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Rally Day
Sunday, September 11th

“Keep Your Options Open”

From the Pastor . . . Rev. Sam Buehrer

“Recently I was in a conversation with someone from Bethel and the comment was made, “Keep your options open.” When that statement was made, it brought a smile to my face for it was a favorite statement of my departed father-in-law. He often told my boys when they were growing up, “Keep your options open.”

Well, as Bethel UCC prepares for the coming program year we have many options and opportunities before us. Below are just a few.

On September 11, we will be celebrating Rally Day and the start of a new season of Christian Education. The Faith Formation Team is being planning events for that day and beyond. Keep your eyes and ears open for what is to come.

Regarding adult education, we had such a good response to a six-week education program we offered in the spring on Sunday mornings that we are planning a 7week session using the resource “Living the Questions.” The fall theme for the fall series will be “Invitation to Journey.” Look for a start date in September.

With September, comes the start-up of our music program. Additional voices for the choir and additional bell ringers are always welcome. We are also hoping to take advantage of some of the digital equipment that we now have for creating a digital choir. We are excited about the vast opportunities this resource opens up to us. Stay tuned.

We recently received notice of the Evansville Tri-State Association annual trip to Back Bay Biloxi, Mississippi. The trip is scheduled for October 29-November 5. The cost for participants \$300 and include food for the week. There are no special skills required, and opportunities to serve include, cleaning, helping with laundry, working in the food pantry, preparing and serving meals, painting and construction. If interested, contact the office.

The Indiana-Kentucky Conference, UCC (IKC) will be hosting General Synod this coming year. General Synod is the national meeting of the United Church of Christ. Upwards of 5,000 people literally from around the world, all part of the UCC or related to our ministries, will descend on Indianapolis toward the end of June. This is a great opportunity to experience the grand work of the UCC. To make this happen, the IKC is looking for volunteers as well as for financial contributions. The IKC has set a goal of enlisting over 400 volunteers. They have also set a goal of raising \$70,000. Since I am on the IKC Board of Directors, I have already indicated to the board that they can depend upon me as a volunteer (I hope to enlist others from Bethel) and that I have told them that they can expect at least \$2,000 from Bethel toward their financial goal. I have no doubt that many of you will help me to cover this pledge.

These are but a few of the options before us. I look forward to seeing where you will join me along this journey.

Peace, Rev. Sam Buehrer

Preschool needs your help!



Bethel Buddies
Child Care & Preschool

September 9th-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.

Low income families cannot afford to purchase these items. A donation of these items or a monetary donation is greatly appreciated.

- We need more boxes approximately 20x16x14 (35)
- Aluminum foil
- Cupcake liners (silver) headlights (64)
- Masking tape (35)
- Packaging tape-clear (35)
- Glue sticks
- Markers (10)
- Small solo cups (120)
- Large refrigerator box for concession stand (1)
- Movie props

Thank you for your help!

Mission Focus for September – Our focus for this month is The Good Samaritan Home, which opened its doors in 1962 to provide for the long term health care needs of the elderly. Since then, it has grown to its present 128 nursing home beds, 18 residential apartments, and 54 bed Alzheimer's community (Pathways). An additional 30 bed Medicare neighborhood, The Pavilion, provides short term skilled care. The mission of The Good Samaritan Home is to provide a caring community through an atmosphere of Christian love and concern. There will be envelopes in the pews if you would like to support this ministry.



From Stockwell Staff and Students,

“Dear Bethel Church, Stockwell is once again amazed and overjoyed at your school supply donations! Our students and staff sure do benefit from the generosity of the Bethel Congregation. Praying for a great school year!”



**Stockwell Informational Meeting
Monday, August 29, 1 PM
Everyone is welcome!**

The 2022-23 school year has begun. We will be called upon soon to help with events at Stockwell School. We'd like to share our experiences from the last school year and tell you about what we might expect this year. Ms. Owen has already given us a schedule for some events. Everyone is invited, those who have volunteered in the past, those who think they might want to try it, those who want to know more about our connection to Stockwell, and those who just want to share some snacks with friends!

Hope to see you in Fellowship Hall!

Stock Up Stockwell – The Final Count!

Thank you for donating school supplies!!

Thank you for the financial donations!!!

A Grand total of \$1,107.00 was collected.

Stockwell students are using these items right now as you read this!

- 301 Ticonderoga #2 pencils 13 Art boxes
- 58 Jumbo Kindergarten Ticonderoga pencils 10 1-inch binders
- 33 Crayola 24-count crayons 27 Composition notebooks
- 27 Crayola colored pencils 8 Post-it notes
- 95 Black Expo dry-erase markers chisel tip 7 Kleenex
- 11 Clorox wipes 16 spiral notebooks
- 4 pkgs. Wide ruled paper
- Boys underwear, 7 pair to a package in sizes XS, S, M, L, XL.
- Girls underwear, 14+4 pair to a package in sizes 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16
- Your financial donations were so generous that Bethel was able to make a
- Significant donation toward the cost of safety window film for Stockwell's entrance.



