



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

Bethel Record - August 2025



Monthly Mission: Strengthen the Church
Communion Sunday → August 3rd
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE → August 20th

OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY - THURSDAY 8AM - 2 PM, FRIDAY CLOSED
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MISSION FOCUS - AUGUST 2025 - STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH



The **Strengthen the Church** Offering supports congregations and leaders across the United Church of Christ as they respond to the Spirit's call to be united in Christ for a more just world for all. The challenges our congregations face vary:

- Some seek ways to strengthen youth ministry
- Some hope to start new congregations
- Some look for innovative ways to renew existing congregations
- Some need help developing leaders

The giving in your congregation can ensure congregations get the help they need from their conference and the national ministries of the UCC. Together we can answer the Spirit's call to be united in Christ for a just world for all.

YOU'RE INVITED TO LUNCH BUNCH!

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

Date: Wednesday, August 13, 2025

Time: 12:30 PM

Location: TBD

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 You Are Welcome Here

We had fun in June talking about negative thoughts and how God can help us replace them with positive thoughts. At the end of July we went to **Urban Air** for an afternoon of fun. Then in August we will be gearing up for a new school year. Please come and join us if you are in Middle or High School. We catch up on our month, have a short lesson, eat some snacks and play some games. **Our next Meeting will be August 31st at 10:15-11:15.** We meet in the Youth Room. We would love to have you!!! Call Sharon Lawson with questions: 812-205-8948

A SUMMER OF RENEWAL: PASTOR SAM'S SABBATICAL JOURNEY

As part of his sabbatical journey, Pastor Sam dedicated the month of July to meaningful outreach work. He partnered with Back Bay Mission in Mississippi, supporting their community-focused efforts, and joined the Indiana-Kentucky Conference's Disaster Relief Team in Kentucky, providing hands-on aid and spiritual care to communities in need.

In August, Pastor Sam will conclude his sabbatical with some well-deserved time of rest and renewal. He'll be spending quality time with his family at Tall Pines Camp in Canada, followed by visits to several of California's national parks—taking in the beauty of creation and recharging before his return.

We are especially grateful to Rev. Lynn Marino for her faithful leadership and presence while Pastor Sam has been away. Her ministry during this time has been a gift to our congregation.

We look forward to welcoming Pastor Sam back soon with stories, insights, and renewed energy for the season ahead!

You can check out Pastor Sam's Sabbatical journey on our website: bethelucc.org/sabbatical

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



We are excited to share that, thanks to your incredible generosity, we raised over \$1,000 in cash donations and collected a large amount of school supplies for the students of **Stockwell Elementary School!**

Your contributions are already making a difference—and will continue to do so throughout the entire school year. This is an ongoing ministry, and your support helps meet real needs in our community.

We're still in the process of sorting and counting all the supplies, and once we've tallied everything, we'll share a final update on the total numbers. Stay tuned!

Thank you for being part of this meaningful work!

JOIN US FOR AN ICE CREAM SOCIAL

to celebrate the success of the Stockwell Supply Drive!

Sunday, August 3rd immediately following the Sunday Worship Service

Let's wrap up this season of giving with a sweet time of fellowship, gratitude, and (of course) ice cream!



Bethel Buddies

Child Care & Preschool



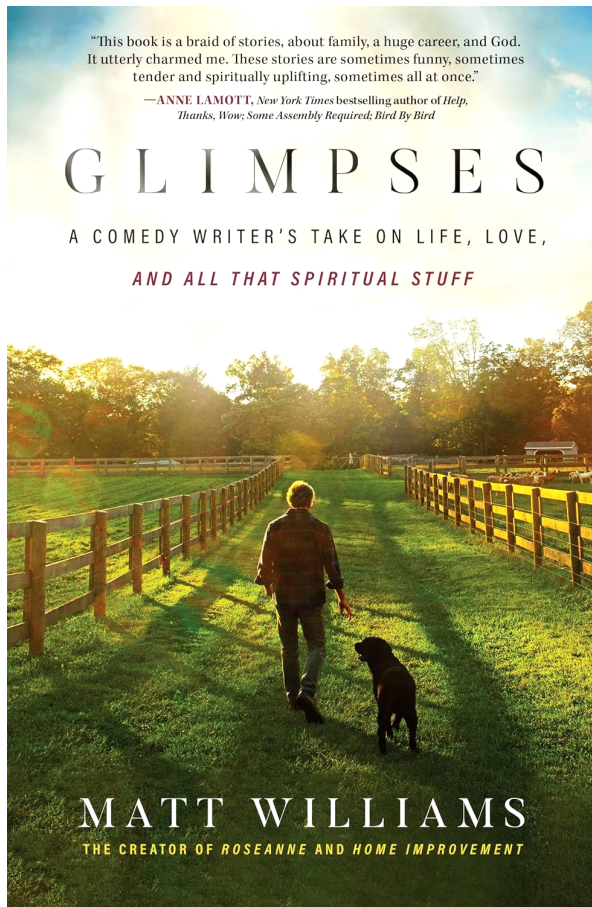
SUNSHINE, SMILES & SUMMER FUN!

