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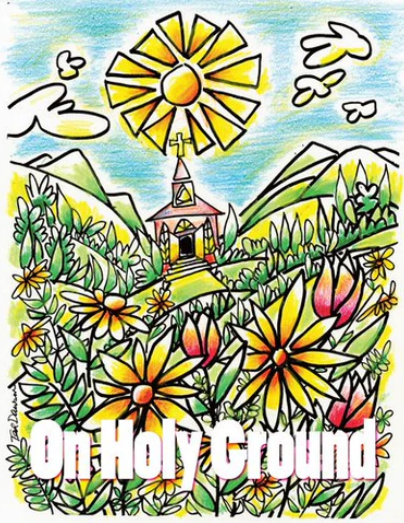
Monthly Mission: Strengthen the Church



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.

MAY MISSION FOCUS Strengthen the Church



The Strengthen the Church offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities.

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. Most congregations will receive the STC offering on Pentecost Sunday, June 4, 2023.

June 11-17, 2023: Group #14756 Bethel United Church of Christ

As we have done for many years now, Bethel UCC is sponsoring a work camp in conjunction with the organization, Appalachia Service Project. This ministry has been spearheaded by Bethel member, Scott Scales, for many years. We are now in the early planning stages of organizing the trip for 2023. As in years past, we will likely be taking between 15-20 volunteers again this summer. Last summer we had four three different work crews. One crew replaced a very badly aged roof and the other two worked on decks and ramps so that the residents could safely navigate in and out of their homes.



Every year the cost of the trip runs over \$10,000. Much of the cost of the trip is covered by those going on the trip. Historically we have asked Bethel to help cover the cost of those that cannot afford the registration fee as well as the cost of renting the necessary work vehicles for the trip. We invite you to give generously to this mission as we strive to fulfill our call to provide adequate and affordable housing to those in need.

If you would like to learn more about Appalachia Service Project, go to their website by typing in **asphome.org**.



Bethel Buddies
Child Care & Preschool



Dear Bethel Buddy Supporters,

Our new preschool project is tea time each Wednesday in May. We are looking for donations of tea cups, saucers, table linens, hats, ties, and any items for a traditional victorian tea party. We will use this time to teach etiquette and table manners. We are also looking for volunteers to play soothing music during our tea such as piano, violin or harp! **Our high tea will take place at 10am each Wednesday in May.**

Bethel Buddies would like to thank Bethel UCC's Leadership Council for supporting the preschool and the Early Childhood Committee by providing lunch for the council and staff during our in service training day. Bethel Buddies Staff members are now all certified in the Darkness to Light Stewardship of Children Program. All Bethel Buddy Students will be participating in Body Safety Week sponsored by Holly's house.

Bethel Buddies will Graduate Friday May 26th at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary!

After graduation, all graduates will have lunch! Each child will have a hotdog, chips, applesauce and a drink! Congratulations Graduates!

May 1st-5th is teacher appreciation week! The following themes will be held each day!

Monday Munchies-Snacks for busy teachers

Tuesday-Tea-Riffic Teachers -Coffee, tea, donuts

Wednesday-Spa-tacular Teachers- We will fill the staff restroom with fancy soaps, lotions, sprays, deodorant, tissues etc..

Thursday-Thank you notes to teachers

Friday-Cinco De Mayo- Fiesta Taco Bar Day



****Ladies Lunch Bunch will meet May 10th at 12:30 PM. Location to be determined.****

Jazz, Crews and Blues: A Derby Day Gala in support of United Caring Services, **May 6 beginning at 5:30 PM at Bally's**. The time urgency is that tickets are \$80 until 4/14 when they become \$100. \$40 (or \$60 at the later price) is tax deductible. Sponsorships, live and silent auction items are being requested now. Tickets available via the UCS website

www.unitedcaringservices.org




Habitat Needs Your Help!

We need **walkers, sponsors, and supporters** to help us raise money and awareness for **Walking for Dreams!**

Walkers - Gather sponsors and walk with family, friends, or pets! Walking for Dreams will give Habitat **\$25** per walker for each person who raises \$250 and **\$50** per walker for each person who raises \$500!

Sponsors - Sponsor a walker and Habitat will receive matching funds based on how much is raised! If we raise \$120,000, Walking for Dreams will give Habitat up to **\$62,000** in matching funds!

Supporters - Help us spread the word to get as many walkers and donors as possible! Share on social media and tell your family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers!

Register and donate using the QR code!



Join us for the event!

When: Sunday, May 21, 1:00 P.M.
Where: Bally's Evansville (Riverfront)



SATURDAY, MAY 6TH, 2023

**DERBY ATTIRE
HAT CONTEST
SUIT CONTEST**

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30PM
 COCKTAILS AND JAZZ MUSIC 5:30 - 6:30
 PASSPORT AND SPEAKER 6:45 - 7:10
 DINNER 7:15PM
 SILENT AUCTION CLOSSES AT 8:15
 BLUES MUSIC 8:00 - 10:00

BUY YOUR TICKETS TODAY! LIMITED SEATING AVAILABLE!

INDIVIDUAL TICKETS \$100
FOR TABLE SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITES
PLEASE CONTACT
BRITTANY WADE @ 812-598-3238

Stay tuned for more information on Bethel UCC's Annual Picnic and Vacation Bible School Dates!



Come join Dream Street Studio Sunday May 1st to listen to some of the finest young musicians of the Tri-State Area!

A Theatre's Dreams Become Reality One Donation at a Time



A special thanks to all of those who helped create another successful Easter Egg Hunt at Bethel UCC!! Thank you Little Rexings for the donkey visit!





Happy May Birthday to:

1	Linda Garrett	23	Michael Vannatter
	Trace Schmitt	24	Marilyn Baggerly
5	Chance Webster	24	Bob Bennett
9	Micah Pricher	27	Axel Gallagher
10	Sharon Lawson	27	Steven Schmitt
11	Owen Schneider	28	Charlie Haller
13	Jennifer Webster	29	Michael Vanhooser
14	Kyra Webster	30	Stephanie Weiner
15	Kalynn Payne		
16	Carlos Haskins		

Happy April Anniversary to:

2	Gerald & Sherri Hudson	9	Dr. Harshad & Maureen Parmar
	Steven & Marci Schmitt	10	David & Michele Vanhooser
4	Kraig & Jennifer Nance	12	Mike & Carol Roth
8	Robert & Suzanne Farney	19	Elmer & Juanita Paniamogan





With the generosity of Larry Appman, who donated \$25,000.00 to Habitat for Humanity to house a veteran, let's keep his spirit going with this project! Bethel has gathered a total of \$75,897.00. Let's keep this going in hopes to reach our goal of \$80,000.00!!

Little Free Libraries need your help! Bethel UCC is asking for donations of children's books. Donations can be dropped off in the office. With the size of the Little Libraries, smaller books would be a great donation. Thank you!



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