Give Thanks
One of the first years Mike and I were married, when we were still living out in North Carolina, my little brother was interning at the State Department during the fall semester. When the semester ended, he took the Amtrak from DC down to Durham, where we packed him in our car and headed toward our common destination, home. We called as we hit the road and giddily sang “There’s No Place Like Home for the Holidays” on my mother’s voicemail to let her know we were on the way.

*Take a bus, take a train, go and hop an aeroplane. Put the wife and kiddies in the family car. For the pleasure that you bring when you make that doorbell ring, no trip could be too far!*

The holidays often evoke nostalgia for old familiar places. For many people, there is a tug toward going home. (Though sometimes, “home” is only in your mind’s eye, as loved ones have passed on or life circumstances change.) For others, the holidays can be deeply painful, and make you desperate for a safe space—for sanctuary.

This year, we are inviting all who are feeling nostalgic, all who need a safe space, and everyone in between *Home for Christmas*.

Many of you have been gone from Bethlehem since before the pandemic, and I understand that it is hard to come back after so long, but there’s no greater time to make your way back in to in-person worship.
and Christian fellowship than this holy season of waiting.

**Come home to Bethlehem**—whether you bring bags full of dirty laundry or a car full of friends needing somewhere to go, we are excited to welcome you into our sanctuary as we wait on the birth of Christ.

**Come home to Bethlehem**—whether life is going great, or you are weighed down by uncertainty and grief, we are excited to welcome you into our sanctuary as we wait on the birth of Christ.

**Come home to Bethlehem**—whether it’s been your home in the recent past, the distant past, or you would be coming in brand new, we are excited to welcome you into our sanctuary as we wait on the birth of Christ.

Advent begins on November 28th, and we will kick it off with help from our young people. In next month’s STAR, we’ll share more about our “Home for Christmas” project that we hope you’ll want to help us with! For now, pick up the phone and call a friend and see if they will catch a ride with you to **Come home to Bethlehem**.

Even as we offer this invitation, we know that many are prevented by circumstance from acting on that impulse to come home this Advent. We hold in prayer those who are limited by health (and health concerns) and mobility from being with us. Please continue to join us online, or reach out to the church office if you’re interested in receiving an iPad loaded with our weekly worship services.
Save the Dates

Save the Dates

This year’s Totenfest services will be November 6-7. Please join us for this beautiful and poignant service of remembrance where we will honor those of our church family who have died in the past year. During this service, each person is given the opportunity to come forward and light a candle in memory of loved ones. We will offer thanks for those who have gone before us, the lessons they taught us, and the legacy they left for us. I hope you can join us!
It has been a fun and educational month for our youngest church members. Students started the Sunday School semester learning about the creation story and then moved on to meeting characters from the Old Testament. Ruth, Naomi, Samuel, Saul, and David were the focus of our lessons in October. We are so fortunate to have experienced and dedicated Sunday School teachers in each of our five children and youth Sunday School rooms. It is a joy to peek in the windows and watch our teachers pouring their hearts into teaching our children the Bible and helping them to grow in their faith. If you have a child or grandchild, we would love for them to be part of our Sunday School program. Please contact Margaret Eberhart margaret@bethlehemucc.org with any questions!

Advent is approaching! Rather than ending the Advent season with a Christmas program, our children and youth will be kicking off this Advent season with a special video presentation titled "Waiting for Jesus". This short film will give the congregation a glimpse into the children and youth wing and the ministry that is happening each week. Filming will be on November 7th and November 14th (see schedule on following page), and we ask that families make a special effort to arrive a few minutes early for these weeks. This video will be presented during the worship services on the first week of Advent, November 27th and 28th.
Students in 4th-6th grade are invited to serve as acolytes during our Sunday morning worship service. If you are interested in learning to be an acolyte, please contact Margaret Eberhart at 859-576-1442.

November 7
Grades Pre-K & K film during Sunday School.

November 14
Grades 1 - 3 film during Sunday School.
Confirmation class and scripture readers film after worship.

Be An Acolyte

Children in the Pre-K and K Sunday School class made harvest bouquets as they learn the story of Ruth and Naomi.
This was just not our year for pumpkins! Because the pumpkins were rotting at an accelerated rate, we closed down the patch. Thank you to all who visited the patch during its brief tenure, and please accept our apologies if your pumpkin didn’t last! As you can see, a squirrel friend found our pumpkins quite tasty. Photo credit: Gerri Klass

### Financial Recap

#### September General Account

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On Sunday, October 3, 2021, Carl Schofield’s spirit reluctantly left this world. He had lived a life of service and faithfulness throughout all of his 90 years, and his legacy will endure because of the lives he created, affected and changed for the better.

Carl was born on May 8, 1931, in Evansville, Indiana. He grew up, fell in love, married, and raised a family. He worked hard, went to church and lived a modest life. He was a humble man, never seeking praise or recognition for doing what he believed was the right thing to do.

