

DOUG'S DISPATCH AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

While “Emily’s Edition” goes on hiatus for a few months, “Doug’s Dispatch” will be bringing you a weekly update of news, activities, and other things you need to know.

This Sunday is designated in the Church calendar as “Trinity Sunday.” I will be preaching Saturday evening and Sunday morning on Matthew 28:16-20, often referred to as the “Great Commission.” It is also Memorial Day weekend, and prior to worship we will be having our own Memorial Day remembrance service outside next to the cemetery beginning at 9:30 am. Following worship, beginning at 11:15 am, the History Committee will be offering tours of our church and grounds, and sharing some interesting facts and information about Bethlehem’s past. If it rains on Sunday, the additional events will be held in the Welcoming Area.

Just a note: I will be out of the office this coming week, but you can still call the office if you have a pastoral need, and our staff will be able to help you.

Sign Up Spot

Worship Acolytes




Worship Liturgist

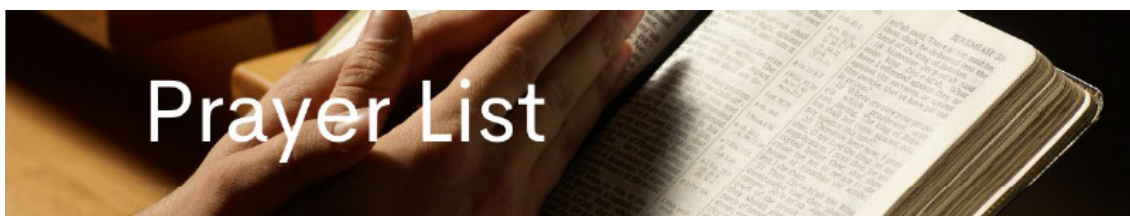


ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are given by Jerry and Charlotte Brandenberger. Happy 6th Birthday to our grandson Camden. Love from Mimi and Papaw Brandenberger

 Thank you to everyone who has agreed to serve as ushers. The WEB (Women Energizing Bethlehem) group is assigned for May.

Prayer List



Caroline Palmer (diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes)
The family and friends of Amy Hargett Buehn (passed away May 17, friend of Tricia, Troy and Ethan Vaupel)
Darlene Heck (recovering from a fall)
Dan Carwile (recovering from hip surgery)
Bob Hartmayer and family as he recovers from open heart surgery (friends of Brittany Streutker and Brandon Moore)
Jennifer Davis (diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, friend of Dan and Cindy Carwile)
Middle East
Victims of gun violence
All those battling addiction and facing the daily struggle to stay clean.
Students and Teachers
Our military

Where's Emily?

While Pastor Emily is on sabbatical, you may be wondering what she is doing or where she might be. Throughout the summer we will be getting a little help from a well-known visitor to help us keep tabs on our wandering pastor. Keep your eyes and ears open to see who might be showing up to help us know

“where’s Emily?” (hint, hint)

