18	Emily Gallmeister		

Happy August Anniversaries to:

1	Vicki & Gary Tichenor	19	Joan & Bob English
4	Nancy & Fred Bullinger	25	Tracy & Todd Lamkin
12	Patti & Mickey Manley	29	Brenda & Mark Neidig
17	Brenda & Stuart Perigo		
	Kelly & Derek Perigo		

BETHEL UCC NEEDS YOU

Do you love flowers, bushes and small trees????

We need you to volunteer to help keep the plants that live in and accentuate Bethel's campus, healthy and beautiful!!! One, two, three or even more hours per week would be appreciated. Please contact Donna Condi at d.condi@twc.com or

812 812-479-5788



WHO AM I?

I am a Bethel Buddy and I sit in the pews with you. If you are aware of someone in your family, neighborhood, or workplace who is coping with an illness or a difficult time in their life, and really needs an extra hug, please take one of us. We would love to hear any stories about how a Bethel Buddy brought comfort to the person that received it.



Bethel Church is seeking to begin a grief group. This group is open for anyone who would benefit from support. Invite friends who has experienced a loss of any kind. This is a way for the church to be the church. For more information, contact Letta Fraccaro, or the church office.



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Preschool needs your help!

September 1st-Bethel Buddies- Drive in Movie Day!

We will provide a box and materials for families to take home. We will ask them to work together and make their child a pretend car to bring to preschool for our drive in movie day.

- We need more boxes approximately 20x16x14
- Plastic plates for wheels (black)
- Aluminum foil
- Cupcake liners (silver) headlights
- Paper towel tubes
- Masking tape
- Packaging tape-clear
- Glue
- Markers
- Small solo cups
- Large refrigerator box for concession stand
- Small bags for popcorn
- Movie props



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