

# EMILY'S EDITION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

This weekend in worship, we'll be looking at the story of Jesus (and Peter) walking on water from Matthew 14.22-33. (On Sunday, we'll also be looking at Romans 10.5-15.) As we prepare to think about this familiar story again, I invite you to take a look at a video that has been in the news a lot this week.

Here is the shorter version: [Lifeguard rescue](#)

Here is a longer, but fascinating analysis of the rescue: [Rescue analysis](#)

When we think of Jesus walking on the water and Peter asking to step out of a boat that was being "battered by the waves" and join him there, this is the kind of power they are up against. Does that change the story for us at all?

Make plans to join Pastor Doug on Saturday night or I will see you on Sunday morning!



## Prayer List

Family and friends of Maddox Gander (grandson of Wayne and Andrea Gander, passed away August 3)

The family and friends of Rose Crockett (Erica Hirsch's mother, passed away July 21)

Lily (recovering from surgery, parents are Cris and Kristie Hochwender)

Jenny Reising (recovering from surgery)

Ruth Ann Krall (upcoming surgery, mother of Cindy Carwile and online worship participant)

Tessa and Reed Head (recovering from illness)

Carol Kolb (recovering from fall)

Brian Newton (health concerns)  
Annie Blackburn (recovering at home from automobile accident)  
Mike Dean  
Bill Kreighbaum  
Jeff Hoffman (renal cell carcinoma, friend of Tim and Amy Spurling)  
Chris Dugan (serious car accident, son-in-law of Hungates)  
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

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**



## ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are given by the Altar Guild to the Glory of God. The white rose is in memory of Maddox Gander.

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](mailto:carolrkolb@yahoo.com) or (812) 589-8322.

### Upcoming available dates

August 23, 30

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Altar Flower Sign Up



Sunday Worship Acolyte

Sunday Worship Liturgist

Everything that happens at Bethlehem is ministry.



As we prepare for Commitment weekend, August 29-30, at each worship service there will be a special video message sharing different aspects of how our ministry touches others. If you missed last weekend's video, be sure to catch up by clicking [here](#)!

Contact [Margaret Eberhart](#) by tomorrow, Friday, August 7, to register and pay for the Louisville outing!



# Join Us for a Church Outing!

A DAY OF FAITH, FELLOWSHIP & MUSIC



**SUNDAY,  
AUGUST 30<sup>TH</sup>**



## AFTER WORSHIP

Pick up your  
pre-ordered boxed  
lunch in the  
church kitchen  
before we leave!



## CARPOOL TO LOUISVILLE, KY

Enjoy the ride together as  
we head to the show!



## 3:00 PM EST

See *Jesus Christ Superstar*  
presented by Redline  
Performing Arts at the  
Actors Theater of Louisville.



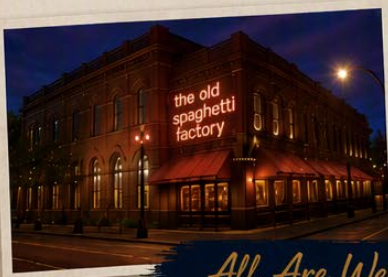
## AFTER THE SHOW

We'll enjoy dinner together  
at The Old Spaghetti  
Factory in downtown  
Louisville.



## THEN... HEAD HOME

A full day of music, community  
and great memories!



*All Are Welcome! ♥*

REDLINE PERFORMING ARTS  
PRESENTS

# JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR



AT THE ACTORS THEATER  
OF LOUISVILLE



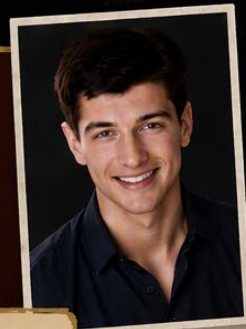
Featuring

Margaret's nephew

*Cooper Bartlett*

playing the role of

**CAIAPHAS!**



## Registration



**Cost: \$40** per person

Includes theater ticket and boxed lunch.



Registration & Payment Deadline:  
Friday, August 7



Register with Margaret



Dinner at The Old Spaghetti Factory  
is on your own.

Dinner at  
The Old  
Spaghetti  
Factory is  
on your own.



Margaret Eberhart

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## Wednesdays' Whereabouts

Looking for Pastor Emily on a Wednesday? While you will not find her

physically on campus, please know that you can reach her via email or her cell phone as needed while she works from home. This will allow her some more sustained focused time to prepare sermons, Confirmation lessons, and other items that benefit from fewer interruptions. The Church Office will also be open (10-3) as usual.



**Back to SUNDAY SCHOOL!**  
Faith Formation, Fellowship and Fun!

**RALLY DAY Breakfast!**  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 16<sup>TH</sup>  
9:00 AM  
Children, youth, and adults are invited for breakfast, a chance to reconnect, and learn about our classes and events for the year.

**CLASSES Resume!**  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 23<sup>RD</sup>  
9:00 AM  
Sunday School classes for children and youth will officially start back!

*We can't wait to see you there!* Contact Margaret for more information.

**Adults, be sure to join the Rally Day breakfast on Sunday, August 16, at 9:00 am. Sunday School classes resume August 23!**



## **An invitation from the Green Team**

We invite you to join us for a video series, “Caring for the Earth: Stories from Faith Communities” from Blessed Tomorrow: Caring for Creation Today. We’ll watch these 20 minute films and discuss them through August, taking breaks for the church retreat and Rally Day.

Classes and groups will catch up with one another at 9 AM. All are welcome to join us in the Conference Room at 9:15 to watch and discuss the films, finishing at 10:00, in time for more catching up before worship.

