

EMILY'S EDITION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday morning is the last Lenten breakfast. Join others in our association at St. Paul's German Township at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast and 8:45 a.m. for worship. I look forward to seeing you there!

This weekend in worship we will celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. In both services, we will look at Luke 19.28-40. On Sunday morning, we will also look at Luke 19.11-27. Please consider spending some time with these texts prior to coming to worship.

Ethan Vaupel will share his statement of faith on Saturday night and Rachel Harper and Courtney Traylor will share theirs Sunday morning.

Sign Up Spot

Worship Acolytes



Worship Liturgist



**Listen to Last Weekend's
Worship Message**



Family and friends of Bill Spurling (Bethlehem member, passed away April 8)
Joy! Birth of Morgan Mae Farmer (Slades' niece/cousin)
Alan Mason (prayers for healing for his foot)
Steve Oglesby (recovering from knee replacement surgery)
People of Myanmar and Thailand
Gary Otahal (recovering from partial knee replacement, Harmony Gratzler's father)
Donna Anderson (bone cancer, friend of the Carwile family)
John Small (health issues)
Bill Shafer (treatment for pancreatic cancer; brother of Judy Kattman, Jane Jackson, and Lee Ann Shafer)
Those affected by weather-related disasters
Middle East
Students and Teachers
Victims of violence
All those battling addiction and facing the daily struggle to stay clean.
Our military



The palms are given by the Altar Guild to the glory of God. The white rose is in memory of Bill Spurling.



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.





Readers Needed



Pastor Emily is looking for readers to help with the Maundy Thursday service. If you're interested, please reach out (emily@bethlehemucc.org). Readers will need to meet at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 17 for a brief run through.

LENTEN BREAKFASTS

SATURDAYS THROUGH APRIL 12

Final Breakfast this Saturday!

This year's theme comes from John 3:1: "For God so loved the world..."

Breakfast begins at 8:00 am, with the service to follow at 8:45. Freewill offerings benefit United Caring Services and Tri-State Food Bank.

April 12 at St. Paul's German Township UCC, 8701 Big Cynthiana Rd.,
Evansville

Lent

Join us!

Palm Sunday Weekend, April 12, 5:30 pm
April 13, 10:15 am

Maundy Thursday, April 17, 6:30 pm

Easter Worship, April 20, 10:15 am, with egg hunt
following worship (grade 5 and younger)





Collection of the One Great Hour of Sharing special offering has begun, and will continue through the rest of April. Gifts may be made using envelopes found in the pews and at church entrances, on the church website (bethlehemucc.org), or by pointing your phone at the QR code on OGHS posters.

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering supports partners worldwide with ministries that fund health, education and agricultural development, emergency relief, refugee ministries, and both international and domestic disaster response.

Thank you for supporting One Great Hour of Sharing for over 75 years!



electronics recycling drive

This Saturday!

April 12

8am-12pm

C&I Electronics, 424 E. Inglefield Rd, Evansville (this is new location), 812.423.9166.

Accepted items: computers, printers, fax/scanners, cell phones, monitors, hard drives, TVs/DVRs/DVDs, Digital cameras, laptops, modems, iPod/MP3s, cables/cords. No copy machines, microwaves, appliances.

Vanderburgh county households only.



The Altar Guild is taking orders for Easter lilies that will be placed on our altar Easter Sunday, April 20th. We currently have 30 pre-ordered (**10 still available**), with no opportunity to order more. If you are interested in purchasing a lily (\$14 each) with the mention of “In Memory Of...”—“In Celebration Of...”—“To the Glory of God”—“In Thanksgiving For...” or other wording, please complete an order form currently available at church entrances, outside the church office, or by contacting Cindy Carwile at ckcarwile@gmail.com or 812.430.6953. A complete list of donors will be available at sanctuary entrances.

*Please plan to take the lily(lilies) you ordered after worship on Easter Sunday. Lilies not retrieved will be available in the church vestibule beginning Monday, April 21, for anyone who would like to plant one or more in their own yard to bloom the following spring.