July has been a whirlwind of sunshine and smiles here at Bethel Buddies Preschool! From big machines to big adventures, our preschoolers have been learning, laughing, and making memories all month long.

Mr. Conner & the Telehandler Machine: This month, we had a very special guest—Mr. Conner brought in his huge telehandler machine for an up-close construction experience! The children's eyes lit up as he explained how it works, what it's used for, and then gave us a live demo. We may have a few future engineers on our hands!

Summer Scavenger Hunt: Adventure was in the air during our Summer Scavenger Hunt! Armed with curiosity and colorful checklists, our little explorers searched high and low. They practiced teamwork, observation skills, and plenty of giggling along the way.

Outdoor Play Galore!: With all this beautiful weather, we've been soaking up every minute of outdoor play! Buddies have been thriving with hands-on summer fun. The laughter has echoed across the yard, and even our tiniest friends have been joining in the action!



BETHEL BOOK CLUB

You're invited to join the Bethel Book Club!
 We meet every Sunday at 9am in the library.
 We're currently reading "Glimpses: A Comedy
 Writer's Take on Life, Love, and all that
 Spiritual Stuff" by Matt Williams. It is a
 collection of stories filled with hope,
 humanity, and humor and an invitation to see
 goodness and grace in our everyday moments.
 Come share your thoughts, connect with
 fellow readers, and enjoy great conversation.



PRAYER TEAM

Join us every Thursday at 11 AM for uplifting
 prayer and fellowship via Zoom.
 Experience community and support in your
 spiritual journey!

There is also a link below to the "Prayer
 Team" for August.

<https://zoom.us/j/93674797784?pwd=9ffo9CGIwN0bAE5oRAbP8Uztn7Hljp.1>

FRIDAY FRIENDS

The Friday Friends meet on the first and third
 Friday at 11 AM every month in the
 Fellowship Hall. We each bring our own sack
 lunch, and someone brings dessert
 for all of us. Then we play cards or dominoes
 or "Apples to Apples."

Sometimes we just chat, solving world
 problems or our own! We sure would like to
 make more friends! Everyone is welcome!



HEADED FOR



Friday, August 15 6:35 p.m.

BOSSE FIELD

**Attend
the Game**



**FREE tickets for
you and your
whole family!**

**\$1 of every ticket
redeemed
goes to Habitat!**

Pick up your FREE tickets at any of these participating locations:

Habitat Office — 560 E. Diamond Ave.

Habitat ReStore — 1301 N. Royal Ave.

Dream Center — 16 W. Morgan Ave.

Liberty Federal Credit Union (all Evansville branches)

Azzip Pizza (all Evansville and Newburgh locations)

**Sign Up For
"Voices United for Habitat"**

Singing the National
Anthem and
"Take Me Out to the
Ball Game"



**Win up to
\$2,499 in our
Half-Pot
Drawing**

**Free T-shirt to
the first 600 fans
through the gate**

**Enter to Win
Fantastic
Door
Prizes**

Special Thanks to our Partners:



BIRTHDAYS

AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy August Anniversaries to:

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| 1 Gary & Vicki Tichenor | 17 Stuart & Brenda Perigo |
| 8 Fred & Nancy Bullinger | 19 Joan & Bob English |

Happy August Birthdays to:

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| 2 Carol Garvey | 6 Claire Rowley | 22 Lewis Plane |
| 3 Joan Roth | 13 Deborah Josey | 23 Albert Umbach III |
| 4 Jacob English | 14 Frank Schultheis | 26 Gary Tichenor |
| 6 Cindy Perigo | 22 Mary Lee Korb | 29 Letta Fraccaro |

Donations into the Memorial Fund were made by Carolyn Stephens & Family, and Stan & Sandara Vogel in memory of Jim Vogel.

A Donation to the Helping Hands Fund was made by Helen Ancona in Memory of Charles Brizius.



Lord, thank you for the children you've given us. They are a blessing and a gift.

As they head back to school, may You protect them from any harm, provide them with good friends, and give them the strength to do their schoolwork. Give them wisdom, understanding, and knowledge. May they continue to hold on to the hope we find in you.

Amen.

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 at this time</i>
Don Carrell	1	Bethel Manor 6015 Kratzville Rd, Evansville, IN 47710
Joan Roth		6337 Elise Lane, McCordsville, IN 46055
Mary Lee Korb		4531 Langley Ct., Evansville, IN 47711

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