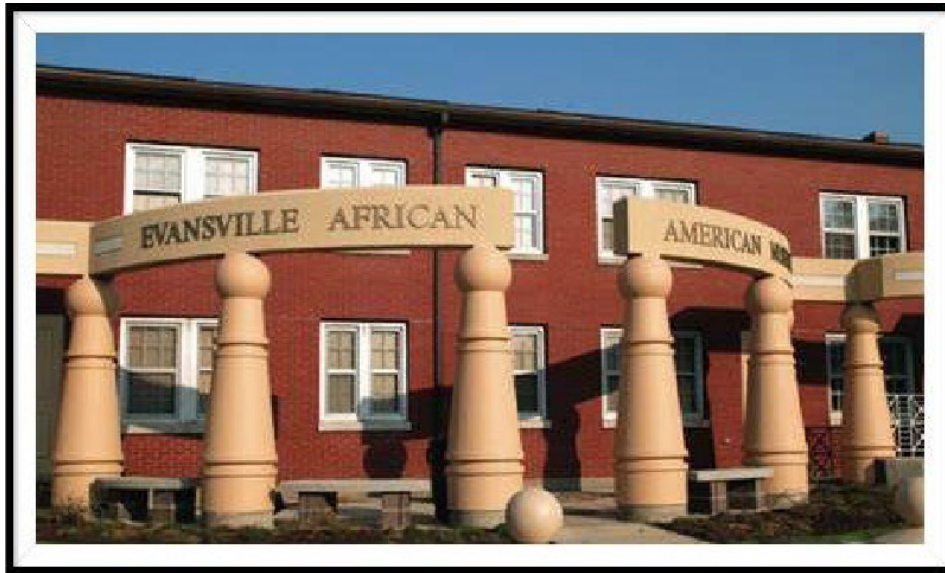


This Sunday!

***9:30 am (please note time)** - We welcome everyone to join us for our annual Memorial Day Remembrance at the cemetery entrance, when we honor and remember those who died in battle while serving our country. Additionally, we will recognize the people in our cemetery who served in the armed forces.

1 **15 am** - Sunday Worship

1 **15 am** - Get ready to learn an abundance of fascinating things about our church’s history and campus! The dedicated and hard-working History Committee and long-time member Steve Worthington will have displays and be available to do tours of the inside of the church and our beautiful grounds. Stay after worship to learn more about how we became what Bethlehem is today and enjoy some snacks to tide you over until lunch!



Evansville African American Museum Tours

Two Tour Dates

Tuesday, May 28 & Saturday, June 1

10:00 am

During the time that Pastor Emily is learning about Civil Rights, there are plans for us to visit the African American History Museum and become familiar with people, places, and events that occurred right here in Evansville. There are two tours scheduled for our church family and friends: **Tuesday, May 28**, and **Saturday, June 1, both at 10:00 am**. Complimentary tickets will be issued to those attending and transportation to the museum can be provided. Those that want to carpool, meet at the church at 9:30 am. For those who are interested, we will gather at Turoni's on Weinbach for lunch at approx. 11:15. **Please sign up using the form in the church vestibule (office entrance) or in the narthex (back of church)**. Contact the church office with any questions 867-2497.

Reminder: Mrs. Margaret will meet children and youth on June 1 at the museum at 10:00 am (579 South Garvin Street, Evansville). Following the tour, they will head to Mickey's Kingdom for a bring-your-own picnic!

***For those who would like to tour the museum on an alternate day and time, extra tickets can be found in the church office vestibule. Please call ahead to the museum (812-423-5188) before you plan to go.**

Strengthening the Church Special Offering



Strengthen the Church Offering Continues This Weekend

Giving envelopes for the Strengthen the Church special offering are now in the pews and on tables in the vestibule and Welcoming Area. Gifts can also be made online at bethlehemucc.org. This offering will be taken from now through the month of June.

Funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and renewal initiatives in existing congregations. The Indiana-Kentucky Conference and the national ministries work together to use these funds for projects that matter now and in the future.

Please join with people across the UCC in supporting the Strengthen the Church offering.



Habitat for Humanity Collection Weekend



Money will be collected and deposited in the big Habitat bank during both services on June 1st and 2nd. Please bring your Habitat banks to help fill the big bank. Money collected will be donated to the building of the 2024 UCC/ DOC house. Banks are available in the Welcoming Area and by the office. If you don't have a bank, just bring your dimes, dollars, and checks to help fill the bank!



We are keeping the momentum going from our last workday. On **Saturday, June 8th**, we will have our second church workday. Dry erase boards will be

located in the office hallway and the Welcoming Area for you to let the Property Committee know what areas of our church campus need attention.

Please join us in fellowship from **8 am-12:00 pm** to continue the maintenance and enhancement of our beautiful campus. We will gather at 7:30 with coffee and donuts and begin working at 8. All ages are welcome to help. Many hands make light work for all!

