



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

Bethel Record - January 2026



Monthly Mission: United Caring Services
Communion Sunday → January 4th
Office Closed: Martin Luther King Jr. Day → January 19th
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE → January 21st
Annual Congregational Meeting → January 25th

OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY - THURSDAY 8AM - 2 PM, FRIDAY CLOSED
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MISSION FOCUS - JANUARY 2026 - UNITED CARING SERVICES



Committed to Making a Difference


United Caring Services in Evansville, Indiana strives to be a community of caring for all people by providing relief, recovery, and restoration opportunities for those we serve. This organization offers six life-saving programs and services:


- ★ Day Shelter
- ★ Men's Night Shelter and Women's Night Shelter
- ★ Diversion Center
- ★ White Flag
- ★ Medical Respite
- ★ Affordable Low-Income Apartments for Rent

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE NEXT LUNCH BUNCH GATHERING!

Join us for delicious food, lively conversation, and warm company at our upcoming Lunch Bunch get-together!

 Date: **Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2026**

 Time: **12:30 PM**

 Location: **Cheddars**

Whether you're a longtime regular or joining us for the first time, we'd love to have you there. Bring your appetite—and feel free to bring a friend, too!

Kindly let Pat Stolz know if you plan to attend.

YAWH Youth Ministry

YAWH was unable to meet in December but we will meet in January. We will celebrate Christmas and the New Year on January 25th at 10:15-11:15 in the Youth Room. Please join us for snacks, a short lesson and fun. We'd love to have all Middle School and High School kids!

You Are Welcome Here

Contact Sharon Lawson at 812-205-8948 with questions.

ANNUAL MEETING

It's hard to believe that it is time again for our Annual Congregational Meeting. Please join us after worship on **January 25, 2026** to discuss all of the major happenings this past year, as well as approving this coming year's budget and team leaders. If you are a current team leader, please be sure to get those 2025 reports into the office so they can be included in the Annual Report. *We ask that you bring:* Last name A-K: Dessert, Last Name L-Z: Salad or Side Dish (Main dish will be fried chicken).



Bethel Buddies

Child Care & Preschool



December was full of winter magic at our preschool! The children were delighted by our annual visit from Santa, danced the day away at our Winter Ball, and created adorable fingerprint ornaments to take home. From festive fun to meaningful keepsakes, it was a joyful month filled with smiles, laughter, and holiday cheer!



**UNITED CARING SERVICES
ANNUAL WHITE FLAG WALK**

**Saturday, January 31st
10 AM - 12 PM
First Presbyterian Church**

Could You Walk a Mile in Their Cold?
Over 500 people experience homelessness
in Evansville each winter.

By participating in the White Flag Walk for Cold Nights, you bring awareness to what it's like for our unhoused neighbors to be on the street during the coldest parts of the year. Funds raised through this event will go directly to funding the White Flag nights that allow us to open the day shelter overnight from November 1, 2025-April 30, 2026. Find more information on the United Caring Services website at: unitedcaringservices.org.



INDIVISIBLE EVANSVILLE

is now offering Signs of Solidarity yard signs! They are \$15, and all proceeds benefit the Immigrant Welcome and Resource Center. We can't wait to see these welcoming signs popping up in neighborhoods around the area. Order yours: [Donate Here](#)



STOCKWELL ANGEL TREE

Stockwell School created an Angel Tree in order to provide Christmas presents for some of their students. In case you are not familiar with this idea, paper Christmas ornaments are cut out and gift suggestions are written on them that the parents have requested for their children. These ornaments are hung on a Christmas tree in the office. Anyone is welcome to take an ornament, purchase and wrap the requested item and return it to Stockwell. Ms. Wissner, the counselor, asked if we might be able to participate in this project. Of course we wanted to help those precious children! So we chose 10 ornaments from the tree. The items were purchased, wrapped and delivered to Stockwell in time for parents to receive them before school let out for the Christmas vacation. So when you woke up Christmas morning, those 10 kiddos had probably already happily unwrapped those gifts!

UN-HANGING OF THE GREENS

We will be removing the Christmas decorations on January 5th at 10 AM.



COUNCIL MEMBERS NEEDED

We invite you to prayerfully consider serving on Bethel's Council, a meaningful way to support the mission and ministry God is growing among us. At this time, we are especially seeking members to serve as **President, Vice President**, and two positions on the **Congregational Development Team**. These roles are vital to helping guide Bethel with faith, vision, and care for our church family. Please note that the Vice President will step into the role of President next year, offering a year of preparation and shared leadership. If you feel called to serve, or would like to learn more, we warmly encourage you to reach out and join us in saying **yes** to where God is leading Bethel.

GIVING ENVELOPES & STATEMENTS

If you would like personalized giving envelopes printed in the church office, please let the office know. Giving Statements will be sent out by the end of January. Please note that the office is very busy with tax-related work during this time, so we appreciate your patience.



Dear Friends —



*Wishing you all the beauty of a
peaceful Christmas season.*

Another year is passing by, and
we are grateful to the Lord for all
He has done in and through our
lives this past year. May 2026
bring you abundance joy and inner-
peace.

Joanie + Bob

BIRTHDAYS



AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy January Anniversaries to:

2 Bob & Carolyn Bennett

Happy January Birthdays to:

3 James Jett	12 Maureen Parmar	24 Keegan English
4 Sharon Hoffman	14 Tamara Payne	25 Steve Hape
6 Linda Hall	18 Laurel Vaughn	28 Aaron Krueger
11 Nancy Bullinger	23 Jennifer Nance	31 Kalia Garvey
11 Richie Taylor	24 Doris Burleigh	

Memorials: Thank you all who donated for the beautiful flowers that decorated the Sanctuary and the special music provided in memory/honor of loved ones this Christmas Season!



Brass Quintet on Dec. 21st:

Dave Jarrett - Trumpet
Adam Voight - Trumpet
Faril Bunner - French Horn
David Daily - Trombone
Izak Atherton - Bass Trombone

Christmas Eve Service:

Elizabeth Robertson - Oboe
Isabella Robertson - Violin

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
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
Cindy Montgomery	515	Brickyard Healthcare-Brentwood 30 E Chandler Ave., Evansville, IN 47713
Linda Williams		1100 Erie Ave. #311, Evansville, IN 47715

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