

# EMILY'S EDITION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

It's so wonderful to see the sun out my window today! Surely spring can't be too far behind. . .

On Saturday night this week, Pastor Doug will be looking at John 3.1-15 and the story of Nicodemus' encounter with Jesus. What does it mean to be born again? On Sunday morning, we'll be in Romans again this week, trying to make sense of our justification because of Jesus' faithfulness. Are we really able to accept that kind of amazing grace?

I hope you'll make plans to join us for worship in person or online!



Linda Heidorn (recovering from eye surgery and other health concerns)  
Donna Longwell (Tom's mother, rehab after fall)  
Sandy Mahrenholz (mother of Wayne Gander, hospitalized with a fractured femur and facing rehab)  
Family and friends of James Marshall Hendrix (uncle of Alex Hoffman, passed away February 15)  
Dianne Bromm (health concerns)  
Bill Kreighbaum (home with hospice care)  
Michael (friend of Luann Bird)  
Tracey Stevens (recovering from rotator cuff surgery)  
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 by the Altar Guild to the glory of God.

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](mailto:carolrkolb@yahoo.com) or (812) 589-8322.

#### Upcoming available dates

March 8, 15, 22

April 12, 19, 26

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!](#)

## 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 found a discrepancy, contact Patty Oglesby at [patty@bethlehemucc.org](mailto:patty@bethlehemucc.org).

## LENTEN BREAKFASTS

*SATURDAYS THROUGH 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.

**February 28** Zion Lippe, 9000 Copperline Rd, Mount Vernon

<b>March 7</b>	Bethlehem UCC
<b>March 14</b>	St. Lucas, 33 W Virginia St, Evansville
<b>March 21</b>	St. John's East, 7000 Lincoln Ave, Evansville
<b>March 28</b>	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](http://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**

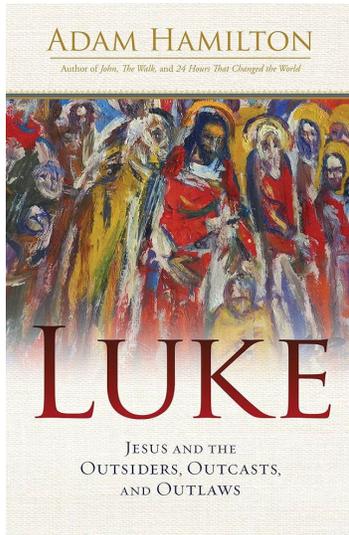
- Boys' boxer briefs - 4-6, 10-12
- Men's boxer briefs - (S, M)

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!

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### **Tuesday Morning Bible Study**

The Tuesday morning Bible study will begin their next book *Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws* by Adam Hamilton on **March 3 and conclude on April 28**. Please contact [Donna Marvel](#) with any questions.

## **Tuesday Evening Bible Study**

Join the evening Bible study at 6:30 pm on any or all of the first and third Tuesdays of every month. See the schedule below listing the dates and scriptures covered. Please contact Pastor Doug with any questions.

March 3	Exodus 17:1-7 Romans 5:1-11 John 4:5-42
March 17	Ezekiel 37:1-14 Romans 8:6-11 John 11:1-45
April 7	Acts 2:14a, 22-32

I Peter 1:3-9  
John 20:19-31

April 21 Acts 2:42-47  
I Peter 2:19-25  
John 10:1-10

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## Congregations Acting for Justice and Empowerment

“And what does the Lord require of you?  
But to Do Justice, Love Kindness and Walk Humbly with your God”  
Micah 6:8

The season of Public Action is upon us:

**March 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm** is the Bethlehem UCC CAJE Network meeting with our CAJE Organizer, Kimberly Dillman. We will learn of progress on the research into the issue of Mental Healthcare in our community and the planning process for a great turnout at the Nehemiah Action. All Network members are expected; all interested folks are invited. This will be a 1.5 hour meeting.

**April 13<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm** is the CAJE Rally, a gathering of all the 27 congregations to get final details on the Nehemiah Action; Access to Mental Healthcare. We will gather to build enthusiasm for turning out people power, to let our elected officials know how they can serve the best interest of the people of our community.

**May 11<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm** is the Nehemiah Action when we will gather over a thousand strong, to present our research and our solutions, to those who have the power and the responsibility to listen and act, in implementing a course of action that we will prescribe for them.

In this season it is prudent to remember the words of Jesus in Mathew 23: “Woe to you scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint, dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law; Justice and Mercy and Faithfulness.

Participation in CAJE provides an opportunity to “Walk the Walk” in service to God’s Purpose as revealed to the Prophet Micah; a path for Loving Our

Neighbor in the context of creating a community in which every person can thrive into the image of God, by Whom and in Whom, we were all created.