Carl’s parents, Stella and Gilbert Schofield, raised him on their small farm, along with his three sisters and a younger brother (who passed away in childhood). He attended Burkhardt School and graduated from Bosse High School in 1949.

On November 19, 1955, Carl married Beverly Ann Vanover and enjoyed almost 58 happy years together before her death in 2013. They raised a son and two daughters, instilling in them the same values by which they lived, including kindness, generosity, honesty, integrity, accountability, and the importance of helping others.

Carl served in the National Guard as a young man and rose to the rank of 2nd Lieutenant. He also worked as a teller at Old National Bank, International Harvester (where he met his wife), then in sales at Goebel Furniture Company until the company closed; he later retired as rental/sales manager at Black Equipment Company in 2005.

Bethlehem United Church of Christ offered Carl many opportunities to share his faith and talents during his 66 years of membership. He served on numerous committees and was a long-time member of the Eosin Class; he was also named as a deacon and then elder. The church led him to become involved in Habitat For Humanity, where he enthusiastically volunteered his skills in cont.
both building and fundraising. When he finally had to hang up his hammer in 2018 after "21 years of dedicated service on the Habitat Core Crew and leading the United Church of Christ builds," Habitat honored him with a Golden Hammer and a dedication at the 500th Habitat house built in Evansville.

During the late 1960's and 1970's, Carl served as a Scout Leader with the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts; he was later a member of Evansville’s Civitan Club for a number of years, where he embraced the opportunity to work with Special Olympics.

In his leisure time, Carl built beautiful, durable furniture for his family, as well as various projects with/for his kids and the church. He maintained a beautiful yard and gardens alongside his wife. After retiring, Carl and Beverly enjoyed traveling, preferring to just set a destination and making up the itinerary en route, taking pleasure in the scenery and other points of interest along the way.

Carl is survived by his son, Brett (Jennifer) Schofield; daughters, Beth Schofield and Lindseye Greye; granddaughters, Kirsten Schofield, Caitlin (Sarah) Hargrove and Alex Ann Heim, and 3 great-grandsons.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Beverly; sisters, Mary Anna Spangler, Dorothy Patton, Lucille Hayes, and Thelma Kissel; and brother, Ralph Schofield.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, October 12, 2021, from 4-8pm at Browning Funeral Home, 738 E. Diamond Ave., Evansville, IN. There was also a visitation on Wednesday, October 13, 2021, from 9-11am at Bethlehem United Church of Christ, 6400 Oak Hill Rd., Evansville, IN; a memorial service followed.

In lieu of flowers, Carl requested that donations be made to Habitat For Humanity of Evansville and Bethlehem United Church of Christ.
We are pleased to announce that Pastor Deborah will be participating in more worship services in the coming months. The Personnel Committee agreed that Pastor Deborah will lead the Saturday night service one Saturday per month. We look forward to her leadership!

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**Altar Flowers**

**2022 Dates**

You might like to celebrate a special occasion, honor a special person, or maybe you just enjoy seeing live flowers on the altar! Dates are first-come, first-serve, so reserve early! To reserve a weekend, email (judy@bethlehemucc.org).

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During our recent travel west, we visited the Grand Canyon. On their trolleys in the park were posters similar to the one on the following page.

We are blessed in this area with water nearby, but safe drinking water and multi-year droughts are becoming more and more an issue for many in our world.

Kim Johann
EASY WAYS TO SAVE WATER

Green Team

If you accidentally drop ice cubes, don’t throw them in the sink. Drop them in a house plant instead.

Keep a pitcher of drinking water in the refrigerator instead of running the tap. This way, every drop goes down you and not the drain.

Designate one glass for your drinking water each day, or refill a water bottle. This will cut down on the number of glasses to wash.

When doing laundry, match the water level to the size of the load.

At home or while staying in a hotel, reuse your towels.

Adjust your lawn mower to the height of 1.5 to 2 inches. Taller grass shades roots and holds soil moisture better than short grass.

Shorten your shower by a minute or two and you’ll save up to 150 gallons per month.

Check all hoses, connectors, and faucets regularly for leaks.

Dishwashers typically use less water than washing dishes by hand. Now, Energy Star dishwashers save even more water and energy.
The Bethlehem STAR

The solar array just passed a milestone. As of September 30, 2021, the savings were $40,810. The amount of CO2 savings this represents is the equivalent to reductions of 175 tons of CO2 from factories, or driving a car about 437,000 miles, or the CO2 reduction from 4,500 trees.

Bethlehem UCC is pleased to welcome DaVID's LYRE Brass Sextet to our November 14th worship service. DaVID's LYRE was formed as a response to the COVID crisis.

It is the largest group we can fit in a choir loft with social distancing. Our goal is to play music that brings joy and calmness in uncertain times. In 1st Samuel 16:23 we find: "DAVID took the LYRE and strummed a tune. Saul got relief from his terror and felt better, and the evil spirit left him." hence "DaVID's LYRE"

We look for settings of familiar hymn tunes that congregations will be able to relate to.

Several faces may be familiar to you.

