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FEBRUARY 2024 Bethel Record/Newsletter

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Monthly Mission: One Great Hour of Sharing

Communion Sunday → February 4th

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE → February 21st

OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY - THURSDAY 8AM - 2 PM, FRIDAY CLOSED



**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.

MISSION FOCUS - FEBRUARY 2024 ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING



2024 Theme: Share the Light

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) special mission offering of the United Church of Christ involves you in disaster, refugee/immigration, and development ministries throughout the world. When a disaster strikes or people are displaced or made refugees by violence or extreme poverty, you are part of the immediate response and of the long-term recovery.

Through OGHS you engage in holistic development programs including health care, education, agriculture, food sustainability, micro-financing and women's empowerment. Because the UCC relates in mutual partnership to churches and organizations through Global Ministries and worldwide response & recovery networks, your contributions to One Great Hour of Sharing put you in the right place at the right time for the relief, accompaniment and recovery of the most vulnerable. You meet immediate needs and you address the underlying causes that create those needs in the first place.

Good Morning!



Raynah Tyler, a member of Bethel UCC Sanctuary Choir, was recently chosen to sing in the Indiana All-State Honors Choir in Ft. Wayne, IN.

This is Raynah's 2nd year in the choir and she was joined by 2 other members from the Castle High School vocal music program.

This is an auditioned choir of 254 students from across the state. Please congratulate her on this great honor!!!

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

As we started our study of Mark, we share the definition of gospel as “a passion narrative with an extended introduction” (Martin Kahler). That is, the core of the gospel is about the crucifixion, death, and resurrection of Jesus, God’s alternative to Caesar. With that in mind, we will focus on Chapters 11 – 16 during Lent. Here is the run up to that holy season as well as the first two weeks of it:

- Feb. 4 – Mark 8 and 10; Jesus’ death foretold
- Feb. 11 – Mark 9; Transfiguration Sunday
- Feb. 18 - Mark 11:1-25; The Less than Grand Entry
- Feb. 25 – Mark 11:27-12:44 - Trouble Brewing

Please join us. We meet in the Youth Room, 103 each Sunday at 9 AM

WISE GROUP

WISE group led by Letta Fraccaro meets every other Tuesday.

Group will begin at 4 pm with others joining as they can. **February Dates: 6th and 20th.** Call Letta at (812) 454-2158 with any questions.

FRIDAY FRIENDS

The Friday Friends meet on the first and third Friday at 11 AM every month in Fellowship Hall. We each bring our own sack lunch, and someone brings dessert for all of us. Then we play cards or dominoes or “Apples to Apples.” Sometimes we just chat, solving world problems or our own! We sure would like to make more friends! Everyone is welcome!

How about having lunch with us on February 2nd and 23rd!?

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday Service will be held February 14TH at 7pm with Communion and Ashes. A meal will be prepared and ready to serve at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall.
All are welcome!!

VISION TEAM

As a result of the Convergence process, the Vision Team has identified these four key issues in our community:

- Needs of Bethel Buddies and Stockwell Community
- Safety/Violence
- Food Insecurities
- Homelessness/Housing Issues

We encourage you to come to the annual meeting where we will further discuss important topics

Two Webinars are coming up in February:

Webinar 1: The Great Unveiling: How The World is Changing and What It Means for the Church

Feb. 1st → 1:00PM - 2:30 PM

Webinar 2: Creative Churches: A Virtual Tour of Growing Churches Changing Their Communities

Feb. 15th → 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM



Bethel Buddies

Child Care & Preschool



Fun time in the gym when the weather is *cold!*



Having fun stacking cups.



Look at us learning how to clean up!



Music with Ms. Cynthia is so FUN!!

Looking for congregation volunteers to run the Coffee Bar the last Tuesday of each month from 7:30-8:30 a.m. to welcome families

Blast FROM THE Past

Bethel United Church of Christ
Evansville, Indiana
Wicks Organ Company

3 Manuels
35 ranks



The Wicks pipe organ at the old Bethel Church on the corner of Jefferson and Garvin near downtown was sparingly repaired in the late 1970's after water damage from a rain storm. The pedal keyboard had to be repaired and some minimal repairs on the pipes and wind chests were completed. Shortly after, it was decided that the church would build at a new location on Green River Road. The building was completed in 1981, and the bid for moving the organ was awarded to the Wicks Organ Company. In July 1986 work was completed on a new console and some building alterations to better accommodate the organ.

