



Bethel United Church of Christ
3029 N Green River Rd.
Evansville, IN 47715



Monthly Mission: One Great Hour of Sharing

Communion Sunday → March 2nd

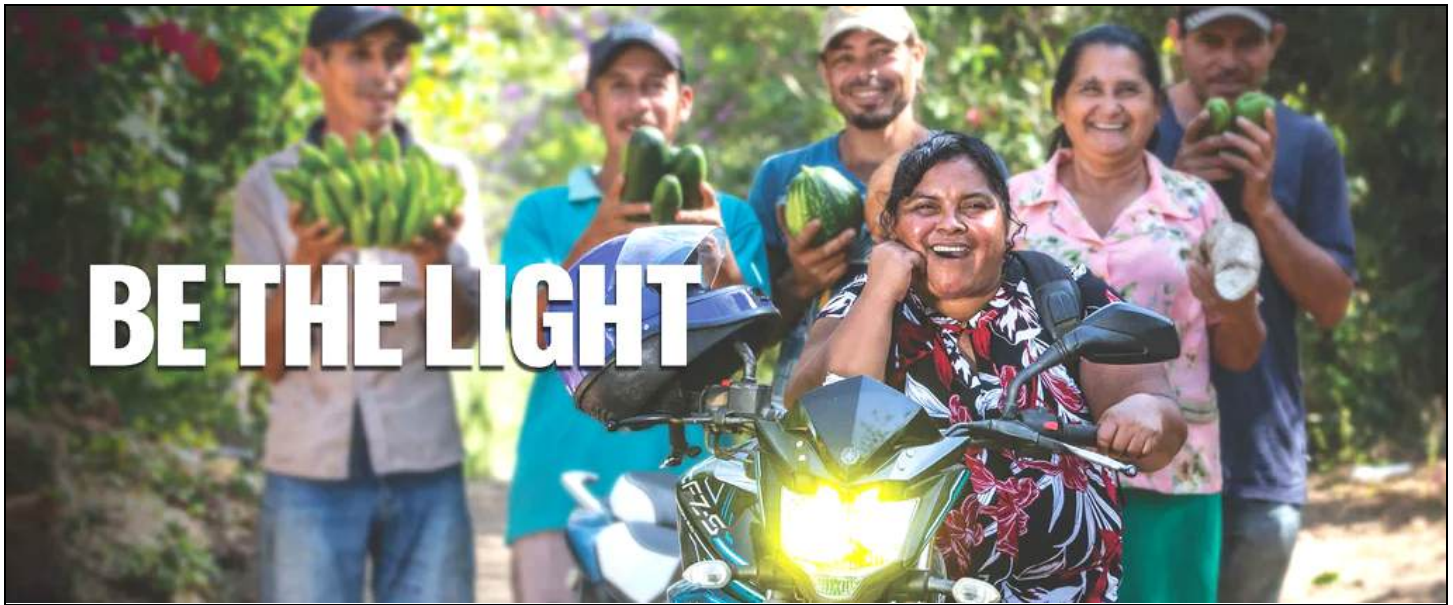
Ash Wednesday → March 5th

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE → March 19th

OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY - THURSDAY 8AM - 2 PM, FRIDAY CLOSED
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One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is a vital special mission offering of the United Church of Christ. It connects you to disaster relief, refugee assistance, and development efforts around the globe. When disasters strike, or when individuals are displaced due to violence or poverty, OGHS ensures immediate response and ongoing recovery.



When you give to One Great Hour of Sharing, you are light for people in need. You offer light when disasters strike, and when chronic conditions threaten families and communities. You are light not just in the immediate future, but also for the long haul. When you give, you restore not only structures, but also transform lives. Your gift ensures that no matter how difficult the situation, light shines.

HYGIENE KITS

Thank You for Your Donations!



A big thank you to all that contributed to our hygiene kits project! **Our packing day will be March 23rd, right after the worship**

service. We hope to see you there as we prepare these kits together!

JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT DELICIOUS LUNCHEON!

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.

It 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!

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

March 5, 2025

As we begin the season of Lent, we invite you to join us for a time of reflection and prayer. While we will not hold the traditional evening Ash Wednesday service, the sanctuary will be open during normal office hours for private meditation.

We do welcome you to join us in an informal service that afternoon with the Bethel Buddies Preschool children to receive ashes from Pastor Sam. It's a beautiful moment of connection and a reminder of our shared journey during this season of repentance and renewal.



Bethel Buddy Program



The Bethel Buddy program is a heartfelt initiative, offering comfort and support to those in need. Whether you're facing a tough time or just need a little extra love, a Bethel Buddy can make all the difference. These cuddly companions, often small plush toys like teddy bears, serve as tangible symbols of care. They are more than just stuffed animals—they are a reminder that someone is thinking of you, offering a hug and a listening ear. If you know someone who could benefit from the warmth and comfort of a Bethel Buddy, consider taking one to them. Your simple gesture could be a light in someone's darkest days.

YAWH

We had fun at our January get together catching up and sharing our holiday stories. We got our year off to a good start with Communion and a good discussion. We are enjoying being in the youth room and they are thinking of ways to help make it feel like their own. We share the room with the AA group so for our January act of kindness, we put together a goodie basket for them. They greatly appreciated it. We are looking forward to our March gathering which will be March 30th from 10:15-11:15 in the Youth Room. If you or someone you know is in middle or high school, we would love to have you join our group. We have a short devotion with discussion, snacks, games and participate in an act of kindness. YAWH - You Are Welcome Here. If you have questions please contact:

Sharon Lawson
812-205-8948






Bethel Buddies Child Care & Preschool



COME READ WITH US!

