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## **JULY 2024 Bethel Record/Newsletter**



### **Monthly Mission: Stockwell School**

Communion Sunday → July 7th

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE → July 17th

Office Closed Independence Day → July 4th

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 - JULY 2024 - STOCKWELL CHRISTMAS IN JULY**

Our mission focus for July is Stockwell School. As a *very early Christmas present* for them please consider bringing one or more of the items below to church on *any Sunday in July*. Envelopes for financial donations are in the pews. Please make checks payable to Bethel UCC and put Stockwell School Supplies on the memo line.

### **STOCK UP STOCKWELL**



- ☐ Ticonderoga #2 pencils
- ☐ Art boxes
- ☐ Jumbo Kindergarten Ticonderoga pencils
- ☐ 1-inch binders
- ☐ Crayola 24-count crayons
- ☐ Composition notebooks
- ☐ Crayola colored pencils
- ☐ Post-it notes
- ☐ Black Expo dry-erase markers (chisel tip)
- ☐ Kleenex
- ☐ Clorox wipes

Financial donations for children's underwear and other needs  
as they arise throughout the school year

**Join us for CHRISTMAS IN JULY on Sunday, July 28th**

Christmas Worship Service at 10:15 AM

🍦 Ice Cream Social following Worship 🍦

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### **THE BETHEL LADIES LUNCH BUNCH**

The "Bethel Women who Lunch" invite you to our July gathering: Wednesday, July 10 at 12:30 at the new Nellie's, 6600 North First Ave. There's a place for you if you let Pat Stoltz or Stephanie Weiner know you are coming. And, if you find out you can at the last minute and haven't let

them know? Come anyway! We are eager to see you.

### **CONVERGENCE UPDATE!**

The Convergence Team will be on hiatus for the summer. We will return in the Fall to finish our work. Thank you ALL for your participation and support over the last year. We are very thankful for everyone that contributed!



On your behalf, the Revs. Don Bernhardt, Sam Buehrer, and Stephanie Weiner and Trisha Marshall ate delicious homemade pie as St. Wendel's Catholic Church hosted dinner for the recent CAJE: Congregations Acting for Justice and Empowerment celebration. By all measures, CAJE is on good footing. How could they not be with Rev. Buehrer and Barry Burleigh on the board? A great new brochure with success and support information is available in Bethel's narthex.

Among the 2022- 2023 successes:

- \$5 million into the Affordable Housing Trust Fund
- \$4 million for a pediatric and family dual diagnosis center
- \$300,000 each from the city and county for the Diversion Center at UCS
- 62% decrease in reported gun violence as shared by Joshua Brewer, EPD and convener of the Gun Violence Intervention Task Force



Back Bay Mission is the only presence of the United Church of Christ on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. We embody the extravagant welcome of the United Church of Christ in our relationships with clients, supporters, and other members of the community.

**Dates:** November 2 - 9, leaving EVV VERY EARLY on Saturday, November 2. More information coming in October

**Mission Team:** Most members help with building/renovation projects, but other jobs involve serving meals, helping in the Micah Day Center or Client Choice Food Pantry, or running errands.

**Cost:** Last year the cost for lodging and program at BBM was \$150 per person. We also paid \$50 each toward food costs. If there is any change it would be small.

**Meals:** Almost all meals are prepared and served at the mission house. Some groups go to a local restaurant together one night (we will probably do this). We take sack lunches to the worksite. We ate VERY WELL last year.

So far, we have 3 members of Bethel going. Interested? Contact Lee Ann Shafer (812-746-2984). More info is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

United Caring Services has a new Executive Director who started June 24. He is Ryan Bixler-Rigg and comes to us after serving as development associate at Evansville Day School. Other staff include Lesleigh Overfield - Director of People and Programs, April Hicks - Medical Respite/Diversion Program Manager, Erica McMichael - Development Manager and Ashley Dockery - Operations Lead. It is a new day at UCS!

Many thanks to the whole UCS board and especially UCC members: LeaAnn Newman (St. Peter's), Brian Newton (Bethlehem), and Lee Ann Shafer (Bethlehem) who provided this information. The board is in a building phase and needs UCC members in particular. Have an idea? Please share with Lee Ann (812) 746-2984.