A few notes for your calendar from Ms. Margaret

Sunday, April 13 — Palm Sunday (Children meet prior to worship in Confirmation Room, formerly Motley Crew Room to line up to wave palms.)
Sunday, April 20 — Easter Sunday - Egg Hunt is immediately following worship. Children ages birth-5th grade should meet downstairs in the children’s hallway. Parents and others who would like to watch the egg hunt should head on outside after the service concludes. Parents of nursery children will need to first pick up their children from the nursery and accompany them to the egg hunt.



SAW's Fundraiser

Wake up to ocean waves in a luxury condo - just a \$20 donation away (plus \$1,500 airfare travel credit)



\$20

WIN A TRIP VALUED AT \$3,700!

RAFFLE TICKET

7 NIGHT STAY IN A 2 BED/2 BATH OCEAN FRONT CONDO
PLUS \$1500 TOWARDS AIR FARE

For the third year in a row, a generous donor has gifted us a **week-long stay** in this stunning condo, and this year's raffle includes **\$1,500 for travel expenses!**

One Third of Tickets already claimed!

Get yours before donations close **this Sunday, April 13th**. The winner will be drawn on **April 27th** at [Elevate: An Emerald Evening Celebrating Accessibility](#) annual dinner—**no need to be present to win!**

How to Enter:

Indiana law requires all sales to be **in person**. To reserve your ticket(s), email rhagarty@sawsramps.org and a SAWs team member or board member will personally deliver your ticket(s) and collect your donation.

Your Dream Vacation Details:

7-night stay in a 2-bedroom, 2-bath oceanfront condo

Sleeps up to 6 guests

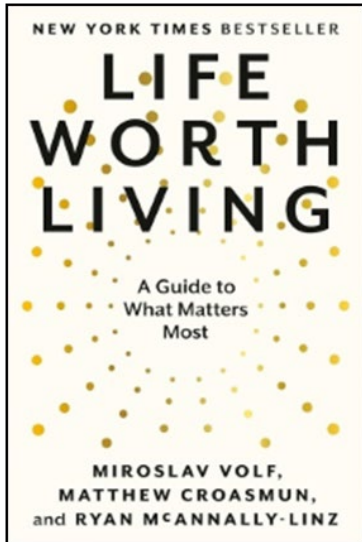
No passport required

Choose your dates (subject to availability) within one year of the drawing

We are grateful for your support! Enter now to win an incredible getaway and help us at SAWs provide accessibility and independence to those in need.

Email rhagarty@sawsramps.org now to secure your ticket(s)!

Thank you for helping us achieve our goal of building our 5,000th ramp this summer!



Summer Book Study

This summer, Pastor Emily is offering a book study on *Life Worth Living: A Guide to What Matters Most* by Miroslav Volf, Matthew Croasmun, and Ryan McAnnally-Linz. The book is based on a class taught at Yale University that explores what the authors refer to as “The Question” (what makes for a good, meaningful, worthwhile life?). The book draws on wisdom literature from various religious and philosophical traditions to lead each of us toward a clearer vision of what matters

most. I hope you’ll consider joining this study. Before setting a meeting schedule, I’d like to gather a list of interested participants. If you’d like to be part of this summer study, please let her know by May 1 at emily@bethlehemucc.org.

SIGN UP FOR ALTAR FLOWERS

There are numerous opportunities in 2025 to donate Sunday's altar flowers. Click the button below to sign up for a weekend. Please contact Cindy Carwile with any questions at ckcarwile@gmail.com.

Available dates in the coming months:

May 18, 25

June 1, 8, 22

July 6, 20, 27

[Altar Flower Sign Up](#)

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CONGREGATIONS ACTING FOR JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

BETHLEHEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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CONGREGATIONS ACTING FOR JUSTICE EMPOWERMENT - CAJE

Friends, this is the season of Public Action for CAJE
Grassroots Democracy in action through faithful congregations is how we bring
the love of God and the way of Jesus Christ into the decision-making process
for the priorities and allocation of public resources for our community. Please
take advantage of this opportunity to participate.

