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DECEMBER 2024 Bethel Record/Newsletter



Monthly Mission: UCC Christmas Fund

Communion Sunday → December 1st

Winter Musical → December 12th - 15th

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE → December 18th

Wassail → December 22nd

Office Closed → December 24th & 25th

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 - DECEMBER 2024 - UCC CHRISTMAS FUND



**“ ...the Glory of God
shone around them...
Luke 2:9 ”**

Be the Light

***"And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them..."
—Luke 2:9***

“For over one hundred years, The Christmas Fund has provided direct financial assistance to the healers in all our lives: retired and active UCC ministers, church workers, and their families. You are part of the community of The Christmas Fund, whether you donate at Christmastime, benefit directly from our grant or leadership programs, or simply believe in our mission to help secure the financial foundation of those engaged in the life of the church.

Your gift is more than just a testament to your belief in the values of the United Church of Christ, it is a critical lifeline for those who depend on our grant programs for care and support. Thank you again for your generosity and I offer a closing prayer for your continued safety and peace.”

If you would like to read up more on The Christmas Fund, managed by the Pension Boards, follow the link here: <https://www.pbucc.org/index.php/christmas-fund-home>

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Thank you for your generosity! Barry & Doris Burleigh delivered 6 Thanksgiving Baskets to Stockwell on Monday, November 25. Frank & Judy Schultheis delivered a basket to the family that recently moved into the Appman Habitat House. Many people made this happen! Thank you to everyone who contributed, shopped, stocked the baskets, and loaded them into the delivery vehicles!



**YAWH
(YOU ARE WELCOME HERE)
For Middle and High Schoolers**

We will meet in the Fireside Room on Sunday December 15th at 10:15. We will then have fun shopping for one of our PreSchool families. Then back to church for pizza, wrapping and games. Please join in the fun and help a family have a brighter Christmas!

Will You Help?

The YAWH kids are going to go Christmas shopping for one of our Bethel Buddies families. It is a family of 3. We'd like to collect \$300.00 but we need your help. Please consider giving to this worthy cause to help a family have a brighter Christmas. Donations can be given to the office with a notation of Bethel Buddies Christmas donation.

Thank you from the YAWH kids!

Call if you have questions: Sharon Lawson
812-205-8948



Everyone is invited to enjoy the Christmas Wassail on Sunday, December 22nd in Fellowship Hall, immediately following the 10:15 AM worship service



ANNUAL REPORTS: Please remember that reports to be included in the annual report are due in the church office by **December 26th** so that there is time to compile the report for the meeting in January. If you have any questions, please call 812-473-0135. Thank you.



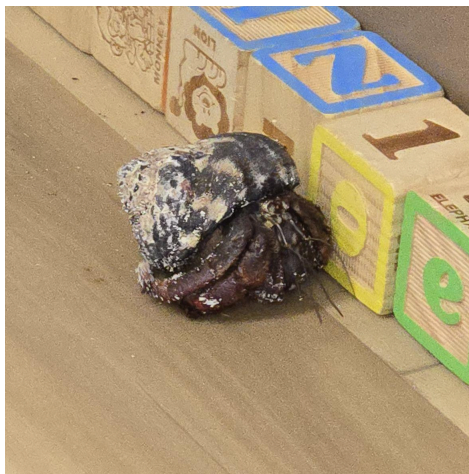
December 24th at 3PM

Come and join us on Christmas Eve for our annual candlelight service with **special music from Emily Fife, Harpest**



Bethel Buddies

Child Care & Preschool



What a busy month it has been in our preschool!! We had a great time collecting pumpkins and visiting Pastor Sam in our costumes for Halloween, we had a Glow Party, and we now have a new class pet in room #101. Thank you to all those who have volunteered to come and read to us. We always have a lot of fun learning about new things!

Bethel United Church of Christ
Leadership Council Meeting Summary
November 17, 2024

Continuing Business:

1. Convergence update: The Vision Team will be planning some events after the first of the year. The events will be centered around the theme of “taking the pulse of the church members.”
2. Lawsuit: As reported in prior months, two lawsuits have been filed against Bethel UCC on behalf of the two children that were sexually molested on our premises. Leesa Scales and Sam Buehrer will be meeting with the attorney on November 19th to get an update.
3. Council Nominations for 2025: We are still looking for a Vice President for 2025.
4. Sabbatical Grant Approved from the Lilly Foundation: Sam will be on sabbatical for June – August of 2025. \$60,000 has been received from the Lilly Foundation to cover both the cost of the Sabbatical for Sam as well as the cost for the church to hire a pastor while Sam is away for those three months.
5. 2025 Budget. The budget is being worked on. While the overall finances for the church are very positive, there are many unknowns around the lawsuits and lawyer fees at this time. We expect to see a large increase in insurance costs as they are rising nationwide. The Administration Team is hoping for additional pledges to cover the expense of the Musical Director in the same way that it was covered in 2024.

New Business: No new business.

Christmas Poinsettia Orders are Due Soon!!

Poinsettia Order Form



You may purchase poinsettias
to adorn the sanctuary for
Christmas.

Plants are \$15 each.

_____ Total number of poinsettias

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Order placed by _____

Special Christmas Music 🎵

Contributions will go to special
music fund here at Bethel UCC.

I am contributing \$_____ for
special music for the season

Orders are Due by December 6th
Make all Checks payable to Bethel UCC



Happy December Anniversaries to:

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| 12 Barry & Doris Burleigh | 21 Reese & Abby Thomas |
| 15 Sam & Mackenzie Schentrup | 27 Bruce & Joan Roth |
| 18 Wilder & Janel Allen | |

Happy December Birthdays to:

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| 1 Pat Pricher | 18 Emily Webster | 26 Linda Williams |
| 3 Deb Vannatter | 19 Doris Glesige | 27 Linda Hape |
| 16 Jack Kuykendoll | 19 Michael Schentrup | 27 Carmen Mazick |
| 18 Doylyn Neiswinger | 21 Christy Woywood | 29 Victor Luhning |

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

★ *Anna Ruth (Long) Ulrich, 93, passed away peacefully on Monday, October 21, 2024, at her home in Columbia, South Carolina. Obituary can be found here:*

<https://www.courierpress.com/obituaries/psbn0996885>

★ *Sandra Altheide, 84, passed away on November 16th. Services will be held at a later date. No further information is available at this time.*

★ *Congratulations to Makenzie & Sam Schentrup on the birth of their daughter, Elloise.*

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
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
Don Carrell	1	Bethel Manor 6015 Kratzville Rd, Evansville, IN 47710

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