



EMILY'S EDITION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Earlier this month, when I read the groundhog saw his shadow, I didn't believe him. I was sure winter was behind us. This week has obviously proven otherwise. I hope you have enjoyed the beauty of the snow, despite the inconvenience!

The cold, however, is right on time for our efforts this weekend. I hope you are planning to participate in the Coldest Night of the Year with us. Remember, there are a variety of ways to participate. Pastor Doug will be leading worship as usual on Saturday night at 5:30, focusing on the plight of the "least of these" in our world (Matthew 25.31-46). If you are walking with us, we will meet at First Presbyterian Church (609 SE 2nd St, Evansville) at 4:30 p.m. When worship and walking conclude, we'll gather in the Fellowship Hall for dinner and bingo. We are walking to raise awareness about homelessness in our community and also to raise funds for United Caring Services.

Please note: If you are coming back to Bethlehem from the walk, please use the office entrance and enter the Fellowship Hall quietly, as worship may not quite be finished in the Welcoming Area.

On Sunday morning, we will welcome seven new members to our Bethlehem church family: Chase Cline and Emily Westrich, Sharon Grabert, Chris Jones, Scott and Ashly McCain, and Stephanie Weiner. Worship will focus on the calling of Peter, James, and John in Luke 5.1-11.

I hope to see you one way or the other this weekend. And remember, you can always join us online for worship on Sunday mornings via our livestream.

Sign Up Spot

Worship Acolytes



Worship Liturgist



Prayer List

Carolyn Dacy (beginning treatment for leukemia, mother of Carleen Grossman)
Diane Bromm (recovering from hospital stay)
The family and friends of Dora Howell (passed away February 10, mother of Judy Heseman)
Bill Kreighbaum (recovering from fall)
Eleanor Vogl (health concerns, mother of Sally Vogl-Bauer)
Bill Shafer (treatment for pancreatic cancer; brother of Judy Kattman, Jane Jackson, and Lee Ann Shafer)
Bill Spurling (advanced stages of cancer)
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

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers are given by Scott and Ashly McCain in gratitude to the Bethlehem family of believers for welcoming us. The white rose is in memory of Dora Howell, mother of Judy Heseman.

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 Here](#)

**THANK
YOU!**

Thank you to everyone who has agreed to serve as ushers in 2025. Various volunteers are assigned to the month of February.

it's cold  out there

This Saturday Read below before you go!

1. Walkers should meet at the 1st Presbyterian Church between 4:30-4:45. The address is 609 SE 2nd St, Evansville. We can decide that night and in small groups how far we would like to walk. The entire route is not required.
2. Saturday night worship will be held at 5:30 in the Welcome Area. If not attending worship, please enter the Office entrance doors to avoid this area if arriving before 6:15 so as not to disrupt the service.
3. Dinner will begin at 6:30 with Bingo to follow at 7.
4. Bingo will be \$5. A free will offering will be collected for dinner.
5. Bethlehem Spirit wear will be available for pickup at dinner/Bingo. There

will be a limited number of shirts and sweatshirts available for sale.



[Click Here - sign-up link for any/all the above](#)

Last Weekend for California Wildfires Appeal

On January 7, 2025, wildfire activity began in Los Angeles County, California. Although all the fires are thankfully out, the devastation remains. Thousands of buildings have been destroyed, and many, many people displaced from their homes. The destruction is historic.

Altadena Community Church UCC has been lost. Their building provided a home for a Montessori preschool, choral and theatre community groups, a food pantry, and more. Two other faith communities in the immediate neighborhood were also destroyed.

As recommended by the Outreach Committee and approved by Council, Bethlehem will be collecting an offering for the UCC's California Wildfires 2025 Appeal beginning this weekend and continuing for the next four weeks. Your gifts will support immediate needs and long-term recovery efforts. Checks can be made to Bethlehem with "Wildfires" in the memo line and placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church. Gifts can also be made online at bethlehemucc.org.