Preschoolers' listening skills, vocabulary, and early literacy concepts are enhanced through special guest readers, who also cultivate enthusiasm for books and stories. Exposure to diverse voices, accents, and reading styles through varied readers enriches the children's listening experience.

 **CommunityVotes Evansville 2024
Winners 2024**

Bethel Buddies Childcare & Preschool

Platinum Daycare *in Parenting and Childcare*

Gold Childcare Services *in Parenting and Childcare*

In case you missed it, we've got some exciting news to share! In November, Bethel Buddies Preschool was recognized in the Community Votes Evansville program, earning Platinum status in the Daycare Category and Gold status in the Childcare Services Category. Way to go, team! We're so proud of this achievement and grateful for the support of our amazing community!

Bethel United Church of Christ
Leadership Council Meeting Summary
February 23, 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. We met with a local church pastor in Chattanooga from a church similar to ours to get some ideas for Bethel.
2. Lawsuit: No updates
3. Sabbatical: The Sabbatical committee will meet March 2 to begin making plans for the summer. A contract has been prepared for the Sabbatical pastor, Rev. Lynn Moreno. Sam's plans for the summer are more solidified with the scheduling of a week in July in eastern Kentucky doing with the IKC Disaster Relief organization.
4. The Safe Church Policy was reviewed (we do this yearly) and approved with no changes.
5. Abby Thomas: Abby received her final pay check on February 21, 2025. March 8th remains the working date for her to remove her belongings and any musical related items from the church.

New Business: None



While the ice and snow from the beginning of the year has slowed our progress a touch, we are ready to talk about upcoming volunteer opportunities on the **UCC/DOC Build** at 652 E. Louisiana for Desheona Sherman and her family! As it sits now, we will be ready for siding on **March 22nd!** Sign up with this link

https://volunteer.evansvillehabitat.org/need/detail/?need_id=823473

Thanks so much for all you do!

-Billy Thompson

UCC LENTEN BREAKFASTS

We'd love for you to join us for the UCC Lenten Breakfasts! It's a great time to come together, enjoy some breakfast, and reflect on the season of Lent. Here's the schedule:

- March 8: Christ Church on Washington Ave.
- March 15: Immanuel will host breakfast & Zion will lead the worship service on Ford Rd.
- March 22: Bethlehem on Oak Hill Rd.
- March 29: St. Lucas on Virginia St.
- April 5: STILL OPEN
- April 12: St. Paul's German Township on Big Cynthiana Rd.

Breakfast is at 7:30 AM followed by Worship at 8:30 AM. We hope you'll be able to join us for some good food, fellowship, and time together as we reflect and prepare for Easter. See you there!



2025

Tri-State Creation Care Conference

“Building Resilience Together”

Saturday, March 8, 9 am - Noon CST

CK Newsome Center, 100 E. Walnut St., Evansville

The event is free.



All are welcome.

Readying Our City for the Future:

- How will climate change impact our area?
- What is our city’s plan to become more green and resilient?
- How is our city prepared for severe weather events?
- What is our role as individuals and faith/civic organizations?

Our Presenters:



Dr. Beth Hall, Indiana State Climate Office Director

“Climate Trends and Considerations for Reducing Risks”



Lauren Norvell, Evansville’s Climate Action Director

“Taking Action to Build a Resilient Community”



Cliff Weaver, Evansville /Vanderburgh EMA Director

“Evansville’s Severe Weather Preparations and How Communities Might Play a Role”

Pre-registration is not required but appreciated.

Register to tristate.creation.care@gmail.com

Doors will open at 8:30 am for registration and exhibits.

Website: www.tristatecreationcare.org

Facebook: [tristateinterfaithcreationcare](https://www.facebook.com/tristateinterfaithcreationcare)

Join your sister churches for our annual meeting of the
EVANSVILLE TRI-STATE ASSOCIATION!

Who doesn't love a two-for-one deal? The Ecclesiastical Council for Brian Newton that was postponed during our January winter weather will now be part of the **annual Spring Meeting of the Evansville Tri-State Association**. Join us at **Bethlehem United Church of Christ on March 16, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.**

We will gather first for worship. Ryan Rigg, Executive Director for United Caring Services, will share the message with us. When worship concludes, we will enter right into our business meeting.

We look forward to seeing you at Bethlehem United Church of Christ on March 16, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.!



Happy March Anniversaries to:

07 Linda & Steve Hape 17 Lori & John Glasser 26 Jennifer & Chance Webster

Happy March Birthdays to:

3 Sharon Greubel 17 Kyle Perigo 27 Louella Komuves
4 Janel Allen 17 Doris Rohlfer 27 Sue Layman
9 Jo Haller 22 Cliff Klymeyer 27 Scott Scales
10 Lori Glasser 26 Phil Damm 29 Helen Ancona
16 Debra Marx 26 John Glasser 31 Fred Bullinger

Happy Birthday to Joyce Gallagher on February 16th. 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.

H•O•M•E BOUND

Nursing Homes, Rehab, Retirement Homes, and Homebound Members

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	117	Primrose Retirement Community
Jim Vogel	226	9800 Lincoln Ave., Newburgh, IN 47630
Jeanette Plane	S. RM.3	Protestant Home (812) 476-3360
Carlos Haskins	N. RM 26	3701 Washington Ave., Evansville, IN 47714
Ritchie Taylor	528	River Pointe (812) 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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