

EMILY'S EDITION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

I hope you've had a good week! We look forward to gathering together again this weekend for worship. During our usual time of collecting tithes and offerings, we will also collect our pledge cards for 2027. This is the culmination of this month's stewardship emphasis. Thank you to Troy Vaupel, the Stewardship Team, and all those who lent their ideas and talent to creating the videos that have helped remind us of the important ministries Bethlehem is able to do, because of you and your generosity.

(Additional copies of pledge cards are available at church entrances.)

On Saturday, Pastor Doug will look at Matthew 16.21-28, a difficult passage about what was required of Jesus and what is required of us as his disciples. On Sunday, I will continue my series on stories from Exodus, looking at Exodus 2.23-3.15. We will continue to think about the theme of "identity." Also on Sunday, we will welcome into membership John and Cathy French.



Recently in worship, I asked the children to help make a list of things they'd like us to be praying for and about related to the start of school. Here is the list we created together, and I invite you to join me in using this list as a guide for your prayers.

- Teachers
- Family
- Friends who are sick
- School

- Principal and Assistant Principal
- Friends who are in other classes
- Janitors
- Coaches
- Student Teachers
- Substitute Teachers



Family and Friends of Doug King (husband of Pat King, passed away on August 14)

Family and Friends of Phillip Gaffney (son of Diane Gaffney, passed away August 17)

Mike Dean (chemo treatments)

Bill Kreighbaum

Jeff Hoffman (renal cell carcinoma, friend of Tim and Amy Spurling)

Chris Dugan (serious car accident, son-in-law of Hungates)

We received a call requesting prayers for Emmett and his parents; Bruce and Kim; and Jessica and her twins

Those affected by weather-related disasters

Middle East

Russia/Ukraine Conflict

Victims of gun violence

All those battling addiction and facing the daily struggle to stay clean.

Our military

Students and Teachers



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

Listen to Last Sunday's Message



Take another listen to last Sunday's message here.

Listen



The flowers on the altar are given by Paul Black in honor of wife Donna's 80th birthday.

Please use the buttons below to view dates and sign up for altar flowers. If you prefer a paper form, they are always available in the vestibule (office entrance open 24/7), church office hallway, Welcoming Area, children and youth entrance, and narthex.

For altar flower needs, please contact Carol Kolb at carolrkolb@yahoo.com or (812) 589-8322.

Upcoming Available Dates

Altar Flower Sign Up

Serve

Sunday Worship Acolyte

Sunday Worship Liturgist



Everything that happens at Bethlehem is ministry.



As we prepare for **Commitment weekend, August 29-30**, weekly in worship, we viewed special video messages sharing different aspects of how our important ministry touches others. If you missed previous videos, be sure to catch up by clicking [here](#).

If you are in need of a pledge card or additional copies for other family members, please see church entrances. Please contact the [church office](#) should a card need to be mailed. Non-members are welcomed and encouraged to pledge a 2027 offering!



An invitation from the Green Team

Final Video!

For those who wish to attend the last session of “Blessed Tomorrow: Faith and Climate,” will meet in the first breakout room next to the youth room on the lower level. 9AM check in with each other; 9:15 film: 9:35 discussion. We hope you will join us; you do not have to have attended the first sessions.

It’s been said that no matter what today’s headlines are, the climate is the issue. We look forward to seeing you!



Church Council Chat

This Sunday!

Please bring any questions or concerns for the Church Council to the next

Council Chat following worship in the Welcoming Area. Everyone is welcomed to attend!



We will be serving lunch at Sister Joanna's Table on September 12 and need volunteers to help with setup, serving, and clean up at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 301 SE First St. Anyone who would like to help, please contact Chris Champion at 812-449-8852 or chris@bethlehemucc.org.



If you'd like to send a card to Mary Weyher, she lives in Indianapolis near family after experiencing a stroke this past spring. Her address is:
8046 Morningside Drive
Indianapolis, IN 46240



Deadline is Monday!

There is still time to apply for the Michael P. Schmitt and Lorena K. Schmitt Music Scholarships. Applications are available outside the church office.

Qualifications:

- Applicant must be a member or regularly attend Bethlehem United Church of Christ.
- Applicant must show an interest and aptitude for instrumental or vocal music.
- Applicant must be willing to share his/her talent with the church when requested.

Deadline for submitting applications is August 31, 2026. Please contact the [church office](#) if you have any questions.

Please send application to:
ATTN: MEMORIAL COMMITTEE
Bethlehem United Church of Christ
6400 Oak Hill Road, Evansville, IN 47725



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Don't miss a wonderful opportunity to support UCS by either attending the fundraiser, sponsoring the event, bidding in the silent auction, and/or making a

donation to UCS using the button below.

Masquerade Fundraiser

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 this Tuesday at Gerst Haus. 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!

**THANK
YOU!**

**Thank you to everyone who
has agreed to serve as ushers. The
Confirmation class is assigned to August.**

Coming Up

Thursday, August 27

6 – 8pm

Choirs' Kick-Off Outing

Turoni's Pizzeria & Brewery - Forget Me Not

Saturday, August 29

5:30 – 6:30pm

Worship - Commitment Saturday

Welcoming Area

Sunday, August 30

9 – 10am

Sunday School Classes - All Ages

10:15 – 11:15am

Worship - Commitment & New Member Sunday
Sanctuary

11:30am – 12pm

Council Chat

Welcoming Area

Monday, August 31

8:30 – 10am

Conference Room Rsvd. - Worthington

Tuesday, September 1

10:30 – 11:45am

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Conference Room

6:30 – 7:30pm

Evening Bible Study Group

Conference Room

Thursday, September 3

7:30 – 8:30pm

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Music Room

Saturday, September 5

5:30 – 6:30pm

Worship

Welcoming Area

Sunday, September 6

9 – 10am

Sunday School Classes - All Ages

10:15 – 11:15am

Worship

Sanctuary



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