Remaining topics in July and August are:

- August 9: “Holy Water: Protecting What Connects and Sustains Us” (Conference Room)



- August 16: Break for Rally Day
- August 23: "Climate Justice: Sacred Voices Rising" (West/left breakout room in the Youth Room)
- August 30: "Healing Creation: Honoring Nature and Each Other" (Breakout room in Youth Room)

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

**Next Saturday!**



*Bethlehem United Church of Christ*

## **ANNUAL METAL RECYCLING DRIVE**

**August 15, 8:30 - 11:30 AM**

**Any metal item is welcome  
except those containing Freon, and TVs.**



**CHECK IT OUT**

# **Mission Trip Meeting**

**BACK BAY  
MISSION**

strengthening neighborhoods, seeking justice, transforming lives

Don't forget to join us on Sunday, August 16, at 1:00 pm to learn about Back Bay Mission and the adult mission trip planned for October 31 - November 7, 2026 to Biloxi, MS.



The majority of the services provided at Back Bay are accomplished by VOLUNTEER GROUPS who volunteer, one week at a time, to assist in many capacities including carpentry, home projects and painting, but also cooking, office, and food pantry help. We always need willing hearts and helping hands. There is - literally - a place for everyone to serve!

Come learn more at the information meeting at Bethlehem!

Feel free to contact Lee Ann Shafer at [lashafer75@gmail.com](mailto:lashafer75@gmail.com) or 812-746-2984.

## Bethlehem CAJE Network

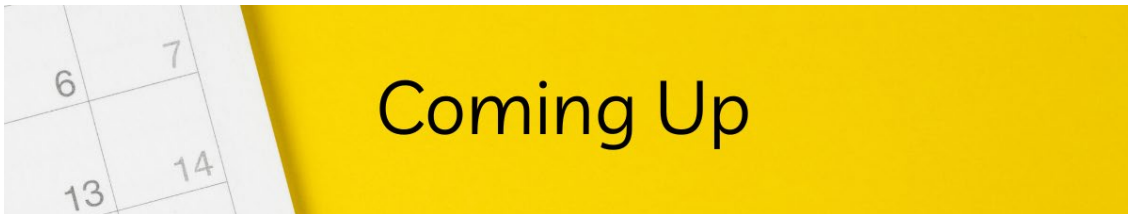
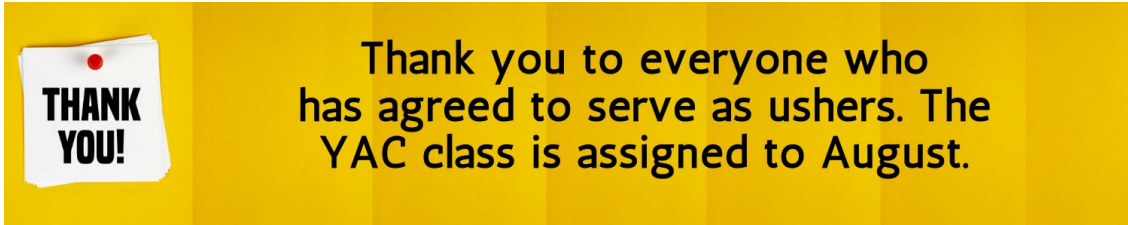
The Bethlehem CAJE Network will be meeting on Wednesday, August 19th, at 6:30pm, to begin planning our Fall Listening process. Listening Home meetings will be scheduled as opportunities for us to meet and share the justice issues that we are concerned about in our greater Evansville community. This process will be happening across our 26 member faith communities. These shared concerns will be coalesced and brought to our Community Problems Assembly on November 9th. At this assembly, leadership will be elected and the ISSUE for ACTION will be determined through a democratic voting process. Then the research and planning will begin for the May 2027 Nehemiah Action.

To learn more about the BUCC CAJE Ministry and how you can participate, please plan to attend the meeting on the 19th.

Grace, Peace, and Justice,  
Rev. Kimron Reising  
(reisingsun@gmail.com)



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 Scratch Kitchen Evansville at 2 Richardt Ave., Evansville. If you would like to join the group for lunch, please RSVP to Barry Jones at [Twinpapa02@yahoo.com](mailto:Twinpapa02@yahoo.com) by Monday morning. New faces are always welcome!



**Saturday, August 8**

5:30 – 6:30pm

Worship

Welcoming Area

**Sunday, August 9**

9 – 10am

Sunday School Adults Only

10:15 – 11:15am

Worship

Sanctuary

11:15 – 11:45am

Confirmation Mentor's Meeting

Conference Room

5:30 – 7:30pm

Eosin Monthly Dinner

Gatti Town, Evansville

**Monday, August 10**

8:30 – 10am



Conference Room Rsvd. - Worthington

**Tuesday, August 11**

All day

September STAR Newsletter Materials Deadline  
to [publishing@bethlehemucc.org](mailto:publishing@bethlehemucc.org)

**Wednesday, August 12**

5 – 8pm

Fellowship Hall Rsvd. (Jones)

5:30 – 7pm

Finance Ministry Team  
Conference Room

**Thursday, August 13**

IN-KY Conference

St. Peter's United Church of Christ

9am – 1pm

PEO Luncheon  
Welcoming Area & Kitchen

6:30 – 9pm

Welcoming Area Rsvd (Wiseman)

**Friday, August 14**

IN-KY Conference

St. Peter's United Church of Christ

**Saturday, August 15**

IN-KY Conference

St. Peter's United Church of Christ

8:30 – 11:30am

Metal Recycling Day  
BUCC Parking Lot

5:30 – 6:30pm

Worship

Welcoming Area

**Sunday, August 16**

9 – 10am

Rally Day - Breakfast & Fellowship

Fellowship Hall & Welcoming Area

10:15 – 11:15am

Worship

Sanctuary

1 – 2pm

Back Bay Mission Trip Meeting

Welcoming Area



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