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**APRIL 2024 Bethel Record/Newsletter**

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**Monthly Mission: Appalachia Service Project (ASP)**

Vision Sunday → April 7th

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE → April 17th

International Food Night → April 27th

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 - APRIL 2024  
APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT**



**Appalachia**  
**SERVICE PROJECT®**

ASP provides one of the most rewarding structured service opportunities in the nation — bringing thousands of volunteers from around the country to rural Central Appalachia to repair homes for low-income families.

Since 1969, we've made homes warmer, safer, and drier for families and provided transformational service experiences for volunteers. Each year, more than 15,000 volunteers serve with ASP, providing critical repairs for more than 350 families.

★ Bethel began working with ASP in 2007

★ Each summer, approximately 15-20 youth and adults attend the ASP mission trip

\* 2007 - Letcher County, KY

\* 2008 - Salyersville, KY

\* 2009 - Barbourville, KY

\* 2010 - Vansant, VA

\* 2011 - Inez, KY

\* 2012 - Harlan County, KY

\* 2013 - Chapmanville, WV

\* 2014 - Louisa, KY

\* 2015 - Rainelle, WV

\* 2016 - Hancock County, TN

\* 2016 - Rainelle, WV

(second trip for flood recovery/repair)

\* 2017 - Hinton, WV

\* 2018 - Boyd County, KY

\* 2019 - Nicholas County, WV

\* 2020 - NO ASP (COVID)

\* 2021 - Greenbrier County, WV

\* 2022 - Harlan, KY

\* 2023 - Man, WV

## RETURNING BIBLE STUDY

Given the break we have taken for the Convergence videos, our study of Mark has taken a different turn. We begin again on Sunday, April 14th. Please note the changes in the texts we will consider:

- April 14: Mark 8: 22 – 9:1
- April 21: Mark 9:2- 29
- April 28: Mark 9: 30 – 49

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

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## VISION TEAM-ZOOM MEETING IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

While none of us can see the future of institutional religion, we can use our imaginations to pilot a preferred future. **Join us on April 7, 2024 from 11-3pm** to engage in a facilitated experience called a Futures Lab.

It's hard to make decisions in the present when we don't have a clear vision for the future. Most planning work takes into account past and present data. We look at who we have been in the past (attendance trends, budgets, ministries, governance structures) to determine who we might be in the future. With the rapid pace of change in the world driving the need for agile adaptation, that is no longer a practical approach to vision work.

We need a new process for envisioning our future, honoring who we have been but freeing us to consider entirely new options for who we can be.

A Futures Lab is an exploratory space for imagining different futures by surfacing the assumptions we hold in the present. It's a process useful in breaking through blindspots and a poverty of imagination so that together, we architect a preferred future rather than be colonized by one. This practice is based on a field of study called "Futures Literacy" and grants us the chance to see new possibilities for your church, your community, and your own lives.

Together we will journey to the future to explore how your church might be shaping your lives and community. Working with Rev. Cameron Trimble of Convergence, we will take a voyage to the year 2070. What might be the probable future of the church should you continue on a predictable course? What is a desirable future? What is the difference you hope the church is making in the world in 2070?

We hope you will join us.

## 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 April 5th and 19th?**

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## LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch will be meeting on April 10th at 12:30PM at BJ's Restaurant located at 1000 N Green River Rd. If you are interested in attending please call Carolyn at 476-1179 to RSVP

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### DORIS' 98TH BIRTHDAY!

Doris Rohlfer's 98th Birthday Party that members of the Bethel Lunch Brunch attended.



## NINE TO DINE

This unique name was given to emphasize that both singles and couples should consider joining one of these dining out groups. Bethel currently has 3 groups who meet on a monthly basis. Those of you who do not participate in one of these groups, and would like to join, please give me a call. I am currently pondering starting a new group, and would be very pleased if those of you who are new to Bethel would consider joining in. It's a great way to learn more about each other while breaking bread at your favorite restaurant. I look forward to hearing from you.

Debbie Wilson  
812-470-0147



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## INTERNATIONAL FOOD NIGHT

SATURDAY APRIL 27, 2024  
6PM - 8PM

\$30 per  
ticket or 2  
for \$50  
All profits go  
to our food  
pantry



tickets available in person or online at  
[www.bethelucc.org/giving](http://www.bethelucc.org/giving)

## INTERNATIONAL FOOD NIGHT

There will be a silent auction, candlelight,  
and soft music.

We need help from the congregation to buy and help sell tickets; set-up and clean up; sponsor a cook team; help solicit donations for the silent auction; spread the word; and of course, cook an international dish! Contact Donna Herum if you are interested in helping.