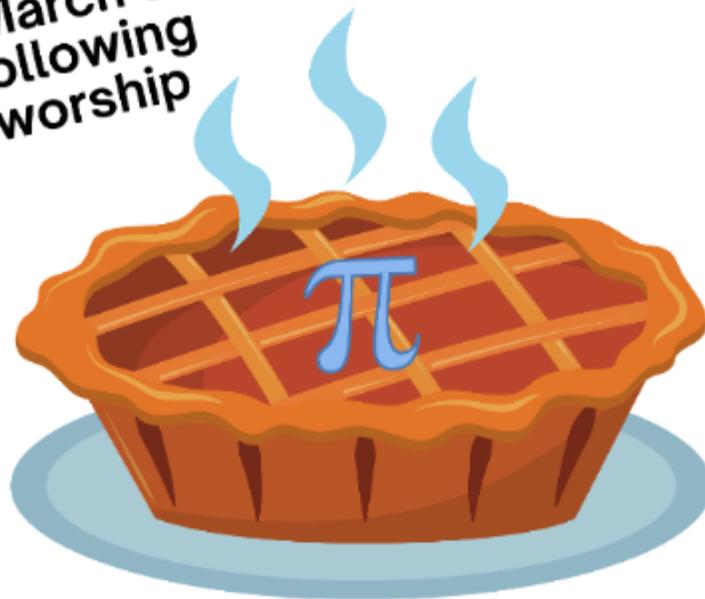
Wishing you all Grace, Peace and Justice.

Rev. Kimron Reising

# Pi(e) Day Lunch

An All-Church Event

March 8  
following  
worship



Be sure to save the date for our annual Pi(e) Day lunch on Sunday, March 8, immediately following worship. Along with delicious pie, vegetable and Chicken Plantation soups and sandwiches will be served. Free-will offerings will be accepted.

**If you would like to donate a pie for the event, please contact Debbie Havens **prior** to the lunch at [dkhavens49@gmail.com](mailto:dkhavens49@gmail.com).**

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## Youth Evening of Service and Fellowship

All youth are invited to join Mrs. Margaret on Friday, March 13th from 5:30-8:00 in the Youth Room for a special evening of service and fellowship. We'll be assembling Easter baskets for the Evansville Psychiatric Children's Center, sharing God's love and bringing joy to children in need. After we finish our service project, we'll celebrate with pizza and games. Come ready to serve, have fun, and make a difference—we can't wait to see you there! Please RSVP to Margaret at 859-576-1442 or [margaret@bethlehemucc.org](mailto:margaret@bethlehemucc.org).



## 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. ROMEIO Club is open to anyone no matter your age! The Club will meet again this Tuesday at the Highland 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!

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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  
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# BRIDGE

## Community Discussion on Racial Justice and Faith Find Community and Build Connections

Come join others in asking questions about racial justice and ponder how you might be able to commit to do more. We have a variety of faith leaders who will facilitate small group discussions on a variety of topics.

**How might we bring others into the light of justice?**  
Rev. Veltri Taylor

**How do we help people understand that racism runs deep?**  
Tom Wannemuehler

**How might we address burnout by claiming the truths of hope and our faith?**  
Anna Schulten

**What stops us from speaking out and acting in the face of injustice?** Rev. Mark Dicken

**Inertia: People want to do social justice, but don't know how to get started.**  
Rev. Stephanie Weiner

**Why are we not doing what God commands of us?**  
Bishop Darrell Cook, Sr.

**How can I move from asking God to fix the world and ask what I should do?**  
Rev. Floyd Edwards

**How do different faiths express the call to care for those in need?**  
**How does knowing they overlap challenge you to take the next step to live it out?**  
Rev. Holly Zaher

**What is stopping us from II Timothy 1:7.**  
**For God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of sound mind?**  
Rev. Connie Baltzell



**March 1, 2026**

2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

C.K. Newsome Center  
100 East Walnut  
Evansville, Indiana 47713

**THANK  
YOU!**

**Thank you to everyone who has  
agreed to serve as ushers.  
The Evening Bible Study group and  
various members are assigned  
to the month of March.**



# Coming Up

## **Thursday, February 26**

6:30 – 7:30pm

Bells Rehearsal

Music Room

7:30 – 8:30pm

Choir Rehearsal

Music Room

## **Saturday, February 28**

8 – 10am

Lenten Breakfast - Zion-Lippe UCC

5:30 – 6:30pm

Worship - Moment for Mission

Welcoming Area

## **Sunday, March 1**

9 – 10am

Sunday School - All Ages 10:15 – 11:15am

Worship - Moment for Mission

Sanctuary

11:30am – 1:30pm

WEB Luncheon

Fellowship Hall

## **Monday, March 2**

8:30 – 10am

Conference Room Rsvd. - Worthington

9am – 4pm

AARP/IRS TaxAide

Fellowship Hall

**Tuesday, March 3**

10:30 – 11:45am

Tuesday Morning Bible Study  
Conference Room

5 – 6pm

Spiritual Council  
Library

6:30 – 7:30pm

Evening Bible Study Group  
Welcoming Area

**Wednesday, March 4**

5:30 – 7pm

Finance Ministry Team  
Conference Room

6:30 – 7:30pm

Welcoming Area Rsvd. - CAJE Meeting

**Thursday, March 5**

6:30 – 7:30pm

Bells Rehearsal  
Music Room

7:30 – 8:30pm

Choir Rehearsal  
Music Room

**Friday, March 6**

9am – 1pm

Pi(e) Day Prep  
Kitchen

**Saturday, March 7**

6 – 10am

Lenten Breakfast - Bethlehem UCC  
Fellowship Hall

5:30 – 6:30pm

Worship - Communion & Canned Fruit Collection  
Welcoming Area

**Sunday, March 8**

9 – 10am

Sunday School - All Ages

10:15 – 11:15am

Worship - Communion & Canned Fruit Collection  
Sanctuary

11:30am – 12:30pm

Pi(e) Day Lunch

Fellowship Hall & Welcoming Area



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