



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

-----*Bethel Record - April 2025*-----



**BETHEL UCC
NEWSLETTER**

Monthly Mission: Habitat's Walking for Dreams

Communion Sunday → April 6th

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE → April 16th

Maundy Thursday → April 17th

Easter Sunday → April 20th

OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY - THURSDAY 8AM - 2 PM, FRIDAY CLOSED
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MISSION FOCUS - APRIL 2025 - HABITAT - WALKING FOR DREAMS

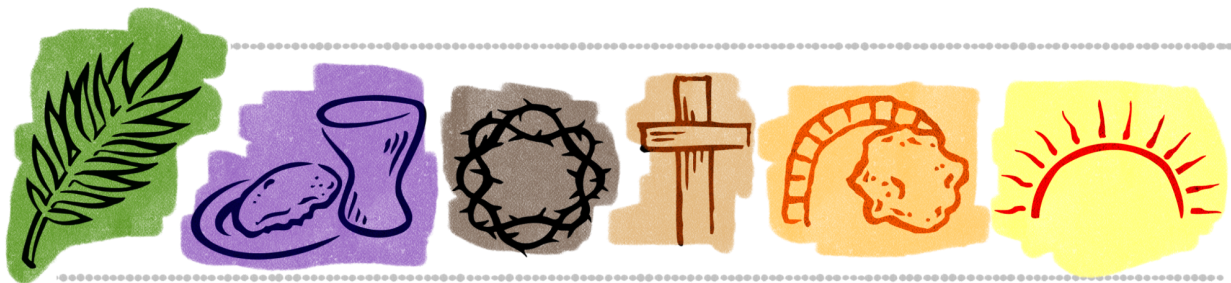


21st Annual Walk

Habitat Evansville is participating in the 21st annual Walking for Dreams, raising funds to help build a home! Join us for a family and pet-friendly walk on the river and learn about the work of dozens of great nonprofit organizations!

Even though the walk is not until May 18th, Bethel UCC would like to raise the funds this month and donate it closer to race-day, when our gifts will be matched!

Sunday, May 18th
1:00 pm CST
Bally's Evansville Events Plaza 421 NW
Riverside Dr., Evansville, IN



Holy Week Schedule

April 13th	April 17th	April 18th	April 20th
Palm Sunday 10:15 AM	Maundy Thursday 7:00 PM	Good Friday No Service	Easter Sunday 10:15 AM

April Meeting YAWH - YOUTH

IF YOU GET A CHANCE, PLEASE VISIT THE YOUTH ROOM AND TAKE A LOOK AT THE BEAUTIFUL ARTWORK ON THE CHALKBOARD CHALKED BY OUR OWN LILLY SCALES. SHOUT OUT TO LILLY AND THANK YOU! OUR NEXT GET TOGETHER WILL BE **APRIL 27TH AT 10:15** IN THE YOUTH ROOM.

WE HOPE ANY AND ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL KIDS CAN JOIN US. WE HAVE SNACKS, A SHORT DEVOTION, PLAY SOME GAMES AND DO A SMALL ACT OF KINDNESS. WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU!

PLEASE CONTACT SHARON LAWSON 812-205-8948 IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS. YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!

Bethel United Church of Christ
Leadership Council Meeting Summary
March 23, 2025

Continuing Business:

1. Convergence update: The Vision Team is planning to meet on April 6 to discuss the monthly meals, book chat and an opportunity to join with other IKC churches who are involved in vision discussions
2. Lawsuit: Our lawyer addressing the issues with the insurance company not providing coverage has filed a formal complaint with the various parties.
3. Sabbatical: The Sabbatical committee will meet April 6. A contract has been signed with the Sabbatical pastor, Rev. Lynn Moreno.
4. Abby Thomas: Abby Thomas has removed all of her belongings from the church premises and a final agreement was signed. We are awaiting a final check from the online ticket sales for the winter production. Abby is to return several school tables and dividers that were removed from the garage storage.