Nice quality items for the silent auction can be dropped off on Sunday mornings in the Tell Tale Inn room. During the week, call ahead first to be sure someone is available to unlock the room. If help is needed with larger items we can arrange to pick them up and store them in the garage.

## GROUNDS CLEAN UP

Saturday, April 13th at 9:00 AM

Come and join us as we clean up and maintain our beautiful grounds. Our main focus will be to prune the trees that run along our Southern property line.





**Volunteers for Sister Joanna's Kitchen Table. SWIN UCC folks.**

## **INVITATION FROM STOCKWELL SCHOOL**

Stockwell School is inviting the congregation to attend a book tour assembly on Friday, April 12 at 9 AM. Please let Linda Hape know if you think you might attend.

The speaker is Kevan Chandler, the author of "We Carry Kevan," his story about the European trip he took with 5 friends. His book is available in both the original adult book and now as a children's book. Kevan is a young man who uses a wheelchair and manages to take part in many activities and adventures with the help of his friends. For the trip to Europe, they'd like to dispense with the wheelchair. So how will Kevan get around? They start with a camping backpack and adapt it for a person! A sporting goods company helps with the final product.

## **BETHEL CONNECTION**

Frank & Judy Schultheis have a great grandson, Jackson, who is in kindergarten at Stockwell. His teacher is Ms. Allison Shepherd who has come to our Christmas in July service the last 2 years with Ms. Owen, Stockwell's principal. Jackson uses a wheelchair daily in school. A very good friend of Ms. Shepherd's is married to Kevan Chandler. Ms. Shepherd arranged for Jackson to receive a backpack!

There are 2 copies of the book in the narthex. Please take a copy and when you've finished the book return it to the narthex for others to enjoy.

Please consider coming to the assembly. It's going to be interesting and informative!

**WE CARRY KEVAN**  
BOOK TOUR ASSEMBLY

**April 12th at 9:00 a.m.**  
Stockwell Elementary School  
2501 N Stockwell Rd  
Evansville, IN 47715

**RSVP by emailing [allison.shepherd@evsck12.edu](mailto:allison.shepherd@evsck12.edu)**

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# Bethel Buddies

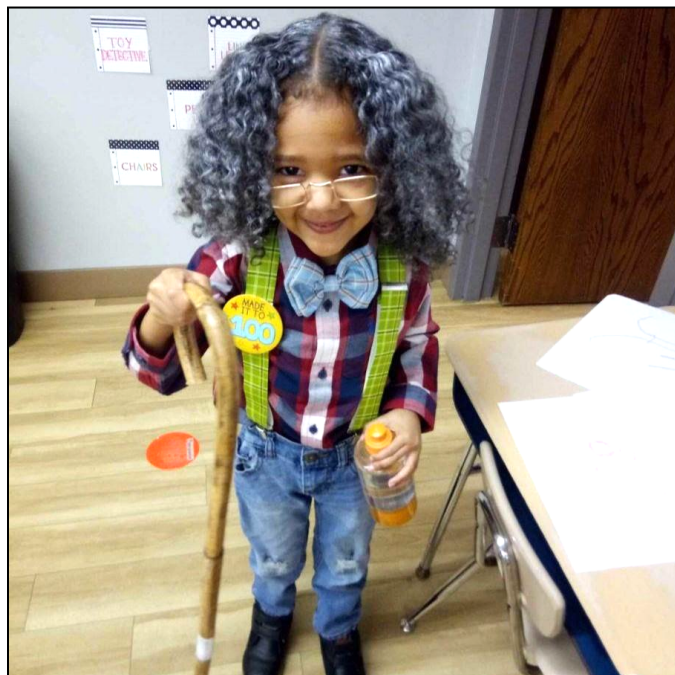
## Child Care & Preschool



**Crafts of 100**



**All Emotions Are Okay...**



**100 Days of School**




**Playground Fun**

**Dates: April 5th-Pre-Eclipse Party, April 17th-Visit from Mary Jo Huff, April 23rd-Bethel Buddies Tea Party, May 10th-Visit from Laci Parr**




## COMMUNITY NEWS



**TRI-STATE FOOD BANK**

In partnership with the Indiana State Department of Health



The Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) is a USDA program administered through the Indiana State Department of Health and distributed through Tri-State Food Bank. It serves to supplement the diets of adults age 60 and over who meet set income requirements. Participants receive a monthly box of food chosen to address common nutritional deficiencies in older adults, such as vitamins A and C, calcium, and iron.