SIGN UP FOR ALTAR FLOWERS



Please use the button above to see the **list of available dates and to order altar flowers**. If you'd prefer a paper form for your flower donation, they are currently available outside the church office. Please contact Cindy Carwile with any questions (812-430-6935 or ckcarwile@gmail.com).

*We have several dates available in August and September.

August dates: 4, 11, 18, 25

September dates: 1, 8, 22, 29



SAVE
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DATES

Our Renewal Summer continues with an engaging, fun, and meaningful Intergenerational Vacation Bible School on **June 23-25 from 5:30 - 8:00 pm** (dinner included). You won't want to miss it, so be sure to save the dates! More details to follow in future weekly emails and the June STAR newsletter.

Church Retreat

July 19-21



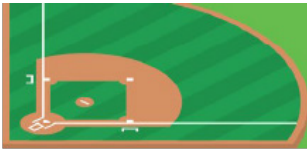
Get ready for a fun getaway with your church family at Pennyrile State Park in Kentucky. Look for a detailed brochure in the Welcoming Area or in the vestibule by the church office entrance.

Be sure to reserve your room, cabin, or campsite by June 15. Call 270-797-3421 and mention the discount code 2442. Financial assistance is available through our sabbatical grant. Please contact a member of the sabbatical team.

If you cannot commit to the full weekend, please join us for the day!



We are looking for an additional custodian to work approximately 6-8 flexible hours a week. Please contact Council President Kelley Felt (kafelt@msn.com) for a detailed job description or call the church office at 812-867-2497.



Who's on first?

During Pastor Emily's time away on sabbatical, ministry and activities will continue as usual at Bethlehem. Pastor Doug will be taking care of all the pastoral duties, the staff will be continuing with their regular tasks and responsibilities, and the Church Council members will be offering help when it is needed. Pastor Doug will be in contact with Pastor Emily throughout the summer in case there is anything essential that she needs to know. Just contact the church office as you normally would for questions, room reservations, etc. at 867-2497 or Pastor Doug for an immediate pastoral need at 812-219-2830.

Online Giving

Whether giving to the church's general fund or a special offering, doing so online (24/7) is a quick and easy alternative to check-writing or having cash on hand. Simply click the button below.

[Give Here](#)

R.O.M.E.O. CLUB

What is the Bethlehem R.O.M.E.O. Club? It is Retired Old Men Eating Out (just men gathering) every Tuesday for food, fellowship, and faith. ROMEO Club is open to anyone no matter your age! The Club will meet again on **June 4 at 11:30 am at Mike & Barry's, 15508 Shakespeare Dr., Evansville. We won't be gathering on May 28th.** If you would like to join the group for lunch, please RSVP to Barry Jones at Twinpapa02@yahoo.com by Monday morning. **New faces are always welcome!**

Coming Up

Saturday, May 25

11:30am – 4:30pm

Welcoming Area Rsvd. - Maxedon

5:30 – 6:30pm

Worship

Welcoming Area

Sunday, May 26

9:30 – 10am

Outdoor Memorial Day Remembrance

10:15 – 11:15am

Worship

Sanctuary

11:30am – 12:30pm

BUCC History Cmte. and Campus Tours

3:30 – 5:30pm

UCS DINNER - Motley Crew

United Caring Services

Monday, May 27

All day

Memorial Day - Church Office Closed

Tuesday, May 28

10 – 11am

African American Museum Tour

579 S Garvin St, Evansville

5:30 – 7:30pm

Busy Ms. Monthly Meeting

5:30 – 6:30pm

Outreach Cmte. Meeting

Library

Wednesday, May 29

6 – 7pm
Boy Scout Troop 346
Youth Room

Saturday, June 1

10 – 11am
African American Museum Tour
579 S Garvin St, Evansville

5:30 – 6:30pm
Worship - Habitat Weekend
Welcoming Area

6 – 8pm
CAJE - Celebration
St Wendel Catholic Church

Sunday, June 2

10:15 – 11:15am
Worship - Habitat Weekend
Sanctuary

11:30am – 1pm
WEB Luncheon
Fellowship Hall



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