



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

## *Bethel Record - July 2025*



### BETHEL UCC NEWSLETTER

**Monthly Mission: Stockwell Schools**

Communion Sunday → July 6th

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE → July 16th

Celebrate Summer → July 24th

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## MISSION FOCUS - JULY 2024 - SUPPORT OUR STOCKWELL STARS

Our mission focus for July is **Stockwell School**. Please consider bringing one or more of the items below to church on any Sunday in July. Envelopes for financial donations are in the pews. Please make checks payable to Bethel UCC and put Stockwell School Supplies on the memo line.

### STOCK UP STOCKWELL



- ☐ Ticonderoga #2 pencils
- ☐ Art boxes
- ☐ Jumbo Kindergarten Ticonderoga pencils
- ☐ 1-inch binders
- ☐ Crayola 24-count crayons
- ☐ Composition notebooks
- ☐ Crayola colored pencils
- ☐ Post-it notes
- ☐ Black Expo dry-erase markers (chisel tip)
- ☐ Kleenex
- ☐ Clorox wipes

Financial donations for children's underwear and other needs as they arise throughout the school year

**Join us on Sunday, August 3rd For an Ice Cream Social** following Our Worship Service

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### YOU'RE INVITED TO LUNCH BUNCH!

Join us for good food, great conversation,  
and warm company at the next Lunch  
Bunch gathering!

**Date:** Wednesday, July 9, 2025

**Time:** 12:30 PM

**Location:** China Bistro

Whether you're a regular or it's your first  
time, we'd love to see you there. Bring your  
appetite and a friend!

Please let Pat Stolz know if you plan to  
attend.

### YAWH

Shout out to the YAWH kids for doing the  
Thoughts for Young Believers in May. We  
met in June and we will meet again July  
27th at 10:15-11:15 in the Youth Room.  
We'll have a short discussion and then share  
some snacks and games. The gym will be  
open to play basketball as well. So if you  
are in middle or high school, please join us.  
We'd Love to have you!

**You Are Welcome Here!!!**

## A SUMMER OF RENEWAL: PASTOR SAM'S SABBATICAL JOURNEY

As many of you know, Pastor Sam has been on a well-deserved sabbatical this summer—a time of rest, renewal, and service. We're delighted to share a glimpse into how he has spent this meaningful season.

In June, Pastor Sam embraced the breathtaking beauty of Switzerland, where he spent cherished time with family and in the majesty of the Swiss Alps. Days filled with hiking through alpine trails and sharing meals with loved ones offered him a much-needed space for spiritual and physical rejuvenation.

Looking ahead to July, Pastor Sam will shift from retreat to outreach. He'll be partnering with Back Bay Mission, an organization dedicated to community support and justice, and offering his hands and heart in Disaster Relief efforts in Pikeville. This phase of his sabbatical reflects his deep commitment to service and his desire to walk alongside those in need.

You can check out Pastor Sam's Sabbatical journey on our website: [bethelucc.org/sabbatical](https://bethelucc.org/sabbatical)

# CELEBRATE SUMMER

An Evening with Bethel Friends

Bethel and Pastor Sam were privileged to receive a Lilly Foundation Clergy Renewal Grant to fund his sabbatical experience. Included in the grant are funds for a community-building event for the congregation during his absence. The Sabbatical Team has planned a **dinner at Venue 812, 1401 N. Boeke Road on Thursday, July 24, beginning at 5:30 p.m.** Come for an evening of dinner, friends, conversation, and fun, including a round of Trivia with your team of tablemates!

**Reservations are required** and can be made following worship on Sundays, June 29, July 6, and July 13, or by calling the church office at 812-473-0135.

**Please make your reservation no later than July 14.  
See you on July 24th !**





# Bethel Buddies

## Child Care & Preschool



**Parachute Fun:** Our little ones had a blast during parachute time! They practiced teamwork, coordination, and, of course, had plenty of giggles as the bright colors floated up and down.

**Butterfly Garden:** The courtyard is buzzing with excitement as our new **butterfly garden** comes to life! This beautiful space, filled with butterfly- and hummingbird-friendly plants, has become a peaceful place for observation, curiosity, and connection with nature.

**Reading & Music with Miss Melon:** A special thank you to “**Miss Melon**”, our favorite librarian, for her joyful storytime and musical magic. Her songs, stories, and silly voices made it a memorable moment for all.