**Boxes may include:**

- A 2lb block of cheese
- Canned meats
- Vegetables
- Fruits and Juices
- Powdered, evaporated, or shelf stable milk
- Other high protein items
- Grains / Pasta / cereals
- Recipes and nutrition information

**You may be eligible to receive a monthly box of nutritious USDA foods if you meet all of the**

- Reside in the county of distribution
- Are 60 years of age or older
- Meet the income guidelines below

Household Size	Annual Income	Monthly Income	Household Size	Annual Income	Monthly Income
1	19,578	1,632	5	47,554	3,963
2	26,572	2,215	6	54,548	4,546
3	33,566	2,798	7	61,542	5,129
4	40,560	3,380	8	68,536	5,712

Tri-State Food Bank CSFP distribution

Applications for participation are available at:

St Paul's United Church of Christ

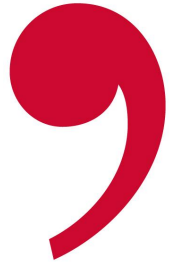
7700 Middle Mt Vernon Rd Evansville, IN 47712

812-425-1522

Distribution: 3rd Thursday of the month 1:30-3:30pm

In Indiana, CSFP is administered by the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH), which has contracted with Tri-State Food Bank to run the program in this area. TSFB is based in Evansville, but serves Gibson, Perry, Posey, Spencer, Vanderburgh, and Warrick Counties. Sponsored by ISDH/USDA: "In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410." 2/24

**The Annual Meeting of the Evansville Tri-State Association of the United Church of Christ is at St. Peter's UCC (Highland) on Sunday, 4/14 beginning at 2 PM. All are welcome**



### From Good Samaritan;



Thanks to Bethel UCC for hosting the Annual Meeting of the Good Samaritan Corporation. Bethel delegates were Linda Hape, Rev. Rob Hartmann, and

Carolyn Stephens. More good news: Ron Vogel will join the board.

Patchwork Central's


# PANCAKE EXTRAVAGANZA

**APRIL 20, 2024**  
**7:30 AM-11:30 AM**

100 Washington Ave. (812) 424-2735

Breakfast is \$5 for children and \$8 for adults.

All proceeds benefit Patchwork Central's programming.



**UCC/DOC BUILD**

Sat Apr 6, 2024  
@ 7:30am- 2:30pm



# Birthdays

## AND ANNIVERSARIES

### Happy April Anniversaries to:

13 Chad & Jennifer Wininger 20 Frank & Judi Schultheis

### Happy April Birthdays to:

1 Reese Thomas	5 Bob Mangold	7 Ron Vogel
3 Pat Stoltz	5 Vicki Tichenor	11 Gregory Gordon
3 Keeli Webster	7 Carolyn Bennett	12 Ruth Ulrich
5 Catherine Johnson	7 Isaac Pricher	23 Deb Patterson

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

### Memorials:

Thank you to all that donated funds for Easter Flowers and Music in Memory/Honor of your loved ones.

Funds were given to the Youth Music Program in Memory of Jana Bonifer from Joan Ritter and Robert Ouellette.

***Bethel Church Family,***

***Thanks to each of you who took the time to send get well cards to Dave before he passed away.***

***Thanks too for the many prayers, visits, and sympathy cards at the time of his passing.***

***God bless each of you and please know how much your kindness and thoughtfulness has meant to me and our entire family. May God continue to bless each one of you as you travel this road of life.***

***Your Sister is Christ,  
Ruth Willis & Family***

## Nursing/Rehab/Retirement Home/Homebound

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### Mailing Address:

c/o Noel McRae

1676 N. Luther Rd., Georgetown, IN 47122

Georgia McRae  
(812)704-0059

### Physical Address:

Celebrations Assisted Living

5311 Rosebud Lane, Apt. 313, Newburgh, IN 47630

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Victor Luhring (149)	Heritage Center 429-0700 1201 W Buena Vista Rd., Evansville, IN 47710
Harriet Anderson (103)	Holiday Villa 1200 W Buena Vista Rd., Evansville, IN 47710
Nancy Westbo (153)	North Park Nursing Center 425-5243 650 Fairway Dr., Evansville, IN 47710
Letta Fraccaro	<i>In process of moving to Chicago area</i>
Linda Garrett (117) Marianna & Jim Vogel (226)	Primrose Retirement Community 9800 Lincoln Ave., Newburgh, IN 47630
Jeanette Plane- (South Rm.3)	Protestant Home 476-3360 3701 Washington Ave., Evansville, IN 47714
Sandra Altheide (316) Ritchie Taylor (528)	River Pointe 475-2822 3001 Galaxy Dr., Evansville, IN 47715
Doris Rohlfer (108)	Brickyard / Woodlands Care Center 4088 Frame Rd, Newburgh IN, 47630
Cliff Kleymeyer	600 S Cullen Ave #603, Evansville, IN, 47715

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