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**FEBRUARY 2025 Bethel Record/Newsletter**



**Monthly Mission: Hygiene Kits**  
Communion Sunday → February 2nd  
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE → February 19th

OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY - THURSDAY 8AM - 2 PM, FRIDAY CLOSED

## MISSION FOCUS - FEBRUARY 2025 - HYGIENE KITS

We are currently collecting items to assemble hygiene kits that will be distributed to individuals in our area. If you're looking for a way to give back, please consider donating any of the following items. These kits are essential for maintaining personal dignity, comfort, and health, and your donation can make a world of difference for someone in need.

. Each item helps make a vital difference:

- **1-Gallon Resealable Plastic Bag**
- **Washcloth**
- **Toothbrush (in original packing)**
- **Fingernail or Toenail Clipper (packaging removed)**
- **Bath-Size Bar of Soap (in original packaging)**
- **Travel-Size Deodorant (3.4 oz. or less, non-aerosol)**
- **Travel-Size Lotion (3.4 oz. or less, fragrance-free, NEW only)**
- **Travel-Size Shampoo (3.4 oz. or less, NEW only)**
- **Travel-Size Toothpaste (3.4 oz. or less, expiration date of 1 year)**
- **Sturdy Wide-Tooth Comb (6" minimum teeth, packaging removed)**



These items can make a big difference in someone's day-to-day life, offering them a sense of comfort and personal care when it is often hard to come by.

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### LADIES WHO LUNCH

Due to the inclement weather, the January gathering of Ladies Who Lunch had to be canceled. We will try again, same time, same place:

**Wednesday, February 12th**

**@ Robert's by the River Restaurant**

'Robert's' is located at 6 Walnut St. Downtown Evansville. That's in the Hadi Shrine building. You know the location from the famous statue out front of the Shriner carrying the little girl. ("Editorial Without Words") Parking is across the street. We'll meet at 12:30 PM. **RSVP** by calling or texting Maureen Parmar at (812) 319-4970. You can email, too, at [mlparmar@yahoo.com](mailto:mlparmar@yahoo.com)

### YAWH

#### Middle and High Schoolers

Please join us February 23rd at 10:15 in the Youth Room which is located in the back hallway, across from the Gym. We'll have a short devotion, do an act of kindness, have snacks and play a game or two. With the time we have left over, we will use the gym. We'll come up with our act of kindness for the next month and just talk about life. Can't wait to see you!!!

Questions? Contact me:

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812-205-8948

## JOIN US FOR TWO DELICIOUS LUNCHEONS!

We are excited to invite you to two wonderful opportunities for fellowship, great food, and community bonding following church services!



### **February 16th: Soup and Salad Luncheon**

Warm up with a variety of delicious soups and fresh, crisp salads. This lunch will be a perfect opportunity to share in good conversation and connect with others in a relaxed setting.

### **March 9th: Sam's Famous Lasagna**

Back by popular demand, don't miss out on Sam's lasagna! Packed with flavor and made with love, this hearty meal will be the perfect way to gather with friends, old and new, over a comforting dish that's sure to satisfy.

Both luncheons will be held immediately following the service, so bring your appetite and your spirit of fellowship. These gatherings are a wonderful way to connect with the church family, share laughs, and enjoy some homemade goodness!

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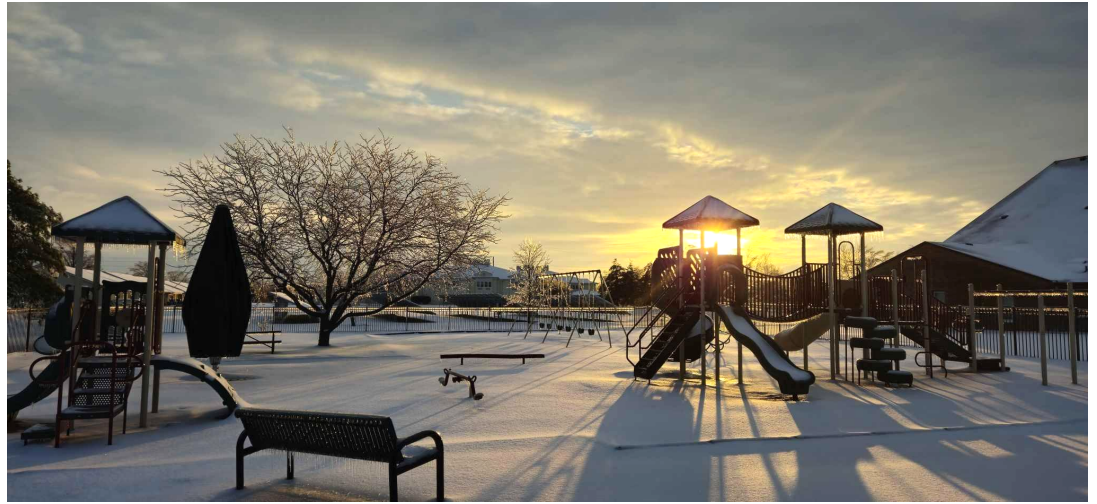
We are incredibly grateful for the generous donations from our congregation in support of United Caring Services. Thanks to your kindness and support, we were able to raise enough funds to sponsor one of the windows for the UCS Building Window Sponsorship Program!