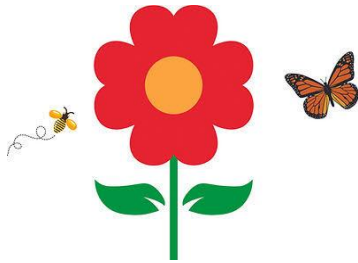
In April of 1991, Hugo and Elsa Schuesslers, long active in Bethel's music program, were remembered by their family members with the addition of a 4' Mixture stop. In December, 1991, the Clifford Kley Meyer family presented a Carillon addition in memory of Clifford. This carillon can be played on the Great of the organ with full range of the keyboard, and can be heard both inside the sanctuary and outside the church. A carillon computer was organized so that bells could be recorded and played by a clock mechanism at appointed hours.

The most recent addition was the 8' and 4' hooded trumpets, with exposed pipes, which can be played on the Great, Choir, and Pedal keyboards. This addition was in memory of James Ritter and Norman and Edith Ost. This was completed in December 2005 by Sam Bowerman of Louisville. This instrument now has 2700 pipes and is a 35 rank, 3 manuel Wicks Pipe Organ.

-Information graciously offered by Dorothy Bray-Seibert, former Organist at Bethel



BRIDGE: Building Respect and Integrity in Diverse Greater Evansville, invites us to participate in a community-wide racial justice awareness week January 29 - February 4, 2024. To conclude the week, the University of Evansville will sponsor an interfaith Community Prayer Service on Sunday, 2/4, at 2:00 pm at the Neu Chapel on UE's campus on S Rotherwood Ave, Evansville, IN 47714. Come join us for the one hour service of music, prayer, and reflection for justice.



TRI-STATE CREATION CARES

The annual Tri-State Creation Cares Workshop is Saturday, 2/24 from 9 AM to noon at Aldersgate United Methodist. UCC climate advisor, the Rev. Jim Antal, is the keynote speaker. He will also provide a workshop geared toward faith communities. noon at Aldersgate United Methodist. UCC climate advisor, the Rev. Jim Antal, is the keynote speaker. He will also provide a workshop geared toward faith communities.



HABITAT VETERANS "APPMAN" BUILD

"We have also broken ground on the Bethel Veterans build!

This home will be at 419 Covert Ave for Gredel Boyd. She has 3 young children. Volunteer opportunities will start most likely in late February."

This build is also being constructed by a group of veteran volunteers.

UCC/DOC BUILD

Ground has been broken at 500 Covert Ave for Brittany B. and her daughter! Billy Thompson, Habitat's Faith Manager, will be in touch about dates and opportunities to volunteer for each site, in mid-February.

CROP WALK NEWS:

We lament the demise of the walk, even as we understand the necessity of it. We give thanks for the leadership of Phil Hoy and Michael Erwin. We note that continued contributions can be made to Church World Service and the Tri-State Food Bank – and – that systemic change is much needed. Bread for the World is a great avenue for that. How about participating in a Lenten Offering of Letters? For more info: Bread.org

Birthdays

AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy February Anniversaries to:

23 Linda & Gary Williams

Happy February Birthdays to:

1	Suzanne Farney	10	Lillian Scales	25	Makenzie Schentrup
5	Carolyn Stephens	12	Ron Phillips	27	Bob English
5	Donte Thomas	18	Kayson Wininger	27	Susan Gordon
8	Ryland Whiteley	19	Ruth Willis	27	Brad Neidig
8	Jennifer Wininger	22	Georgia McRae		
10	Don Bernhardt	22	Allison Payne		

Family and Friends Serving in the Active Military - We hold in our prayers: * Jacob Swanson, Army, grandson of Ruth Willis.

Memorials: Funds were given in Memory of Jana Bonifer from Stephanie Weiner.

Nursing~Rehab~Retirement Home~Homebound

Physical:

Atria Assisted Living

5311 Rosebud Lane, Apt. 313, Newburgh IN 47630

Georgia McRae

(812)704-0059

Mailing:

% Noel McRae

1676 N. Luther Rd., Georgetown IN 47122

Heritage Center 429-0700

1201 W Buena Vista Rd., Evansville, IN 47710

Victor Luhring (149)

Holiday Village

1200 W Buena Vista Rd., Evansville, IN 47710

Harriet Anderson (103)

North Park Nursing Center 425-5243

650 Fairway Dr., Evansville, IN 47710

Nancy Westbo (153)

Primrose Retirement Community

9800 Lincoln Ave., Newburgh, IN 47630

Letta Fraccaro (233)

Linda Garrett (117)

Marianna & Jim Vogel (226)

Protestant Home 476-3360

3701 Washington Ave., Evansville, IN 47714

Jeanette Plane- South Rm. 3

River Pointe 475-2822

3001 Galaxy Dr., Evansville, IN 47715

Sandra Altheide (316)

Ritchie Taylor (528)

Brickyard Healthcare/Woodlands Care Center

4088 Frame Road, Newburgh IN, 47630

Doris Rohlfer (108)

600 S Cullen Ave #603, Evansville, IN, 47715

Cliff Kley Meyer