Save the date for the UCS Golf Scramble: September 30, 2024, at Cambridge Golf Course.





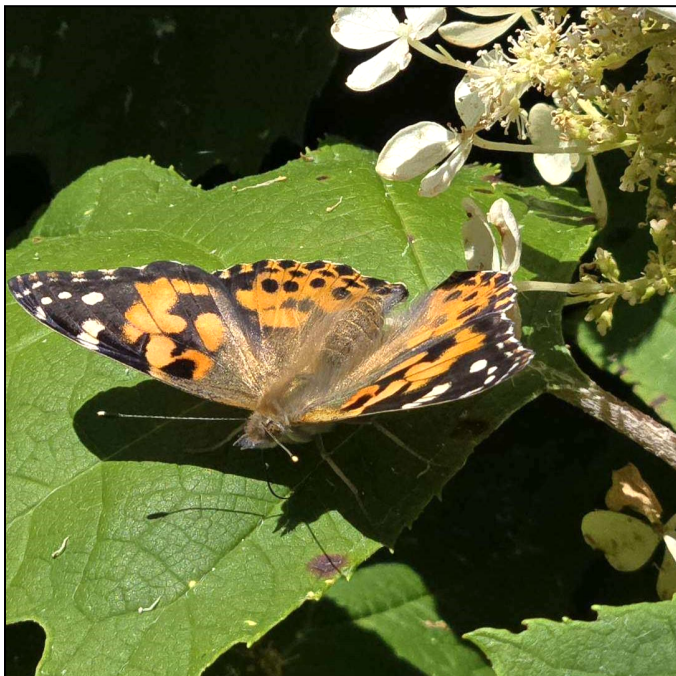


# Bethel Buddies

## Child Care & Preschool



**Enjoying some outdoor fun!**



**Our butterflies have emerged!**





Not much to see in terms of progress on the outside of the UCC/DOC and Appman builds. So here's a look at the difference we are making in the immediate neighborhood. The foundation is set for the house to the east of the Appman/Veteran build. The other three pictures are of Habitat houses on Taylor immediately behind the UCC/DOC build on Covert. Notice the house where the core crew was working on Wednesday despite the 90 degree temp.

### **More good news from Billy Thompson, Habitat's Faith Relations Manager:**

Walking for Dreams has announced the final results of the walk. **Habitat raised \$152,000! This put us as the #1 raising organization again this year, earning us a \$20,500 match!** That, in addition to our \$12,000 match for having a record setting number of walkers, earned Habitat \$32,500 in match money for a grand total of \$184,500 raised for Habitat this year! Thank you so much for spreading the word, for donating, and for walking. None of this would have been possible without your efforts!

# BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

## Happy July Anniversaries to:

18 Sam & Ellen Buehrer                      28 Scott & Leesa Scales  
23 Jerry & Sue Dills

## Happy July Birthdays to:

2 Kim Farney	13 Janet Best	24 Joan Ritter
2 Donna Herum	13 Story Thomas	25 Eliza Schuff
4 Sue Dills	18 Clayton Potts	27 Delores Padgett
7 Barry Burleigh	20 Larry Coleman	29 Rebecca Fehd
9 Donna Condi	22 Shirley Mangold	
9 Gale Neidig	23 Sam Buehrer	

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

## Memorials:



Girl Scout Troop 476 deserves a huge thank you for beautifying the Bethel grounds. Special thanks go to Donna Condi, who researched and found the best plants.

## Nursing/Rehab/Retirement Home/Homebound

NAME	ROOM #	ADDRESS
Georgia McRae (812)704-0059		<u>Mailing Address:</u> <i>Currently being updated</i>
		<u>Physical Address:</u> <i>Currently being updated</i>
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	1119	Covenant Living at The Holmstad 700 W. Fabyan Pkwy, Batavia, IL 60510
Linda Garrett Marianna & Jim Vogel	117 226	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 Ritchie Taylor	316 528	River Pointe 475-2822 3001 Galaxy Dr., Evansville, IN 47715
Doris Rohlfer	108	Brickyard / Woodlands Care Center 4088 Frame Rd, Newburgh IN, 47630
Cliff Kley Meyer		600 S Cullen Ave #603, Evansville, IN, 47715

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