



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

-----*Bethel Record - August 2026*-----



Monthly Mission: Strengthen the Church
Communion Sunday → August 2nd
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE → August 19th
Pastor Sam's Last Sunday → August 23rd

OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY - THURSDAY 8AM - 2 PM, FRIDAY CLOSED
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SENT FORTH IN LOVE



How can we follow the Spirit to bless emerging ministries in the United Church of Christ? Through the **Strengthen the Church** Offering you support the formation of new congregations and the renewal of existing ones, fund new programs for youth and young adults and sponsor leadership development for the whole church. Thank you for your gifts!

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 12, 2026

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.

WELCOME REV. BAKER!



We are pleased to welcome our new pastor, Rev. Raygan Baker to our church family. We look forward to officially beginning this new chapter together on September 13th.

Please join us in praying for God's guidance and blessings as we prepare for this exciting new season of ministry.

CELEBRATING

Sam

Join us to celebrate Sam's final Sunday as pastor and wish Sam & Ellen a joyful retirement. Catered lunch — bring nothing but your appetite.

Sunday, August 23

in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship

Reservations are not required, but we'd like some idea of how many will be eating. Please sign the sheet in the Narthex or call/email Christy in the church office to let us know you plan to attend.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Thank you for supporting Bethel's "Stock Up Stockwell" July mission! The Bethel congregation was very generous in giving school supplies and over \$1,200 in monetary donations for Stockwell students. Additional school supplies have been purchased.

Clothing, personal care items, and probably Christmas presents, will be purchased throughout the school year as needs arise. A detailed list of all donations will appear in the September Record. Thank you!

Thank you for being part of this meaningful work!

**Bethel United Church of Christ
Leadership Council Meeting Summary
June 28, 2026**

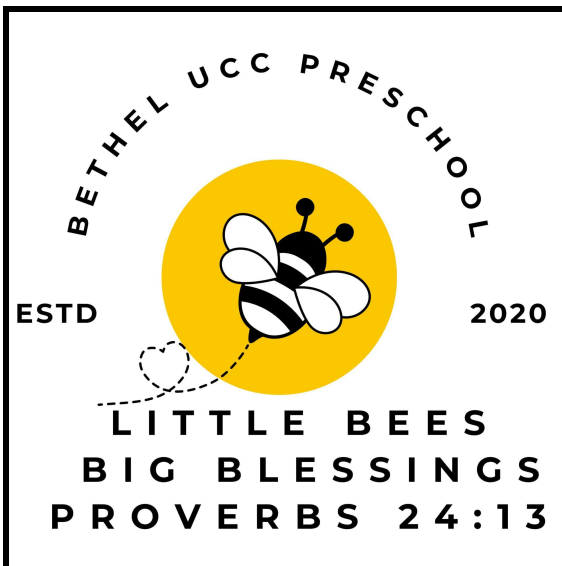
Continuing Business:

1. Formally adopted by-laws governing the Bethel Preschool
2. Lawsuit: A date for Mediation has been set for September 22. An update of the July 7 meeting with the lawyers was presented.
3. Sabbatical: Written reports were sent in.
4. Parking Lot: There is yet more sealing and striping to be done before the job is completed.
5. The Search committee is contracting with a candidate. A Call Sermon and Special Congregational Meeting has been set for August 2. If all moves forward, the start date of the new minister is scheduled for September 13. Rev. Lynn Marino will be supplying the pulpit for the 2-week interim period between Rev. Buehrer's last Sunday and the scheduled September 13 start date.

New Business:

1. A Covenant of Closure of Rev. Buehrer's ministry was presented. It will be adopted at the next meeting of the Council.

PRESCHOOL NEWS: A FRESH LOOK FOR A NEW SCHOOL YEAR!

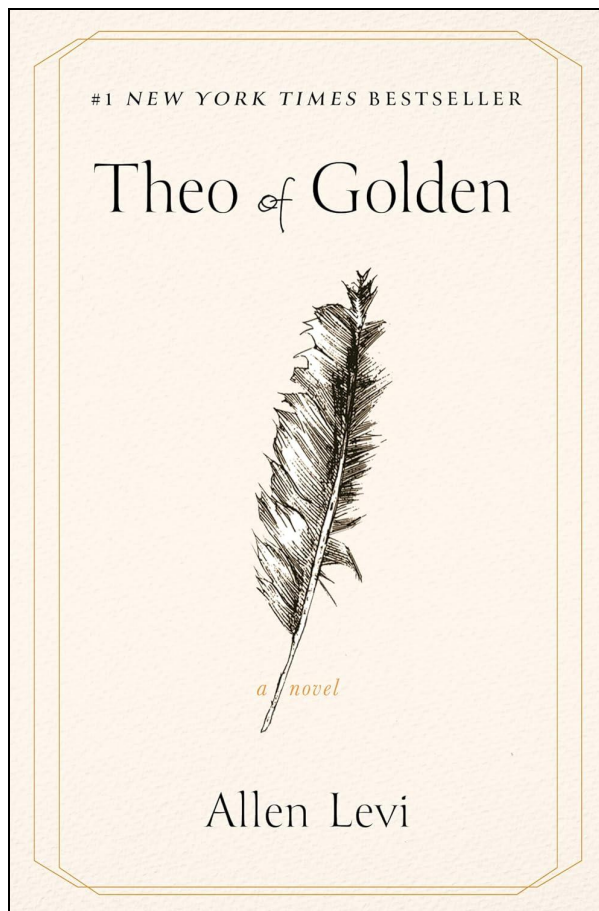


As a new school year begins, we're excited to announce that our preschool has officially been rebranded as Bethel UCC Preschool! While our name has a fresh new look, our commitment to providing a nurturing, faith-filled learning environment remains the same.

Stay connected by following our new Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/BethelUCCPreschool>, where we'll share classroom activities, special events, and preschool updates throughout the year.

If you'd like to support our preschool, you'll also find a link to the preschool's Amazon Wish List in our Thursday church emails. Every gift helps provide enriching materials and supplies for our students.

We look forward to another wonderful year of learning, laughter, and growing together!



BETHEL BOOK CLUB

You're invited to join the Bethel Book Club, meeting Sundays at 9 a.m. in the church library. We're currently reading *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi, tells the story of a mysterious stranger whose quiet acts of kindness transform a small town and the lives of its people. 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://us02web.zoom.us/j/84926326541?pwd=BvrJHPA8kc76IFy7XsguhT1cKa3YHo.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!

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 | 27 Barbara Hayes |

Calbert Michael Lawson, born Friday July 10th to the parents of Luke & Ashley Lawson and grandparents of Bruce & Sharon Lawson.



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
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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