



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

Bethel Record - April 2026



BETHEL UCC NEWSLETTER

Monthly Mission: Habitat for Humanity
Maundy Thursday → April 2nd
Easter & Communion Sunday → April 5th
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE → April 15th

OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY - THURSDAY 8AM - 2 PM, FRIDAY CLOSED
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“Seeking to put God’s love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope.”

Habitat for Humanity of Evansville is a part of a global, nonprofit housing organization operated on Christian principles and is dedicated to eliminating substandard housing locally and worldwide by constructing, rehabilitating, and preserving homes. We are advocates for fair and just housing policies, and providing training and access to resources to help families improve their shelter conditions.

Find out more at: <https://evansvillehabitat.org/>

YAWH YOUTH GROUP

The YAWH kids met in March to fill Easter eggs. We will use these for the egg hunt that we will have for the young kids following the Easter service. Since we did not meet in December, January or February, we celebrated Christmas with white elephant gifts and Valentine's Day with games. We had a short discussion and they enjoyed snacks. The boys even had time to play a little basketball in the gym.

If you are in middle school or high school, please join us in April. A date has not been set, so watch the Thursday updates. We'd love to have you! You Are Welcome Here!

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, April 8, 2026**

 Time: **12:30 PM**

 Location: **Metro Diner**

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.

Holy Week Schedule



Bethel Buddies Child Care & Preschool



March was off to a magical start in our Bethel Buddies Preschool! We've been filling the halls with laughter, music, and plenty of bubbles.

The children have had a blast dancing along with Ms. Cynthia, exploring new rhythms, and chasing giant bubbles.

It's been a joy to see their faces light up with every pop and song!



MUSIC WITH MS. CYNTHIA

Bethel United Church of Christ
Annual Meeting Summary
March 15, 2026

Continuing Business:

1. Lawsuit: Case is moving forward as the Defense attorneys are reviewing documents requested from the plaintiffs' attorney.
2. Sabbatical: The Finance report has been submitted. We are awaiting approval before we can submit the written reports on behalf of the church and the pastor.
3. Sidewalk: Concrete work is completed. Handrails are to be installed at a later date.
4. Craig Nance was elected to the position of Vice-President.
5. The Search committee is on target to have the church profile completed by early April. They are also in conversation with a potential candidate to fill the immediate need upon the retirement of Pastor Buehrer at the end of August.
6. Bethel UCC will be hosting the Annual Spring Meeting of the Evansville Tristate Association of the UCC on Sunday, May 3 at 2pm.

New Business:

1. Bethel UCC will be providing housing for a workcamp from 1st Christian Church, during the week of May 24-30
2. Some time was spent updating the Council on the Bethel Buddies Preschool. We are seeing a significant increase in enrollment and expect to see the preschool begin to make a profit in June. Discussion was also held on the need to form a Board to govern the preschool.

Pastor Sam and Bethel UCC,

Thank you for your donation to the Sri Lanka Partnership which allowed us to travel to the country. We met with pastors, leaders, congregations and children of the Church of the American Ceylon Mission. It was an inspiring trip.

Blessings,
Monica Ouellette



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

*Indiana-Kentucky Conference Sri Lanka Partnership Letter
from Monica Ouellette, Associate Conference Minister*

Dear Friends at Bethel,

I want to thank you on behalf of the Evansville Tri-State Association for your support of our ministries and mission.

Because of your gifts, we are able to serve the needs of the hungry here in Evansville through Sister Joanna's Table, help restore homes battered by storms in Back Bay,

Mississippi, and be prepared to step in to assist in other needs as they arise.

We are stronger together, and the ETSA is stronger because of you!

Rev. Emily Slade
President ETSA

Evansville Tri-State Association Letter from Rev. Emily Slade, ETSA President



UCS DOUBLES PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

Round Robin tournament. Every team guaranteed 4 matches.

\$50 per team

April 11, 2026

Wesselmans Park Pickleball Courts

Rain Date: April 25, 2026

Fundraiser for United Caring Services

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Happy April Anniversaries to:

20 Frank & Judi Schultheis

Happy April Birthdays to:

3 Cindy Montgomery

3 Pat Stoltz

3 Keeli Webster

5 Catherine Johnson

5 Bob Mangold

5 Vicki Tichenor

7 Carolyn Bennett

7 Isaac Pricher

7 Ron Vogel

11 Greg Gordon

16 Kahra Schmitt

23 Debra Patterson

Donations were made to the Memorial Fund in memory of Linda Williams from Dena & Dennis Sutton, Aasta Carver, Jerry & Sue Dills, Jane & Joe Haag, Neil & Susan Elkins, Judy Phillips, Jerry Wegand, and Kenny & Janella Baumgart.

Donations were made to the Memorial Fund in memory of Helen Ancona from Frank Schultheis, Schweizer Family, and Laurel Vaughn.

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 Kleymeyer		<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	305	Silver Birch 475 South Governor, Evansville, IN 47713

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