

EMILY'S EDITION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

My family once made a trip to the Space and Rocket Museum in Huntsville, AL. It was one of those trips where everything went wrong: the hotel pool was closed, there wasn't a rollaway available, someone threw up, and someone else came home with hand, foot, and mouth disease. But the very first sign of trouble? The night we arrived, Taco Bell was out of tacos.

That moment became our family's new shorthand for a doomed situation. Now, when things start to go wrong, we ask "on a scale of one to 'Taco Bell is out of tacos,' how bad is it?"

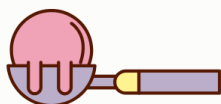
Friends, when it comes to the Ice Cream Social and ice cream, we are at level "Taco Bell is out of tacos!"

Can you help us by signing up to bring homemade ice cream? Help us avoid our guests using "an ice cream social without ice cream" as part of their scale for dire situations! Contact Dee Russell (drussell801@sbcglobal.net), Linda Gilbert (lwsgilbert@gmail.com), or the church office if you can help!

We had a fantastic time at Vacation Bible School this week! I look forward to sharing more about it in both services this weekend. Our Scripture passage will be Galatians 5.1, 13-26.

On Sunday, we will begin our morning with the Red, White, and Blueberry Brunch at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. During worship, our children and youth will help lead the service. Some of our youth musicians spent the week learning a song on the handchimes that they'll share as our introit. Our children will provide a vocal song as our special music.

I look forward to being with you this weekend!



Ice Cream Needed

We urgently need ice cream makers for the BBQ dinner and Ice Cream Social. Containers are located on a cart across from the kitchen. Please let Dee Russell (drussell801@sbcglobal.net) or Linda Gilbert (lwsgilbert@gmail.com) know if you are able to help. We are planning for a large turnout, so many containers are needed, especially flavors other than vanilla.

Sign Up Spot

Worship Acolytes



Worship Liturgist



Listen to Last Weekend's Worship Message



PLAY

Prayer List

Larry Byers (recovering from back surgery)
Bill Craig (hospitalized)
Jim Rine (recovering from knee replacement surgery)
John Small (recovering from hip replacement surgery)

C. Bob Cravens (recovering from surgery)
Grant Wiseman (rehab hospital for P.T. & O.T.)
Alan Mason (recovering from surgery)
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
Victims of violence
All those battling addiction and facing the daily struggle to stay clean.
Our military

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](#)



ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are given by Diane Gaffney to the Glory of God and in Celebration of the Birthday of the United States of America. God Bless America!



Red, White, and Blueberry Brunch

This Sunday!

Everyone is invited to celebrate our nation's independence at the annual Red, White, and Blueberry Brunch on **Sunday, June 29, at 9:00 am!** Please join us in the Welcoming Area for a time of food, fellowship, and song. Mrs. Margaret has a fun intergenerational activity planned, too!

There will be breakfast casseroles, muffins, kuchen, and fruit to eat, along with juice, coffee, and milk to drink. If you have a patriotic food specialty that you would like to contribute, please bring it that morning. Please contact Debbie Havens at (812) 480-7060 or dkhavens49@gmail.com with questions. Sponsored and prepared by the WEB group, this brunch is free to everyone.



VBS Wrap-Up



Vacation Bible School wrapped up Tuesday night, and what a wonderful week it was! We're excited to announce that our children will be sharing what they learned during **Sunday morning worship**—you won't want to miss it!

In addition, we are proud to support **Bosse's Custom Creations**, and we will continue collecting **donations this Sunday** to help bless their work and mission. **Donations can be dropped off at the table in the Welcoming Area.** Coins may be placed in the Vortex, and checks or bills are also welcome! Paper donations can be folded to fit in the Vortex or given during the offering—please mark them for **Bosse's Custom Creations**.

Come ready to celebrate our kids, worship together, and support a great cause!

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
JUNE SPECIAL OFFERING



Strengthen the Church

Final Weekend!

Collection of the Strengthen the Church special offering concludes this weekend, so it's not too late to make a gift!

This special offering furthers the work of our conferences and the national UCC as we work together to strengthen and renew existing congregations, fund leadership development, and provide exciting new programs for youth and young adults. The offering is divided with 50% staying within the Indiana-Kentucky Conference and 50% supporting the National Ministries of the United Church of Christ.

Make your gift this weekend using special envelopes in the pews and at church entrances, or online at bethlehemucc.org.



Church Council Chat

A Church Council member will be available this Sunday to answer any questions or concerns for the Council following worship in the Welcoming Area. All are Invited to attend!

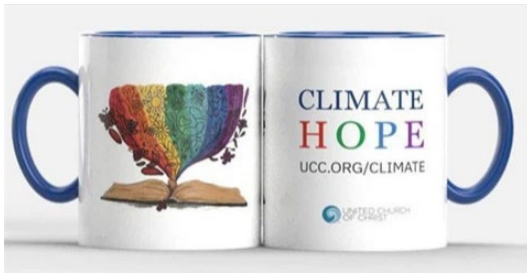


Climate Hope Fundraiser

Deadline to place order is Monday, June 30!