Bb Trumpet: David Jarrett, frequent Bethlehem trumpeter
Bb Trumpet: Mark Roethemeier, Alcoa retired.
French Horn: Faril Bunner, North Jr Hi band director
Bb Tenor Horn: Dr. Ken Steinsultz, UE Music Conservatory
Bb Euphonium: Jerry Reese, Castle Bands retired
Eb Tuba: Wayne Jones, BUCC choir director

The Sextet has bell covers to put over the instruments to limit the spread of aerosols!
As part of the income distribution from the Voigt Trust, 21 organizations, selected by the congregation, were sent funds to aid in their individual missions. To date, the church office has received thank you notes from the following:

Aurora
Borrowed Hearts Foundation Inc.
Dream Center
Easterseals Rehabilitation Center
Evansville Emergency Food Pantry Consortium
FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes)
Holly’s House
Isaiah 117
Matthew 25
Patchwork Central
Vanderburgh Co CASA
Youth First

The act of sending someone a ‘Get Well’ or ‘Thinking of You’ card has always been something I considered very thoughtful. However, when you find yourself on the receiving end of a thoughtful card, it becomes very therapeutic as well. (I really had no idea!!)

Thank you SO much to all of you who have sent me your prayers and well-wishes in cards, emails and phone calls. When a sudden medical emergency happens, it’s comforting to know that you have a wealth of friends in your Bethlehem family. Your prayers are very healing, and I am forever grateful for your love and support.

Thank you,
Patty Oglesby
Many of our children and youth helped pack close to 40 emergency supply buckets for Church World Services. Want to learn about the other wonderful resources CWS provides to those in need around the globe? Go to their website https://cwsglobal.org/

Address/Email Updates
Contact church office
JUDY SCHMITT
CINNAMON ROLLS

EOSIN
FUNDRAISER

Judy Schmitt’s Cinnamon Rolls have become a Christmas morning tradition for many in the tri-state! They make great gifts for co-workers, teachers, bus drivers, neighbors, friends and family! All Cinnamon Rolls are baked fresh and ready to eat or freeze for later occasions.

All orders are due by December 6th with pick up on December 18th & 19th after church.

Cinnamon Rolls & German Kuchen are $10 each

Payment is requested at time of order.

Please make checks payable to EOSIN.

Qty: _______ Cinnamon Roll with Butter Cream Icing

Qty: _______ German Kuchen

Cinnamon Roll with butter cream icing, brown sugar & sprinkled with cinnamon

Name ________________________________________________________________

Phone ___________________ Email ________________________________________
It’s Harvest time – time for picking and enjoying apples! The Eosin Sunday School Class will be selling our famous Dutch Apple Crumb Pies to benefit missions. We will be taking PREPAID orders once again this year. To be assured of getting pies, please complete the form at the bottom of this page and put it in the Eosin mailbox or leave it in the office. Please make your checks out to Eosin. The pies will be made on Thursday, November 18 this year. Plan to pick up your pies between 2:00 and 5:30 PM that evening.

EOSIN APPLE PIE SALE

Number of Pies ____________  @ $10.00 each       Total cost ____________

Name _____________________  Phone number __________________

Email address

_______________________________________________________________

Remember to pick up your fresh pies on Thursday, November 18.

Additional order forms are available at the sanctuary entrances and church office.
November 03 Lauren Ozete
November 03 Marcy Hahn
November 05 Wyatt Zausch
November 05 Elijah Reising
November 05 Barry Schnakenburg
November 08 Caroline Delano
November 12 Mary Jean May
Suzy Picking
November 14 Lois Schultheis
November 16 Chris Champion
November 19 Gabriel Hirsch
November 20 Linda Rae Leipold
November 23 Parker Hirsch
November 23 Shirley Kirby
November 23 Parker Hirsch
November 24 Nathan Longwell
November 24 Gwyn Traylor
November 24 Marvin Sunderman
November 28 Audrey Kuhlenschmidt
November 30 Darrell Blankenship

Let’s fill the mailboxes of our Special Seniors on their birthdays.

A complete listing of November birthdays are available at www.bethlehemucc.org/estar. Please contact the church office if you would appreciate a paper copy of the list.

November 02 Ben & Sarah Hoffman
November 04 Bob & Doris Harrison
November 04 Sarah & Emma Loane
November 05 Mike & Carol Dean
November 08 Michelle & Ryan Williams
November 11 Max & Lyn Jones
November 16 Brent & Tresa Miller
November 16 Sean & Michelle Oglesby
November 18 Adam & Emily Schmitt
November 25 Dean & Stacy Gaslin
November 29 Marvin & Beverly Sunderman
(812) 867-2497 (Office)
Email — church@bethlehemucc.org
Web Site—www.bethlehemucc.org

Office Hours 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
   Monday-Thursday

Please contact the church office if you are aware of any address changes.

OUR VISION STATEMENT:

Striving to welcome all who seek God; to grow in faith;
and to love neighbor as self through action.