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**NOVEMBER 2024 Bethel Record/Newsletter**



**Monthly Mission: Thanksgiving Baskets**

Communion Sunday → November 3rd

All Saints Sunday → November 3rd

General Election in Gym → November 5th

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE → November 20th

Office Closed → November 28th & 29th



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 - NOVEMBER 2024 - THANKSGIVING BASKETS**



Bethel is continuing our tradition of helping local families with a basket of food and household items during the week of Thanksgiving. Six baskets will help Stockwell families. In the past Ms. Owen, Stockwell's principal, let us know that she and the Stockwell families were overwhelmed with our generosity. Last year she emailed that we are a blessing to the Stockwell School community. A board in the Narthex has suggested items to purchase. Or if you prefer, there will be envelopes in the pews for financial donations. Please make checks out to Bethel UCC and write Thanksgiving Baskets on the memo line. You are welcome to bring your donations anytime through Sunday, November 24. Baskets will be delivered on November 25. **Thank you!**

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**ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY**



We will celebrate on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at our worship service at 10:15 a.m. and hope that you can attend. There will be a special part of the service where we honor those who have died. A candle will be lit in their memory. We know that other commitments or distance may prohibit your being with us. We simply want you to know that your loved ones will be remembered by our community of faith. We remember you: Jana Bonifer, Mardell Puckett, Marianna Vogel, Ron Phillips, Don Mangold, and Dave Willis.

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**HANGING OF THE GREENS**

Deck the Halls together and join us on Nov 28th to spread holiday cheer by decorating the church for Christmas!  
Let's make our church festive and bright this season!



**Y.A.W.H.  
(YOU ARE WELCOME HERE)  
For Middle and High Schoolers**

We had a great group of middle school/high schoolers that met for our first get together in September. We had lots of discussion and fun. Our October meeting is a Halloween Theme.

If you are in middle school or high school, you are invited to our November get together which is: November 24th at 10:15-11:15 in the Fireside Room.

We will be helping get Thanksgiving baskets ready for our neighbors at Stockwell School. And of course we won't forget games and snacks! Questions? Call Sharon Lawson 812-205-8948



# Bethel Buddies Child Care & Preschool



## Kit



The weather has cooled off and we have been having a lot of outdoor fun. We continue to thrive as a part of Bethel's ongoing children's ministry.

Thank you to all that have donated items through our Amazon Wishlist. The teachers and children really appreciate the support. You can find our list in our Weekly Thursday Mailer or send us an email and we will send you the link.

We have adopted another calf. Meet Kit!





### CAJE Community Problems Assembly


November 11, 2024 – Holy Redeemer Catholic Church – Sign in 6PM – Call to Order 6:30PM

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Order Envelopes are also available at the Welcome Desk for this season's **Poinsettia and Christmas Music**. Please be sure to fill out the bottom part of the envelope if you are wanting these items to be In Memory/Honor of a particular person/people.

<b>Poinsettia Order Form</b> 	<b>Special Christmas Music</b> 
You may purchase poinsettias to adorn the sanctuary for Christmas. Plants are \$15 each.	Contributions will go to special music fund here at Bethel UCC.
_____ Total number of poinsettias	I am contributing \$_____ for special music for the season
In Memory of _____	
In Honor of _____	
Order placed by _____	
<b>Orders are Due by December 6th</b> <b>Make all Checks payable to Bethel UCC</b>	

Keep an eye out in your mailbox because **Pledge Cards** for 2025 have been mailed out.

2025 Pledge Cards	Envelope #: _____	<b>For Your Records</b> Date: _____
Name: _____		
Address: _____		With others in my congregation, I commit myself to give in proportion to what I have for the ministries of the church and the proclamation of the good news of Jesus Christ.
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____		
I plan to give \$ _____ each <input type="checkbox"/> week <input type="checkbox"/> month <input type="checkbox"/> year		I plan to give \$ _____ each <input type="checkbox"/> week <input type="checkbox"/> month <input type="checkbox"/> year beginning: _____ for an annual total of \$ _____.
beginning: _____ for an annual total of \$ _____.		
I understand that this commitment can be changed at any time by giving notice to the church office.		
Signed: _____ Date: _____		

You are more than welcome to drop either of these items off in the offering baskets or mail them into the church office.

