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**NOVEMBER 2022 Bethel Record/Newsletter**

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All Saints Sunday & Communion, November 6<sup>th</sup>  
Stewardship Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>  
First Sunday of Advent, November 27<sup>th</sup>

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.

“Possibilities Abound”

Over the years, many of our faithful members who believe in the ministry of Bethel UCC have chosen to give legacy gifts to Bethel. Some have chosen to name Bethel in their wills as a recipient of a portion of their estate. Others have chosen to name Bethel as a direct recipient of funds such as IRA's or other investment funds. Whenever Bethel has received these funds, on each occasion it has allowed Bethel to move forward in its ministry in a way it could not have otherwise. In the recent years, some of these gifts have allowed us to remodel and upgrade our facility so that it is now the beautiful building that you see today. A recent gift allowed us to install the solar array that produces most of our electrical needs over the course of the year and made us less dependent upon fossil fuels for our energy needs. The installation of the solar array helps us to live into our vision of caring for God's creation.

Recently we were informed that Larry Appman had named Bethel as the beneficiary of several of his investment funds. Knowing of Larry's generosity to Bethel, another member stepped forward and approached the Mission Team and the Leadership Council with the following proposal. Believing that the church is at its best when it is reaching out and serving others and knowing that Habitat for Humanity holds a special place in the history and ministry of Bethel, he proposed the following. He would like to see Bethel raise enough money to fund a house for Habitat for Humanity. The goal would be to raise \$80,000. To make that happen, he and his wife would make a gift of \$25,000 to Bethel if we would be willing to match it with \$25,000 from Larry Appman's legacy gift. We would then need to raise the remaining \$30,000. Both the Mission Team and the Leadership Council are in support this endeavor. On October 17 th , the Leadership Council passed a motion to use a portion of Larry's moneys to match the gift of \$25,000. We are already aware that there has been another pledge of \$5,000 made toward this goal.

As a way of honoring Larry and his passion for helping veterans, it was decided that the home would be built in Larry's name and that it be offered to a veteran in which to live. We talked with Habitat for Humanity and they thought this was a great idea. In fact, they informed us that they have a group of veterans who would be more than willing to be the volunteers on the build. What a wonderful way to honor that legacy gift of Larry's and his passion for helping veterans.

Would you join us in helping to meet this goal of raising \$80,000? We already have \$55,000 pledged and only need to raise an additional \$25,000. Please help us turn this dream into a reality.

Also, if you are able, please consider naming Bethel UCC in your will or as a beneficiary of some of your funds. By so doing, long after you and I are gone, Bethel could continue to do some amazing work.

Peace,

Rev. Sam Buehrer



## Thanksgiving Baskets

Bethel is continuing its tradition of helping local families with a basket of food and household items during the week of Thanksgiving. Six of the baskets will help Stockwell families. Last year Ms. Owen, Stockwell's principal, let us know that she and the Stockwell families were overwhelmed with our generosity. On Sunday, October 30, there will be a board in the Narthex that has suggested items to purchase. Since shopping can still be difficult and some store shelves are still bare at times, there will be envelopes in the pews for financial donations. Please make checks out to Bethel and write Thanksgiving on the memo line. You are welcome to bring your donations on the Sundays of November 6th, 13th, and 20th. Baskets will be delivered on November 21st.

Thank you!



**All Saints Sunday:** On November 6th at our 10:15 a.m. worship service we will remember those who died this past year. Communion will be celebrated, as well.

**Stewardship Sunday:** On November 13th we will celebrate our stewardship of the resources God has given to us.

**Advent Begins:** Join us for worship on Sunday, November 27th, the first Sunday of Advent.

**Reminder:** The church office will be closed on November 24th & 25th in observance of Thanksgiving.



Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour on Sunday, November 6 at 2:00 a.m. (or before you retire on November 5).



**Dear Bethel members,**

With a \$25 order, you can pick a FREE \$ Book (use code: READS).

Shop Bethel Buddies Class page: <https://orders.scholastic.com/LZK4J>

Shope Digital for Our Grade with your child: <https://clubs.scholastic.com/prek>

Share the class page link to extended family and friends. All orders also earn FREE books for our class.

Thank you for your support!



Bethel would like to welcome our nursery care employees. Hannah Jamison and Deborah Reising. Hannah and Deborah are available to Bethel members bringing their children to Sunday service.

### **2022 Congregational Meeting**

Dear Bethel Congregation,

Our Annual Fall Congregational meeting on Sunday, October 23rd. The meeting will take place in the Sanctuary immediately following the 10:15 am Worship Service and zoom will be available.

The Agenda for the meeting will include Leadership Council Members for 2023 and proposed By-law changes. (copies are available in the narthex)

Please take the time to review the enclosed information prior to the 23rd and feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns as well.

I feel good about what our Church has going on, its life, and I am excited to continue visioning with you about what else we can achieve with God's Grace.

Blessings,  
Joan English

**Proposed By law changes, click below link**

<https://bethelucc.org/mt-content/uploads/2022/10/bethel-bylaws-2022-with-proposed-changes.pdf>

**By law Commentary, click below link**

<https://bethelucc.org/mt-content/uploads/2022/10/bethel-bylaws-2022-proposed-changes-commentary.pdf>

THE EVANSVILLE TRI-STATE ASSOCIATION OF THE  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
TOGETHER WITH  
ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
IN GERMAN TOWNSHIP  
INVITE YOU IN PRESENCE AND IN PRAYERS  
TO JOYFULLY CELEBRATE

*The Ordination Service of  
Terry G. Farmer*

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2022  
AT 3 O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
8701 BIG CYNTHIANA ROAD  
EVANSVILLE, INDIANA

CLERGY ARE INVITED TO PROCESS;  
PLEASE BRING VESTMENTS



RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN  
CHURCH SOCIAL HALL

**Happy November Anniversaries to:**

1	Jeanette & Lewis Plane	19	Jennifer & Richard Neiswinger
19	Sharon & Bruce Lawson	27	Sharon & Chris Matthews

**Happy November Birthdays to:**

8	Brandon Owens	23	Bruce Lawson
	Bobby Potts	24	Don Carrell
11	Charlotte Scales		Robin McRae
15	Richard Condi		Kathleen Parker
17	Sylvia Stamm	26	India Vannatter
	Nancy Tabor	27	Greg Nauert
19	Juanita Paniamogan	30	Marci Schmitt
22	Megan Scale		

**Memorials:**

Thank you to all of the those who given in memory of Wanda Karn and to all of those not listed.

Stephanie Weiner  
Carolyn Stephens  
Peggy Pingel  
Larry & Patti Coleman

Thank you to all of those who have given in memory of Larry Appman and to all of those not listed.

Art & Donna Scheller  
Clifford Kleymeyer  
Pat Stoltz  
Gale Neidig and Amy Carey

**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.



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**First Sunday of Advent November 27th**

### **Nursing/Rehab/Retirement Home/Homebound**

Atria Assisted Living 618-9685  
5311 Rosebud Ln., Newburgh, IN 47630

Georgia McRae-Apt. 313 (812)704-0059

Cypress Grove 853-2993  
4255 Medwell Dr., Newburgh, IN 47630

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3833 Eli Pl., Newburgh, IN 47630

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1201 W Buena Vista Rd., Evansville, IN 47710

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

Nancy Westbo (159)

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

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The deadline for the December newsletter is November 23<sup>th</sup>.