

EMILY'S EDITION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

I look forward to being back with you in both services this weekend as we prepare for Lent to start on Wednesday. We will read together about Jesus' time of temptation in the wilderness as told by Matthew (4.1-11).



Prayer List

Dianne Bromm (health concerns)
Bill Kreighbaum (hospitalized)
Family and friends of Jim Klass (brother of Rick Klass, passed away February 5)
Michael (friend of Luann Bird)
Family and friends of Alan Mason (passed away February 3)
Tracey Stevens (recovering from rotator cuff surgery)
Ella Eberhart (recovering at home from back surgery)
Stan Slade (Mike's father, recovering from open heart surgery)
David Horton (recovering from surgery)
Tim Walthall (recovering from shoulder replacement)
Elaine Hodoval (continuing to recover at home)
Jeff Hoffman (renal cell carcinoma, friend of Tim and Amy Spurling)
Chris Dugan (serious car accident, son-in-law of Hungates)
Brooklin Shoulders (breast cancer, friend of Hallie Spurling and Lauren Ozete)
Rose Crockett (health concerns)
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

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



The flowers on the altar are given in honor of Tim & Karen Walthall's 56th wedding anniversary on February 14!

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.

Available upcoming dates: February 22 - March 1, 8, 15, & 22

Upcoming Available Dates

Altar Flower Sign Up

Serve

[Sunday Worship Acolyte - Click here!](#)

[Sunday Worship Liturgist - Click here!](#)

Listen to Last Sunday's Message



[Listen here!](#)



Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting

Please join us this Sunday, February 15 (new date - rescheduled due to weather), following worship for our semi-annual Congregational Meeting, where we will approve the 2026 budget and more. Bring your copy of the Annual Report and any supplemental sheets that accompanied the membership mailing to the meeting.



Proposed Changes to Constitution and Bylaws

At the semi-annual Congregational Meeting this Sunday, we will be voting on the proposed changes to the church's Constitution and Bylaws. Please click the button below to review proposed changes.

[Click to Read](#)

Financial Statements

Year-end statements were mailed last month. If you have not received yours in the mail, please contact the church office. Likewise, if you received yours and find a discrepancy, contact Patty Oglesby at patty@bethlehemucc.org.

Ash Wednesday Communion Service

February 18 at 6:30 pm



Together, let us begin the season of Lent with a time of prayer, song, imposition of ashes, and communion.

LENTEN BREAKFASTS *SATURDAYS FEBRUARY 21 - MARCH 28*

During Lent, the lay-led ministry of the UCC and DOC churches has conducted a weekly breakfast and worship for over 40 years. We hope you will help us continue this ministry by attending one, some, or all of the Saturdays. No need to RSVP. Breakfast is at 8:00 a.m., with the service to follow at about 8:45 a.m. The theme this year is "God Sent a Savior into the World" and the morning is open to all men and women, and all ages are encouraged to come. The charities we support are United Caring Services and Tri-State Food Bank.

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| February 21 | Christ Church, 3601 Washington Ave, Evansville |
| February 28 | Zion Lippe, 9000 Copperline Rd, Mount Vernon |
| March 7 | Bethlehem UCC |
| March 14 | St. Lucas, 33 W Virginia St, Evansville |
| March 21 | St. John's East, 7000 Lincoln Ave, Evansville |
| March 28 | St. Paul's German Township, 8701 Big Cynthiana Rd, Evansville |

Bethlehem hosts the third breakfast. There will be a choir that morning, and we encourage other voices to join the approximately 10 to 12 men from the Bethlehem Chancel Choir, as the pieces we will sing will be familiar to all. Be on the lookout for more information about Bethlehem's hosting date.



During the month of February, the Eosin class will be collecting underwear for the Pre-K-12th grade students who come to Hangers, EVSC Clothing Resource and Culver Clothes Closet.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

You can purchase items from the list below and place them in the bins located at the entrance to the Welcoming Area, by the elevator on the children's level, or in the vestibule by the office.

OR

If you prefer someone shops for you, Pam and Lino Wiseman are happy to find the best deals on needed items. Monetary donations may be given online at bethlehemucc.org, to Linda Goebel, or a check may be made payable to Eosin (indicate Undie Sundays) and placed in the offering plate. Please contact Pam Wiseman with any questions.

