

# EMILY'S EDITION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



Hurray! It's time for Rally Day! Have you been taking a break from church this summer? Traveling a lot? This weekend is a great on-ramp back to being in person with us!

We welcome Pastor Doug (and Linda!) back from vacation as he leads the Saturday night service, which will look at Luke 12.49-56 and Hebrews 11.29-12.2.

On Sunday, we will kick off Sunday School for all ages at 9:00 a.m. In worship, we will look at Hebrews 11.29-12.3. Immediately following worship, we'll have a special roll call of our children and youth Sunday School classes (in the sanctuary—just stay put after the benediction!). Finally, we'll enjoy a time of fellowship with an indoor version of the Church Picnic (see more details below).

I do hope you plan to join us this weekend Saturday night, Sunday morning, or online!

## Serve

[Worship Acolyte - click here](#)

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# Listen to Last Weekend's Worship Message



## Prayer List

Linda Turner (upcoming medical testing)  
Sherry and Bob Bell (Bob's progression with Parkinson's disease, cousin of Debbie Kuebler)  
College students moving in and their families  
Cathy McConnell (hospitalized, daughter of Bob and Diane McDaniel)  
Larry Knott (congestive heart failure and leg infection, uncle of Chris Jones)  
Dana Davy (recovering from an auto accident, cousin of Carleen Grossman)  
Rev. Phil Hoy (under hospice care)  
Linda Gilbert (undergoing chemotherapy)  
Jo Ann Bagby (recovering from broken hip and arm)  
C. Bob Cravens (undergoing chemotherapy)  
Jennifer Gander (being treated for cancer, Andrea and Wayne's daughter-in-law)  
Bill Shafer (treatment for pancreatic cancer; brother of Judy Kattman, Jane Jackson, and Lee Ann Shafer)  
Those affected by weather-related disasters  
Middle East Russia/Ukraine Conflict  
Victims of violence  
All those battling addiction and facing the daily struggle to stay clean.  
Our military  
Students and Teachers

Online  Giving

**If you haven't yet, give it a try!**

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 Here](#)



The flowers on the altar are given by Lee Ann Shafer in honor of the marriage of William Walls to Hanna Abebe on August 9 in Indianapolis.

## Church Picnic Moved Indoors

With this weekend's rising temperatures, Sunday's Children's Celebration Procession and Church Picnic have been moved indoors.



**THIS WEEKEND  
BACK TO SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN**

We look forward to welcoming students back to Sunday School this Sunday at 9:00 am. Our children will be divided by grade level as follows:

## **Nursery**

Randi Wink-Bowman

## **Pre K and K**

Alex Hoffman and Judy Kattmann

## **1st-6th**

All 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders will meet in the 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade room each week. We will have our main lesson together and then divide into age groups for some of our activities/discussions. Mrs. Margaret will lead this class with help from Paula Courtney, Jackie Kuhn and Dee Carithers.

## **7th-12th**

Niki Traylor and Mike Slade will lead our youth Sunday School class in the youth room.



# Adult Sunday School

## **Sunday School isn't just for kids!**

**Friendly faces will be there to greet newcomers to any class this Sunday at 9:00 am!**

Eosin Sunday School class meets in the northwest corner of the Fellowship Hall. We are an adult group that discusses the application of Biblical teachings to contemporary issues in our lives. This year we will be using themes for discussions from some UCC Daily Devotional writings and writings from the book, When We Don't Know the Length of the Race by Rev. David Owen. We are a relaxed group where everyone is welcome. Leader: Debbie Havens [dkhavens49@gmail.com](mailto:dkhavens49@gmail.com).

Motley Crew - In the Motley Crew group, we're happy to take in any and all. Our discussions cover a variety of topics, and while we don't always stay on track, we are consistent in caring for each other and the church. Most of us are parents of school-aged kids as well. If you are constantly on the go, doing your best, ready to roll up your sleeves and get to work when the church needs help, and completely unreliable in making it to Sunday School on time, this might be the class for you. In typical fashion, we have no idea what we'll be studying in Sunday School this fall, but we'll pull our act together at some point. Join us in

the Motley Crew room! Leader: Jordan French [jordan.r.french@gmail.com](mailto:jordan.r.french@gmail.com).

Open Door - Most people come to the Open Door class without any in-depth Bible background at all. We try to concentrate on critical reading and understanding of the Bible and application of the Word to our lives. God's Word is powerful and full of meaning. We try to help each other understand it and live it. We meet at 9:00 in one of the small breakout rooms off the youth space. We would love it if you would join us. Leader: Andy Ozete [aозete@gmail.com](mailto:aozete@gmail.com).

YAC - The YAC class, which was once the Young Adult Class, still enjoys welcoming all newcomers, even if "young" no longer typifies most of its members! This class explores the influence of current events on one's faith journey, and how cultural, economic, and political trends impact efforts to follow the teachings of Jesus. The group meets in the library adjoining the Fellowship Hall on Level 3. Leader: Steve Worthington [stevesusanworthington@gmail.com](mailto:stevesusanworthington@gmail.com).

## Rally Day & All-Church Picnic

**Join us for a special Sunday of celebration and fellowship!**

Sunday, August 17, immediately following worship, we're kicking off our Annual All-Church Picnic with a joyful celebration of our Children and Youth Sunday School classes!

### Children's Celebration Indoor Procession

During the last worship hymn, Pastor Emily will dismiss the children for the indoor celebration procession. We will then cheer our kids on to a great Sunday School year!

