

EMILY'S EDITION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday is the big day! After eight months of study, we have nine Confirmands who will officially join Bethlehem Sunday: Abby Bernal, Grayson Bultemeier, Amelia Eckert, Olivia Eckert, Addison Milheiser, Grant Moore, Audrey Palmer, Regan Perry, and Caleb Slade. We hope you will make plans to join us and celebrate our newest members! Plan to stick around after worship for a brief reception in the Welcoming Area. Our Scripture reading for Sunday will be 1 John 3.16-24.

On Saturday night, Pastor Doug will continue with the stories of Christ's resurrection, this time looking at an account from Luke on the road to Emmaus. You can prepare ahead of time by taking a look at Luke 24.13-43.

We look forward to seeing you this weekend!

Sign Up Spot

Worship Acolytes



Worship Liturgist



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).



The family and friends of David Royalty (passed away April 17, brother to Richard Royalty)
The family and friends of Walt Koch (passed away April 11)
Joy! Eleanor Daywalt is this year's Easterseals Child Ambassador
Natalie Slade (tonsillectomy on April 25)
Dianne Bromm (recovering from surgery)
Bob Kolb (recovering from stent procedure)
Bob Thomas (recovering from surgery)
Barbara Jo May (recovering from surgery)
Arvell Gates (recovering from surgery, mother of Kelly Gates)
Tim Slade (undergoing chemo treatment)
Middle East
Victims of gun violence
All those battling addiction and facing the daily struggle to stay clean.
Students and Teachers
Our military



The flowers on the altar today are given by the Altar Guild in celebration of our Confirmands. The white rose is in memory of David Royalty, who passed away April 17.



Listen to Last Sunday's
Worship Message

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](#)



This Saturday



**April 20 8 -
12:00 pm
projects for all ages**

The church is like our home. There are always things, both inside and out, that need to be cleaned, repaired, and/or upgraded. Some of these we pay people to do and others we can do together.

Please plan to join your fellow church family for our All-Church Spring Workday, April 20, from 8-12:00 pm, where we will work together to accomplish those

things. We will publish a list of tasks the week of the workday on the board outside the church office and Welcoming Area so you can see where you may be able to help. Also, please add to the list any areas you feel need attention or contact Dave Hunt at djhunt1976@aol.com.

We'll have coffee and donuts at 7:30 to get us started.

2024 COLLEGE/TRADE SCHOOL GRADUATE?

Do you have a 2024 college/trade school graduate? Graduates and their families are invited to a celebration breakfast on Sunday, May 19, at 9:00 am in the youth room. **Please RSVP by May 15** to Tracey Stevens at traceysuestevens@gmail.com or 812-459-6413.

Additionally, the May STAR newsletter will highlight this great group as well as our high school grads. If you would like your student included, please email a couple of sentences about their graduating school and plans post-graduation, along with a photo, **no later than Monday, May 21**, to publishing@bethlehemucc.org.



Collection

Solar Eclipse Glasses
Prescription/Over the Counter Glasses
Hearing Aids

In the office entrance vestibule (off south parking lot), we are collecting eclipse glasses to be donated to Astronomers without Borders for use in future eclipses around the world. Additionally, we continue to collect eyeglasses (frames with lenses) and old hearing aids for the Lions Club International. Glasses are sorted to determine those that are usable or unusable, processed, and placed in inventory for distribution to optical missions around the world.

YOUTH AT UCS

The youth will be serving at United Caring Services **next Sunday, April 28**. This is a wonderful opportunity for our young adults to be of loving service to others and to engage in our community. Please let Mrs. Margaret know if you are available to help at margaret@bethlehemucc.org.



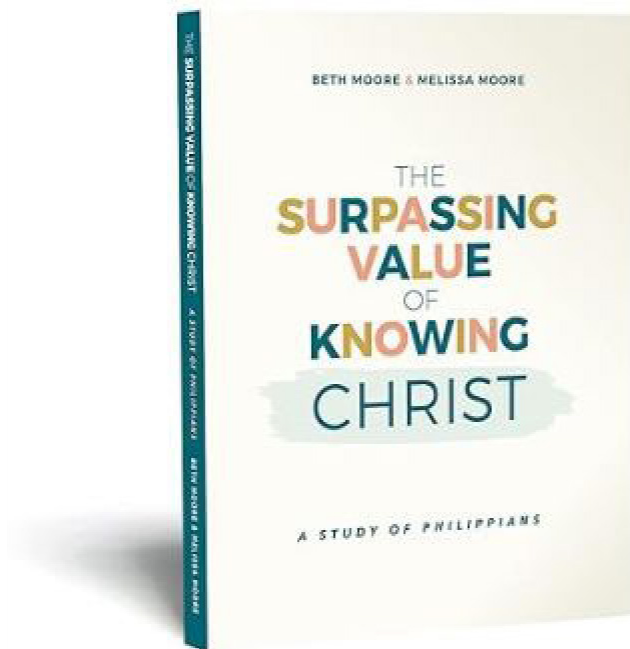
Communion Class

Sunday, May 5, during Sunday School hour
1st-6th graders and their adult(s)
8:30 am