MONDAY, MAY 5 – Nehemiah Action, 6:30pm

Bosse High School, Washington Ave & Highway 41

This is the gathering at which our Action Items will be presented to our elected
officials who have the capacity to allocate public funding and political support
for the ACTION that We The People have determined will benefit our
community.

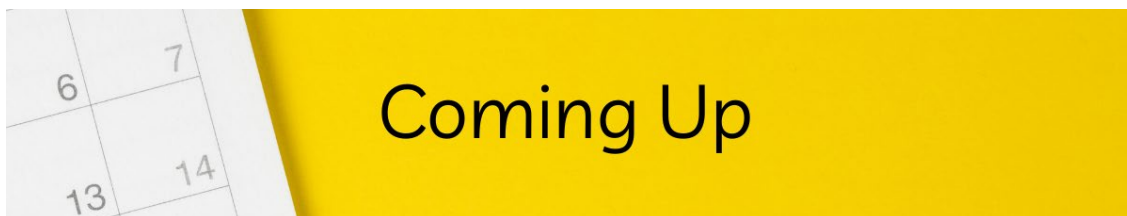
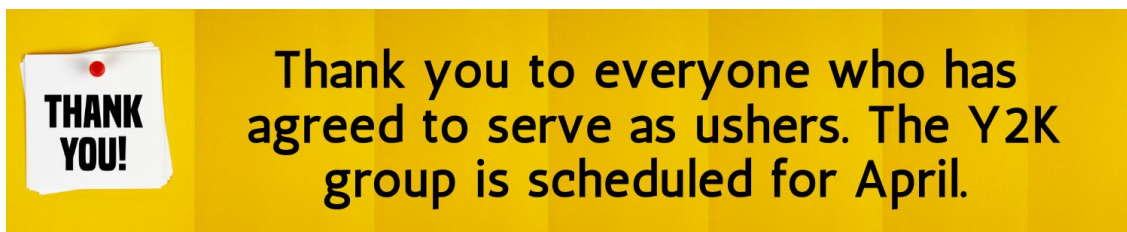
We need at least 1,000 community members present.

This event will be well organized, well scripted, and respectful of all
participants.

Please plan to be present representing the Faith and Vision of Bethlehem UCC.



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 at 11:30 am for
lunch this Tuesday at Kipplee's Pizza. 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!



Thursday, April 10

6:30 – 9pm
Welcoming Area Rsvd (Wiseman)

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

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

Friday, April 11

All day
Pavilion Rsvd. - Steedman (Civitan)

Saturday, April 12

8:15 – 10am
Men's Lenten Breakfast - St. Paul's German Township

10:30 – 11:30am
Altar Guild Mtg. Set-Up for Palm Sunday

5:30 – 6:30pm
Worship - Palm Sunday Weekend
Welcoming Area

Sunday, April 13

10:15 – 11:15am
Worship - Palm Sunday Weekend
Sanctuary

Monday, April 14

8:30 – 10am
Confirmation Classroom Rsvd. - Worthington

6:30 – 8pm
Green Team meeting
Library

Thursday, April 15

10:30am – 12pm
Bible Study on Tuesday Mornings
Confirmation Classroom

Wednesday, April 16

5:30 – 7pm
Finance Ministry Team
Confirmation Classroom

6 – 7:30pm
Cub Scout Den 346 Meeting
Fellowship Hall, Welcoming Area & Education Wing

6:30 – 7:30pm
Spiritual Council
Library

Thursday, April 17

6:30 – 7:30pm
Maundy Thursday Service - Communion

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

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

Friday, April 18

3:30 – 4:30pm
Altar Guild Set-Up for Easter

Saturday, April 19

10:00am
Spurling Visitation

11:00am
Spurling Funeral

12 – 3pm
Pavilion Rsvd. - Bernal

12 – 3pm
Youth Room Rsvd. - Bernal

Sunday, April 20

10:15 – 11:15am

Worship - Easter Sunday - Communion
Sanctuary



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