**Bethel United Church of Christ  
Leadership Council Meeting Summary  
October 20, 2024**

**Continuing Business:**

1. Convergence update: The Vision Team will be meeting soon to plan for the future.
2. Personnel: Bethel is now offering a health care benefit called the Employer Care Program to its employees through Ascension St. Vincent. This program is at no cost to the church.
3. Lawsuit: As reported last month, two lawsuits have been filed against Bethel UCC on behalf of the two children that were sexually molested on our premises. There is no update from either our insurance company or from our attorney at this time. Our attorney expects these lawsuits to take 1 ½ to 2 years to resolve.
4. Council Nominations for 2025: We are still looking for a Vice President for 2025.
5. Sabbatical Grant Approved from the Lilly Foundation: Sam will be on sabbatical for June – August of 2025. Initial plans are being made to provide coverage for the 3-month period.

**New Business:**

1. Membership: Larry Tindle has joined Bethel as a member.
2. Custodian: Christina Woywood was hired as the custodian.



Dear Friend,

In less than two weeks, Florida has faced yet another disaster—Hurricane Milton. As we work to understand the full extent of the damage, the United Church of Christ continues its longstanding commitment to stand with communities through their recovery long after the headlines have faded.

You can help. As we respond to Hurricane Milton and continue relief efforts for Hurricane Helene, we invite you to give to the Hurricanes 2024 Appeal. Your gift will make a direct impact, providing relief to those suffering, rebuilding homes, and helping restore communities. Together, we can extend the support and hope so desperately needed during this time.

Thank you for your compassion and generosity.

Our heartfelt thanks to all who have already donated to support the victims of the recent Hurricane Helene. Your generosity is making a real difference in the lives of those affected by these devastating events.

<https://support.ucc.org/hurricane-helene-relief>

## **INDIANA-KENTUCKY CONFERENCE OPEN AND AFFIRMING COVENANT**

**Acknowledging that Christ's call to love one another as Christ has loved us serves as a call to express love without restriction, we, the Indiana-Kentucky conference, declare ourselves to be an "Open and Affirming" setting of the United Church of Christ.**

**We declare that ALL persons are made in the image of God the Creator and affirm who they are, whom they love, and who they are becoming.**

**We welcome ALL congregations and individuals to participate in the life and covenant relationship of the Indiana-Kentucky Conference of the United Church of Christ.**

**We repent of any intentional and unintentional harm caused to the LGBTQIA+ community and individuals by our collective action and inaction; we ask for their forgiveness, and Gods, and seek to make tangible and intentional repair, in word and in deed.**

**We covenant to make institutional changes that reflect the diversity and inclusion that are at the heart of the Gospel and to align our bylaws, policies, procedures, and practices to be open to and affirming of the participation of all persons in the Christian faith, ministry, and service of our conference.**

**We promise to come alongside and stand together with the LGBTQIA+ community in ways that end marginalization, oppression, and exclusion.**

**We encourage the Officers, Board Members, and Staff of the Indiana-Kentucky Conference to advocate for the rights, support the needs, and affirm the inherent worth of LGBTQIA+ individuals.**

**We seek with continual curiosity, courage, and openness to learn how we may best serve God and God's creation in the future God has in store for us.**

**This we covenant with the Still-Speaking God in whom we live and move and have our being, Christ who has redeemed us for Love, and with the Holy Spirit who leads us ever forward in God's service.**



**Happy November Anniversaries to:**

1 Jeannette & Lewis Plane                      19 Sharon & Bruce Lawson

**Happy November Birthdays to:**

4 Steve Best	19 Juanita Paniamogan	26 India Vannatter
11 Charlotte Scales	23 Bruce Lawson	30 Marci Schmitt
15 Richard Condi	24 Don Carrell	
17 Julie Pyle	24 Kathleen Parker	

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

*Richard and I thank you, our Bethel friends, for your donations and support of our passion for the American Cancer Society. This disease has affected too many of our friends and families and too many Bethel members.*

*Though the Relay was last week we can continue to accept donations at any time and we will continue to fight for a world with more birthdays.*

*And we thank Pastor Sam for making this Relay For Life a dry one by allowing us to pivot to the Bethel gym.*

*Thank you so much !*

*-Donna & Richard Condi*

## NURSING/REHAB/RETIREMENT HOME/HOMEBOUND

Name	Room #	Address
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 Kleymeyer		600 S Cullen Ave #603, Evansville, IN, 47715
Don Carrell		Bethel Wellness Community 6015 Kratzville Rd, Evansville, IN 47710

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