Join Pastor Emily and Mrs. Margaret as they lead a class about the sacrament of Communion. During this class we will talk about the original meal, the various names we use for it, as well as what the meal signifies: celebration, remembrance, and unity. The class is structured as a series of guided lessons for parents to complete with their children. At Bethlehem, the decision when children participate in Communion is left up to parents and families. This class will be an opportunity for parents and children to learn together about the meaning of the Lord's Supper.

Please note that the class will meet beginning at 8:30 and will include breakfast. We will learn together about Communion, and then dismiss for

worship where we will be sharing Communion during the service. Note also that our 1st-3rd and 4th-6th grade Sunday School classes will not meet on this day. Please RSVP to Mrs. Margaret at margaret@bethlehemucc.org.



The Tuesday Bible study will start with a new lesson topic on May 7, 2024.

The study will be in the Beth and Melissa Moore book *The Surpassing Value of Knowing Christ: a Study of Philippians*. Please consider joining us on Tuesdays at 10:15. The study should take us from May 7 - June 18. We will not have Bible study on May 28 so we can go to the African American Museum with the group from church.

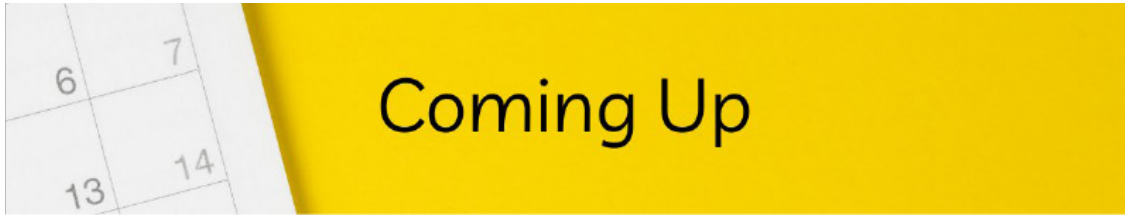
The cost of the book and shared DVD set is \$25/person. Donna Marvel has ordered 12 books and can order more if necessary. All are welcome! Please contact Donna Marvel via phone or text at (812) 629-8507 if you would like to join the study.



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 at **St. Joe's**

Tavern this Tuesday at 11:30 am. 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!



Thursday, April 18

6:30 – 7:30pm

Bell Choir Rehearsal

Music Room

7:30 – 8:30pm

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Music Room

Friday, April 19

5pm – 12:30pm until Saturday at 12:30 pm

Confirmation Lock-In (Day 1/2)

Saturday, April 20

8am – 12pm

All Church Workday

5:30 – 6:30pm

Worship

Welcoming Area

Sunday, April 21

9 – 9:30am

Confirmation Rehearsal

Sanctuary

10:15 – 11:15am

Worship - Confirmation Sunday

Sanctuary

11:15am – 12:15pm
Reception for New Confirmands
Welcoming Area

11:30am – 3:30pm
Fellowship Hall Rsvd. - Milheiser

Monday, April 22

All day
Earth Day

8:30 – 10am
Library Rsvd. - Worthington

6:30 – 7:30pm
Girl Scout Troop 634
Youth Room

Tuesday, April 23

8:30 – 10am
P.E.S.T. Mtg.
Motley Crew Room

4:15 – 7:15pm
Welcoming Area Rsvd. - Wiseman (Busy Mrs.)

Tuesday, April 23

5:30 – 6:30pm
Outreach Cmte. Meeting
Library

Wednesday, April 24

6 – 7pm
Boy Scout Troop 346
Youth Room

Thursday, April 25

6:30 – 7:30pm
Bell Choir Rehearsal
Music Room

7:30 – 8:30pm
Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Music Room

Saturday, April 27

5:30 – 6:30pm
Worship
Welcoming Area

Sunday, April 28

10:15 – 11:15am
Worship - Parking Lot (Green Team)
Sanctuary

11:15am – 12:15pm
Confirmation Mentors Meeting
Motley Crew Room

11:30am – 12pm
Council Chat
Welcoming Area

3:30 – 5:30pm
UCS DINNER - Youth
United Caring Services



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