



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

-----*Bethel Record - October 2026*-----



Monthly Mission: Neighbors in Need
Communion Sunday → October 4th
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE → October 21st

OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY - THURSDAY 8AM - 2 PM, FRIDAY CLOSED
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MISSION FOCUS - OCTOBER 2026 – NEIGHBORS IN NEED



When you give to Neighbors in Need, you make sure the United Church of Christ continues to be a leader for justice. Two-thirds of the offering supports justice projects across the church, and one-third supports the Council for American Indian Ministries.

There is an inherent connection between the Gospel call to respond to the hungry — the thirsty, the stranger, those in prison, and those who are sick — and the policy decisions that determine funding for issues such as school meal programs, global peacebuilding programs, standards for clean air, sentencing for nonviolent offenders, and health care access for all. Advocacy is essential to participating in God's mission in the world.

YOU'RE INVITED TO LUNCH BUNCH!

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

Date: Wednesday, October 14, 2026

Time: 12:30 PM

Location: Marida (Newburgh)

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.

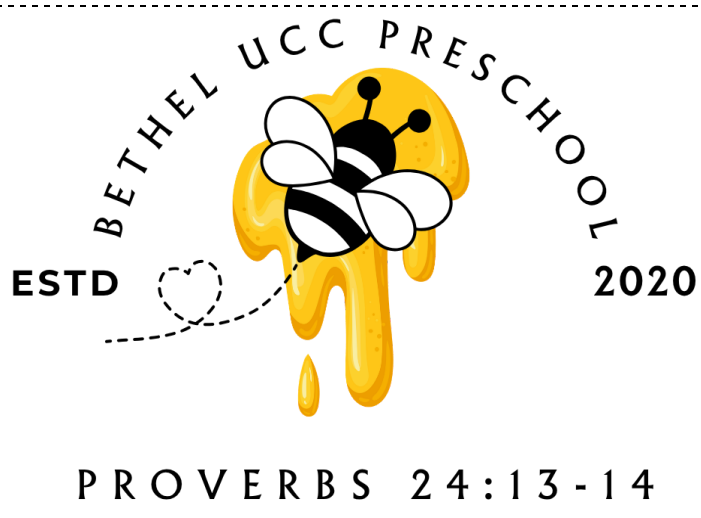


All Saint's Day will fall on November 1, 2026. We will celebrate at our worship service at 10:15 a.m. and hope that you can attend. There will be a special part of the service where we honor those who have passed. A candle will be lit in their memory. We know that other commitments or distance may prohibit your being with us. We simply want you to know that your loved ones will be remembered by our community of faith. We remember you: Letta Fraccaro, Linda Williams, Helen Ancona, Victor Luhring, Susan Wetzel, Jeanette Plane, and Harriet Anderson.

September has been full of fun, exploration, and discovery in our preschool classroom! We have enjoyed plenty of playground time, making the most of the beautiful early fall weather.

The children have been fascinated by bubbles and shadows, watching bubbles float and pop and noticing how shadows change as we move. We've also been busy in our garden, growing vegetables and learning how plants need sunshine, water, and care to grow.

From outdoor adventures to hands-on discoveries, September has given us so many opportunities to learn through play, wonder, and a little bit of messiness!



A huge thank-you to everyone who took the time to vote for us during Evansville Votes! Your support means so much to our preschool community, and we are incredibly grateful for everyone who showed their support.

Voting officially ended on September 30th, and now we wait patiently for the results! No matter the outcome, we are so thankful to be part of such a wonderful community and to have families and friends cheering us on.

A TIME OF TRANSITION AND NEW BEGINNINGS



Our church family has experienced a meaningful season of transition as we said farewell to our pastor at the end of August and welcomed our new pastor in September.

After faithfully serving our congregation, Rev. Sam Buehrer retired at the end of August. We are grateful for the years of ministry, leadership, encouragement, and care that Sam shared with our church family. Through sermons, prayers, visits, celebrations, and times of difficulty, He has been an important part of the life of our congregation.

