



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

-----*Bethel Record - May 2026*-----



**BETHEL UCC
NEWSLETTER**

Monthly Mission: Hygiene Kits
Communion Sunday → May 3rd
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE → May 20th

OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY - THURSDAY 8AM - 2 PM, FRIDAY CLOSED
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MISSION FOCUS - MAY 2026 - HYGIENE KITS

We are currently collecting items to assemble hygiene kits that will be distributed to individuals in our area. If you're looking for a way to give back, please consider donating any of the following items. These kits are essential for maintaining personal dignity, comfort, and health, and your donation can make a world of difference for someone in need.

. Each item helps make a vital difference:


- **1-Gallon Resealable Plastic Bag**
- **Washcloth**
- **Toothbrush (in original packing)**
- **Fingernail or Toenail Clipper (packaging removed)**
- **Bath-Size Bar of Soap (in original packaging)**
- **Travel-Size Deodorant (3.4 oz. or less, non-aerosol)**
- **Travel-Size Lotion (3.4 oz. or less, fragrance-free, NEW only)**
- **Travel-Size Shampoo (3.4 oz. or less, NEW only)**
- **Travel-Size Toothpaste (3.4 oz. or less, expiration date of 1 year)**
- **Sturdy Wide-Tooth Comb (6" minimum teeth, packaging removed)**





These items can make a big difference in someone's day-to-day life, offering them a sense of comfort and personal care when it is often hard to come by.

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE NEXT LUNCH BUNCH GATHERING!

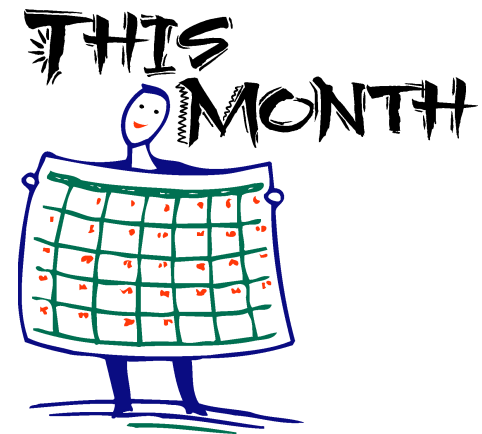
Join us for delicious food, lively conversation,
and warm company at our upcoming Lunch
Bunch get-together!

 Date: **Wednesday, May 13, 2026**

 Time: **12:30 PM**

 Location: [Schmitt's](#)

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.



1st & 2nd - Parking Lot Closed
3rd - ETSA Annual Meeting
5th - Primary Elections
10th thru 23rd - IKC Disaster Relief Camp
22nd - Preschool Graduation
24th thru 30th - 1st Christian Work Camp

**Bethel United Church of Christ
Leadership Council Meeting Summary
April 19, 2026**

Continuing Business:

1. Lawsuit: Case is slowly moving forward.
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. Gym Floor: Gym floor has been stripped and waxed.
4. The Search committee has completed the church profile and it has been approved and released to the public.
5. 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 four weeks of housing for the IKC Disaster Relief Team. Two weeks in the both May and June.
2. Bethel Buddies Preschool Board: A preschool governing board has been formed and will begin meeting soon.



SUNDAY MAY 17TH

1 - 2 pm Check In with your charity
2-4 pm 2025 Annual Walking for Dreams

Evansville Walk at Bally's Riverfront
421 NW Riverside Dr., Evansville, IN 47708



Bethel Buddies Child Care & Preschool



April was a meaningful and activity-filled month at Bethel Buddies!

We began the month by recognizing **National Child Abuse Prevention Month**, helping raise awareness by encouraging families to participate in the pinwheel campaign, a symbol of hope and a reminder of the importance of safe, nurturing environments for children.

Throughout April, our classrooms continued to be full of hands-on learning, creativity, and fun as students explored spring themes and enjoyed time together with friends.

We also shared exciting news with our community, **enrollment is open** for our year-round preschool programs, including extended-day childcare and summer care options. Families interested in joining our Bethel Buddies community are encouraged to reach out for more information.

MISSION OPPORTUNITY

Bethel is hosting **IKC Disaster Response Teams** that will be working in the Henderson area. For 4 weeks this summer the teams will be “camping” in our facilities. We would like to provide a hearty supper meal for them, Monday -Friday. Please take a look at the “Supper Schedule” in the narthex and sign up when it’s convenient for you. Ask a friend to help you. Remember! The office closes at 2 PM. The Bethel Buddies Preschool closes at 5:30 PM. We expect the team to arrive back at Bethel around 5:30 PM, but that time may vary. So bring your food dishes by 5:30. (If you want to drop off after 2pm, buzz in through the preschool entrance.) Please provide written directions for reheating. Please place items needing refrigeration in the silver kitchen refrigerator only and label them well. No desserts or drinks are needed. They have already been spoken for. Turn in your receipts to the office for reimbursement. Teams of 7-10 will be arriving on Sunday evenings and leaving on Saturday mornings. Thank you!

May 10-17 May 17-23 June 14-20 June 21-27



BIRTHDAYS

AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy May Anniversaries to:

4 Kraig & Jennifer Nance	9 Maureen & Dr. Harshad Parmar	12 Mike & Carol Roth
8 Susanne & Bob Farney	10 David & Michele Vanhooser	19 Juanita & Elmer Paniamogan

Happy May Birthdays to:

1 Linda Garrett	11 Owen Schneider	24 Marilyn Baggerly
5 Chance Webster	13 Jennifer Webster	24 Bob Bennett
9 Micah Pricher	14 Kyra Webster	28 Charlie Haller
9 Katie Bland	15 Kaylynn Payne	29 Michael Vanhooser
10 Luke Lawson	16 Carlos Haskins	
10 Sharon Lawson	23 Michael Vannatter	

**The Flowers That Grace Our Altar That Were Given To The Glory Of God,
And the Easter Music That Lifts Our Hearts :**

In Memory Of:

Jean Bernhardt
Our Parents
Betty & Jim McDougal
Donna & William Buehrer
Willard & Lillie Damm
Edith Damm
Mel & Masel Kallenbach
Richard Cannon
Friends & Family
Floyd, Melva, & Barbara Herum
Mary & Ernest Jett
Ron Phillips
Betty Schomburg
Leland & Judy Montgomery
Loved Ones
Terri Pfenning
Mae & Norm Allsmiller
Sandra Altheide
Jim, Pat, & Jay Perigo
Arthur & Ilyne Porter
Alma & D.W. Vaughn
Elsa & Hugo Schuessler

In Honor Of:

Our Family
Loved Ones

From:

Don Bernhardt & Family
Steve & Janet Best
Rev. Sam & Ellen Buehrer
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Phillip, Andrea, & Allison Damm
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Linda Garrett
Linda Garrett
Linda Hall
Donna Herum
Susann Jett Phillips
Susann Jett Phillips
Carmen Mazick
Cynthia Montgomery
Jerry & Nancy Noland
Jerry & Nancy Noland
Carolyn Stephens & Family
Carolyn Stephens & Family
Vannatter Family
Vannatter Family
Laurel Vaughn
Laurel Vaughn

From:

Charlie & Jo Haller
Jerry & Nancy Noland

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
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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