New Business:

1. Preschool: We are investigating starting a summer program to boost enrollment in the preschool.

Bethel Buddies Child Care & Preschool



TUESDAY APRIL 22ND

**CELEBRATE EARTH DAY
WITH US!**

**BETHEL BUDDIES WILL BE CREATING
A BUTTERFLY & HUMMINGBIRD GARDEN!**

**WE INVITE FAMILY VOLUNTEERS TO JOIN US AND
WE WELCOME DONATIONS TOWARDS THIS PROJECT.**

**YOU CAN VIEW OUR
AMAZON WISH LIST
USING THIS QR CODE.**

**PLEASE MESSAGE US ON
BRIGHTWHEEL IF YOU HAVE ANY
QUESTIONS OR TO LET US
KNOW IF YOU WILL BE JOINING US.**

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Congregations Acting for Justice and Empowerment

Rally for all network members and clergy: Monday, April 7th at Central UMC, 6 PM – registration; 6:30 PM meeting

E A S T E R



Please join us after service for our annual church-family egg hunt

APRIL 20, 2025

EASTER FLOWERS

To purchase flowers to decorate the church at Easter, please complete the form below and return it to the church office. Checks should be made payable to Bethel UCC. You may designate the flowers to be in honor or memory of loved ones. (Please pick up your flowers from the church after worship on Easter. If you need to pick them up at a later time, please contact the church office.)

We are also encouraging gifts to the Music Fund, the source of special music for the season. All gifts will be acknowledged in the Easter bulletins.

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

In memory/honor (circle one) of: _____

Special Music for Easter: \$ _____

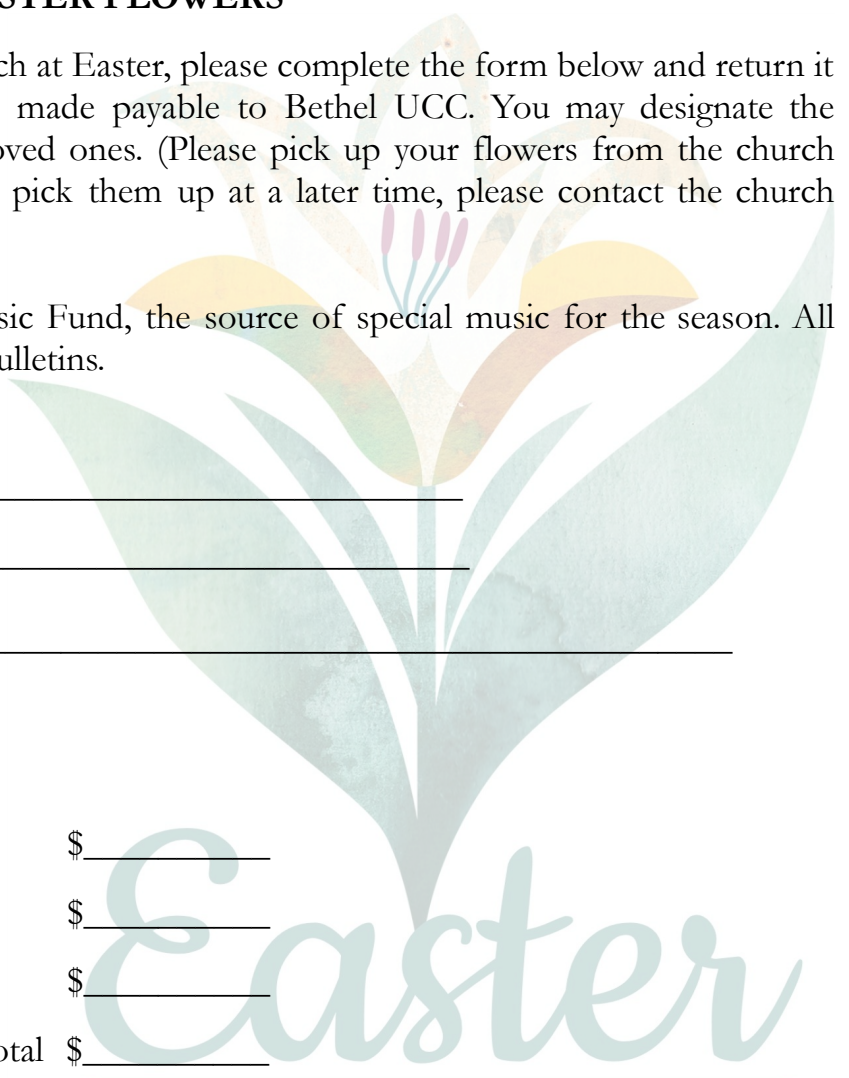
I am purchasing:

of daffodils ordered: _____ x \$10.00 \$ _____

of lilies ordered: _____ x \$12.00 \$ _____

of tulips ordered: _____ x \$10.00 \$ _____

Total \$ _____



Earth Day 2025-from Bethlehem UCC's Green Team

Earth Day Sustainability Kits at Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library Branches (East, West, or Stringtown)

First-Come First Served from April 12th - 22nd

Stop by your local EVPL branch (East, West, or Stringtown) to pick up a free Earth Day Sustainability Kit to help you on the journey to a more sustainable lifestyle. They will have these kits available at those three branches while supplies last.

Free Tree Give Away at Wesselman Woods Saturday, April 12 @ 9 a.m.

As part of a strategic tree planting initiative, Wesselman Woods is giving residents a tree! Make sure to get there early as the trees go fast. Trees mitigate the problems caused by storm water, clean the air, reduce urban heat, create a healthier environment, reduce noise pollution, and help fight food insecurity. Karen Joy Fowler said, "Trees are as close to immortality as the rest of us ever come."

Party for the Planet at Evansville's Mesker Park Zoo & Botanic Garden Saturday, April 12 @ 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Free with general admission or membership, this Party for the Planet will celebrate Earth and the diversity of life within. The party will "Spring into Action!" with activity stations, animal encounters, keeper chats, animal feedings, vendors, live music, and entertainment. Come learn how to make a difference with meaningful everyday action.

Celebration of Earth Day at Wesselman Woods Saturday, April 19 @ 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This free community even includes interactive booths, nature-based activities, and live demonstrations. Come enjoy the trails or play on the Nature Playscape and enjoy the beauty of the largest urban old-growth forest in the U.S, right in our own backyard! You can grab lunch at the local food trucks from 11am to 2pm

Forest Wisdom: Community Resilience at Wesselman Woods

Sunday, April 27 @ 4 p.m to 5:30 p.m. RSVP wesslemanwoods.org/forestwisdom.

Forest Wisdom is a free 4-part series of conversations and experiences focused on how healthy ecosystems can be a model for building human connections and resilience. This first session by presenter Amy Rhodes is about the "The Human-Nature Connection." Mark your calendars for the remaining sessions: June 29, August 24, and October 26.

Bethlehem UCC Annual Earth Day Service Sunday, May 4th @ 10:15 in West Parking Lot

Join us outside for Bethlehem's annual Earth Day Worship for inspiration and interaction being planned by the Rev. Kimron Reising and the Green Team.

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: St. Paul's UCC (Middle Mount Vernon Rd)
- April 12: St. Paul's German Township on Big Cynthiana Rd.

Breakfast is at 8:00 AM followed by Worship at 9:00 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!

BIRTHDAYS



AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy April Anniversaries to:

- 13 Chad & Jennifer Winger
- 20 Frank & Judy Schultheis

Happy April Birthdays to:

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| 1 Reese Thomas | 5 Bob Mangold | 7 Ron Vogel |
| 3 Pat Stoltz | 5 Vicki Tichenor | 11 Gregory Gordon |
| 3 Keeli Webster | 7 Carolyn Bennett | 23 Dan Patterson |
| 5 Catherine Johnson | 7 Isaac Pricher | |

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
Joan Roth		6337 Elise Lane, McCordsville, IN 46055

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