While retirement marks the closing of one chapter, we are thankful for the memories and lasting impact of this season of ministry. We pray that the Lord will bless Sam and his family as they begin this new chapter.

September also brought an exciting new beginning as we welcomed Rev. Raygan Baker as our new pastor. We look forward to getting to know him and to discovering all that God has in store for our congregation in the days ahead.

A pastoral transition is more than simply a change in leadership. It is an opportunity for a church family to reflect on God's faithfulness, give thanks for the past, and prayerfully look toward the future. As we begin this new season together, may we continue to worship, serve, encourage one another, and share the love of Christ with our community.

Please join us in expressing our gratitude to Pastor Sam and in warmly welcoming Pastor Raygan. We pray for God's continued guidance, wisdom, and blessing upon both pastors and their families, and upon our entire church family as we move forward together.

New seasons bring new opportunities, but our faithful God remains the same.



Little Hands, Big Welcome

Our preschool is starting the new year with lots of excitement, learning, and growing! This colorful welcome sign, decorated with tiny handprints and fingerprints, is a sweet reminder that every child brings something special to our church family. We're thankful for the joy, energy, and little hands that make our preschool such a wonderful part of our church!

Bethel UCC

7-7-2026

Many Thanks for the variety of gifts you gave me for my retirement: Star link + subscription money, Amazon cards and the donation to Back Bay on my behalf.

It was my pleasure to have served Bethel for my final years in ministry. You all are wonderful people.

Ellen and I have been enjoying our travels. We have spent some time in Alabama, Georgia and most recently a week in Myrtle Beach SC enjoying morning coffee on the beach. Today we are headed for parts north.

Blessings

Ann + Ellen



OCTOBER 25, 2026

DOORS WILL OPEN FOR THE COMMUNITY AT 11:45 - 12:45 pm

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN! The air is getting cooler and you can tell Fall is here. You know what that means....

IT'S TIME FOR OUR ANNUAL BETHEL TRICK OR TREAT EVENT!!!

It's time to start bringing in the CANDY! Any kind is fine. We will collect it in the Narthex. ALSO please consider signing up for a table. All you have to do is sit there, talk to your neighbor and hand out candy to all the little ghosts and goblins.

It is so much fun. It's our way of giving back to the community. You can bring your own candy or we will have candy for you to give out. You can decorate your table or we will decorate it for you.

We will have hot dogs, chips and water available for you and for all that come. Tell all your neighbors and your friends and help us make this a great event again this year. Thank you in advance for always stepping up and making this a great day!



CONGREGATIONS ACTING FOR JUSTICE AND EMPowerMENT

CAJE organizes people of diverse faith traditions to stand together for justice. We envision a community where all people, regardless of social and economic status, are treated fairly and empowered to achieve their human potential.

House meetings will start back up this month. Please get in contact with Barry Burleigh if you are interested in attending or would like to know more about this outreach. Next meeting is scheduled for October 11th just after the worship service.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



Happy October Anniversaries to:

4 Dan & Debra Patterson 10 Bob & Shirley Mangold

Happy October Birthdays to:

3 Nancy Noland	18 Betty Clark	23 Lynne Finney
6 Ellen Buehrer	18 Laylani Garvey	24 Kraig Nance
7 Patti Manley	18 Judi Schultheis	24 Jerry Noland
9 Joan English	21 Kim Shafer	
17 Chad Wininger	22 Theodore Scales	

Memorials:

Donations to the Memorial Fund were made in memory of Jeanette Plane by David & Mary Beth Merkemeier, Janel & Wilder Allen, Carolyn Stephens & Family, and Linda Garrett.

Donations to the Memorial Fund were made in memory of Harriet Anderson by Linda Garrett.



H•O•M•E BOUND

Nursing Homes, Rehab, Retirement Homes, and Homebound Members

Name	Room #	Address
Linda Garrett	117	Primrose Retirement Community 9800 Lincoln Ave., Newburgh, IN 47630
Carlos Haskins	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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