We've got spirit, yes we do!

Bethlehem UCC spirit wear is ready and available for pick up on Saturday night or Sunday after church!



Undie Sundays



During the month of February, the Eosin class will be collecting underwear for the 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 can be given [online](#), 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 (pam59wise@gmail.com) with any questions.

ITEMS NEEDED:

Boys' boxer briefs - all sizes	Girls' briefs - all sizes and styles
Men's boxer briefs - (S-L)	Women's briefs - all sizes
Men's t-shirts - sizes S, M, & L	Girls' bralettes (training bras) - all sizes
Boys' t-shirts - sizes S, M, & L	Girls' socks - shoe sizes (1-10 adult)
	Sports bras - all sizes

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



All-Church Lunch

Be sure to save the date for our annual Pi(e) lunch on Sunday, March 9, immediately following worship. Along with delicious pie, vegetable and potato soups, and sandwiches will be served. Free-will offerings will be accepted.

If you would like to donate a a pie (25 needed) for the event, please contact Debbie Havens prior to the lunch at dkhavens49@gmail.com.

We look forward to a great turnout!

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:

March 2, 16

April 6, 27

May 4, 18, 25

June 1, 8, 15, 22

Altar Flower Sign Up

Ash Wednesday Communion Service

March 5 at 6:30 pm



Please join us March 5 at 6:30 pm at our Ash Wednesday service for a time of prayer, song, imposition of ashes, and communion as we begin the season of Lent.



Bethlehem United Church of Christ

ANNUAL METAL RECYCLING DRIVE

March 15 9AM - 12PM

**Any metal item is welcome
except those containing Freon.**



2025

Tri-State Creation Care Conference

“Building Resilience Together”

Saturday, March 8, 9 am - Noon CST

CK Newsome Center, 100 E. Walnut St., Evansville

The event is free.

All are welcome.



Readying Our City for the Future:

- How will climate change impact our area?
- What is our city’s plan to become more green and resilient?
- How is our city prepared for severe weather events?
- What is our role as individuals and faith/civic organizations?

Our Presenters:



Dr. Beth Hall, Indiana State Climate Office Director

“Climate Trends and Considerations for Reducing Risks”



Lauren Norvell, Evansville’s Climate Action Director

“Taking Action to Build a Resilient Community”



Cliff Weaver, Evansville /Vanderburgh EMA Director

“Evansville’s Severe Weather Preparations and How Communities Might Play a Role”

Pre-registration is not required but appreciated.

Register to tristate.creation.care@gmail.com

Doors will open at 8:30 am for registration and exhibits.

Website: www.tristatecreationcare.org

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

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 Leroy's Tavern. 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!



Coming Up

Saturday, February 22

Fellowship Hall, Kitchen & WA Rsvd - Coldest Night of the Year

5:30 – 6:30pm

Worship

Welcoming Area

Sunday, February 23

10:15 – 11:15am

Worship - New Member Sunday

Sanctuary

11:30am – 12pm

Council Chat

Welcoming Area

3:30 – 5:30pm

UCS DINNER - Y2K

United Caring Services

Monday, February 24

8:30 – 10am

Confirmation Classroom Rsvd. - Worthington

Tuesday, February 25

10:30am – 12pm

Bible Study on Tuesday Mornings

Confirmation Classroom

Wednesday, February 26

6 – 7:30pm

Cub Scout Den 346 Meeting

Fellowship Hall, Welcoming Area & Education Wing

Thursday, February 27

6:30 – 7:30pm

Bell Choir Rehearsal

Music Room

7:30 – 8:30pm

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Music Room

Friday, February 28

5 – 7pm

Welcoming Area Rsvd. - Slade

Saturday, March 1

5:30 – 6:30pm

Worship

Welcoming Area

Sunday, March 2

10:15 – 11:15am

Worship

Sanctuary

11:30am – 1pm

WEB Luncheon

Fellowship Hall



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