Thank you for being part of the Bethel Buddies family. Every week brings new adventures, and we’re so glad to share them with you!



We build strength, stability, and self-reliance through shelter.

June 3, 2025

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Dear Friend of Habitat,

As the season turns and spring brings new life and fresh beginnings, I wanted to take a moment to personally thank you for your incredible generosity. Your recent gift of \$250.00 is more than just a donation – it's a beautiful expression of hope, compassion, and belief in a better future.

**Board of Directors**

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Thanks to your support, families in our community are taking steps toward something they've long dreamed of: a safe, stable home of their own. At Habitat for Humanity of Evansville, we see every day how transformative that can be. A home is more than four walls and a roof—it's a place where children grow up with confidence, where meals are shared and memories are made, where dreams are nurtured.

Your kindness helps us build more than homes. It builds strength. It builds stability. It builds a foundation on which families can thrive. Every house we raise and every life we touch is a direct reflection of your compassion.

Right now, the need for affordable housing in Vanderburgh and Posey Counties is deeply felt. Too many families are living in uncertainty, unsure of where they'll be tomorrow. But because of you, we are changing that—one home, one family, one bright future at a time.

On behalf of our staff, board, and future homeowners, thank you for walking alongside us in this mission. Your belief in our work fills us with energy and gratitude, and we are so excited for all that we can accomplish together.

With heartfelt thanks,

Dan Douglas  
Director of Development

Thank you  
Bethel UCC!

P.S. – If you would like to know about our latest builds, go to [www.evansvillehabitat.org](http://www.evansvillehabitat.org) and click on "Email Newsletter" at the bottom of the page under "Subscribe to Email."

**Donation Type:** Check  
**Date of Donation:** 5/14/2025  
**Check Number:** 1100  
**Designation:** UCC Build - Walking for Dreams

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Habitat for Humanity of Evansville, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. This receipt confirms that you have made this donation as a charitable contribution and you are not receiving any goods or services in return. As tax laws may change, please consult a tax professional regarding the deductibility of this donation

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IN OUR COMMUNITY:



SCAN TO REGISTER



# BBQ

DINNER FUNDRAISER

ICE CREAM SOCIAL  
CRUISE IN  
SILENT AUCTION

SUNDAY  
JULY 13, 2025  
4 - 7 PM

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT  
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY  
OF EVANSVILLE



BETHLEHEM  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
6400 Oak Hill Road  
Evansville



# BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



## Happy July Anniversaries to:

18 Sam & Ellen Buehrer      28 Scott & Leesa Scales  
23 Jerry & Sue Dills

## Happy July Birthdays to:

2 Kim Farney	9 Donna Condi	21 Gerald Hudson
2 Ethan Harms	9 Gale Neidig	22 Shirley Mangold
2 Donna Herum	12 Brenda Phelps	23 Sam Buehrer
3 Nyla Schmitt	13 Janet Best	24 Joan Ritter
4 Sue Dills	13 Story Thomas	25 Eliza Schuff
5 Lila Finney	18 Clayton Potts	27 Delores Padgett
7 Barry Burleigh	20 Larry Coleman	29 Rebecca Fehd

Donations into the Memorial Fund were made by Frank & Judi Schultheis and Laurel Vaughn in Memory of Jim Vogel.

*To my Bethel friends,*

*Thank you so much for supporting me and the American Cancer Society by purchasing a Relay For Life luminaria for your loved one. Every dollar spent buys HOPE for a future with more birthdays and a cure for this horrible disease and so I thank you.*

*Sincerely,*

*Donna Condi*

# 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		West River Health Campus 714 S Eickhoff Rd., Evansville, IN 47712
Letta Fraccaro	1119	Covenant Living at The Holmstad 700 W. Fabyan Pkwy, Batavia, IL 60510
Linda Garrett	117	Primrose Retirement Community 9800 Lincoln Ave., Newburgh, IN 47630
Jeanette Plane Carlos Haskins	S. RM.3 N. RM 26	Protestant Home (812) 476-3360 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 Kley Meyer		<i>Address Unavailable</i>
Don Carrell	1	Bethel Manor 6015 Kratzville Rd, Evansville, IN 47710
Joan Roth		6337 Elise Lane, McCordsville, IN 46055

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