Avoid using throwaway cups and contribute to the UCC's climate justice initiatives. Our own Natalie Slade created the winning piece of art for the UCC's 2025 Climate Hope Art Contest, which is featured on the cup. The cups are being sold on the UCC website, but to help keep everyone's shipping costs down, Bethlehem will place one bulk order. (This will save \$5.00 per item.)

Please click "Order Here" below for additional details.



[Order Here](#)

BBQ Dinner & Ice Cream Social Committee Needs Your Help!



July 13

(Paper copies of this form are available at church entrances.)

Many volunteers are needed to cook and serve the food, and to contribute homemade ice cream and baked desserts. To volunteer to help in the kitchen and dining room, please contact Barry Jones: twinpapa02@yahoo.com or Jane Koch: jorpha49@gmail.com.

If you can bring homemade ice cream or baked goods, please contact Linda Gilbert: lwsgilbert@gmail.com or Dee Russell: drussell801@sbcglobal.net. You can also use the form below and drop it in the offering plate or bring it to the church office. Thanks so much!

I would like to donate the following items for the Ice Cream Social:

_____ Homemade Ice Cream (Flavors other than vanilla are popular) _____ Cake or cupcakes _____ Pie _____ Cookies

_____ I can help in the kitchen or dining room. _____ 3:30-5:30
_____ 5:30-7:30

Containers to bring your ice cream to church will be available outside the kitchen in the coming weeks.

Battery Recycling



The battery recycling bin has been relocated to the top of the mailboxes outside the elevator on the office level. The smaller batteries (particularly button batteries) can cause harm to young children, so we wanted to keep these out of their reach. Thank you for recycling your batteries to help us care for God's good creation!

WEB Collection



The WEB group (Women Energizing Bethlehem) wants to help you recycle an item lots of us have at home. We are collecting large plastic pill bottles. They must be a container approximately 4" x 1 3/4" with lid, usually for 90 day supply of meds.

These will be filled with some items to make first aid kits for the homeless. The kits would be distributed at United Caring Services and in coordination with Aldersgate UMC Homeless Ministry. There will be a marked box in the Welcome Area for your containers. Please try to remove the label. Information will follow on the date we put the kits together, as we will need some extra hands.



Changes to Recycling Program



Our single-stream recycling provider has started to levy a \$26 recycling

contamination fine for every non-recyclable item in the dumpster at pickup. We've been charged multiple fines per month with fees well over \$200 for one pickup.

The Green Team is asking everyone to chip in and work together to prevent these fines. The office has put up signs as a reminder of what should and shouldn't go into the recycling dumpster. **Please dump out recyclable items from trash bags and dispose of the bags.**

YES

Clean Paper
Cardboard
Aluminum Cans

NO

Shredded Paper
Trash Bags
Plastic of Any Kind

**BBQ Dinner
Ice Cream Social
Silent Auction
Cruise In**



**JULY 13
4:00 - 7:00 PM**

Mark your calendar now for July 13 to join us for the annual Bethlehem Barbecue Dinner, Ice Cream Social, and new this year, Cruise In. This church-wide event raises thousands of dollars each year for the benefit of Evansville Habitat for Humanity.



The scrumptious adult meal includes a barbecue pork butt sandwich and choice of two sides: baked beans, coleslaw, macaroni salad, chips, drink and dessert. Kid's meal includes hot dog, chips, applesauce, drink, and dessert. Dessert

includes homemade cookies, cakes, pies, and, of course, delicious homemade ice cream. The price of a dinner this year will be \$12 (\$6 for kids) and includes a bottomless bowl of ice cream.

Top Auction Items:

3 night/ 2 day stay at Green Turtle Bay on Lake Barkley (sleeps 6)

Foursome at Oak Meadow Golf Course

Foursome at Rolling Hills Golf Course

\$500 Randalls Lawncare and Landscaping Gift Certificate

Kentucky Kingdom Tickets

Holiday World Tickets

KitchenAid Lift Stand Mixer

Men's Mountain Bike

Green Egg Tabletop Grill

...and many more great items!

To register a car for the Cruise In, please scan the QR code.



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.

Available dates in the coming months:

July 20, 27

August 3, 17, 24

September 7, 21

October 5, 12

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 Bar Louie. 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!



**THANK
YOU!**

**Thank you to everyone who has
agreed to serve as ushers. The
choir is scheduled for July.**



Coming Up

Saturday, June 28

5:30 – 6:30pm

Worship

Welcoming Area

Sunday, June 29

9 – 10am

Red, White & Blueberry Brunch

Fellowship Hall

10:15 – 11:15am

Worship

Sanctuary

11:15 am

Council Chat

Welcoming Area

Monday, June 30

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

Tuesday, July 1

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

6 – 8pm
Fellowship Hall Rsvd. - B. Jones

Thursday, July 3

6 – 7pm
Life Worth Living Book Study
Conference Room

Saturday, July 5

5:30 – 6:30pm
Worship - Communion
Welcoming Area

Sunday, July 6

10:15 – 11:15am
Worship - Communion
Sanctuary



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