The Evansville Tri-State Association is once again traveling to Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Mississippi and *you* are invited to come along! The trip will be October 29-November 5. The cost is \$300 per participant and includes food for the week. There are no special skills required, and opportunities to serve include cleaning, helping with laundry, working in the food pantry, preparing and serving meals, painting and construction.

If you have questions or want to learn more, reach out to Dee Carithers (812-483-3352 or dlcarithers@hotmail.com) or Brian Newton (812-455-5102 or bfignewton0717@gmail.com). We hope you'll consider joining us!

IT'S NOT ALL NAILS AND PAINT!

Work campers going on our mission trip to Biloxi, should keep in mind that this is a mission experience that goes beyond hammers and paint brushes!



Here are some ideas to provide a change of pace or to keep non-construction participants busy:

MICAH DAY CENTER.

On Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays volunteers assist staff with serving the needs of our homeless guests who come during the morning for showers, laundry, use of the telephone and computer, and to sign up for other services offered.

Volunteers help run the laundry equipment, clean the showers between each use, and monitor the supply room. In between tasks, you get a chance to chat with our guests, too!



FOOD PANTRY

This small room in our Administration Building is where we stock food items which can be given to persons who stop in during the week for emergency assistance. Two volunteers can help us restock shelves, keep them in order, sort for expiration dates, and generally help with related tasks on Monday, Wednesday and Friday (9-11:30).

LOAVES & FISHES

Back Bay Mission has a long history with the Loaves & Fishes Soup Kitchen. Monday thru Friday to assist with meal preparation, serving, and clean up. pants and if group includes anyone under the age of 18, must be



Volunteers are needed
Volunteers must wear long
accompanied by an adult.

AND, OF COURSE, all the skills and energy you can recruit for housing recovery jobs: painting, dry wall, carpentry, roofing, cabinetry work, flooring – and other tasks on your skill sheet.

WE'RE STRONGER TOGETHER

We do important ministry, as part of the United Church of Christ in the greater Evansville area. There is a lot to do and a lot to celebrate. Our lives have been touched and our community made stronger by an amazing group of leaders, clergy and lay.

Here are some updates:

President of the Evansville Tri-State Association (ETSA): The Rev. Emily Slade, pastor of Bethlehem UCC, as the Rev. Brian Buschkill and his family moves to England.

Chair of the Committee on Ministry: The Rev. Thom Webster, co-pastor of Zion Evangelical, Downtown, on the retirement of the Rev. Mary Hurley.

Upcoming Ecclesiastical Council: for Terry Farmer, currently authorized minister for St. Paul's (German Township). An Ecclesiastical Council is the last step toward ordination and requires a vote by members of the Association. Please join us September 18 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Paul's German Township, 8701 Cynthiana Road. If you would like to view the candidate's ordination paper, polity paper, and/or his CV, please reach out to the ETSA secretary, Ms. Erin Vaughan at emgkvaughan@gmail.com by September 11.

Additional Comings and Goings

Godspeed to those who are moving from the area:

Mrs. Marilane Becker as she moves to Schererville, IN

The Rev. Jeanne Johnston as she moves to Illinois

The Rev. Dave and Mrs. Cheryl Marshall moving to Louisiana.

Welcome to:

The Rev. Kimron and Mrs. Jennifer Reising as they move back from Florida;

The Rev. J.D. Rose as he assumes the pastorate of St. Paul's UCC, currently nesting at Zion UCC, (Downtown)

God bless:

The family of Steven Oeth, a lay minister, member of Zion UCC, Elberfeld, who served area churches and died August 12

Pastoral changes

The Rev. Deborah McBride is now serving at Albion Bacon Fellows Center

IN OTHER NEWS:

Good Samaritan Home continues our futuring process, expecting to call a meeting of the corporate ownership (the churches of ETSA and Lincoln Land, plus St. John's in Vincennes and Saron in Linton) this fall.

United Caring Services awaits the final word on funding from Vanderburgh County which will determine how many days the Diversion Center can be open, and hence the staff we need. A recent Board retreat enabled us to work on our strategic plan which, along with the Holy Spirit, will outline our work for the next 3 to 5 years.

WE MOURN the loss of Arline Taylor who passed away on August 6th.

MEMORIALS

Thank you Stephanie Weiner and Harriet Anderson for your donations in memory of Arline Taylor.

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 September Anniversaries to:

6	Rachel & Ben Luttrull	13	Laurel & Stephen Vanhooser
11	Gail & Rick Olson	23	Theresa & Jim Lamb
13	Patti & Larry Coleman	28	Donna & Richard Condi

Happy September Birthdays to:

1	Susan Pauli	12	Terri Schultheis	26	Karen Haas
2	Eva Bender	13	Susann Jett-Phillips		Carolyn Klassy
4	Patti Coleman	19	Kacie Whiteley	28	Lisa Parker
5	Brent McRae	20	Wilder Allen	29	Tiffany Neidig
8	Regena Bell	21	Vicki Langford		Gabriel Schentrup
11	Bella Brantley	22	Tonya Brantley		
	Michele Vanhooser	23	Theresa Lamb		

Deadline for the October newsletter is September 21st

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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.



Nursing/Rehab/Retirement Home/Homebound

Atria Assisted Living 618-9685

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