SPECIFIC ITEMS NEEDED

Boys' boxer briefs - 4-6, 10-12

Men's boxer briefs - (S, M)

Girls' briefs - 8

Women's briefs - 5

Sports bras - 3X & 4X

While the above sizes will help with the current shortage, Hangers welcomes any sized underwear, t-shirts, or sports bras.

Since each student will receive a minimum of 5 pairs of new underwear, nothing says you care like new underwear!

UE Basketball Tickets

Lee Ann Shafer has tickets for the UE Men's Basketball game on Sunday, February 28, to give away. These are available through a special offer from UE Athletics to United Caring Services and are offered at no charge.

The game is on February 28 at 3:00 pm at the Ford Center. She will have tickets available at the Saturday, February 14 service, and on Sunday, February 15, after worship, or folks can email her at lashafer75@gmail.com.

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 the Hornet's Nest. 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!



2026
Tri-State Creation Care Conference



A PATH FORWARD IN TODAY'S ENVIRONMENT

Saturday, Feb. 28, 9 am - Noon CST

Doors will open at 8:30 am for registration and exhibits
A Tour of the Islamic Center will be offered at Noon

Islamic Center of Evansville, 4200 Grimm Rd, Newburgh, IN

We are pleased to be hosted by Islamic Center of Evansville, whose mosque is a net zero building that won the 2024 Islamic Society of North America's Green Mosque Award and was one of only 39 faith congregations in the U.S. to have earned a 2021 EPA Energy Star certification.

**Janet
McCabe**

Former deputy director of
the Environmental
Protection Agency

Changes and Challenges
Hope and Leadership
in a Time of Climate Change



**Steven
Rhodes**

Designer and builder of
green homes in Ohio

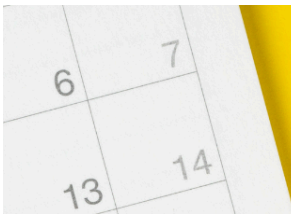
**How to Build
Like We Care**

Open to the public. No cost.

Website: www.tristatecreationcare.org Facebook: [tristateinterfaithcreationcare](https://www.facebook.com/tristateinterfaithcreationcare)



**Thank you to everyone who has agreed
to serve as ushers. Various members are
assigned to February.**



Coming Up

Thursday, February 12

6:30 – 9pm

Welcoming Area Rsvd (Wiseman)

Saturday, February 14

5:30 – 6:30pm

Worship

Welcoming Area

Sunday, February 15

9 – 10am
Sunday School - All Ages

9 – 10am
Youth Room/N.Classroom Rsvd. - Slade

10:15 – 11:15am
Worship
Sanctuary

11:15am – 12:15pm
Annual Congregational Meeting
Sanctuary

5:30 – 7:30pm
Eosin Monthly Meal
Golden Corral Buffet & Grill

Monday, February 16

8:30 – 10am
Conference Room Rsvd. - Worthington

9am – 4pm
AARP/IRS TaxAide
Fellowship Hall

5 – 6pm
Executive Committee Mtg.
Library

6 – 8pm
Church Council
Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, February 17

10:30 – 11:45am
Tuesday Morning Bible Study
Conference Room

5 – 6pm

Outreach Cmte. Meeting
Library

5:30 – 9pm
Fellowship Hall & Kitchen Reserved (Markwell)
F.H. & Kitchen

6:30 – 7:30pm
Evening Bible Study Group
Welcoming Area

Wednesday, February 18

6:30 – 7:30pm
Ash Wednesday
Sanctuary

Thursday, February 19

9 – 10:30am
Civil Rights Study Group
Fellowship Hall

6:30 – 7:30pm
Bells Rehearsal
Music Room

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

Sunday, February 21

8 – 10am
Lenten Breakfast - Christ Church UCC

5:30 – 6:30pm
Worship
Welcoming Area

Sunday, February 22

9 – 10am
Sunday School - All Ages

10:15 – 11:15am

Worship
Sanctuary

11:30am – 12pm

Council Chat
Welcoming Area

3:30 – 5:30pm

UCS DINNER - Y2K
United Caring Services



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