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AUGUST 2024 Bethel Record/Newsletter



Monthly Mission: Habitat for Humanity
Communion Sunday → August 4th
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE → August 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 - AUGUST 2024 - HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

"Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope."



UCC/DOC Habitat Build as of 6/28. Notice the siding is most of the way up on three sides of the home. The core crew worked even on that hot day. They are very smart, taking off about 11 when the sun reached its peak! Thanks, folks, for being at the peak of caring.

Thank you for all of the wonderful donations to Stockwell last month! Your generosity will help so many children and their families this coming school year.

SISTER JOANNA'S KITCHEN TABLE

The UCC collaborative had another successful event serving our food insecure neighbors down at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on July 13th. Four Churches had 15 volunteers, four were from Bethel! The meal consisted of ham and cheese hoagies, homemade veggie soup, chips, watermelon and dessert courtesy of Immanuel UCC. Total of 81 plates and 38 to-go containers: 119 total meals. **Our next Saturday is September 14, 2024.** Best wishes to all.





Jesús el Buen Pastor Services

Join us in welcoming a new congregation to Bethel UCC. Jesús el Buen Pastor (Jesus, the Good Shepherd) is now meeting in the Fellowship Hall on:

Sundays at 11AM

Wednesdays at 7PM

Saturdays at 7PM

A NOTE FROM THE REV. BUEHRER AND THE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL:

The annual meeting held this past January was marked by tension and challenges. As a result, the intended agenda set by the Vision Team and Leadership Council did not take place. This resulted in significant fallout, causing some of our active leaders to temporarily withdraw from their roles within the church. After discussing the issues we were experiencing with our Conference Minister, Rev. Chad Abbot, it was recommended that we invite the Conference to hold what is called a Situational Support Consultation.

The purpose of a Situational Support Consultation is to address in-depth a particular relationship or situation of concern that has arisen between a minister and a congregation. In this situation, the minister involved with some of the fallout was Rev. Stephanie Weiner. For the Consultation, a team of members from outside of the local congregation is gathered to do interviews for the purpose of seeking to clarify the specific issues or circumstances that have arisen, and helps to identify ways to promote effective and collaborative ministries in response to these circumstances. The desired outcome is for all covenantal partners involved to agree to a plan of action.

Following interviews with 14 individuals in June, a plan of action was formulated by the consultants and agreed upon by our Leadership Council. The key points of this plan include:

- That Rev. Weiner would take a sabbatical from the congregation for a period of time,
- The congregation would continue the vision work of becoming a community church,
- And that we would publish the work of the Leadership Council more frequently to keep the congregation better informed.

If you have any questions regarding the Situational Support Consultation and the plan of action that was decided upon, do not hesitate to speak with Rev. Buehrer or a member of the Leadership Council.



Bethel Buddies

Child Care & Preschool



Mud Day!



On Tuesdays & Thursdays we have implemented "Storytime with Ms. Tiffaney" where the students gather in the chapel for a book, flannel storyboard, and a coordinating music & movement time.



Blessing of the
BACKPACKS

August 4, 2024



JOIN US!



SUNDAY, AUGUST 11TH 1-4PM

CARD GAMES - BOARD GAMES - REFRESHMENTS

THE EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL AGES
FEEL FREE TO JOIN ALONE OR BRING ALONG YOUR FRIENDS

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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.

MISSISSIPPI BACK BAY MISSION

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

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**GOLF
SCRAMBLE**

Monday
September 30th
Lunch 11:30am
Tee Off 12:30pm

**Cambridge
Golf Course**
1034 Beacon Hill
Evansville IN, 47725





BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy August Anniversaries to:

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| 1 Gary & Vicki Tichenor | 17 Stuart & Brenda Perigo |
| 4 Fred & Nancy Bullinger | 19 Bob & Joan English |

Happy August Birthdays to:

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| 2 Carol Garvey | 11 Sherri Hudson | 22 Lewis Plane |
| 3 Joan Roth | 13 Deborah Josey | 23 Albert Umbach III |
| 4 Jacob English | 13 Jim Vogel | 26 Gary Tichenor |
| 6 Cindy Perigo | 14 Frank Schultheis | 29 Letta Fraccaro |
| 10 Sandra Altheide | 22 Mary Lee Korb | |

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



NURSING/REHAB/RETIREMENT HOME/HOMEBOUND

Name	Room #	Address
Georgia McRae (812)704-0059		<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 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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