Your contributions have made a significant impact, helping to provide a safer, brighter, and more uplifting environment for the guests at UCS. This new window will not only enhance the building's appearance but will also offer a sense of hope and comfort to those in need.

Thank you for being a part of this meaningful change and for your continued dedication to making a difference. Your generosity truly matters!







# Bethel Buddies Child Care & Preschool



Snow painting is a fun outdoor winter art activity.

We hope you get to do this with your kids this winter! What a fun way for kids to get creative in the snow on a sunny winter day!

Mary Jo Huff visited Bethel Buddies Preschool. The preschoolers, seated on the floor with crossed legs, wide eyes, and fidgety fingers, awaited their special guest. However, they soon began laughing, singing, and dancing. Mary Jo Huff, author of children's picture books such as *\*No, No Ebenezer\**, *\*Chicken Fun\**, and *\*Going on a Gator Hunt\**, captivated the students. The students enjoyed the magic of storytelling, simultaneously improving their listening comprehension and developing their creative writing skills.



Bethel United Church of Christ  
Leadership Council Meeting Summary  
January 19, 2025

**Continuing Business:**

1. Convergence update: The Vision Team is planning to hold one meal a month after church in February and March to promote times of fellowship.
2. Lawsuit: We received official notice that our insurance company is denying coverage for the second claim of two claims against Bethel. Our lawyer is following up with the insurance provider that provides Errs and Omissions coverage to our insurance agent before any legal action is taken.
3. Council Nominations for 2025: Jenny Webster has agreed to serve as Vice President for 2025.
4. 2025 Budget. The budget for 2025 was approved to be sent to the congregation. Notable changes in the budget from the prior year: a 35% increase in liability insurance costs (the increase is \$13,930), we budgeted legal expenses of \$66,000 for the year, the positions of Nursery Attendants and the Youth Program Associate were eliminated, and the youth music program was not budgeted due to the resignation of Abby Thomas.
5. Sabbatical: The Sabbatical committee will meet in February to begin making plans for the summer. Rev. Lynn Moreno has agreed to provide pastoral leadership during the Sabbatical.

**New Business:**

1. A new Fund Policy was adopted.
2. A new Conflict of Interest Policy was adopted.
3. The resignation of Abby Thomas was received and plans were made accordingly to end the musical program. The Personnel Committee agreed to pay Abby for one additional month from the date of her resignation. We also agreed to work with Abby to determine what she may want to take with her as she is hoping to continue a youth musical program on her own.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Annual Meeting! Your presence and input in approving the budget and leadership positions are truly valued. You can find links to our Annual Report in our "Thursday Updates" email. Together, we're strengthening the foundation of our church community, and we're excited for the opportunities ahead as we continue to grow in faith and service. Let's move forward, united in purpose, for another year of ministry and impact!



# FEBRUARY

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Happy February Anniversaries to:

23 Gary & Linda Williams

### Happy February Birthdays to:

1 Suzanne Farney	17 Susan Parmar	27 Bob English
5 Carolyn Stephens	17 Stuart Scales	27 Susan Gordon
5 Donte Thomas	18 Karson Wininger	27 Brad Neidig
8 Ryland Whiteley	19 Ruth Willis	27 Marx Pyle
8 Jennifer Wininger	22 Georgia McRae	28 River Thomas
10 Don Bernhardt	22 Allison Payne	
10 Lillian Scales	25 Makenzie Schentrup	

Happy Birthday to Sharon Hoffman on January 4th. We are so sorry to have missed you in last month's Newsletter.

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

**Memorials:** Donations were made to the Memorial Fund in memory of Sandra Altheide from Suzanne Farney, Margaret Stahl, Theda Guth, and Conie Coomes.

A donation was made to the Helping Hands Fund in memory of Bruce C. Roth from Joan Roth.

## 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
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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