

EMILY'S EDITION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



Greetings from Cleveland! By the time you're reading this, I'll be engaged in a second day of conversations with denominational leaders. I didn't know what to expect when I was invited to be part of this "A Tent of Our Own Making" meeting, but I have found it both educational and encouraging. Today was packed full of meaningful presentations. I have been taking copious notes and look forward to sharing with you when I return. I am also enjoying spending time and reflecting with our Conference Ministers, Rev. Dr. Chad Abbott and Rev. Dr. Monica Ouellette.

There will be no Saturday evening service, so please stop by the Fish Fry and grab a meal or two. I will be back for worship on Sunday, and will look forward to seeing you! Pastor Doug will preach, focused on Matthew 21.23-32. Please join me in praying for the strength of his voice.

Prayer List

Suzy Picking (sciatica pain)

Brian Newton (recovering from surgery)

Joy! Sandy Mahrenholz (moved from hospice to assisted living, Wayne Gander's mother)

Family and friends of Doris Oglesby (died on September 13)

Cathy Gumpert (several injuries due to fall, sister of Sally Vogl-Bauer)

Joy! Charlie Palmer touring as "Kurt" in The Sound of Music

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)

Theresa Cravens (at home, recovering from a fall)
Ruth Ann Krall (diagnosed with skin cancer/melanoma)
Grant Wiseman (home recovering)
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)
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.

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**Listen to Last
Sunday's Message**



Take another listen to last Sunday's message here.

[Listen](#)



The flowers on the altar today celebrate the life of Doris Oglesby, and the birthday she shared with her granddaughter, Robyn, on September 29.

Love always, Steve and Patty

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

**CARRYOUT
ONLY**



**Annual Fish Fry
September 26**



4-7:00 pm

**Don't miss it...
This Saturday!**

On Saturday, 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.



Pledge Card Reminder



We appreciate and thank those who have already returned their pledge cards. The cards help remove some of the guesswork of the finance committee, who is hard at work planning for 2027. When the church family keeps the church informed about intended giving, it helps us steward those anticipated gifts more faithfully.

Pledge cards are available at church entrances and outside the church office door. Please contact the church office at church@bethlehemucc.org if you wish to have one mailed to you. The completed cards may be placed in the offering plate at worship, deposited in the secured mailbox (church office entrance vestibule open 24 hours), given to the church office, or mailed to the church.



This Monday

The family of Doris Oglesby invites the whole church family to a lunch celebrating Doris's love and life of almost 100 years. Following the funeral at 11:00 am on Monday, September 28, please join them in the Fellowship Hall for a meal and joyful moments together as we share stories and reminisce about wonderful memories and a life well lived.

CAJE UPDATE

CONGREGATIONS ACTING FOR JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

The work of Justice continues, we now move into the Discernment process for sharing Justice issues that you have identified or experienced in the Evansville Community and sharing them at one of our listening sessions.



We have scheduled two listening sessions: if you would like to attend one of these sessions, [please make a reservation with Rev. Kimron Reising at reisingsun@gmail.com](mailto:reisingsun@gmail.com)

Monday October 5th, 7pm – 8:30pm at the home of Dee & Bob Carithers
Sunday October 18th, 1pm – 2:30pm BUCC Conference room

The Justice issues shared will be gathered from these sessions occurring across all of our CAJE sister congregations during October. The results of these sessions will be collated and refined to two or three issues which will be presented to the CAJE Community at the **Community Problem Assembly on November 9th. Let's do Justice together!**

Next week!



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

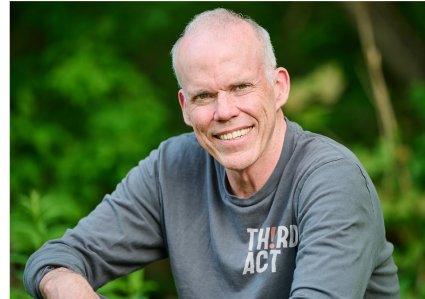
Bill McKibben is an author, educator, and environmentalist, who helped found 350.org, the first global grassroots climate campaign, and who has recently helped found [Third Act](https://thirdact.org), to build a progressive organizing movement for people over the age of 60.

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



Sri Lanka Partnership Update!
SAVE THE DATE for a Video Zoom Gathering on October 7!

For nearly 40 years, the Indiana Kentucky Conference has shared a journey of shalom with our partners in Sri Lanka.

Together, we have advocated for peace during the Sri Lankan Civil War, supported education and rebuilding, and learned from one another what it means to seek justice and live into God's vision of shalom. This relationship has grown far beyond a ministry we support—it has become a connection that has enriched the lives and faith of people on both sides of the partnership.

The video will premiere during a [Zoom gathering on Wednesday, October 7, at 7 p.m. ET.](#) Following the presentation, we will have time for questions, conversation, and reflection. We hope you'll join us as we celebrate nearly four decades of friendship and continue seeking the path of shalom together.

Watch the video by [clicking here or the button below.](#)

[Learn More Here!](#)

[Click Here for the October 7 Zoom Link](#)



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.



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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 this Tuesday at Turoni's on Weinbach. 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
Church Council is assigned to October.**

**Special screening package for
\$129 for our members includes:**

- ♥ Carotid Artery Disease Screening
- ♥ Atrial Fibrillation Screening
- ♥ Peripheral Artery Disease Screening
- ♥ Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening

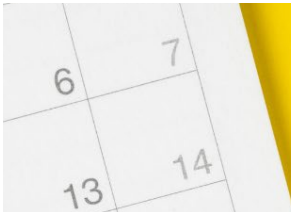
Call to schedule an appointment near you!
800-324-9458 and use code: **HABC001**

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at
Bethlehem**

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Coming Up

Thursday, September 24

6:30 – 7:30pm

Bell Choir Rehearsal

Music Room

7:30 – 8:30pm

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Music Room

September 26

No Saturday Evening Service

4 – 7pm

Fish Fry

Burgoo Building

Sunday, September 27

9 – 10am

Sunday School Classes - All Ages

10:15 – 11:15am

Worship

Sanctuary

11:30am – 12pm

Council Chat

Welcoming Area

3:30 – 5:30pm

UCS DINNER - ROMEO

United Caring Services

Monday, September 28

8:30 – 10am

Conference Room Rsvd. - Worthington

9 – 11am

Funeral Visitation - Doris Oglesby

Sanctuary

11am – 12pm

Funeral - Doris Oglesby

Sanctuary

12 – 2pm

Funeral Lunch

Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, September 29

10:30 – 11:45am

Tuesday Morning Bible Study
Conference Room

1:30 – 3:30pm
Conference Room Rsvd. (Worthington)
Conference Room

Thursday, October 1

8am – 5pm
Life Line Screening
Fellowship Hall & Welcoming Area

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

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

Friday, October 2

All day
Fellowship Hall & Kitchen Rsvd. - Traylor

Saturday, October 3

Fellowship Hall & Kitchen Rsvd. - Traylor

5:30 – 6:30pm
Worship
Welcoming Area

Sunday, October 4

9 – 10am
Bucket Blitz for CWS

9 – 10am
Sunday School Classes - All Ages

10:15 – 11:15am
Worship - Communion & Canned Fruit Collection

Sanctuary

2 – 3pm

ACT Meeting
Conference Room



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