### All-Church Picnic Details

The church will provide:



- Fried chicken
- Drinks
- Paper products

Please bring:

- A dish to share (drop it off in the church kitchen before worship)

A freewill offering will be collected to help offset picnic expenses. We're looking forward to a joyful time of food, fun, and fellowship as we celebrate our church family together!



Hello All Missionaries!

In three short months, many of us will be working on various projects for Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, MS. Our mission team will depart from the Bethlehem parking lot EARLY on **Saturday, November 1** and return to Evansville on **Saturday, November 8**. The cost for each participant is \$250 (payable to Bethlehem UCC) and \$60 payable in cash for our food.

Please note the date of our *Organizational Meeting*:

**Monday, August 25**

**6:00 pm - 7:00 pm**

**Bethlehem United Church of Christ - Welcoming Area**

**6400 Oak Hill Road**

During this meeting we will complete paperwork and collect fees for those who plan to join us on the trip. We will also discuss transportation plans and ideas for our "recreation night" in Biloxi.

If you know of anyone who might be interested in joining us, please pass along this information along with the informational flyer I have attached to this email. Feel free to share my contact information.

If you are unable to attend our meeting on August 25 but plan to participate in the mission trip, please let me know and I can mail paperwork and arrange to collect payment at a convenient time.

In joy and service,

Lee Ann Shafer  
812-746-2984



**Next Thursday!**

The Bethlehem Chancel and Handbell choirs welcome anyone interested in joining one or both groups. Kick-off is Thursday, August 21, at 6:00 pm at Turoni's on Weinbach. Please RSVP to Gerri Klass at 812-430-7522.



### **WINDOWS FOR UNITED CARING SERVICES (UCS)**

The August STAR has an article about the campaign to replace 98 windows at United Caring Services. Individuals and groups at Bethlehem have already provided funding for 11 windows. The Outreach Team is challenging others in our congregation to bring Bethlehem's total to 20 windows.

Each replacement window costs \$500. **Gifts of any amount are welcome, from individual members and church organizations.** Checks can be mailed directly to United Caring Services, P.O. Box 1071, Evansville, IN 47706. **Be sure to write "window sponsorship" on the memo line, and let the church office know of your gift so it can be acknowledged.**



## 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. If you prefer a paper form, they are available in the vestibule (office entrance open 24/7), church office hallway, Welcoming Area, children and youth entrance, and narthex. Please contact Cindy Carwile with any questions at [ckcarwile@gmail.com](mailto:ckcarwile@gmail.com).

### Available dates in the coming months:

August 24

September 7, 21

October 5, 12

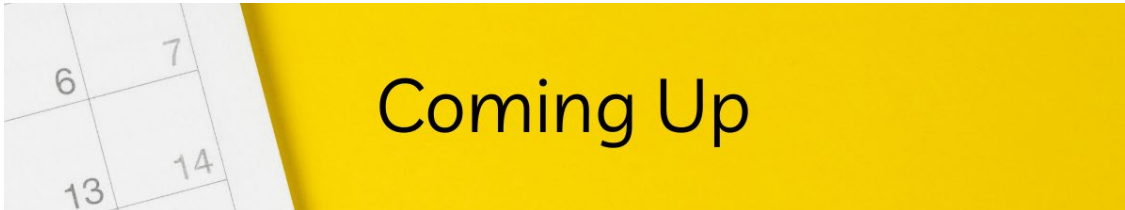
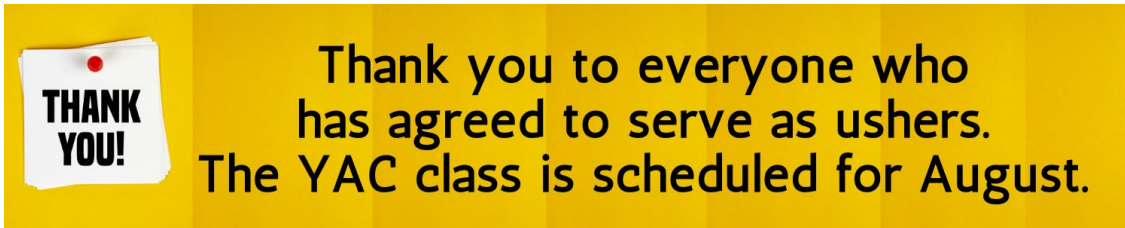
November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

**Altar Flower Sign Up**

## 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 at 11:30 am for lunch this Tuesday at Carriage Inn. 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 16**

5:30 – 6:30pm

Worship

**Sunday, August 17**

9 – 10am

Rally Day - Sunday School Kick-Off

10:15 – 11:15am

Worship

Sanctuary

11:30am – 12:30pm

Church Picnic

**Monday, August 18**

8:30 – 10am

Conference Room Rsvd. - Worthington

5 – 6pm

Executive Committee Mtg.

Library

6 – 8pm

Church Council

**Tuesday, August 19**

10:30am – 12pm

Bible Study on Tuesday Mornings

**Thursday, August 21**

6 – 8pm

Music Kick-Off Pizza Party

**Friday, August 22**

All day

Indiana/Kentucky Conference (Delegates Only)

**Saturday, August 23**

All day

Indiana/Kentucky Conference (Delegates Only)

Plymouth Congregational Church

5:30 – 6:30pm

Worship

**Sunday, August 24**

9 – 10am

Sunday School - All Ages

10:15 – 11:15am

Worship

Sanctuary

3:30 – 5:30pm

UCS DINNER - Motley Crew

United Caring Services

6 – 9pm

Fellowship Hall Rsvd. - B. Jones



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