

EMILY'S EDITION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

This weekend in worship, we will celebrate communion in both services. Please remember to bring canned fruit for the Tri-State Food Bank collection. On Saturday night, Pastor Doug will explore some challenging teachings about forgiveness from Matthew 18.21-35. On Sunday, we will finally get the Hebrews out of Egypt, reading the crossing of the Red Sea, Exodus 14.1-31. Also, on Sunday we welcome back our chancel choir after the summer off.

I hope you'll make plans to join us in person or online.

Prayer List

Kaydence Helfert (Thompkins 7th grader - run over by a school bus, being treated for multiple injuries at Riley)

Dwayne Boling (cancer treatments, Carol Kolb's brother-in-law)

Dave Powell and family (the passing of Dave's Aunt Agnes Ellison and his brother, Herschel Bowlds)

Theresa Cravens (recovering from a fall)

Ruth Ann Krall (diagnosed with skin cancer/melanoma)

Grant Wiseman (procedure at IU Medical Center)

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



Take another listen to last Sunday's message here.

[Listen](#)



The flowers on the altar today are given by Jane Jackson in memory of her husband Wayne Jackson, her father William Shafer, and her brother Bill Shafer.

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



CANNED FRUIT COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Communion will be served this weekend, which means canned fruit will be collected for the Tri-State Food Bank. This special offering is a tangible symbol of feeding others as we are spiritually fed at the communion table. Please plan to bring cans of fruit (with pull-tabs, if possible) and place them by the altar. Can we reach 100 this month? Let's show our children the generous spirit of Bethlehem Church.

A Tent of Our Own Making
Conversation

September 22-25, I will travel to the United Church of Christ

headquarters in Cleveland, Ohio at the invitation of our Conference Minister, Rev. Dr. Chad Abbott. Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson (UCC General Minister and President/CEO) is hosting a conversation with denominational leaders titled *A Tent of Our Own Making*. This gathering will focus on conversations about the identity and future of the United Church of Christ. I am honored and grateful for the opportunity to represent our congregation and our association, as I believe the UCC churches in our area are unique relative to much of the wider denomination. It is important to have a voice at this table, and I am thankful for the opportunity to be part of the conversation.

Pastor Emily



On Saturday, September 26, Bethlehem will host its 19th annual Fish Fry from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. This year's event will again be carryout only; however, some outdoor seating will be available under the pavilion. Please feel free to bring a lawn chair if you are able.

Your \$15 ticket includes: 3 pieces of tasty fish, baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw, and a fudge brownie with caramel sauce.

Please consider purchasing a couple of extra dinners to share with friends and family. As always, all proceeds of the Fish Fry will go towards the Tri-State Food Bank and Gather Network.

No advanced ticket sales. If you have any questions about the Fish Fry, please contact Glenn Heseman (812-453-2135) or the church office at church@bethlehemucc.org. a.m.



Doris Oglesby will reach the remarkable milestone of turning 100 years old! Since she and her granddaughter Robyn share the same birth date, we will be celebrating "Big Time"!

On **Sunday, September 27**, we will have a reception following worship in the Welcoming Area. We encourage our many church friends to join us to celebrate with Doris and Robyn. There will be refreshments for all!

So, mark your calendars, save the date, and help us to usher in Doris's next century of life.



The Women of Bethlehem

BOOK & BAKE SALE

**Great selection in
all catagories!**

Bethlehem UCC Fellowship Hall
Open to the Community!

Saturday, October 24
2:00 - 5:00 pm

Sunday, October 25
following worship

**Proceeds benefit
future mission-
related projects.**

6400 Oak Hill Rd., Evansville

To help us with a successful sale, we are asking Bethlehem friends to clean out their bookshelves and donate gently used books. Collection boxes are in the Welcoming Area, the Youth lobby by the elevator, and office entrance vestibule. Please contact [Lee Ann Shafer](#) with any questions.



Join Faith in Place for the 2026 Annual Environment & Spirituality Summit

About the Summit:

The 2026 Annual Environment & Spirituality Summit explores the theme Grounded Resistance, with four sessions focused on how we engage the world from a place of deep grounding, collective support, and sustained resistance. Find our entire agenda on aes-summit.org.

Featuring Keynote Speaker:

Bill McKibben

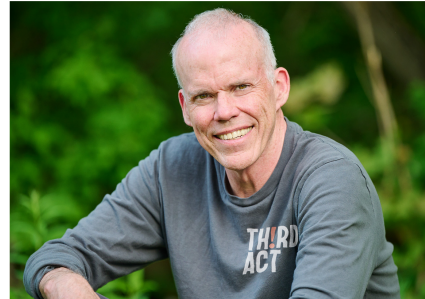
Bill McKibben is an author, educator, and environmentalist, who helped found 350.org, the first global grassroots climate campaign, and who has recently helped found [Third Act](https://thirdact.org), to build a progressive organizing movement for people over the age of 60.

He will deliver a keynote drawing on decades of organizing, writing, and movement-building to ground the Summit's theme of Grounded Resistance in the moral and spiritual stakes of the climate crisis. Houses of Worship and communities will be invited to harness the power of organized people of faith to confront the fossil fuel industry and advance climate and environmental justice.



*Scan the QR Code or
visit our website to register
for free for the watch party
or to view at home.*

aes-summit.org



Join us for a Watch Party!

A Watch Party is a community gathering where local attendees come together to watch and discuss the Summit's keynote address featuring Bill McKibben — live via Zoom.

Date & Time

29 September, 2026

5:30 PM (CT)/6:30 PM (ET)

Location

Sts. Mary and John Parish

613 Cherry St, Evansville, IN 47713, USA



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Presents

The 35th Anniversary
Masquerade
Fundraiser

A Night Behind the Mask

A charitable evening celebrating
35 years of compassion, service,
and hope in our community.

Saturday, October 3rd, 2026

Doors open at 5:00 PM
Program Begins at 6:00 PM

The Helms Hall
5001 Washington Ave, Evansville, IN 47715

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Masks Welcomed But Not Required



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 until Tuesday at Scratch Kitchen. 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 September.**



Coming Up

Friday, September 11

4 – 6pm

Kitchen Rsvd. - Champion

Saturday, September 12

5:30 – 6:30pm

Worship

Welcoming Area

Sunday, September 13

9 – 10am

Sunday School Classes - All Ages

10:15 – 11:15am

Worship - Communion & Canned Fruit Collection

Sanctuary

5:30 – 7:30pm

Eosin Monthly Dinner

Golden Corral Buffet & Grill

Monday, September 14

8:30 – 10am

Conference Room Rsvd. - Worthington

Tuesday, September 15

10:30 – 11:45am

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Conference Room

6:30 – 7:30pm

Evening Bible Study Group

Conference Room

Wednesday, September 16

5 – 6pm

Spiritual Council

Library

6 – 7:30pm

Finance Ministry Team

Conference Room

Thursday, September 17

6:30 – 7:30pm

Bell Choir Rehearsal

Music Room

7:30 – 8:30pm

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Music Room

Saturday, September 19

5:30 – 6:30pm

Worship

Welcoming Area

Sunday, September 20

9 – 10am

Sunday School Classes - All Ages

10:15 – 11:15am

Worship
Sanctuary

1 – 6pm

Fellowship Hall & Kitchen Rsvd. - Milheiser



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