



EMILY'S EDITION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

I have spent much of this week in these tall steepled churches (images of hosting churches below) hearing sermons and lectures from gifted teachers and preachers. It has been a fulfilling week and I look forward to putting some of what I'm learning into practice in the future. By the time you're reading this, I'll be making my way back toward Evansville and looking toward the weekend. I look forward to leading both services this weekend as we celebrate Pentecost, the birthday of the Church. We will be reading Acts 2.1-18; 22-24; 37-42 together, but I encourage you to spend some time with the first two chapters of Acts to prepare for worship this weekend.

Word on the street is that over 150 folks have RSVPed for the Send Off Party on Sunday. I hope that number includes you! We are going to have a great time of fellowship together. If you haven't signed up yet, there's still time and the link to do so is below.



I had the chance to meet one of the administrators of the clergy renewal grants at the conference this week. She remembered our application, and I was thrilled to be able to thank her and Lilly Endowment for funding all of the exciting things that my family and Bethlehem will get to do this summer.



Sign Up Spot

 **Worship**  **Acolytes** 



Worship Liturgist



The flowers on the altar are given by The Spurling Family in celebration of Tim and Amy's 28th wedding anniversary and Caleb's graduate school graduation.

There has been some chatter about Pastor Emily's sermon last week. Below is the tweet she mentioned towards the end of her message. In case you missed it, please click the button below.



Eric Hoke (is writing a book). ✓

@erichoke

Normalize asking pastors the question: "How are the people in the church utilizing their gifts?"

As opposed to: "How many people are showing up on a Sunday?"

Better question, in my view.

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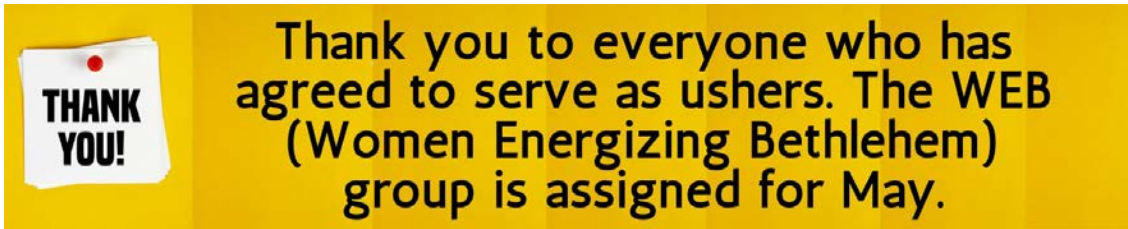


[Listen Here](#)

SIGN UP FOR ALTAR FLOWERS

Please use the button above to see the **list of available dates and to order altar flowers**. If you'd prefer a paper form for your flower donation, they are

currently available outside the church office. Please contact Cindy Carwile with any questions (812-430-6935 or ckcarwile@gmail.com).



Darlene Heck (recovering from a fall)
Bob Thomas (hospitalized for testing)
Dan Carwile (upcoming hip surgery on May 21)
Bob Hartmayer and family as he recovers from open heart surgery (friends of Brittany Streutker and Brandon Moore)
Gerry Otahal (father of Harmony Gratzler on a medical mission trip to Brazil from May 16-23)
Jennifer Davis (diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, friend of Dan and Cindy Carwile)
Tim Slade (undergoing chemo treatment)
Middle East
Victims of gun violence
All those battling addiction and facing the daily struggle to stay clean.
Students and Teachers
Our military

Reminder: our Graduate Breakfast is this Sunday morning at 9AM in the youth room.

GRADUATE BREAKFAST

CELEBRATING OUR 2024 HIGH SCHOOL,
COLLEGE, AND TRADE SCHOOL
GRADUATES AND THEIR FAMILIES

*You're
Invited!*

SUNDAY, MAY 19 AT 9AM
IN THE YOUTH ROOM



Pastor Emily's Send Off Party

May 19

Be sure to join us this Sunday for worship and Pastor Emily's Party (outside) as we wish her well on her sabbatical. Get ready for a great time with food, music, games, a bounce house, an inflatable obstacle course, and more!

Below are a few details from our hard-working planning team:

- Dress casual for worship, so you are comfortable for the outside festivities.
- Table and chairs will be available, but feel free to bring a lawn chair. There will be some shaded areas.
- For anyone needing assistance to the Party area, golf carts will be outside the Welcoming Area doors.
- The meal is a picnic-style lunch (hot dogs, hamburgers, baked beans, macaroni & cheese, etc.)

Please RSVP by using the button below if you haven't already done so!

[RSVP](#)



Did you catch the Renewal commercial last weekend in worship? Click the link below to watch our talented 4th-6th grade Sunday School class talk about some of the fantastic church-wide events we have planned this summer. Be sure to check out the Welcoming Area, vestibule (church office entrance), and weekly church emails for details about all upcoming events.

[Watch](#)

Strengthening the Church Special Offering



Strengthen the Church Offering Begins This Weekend

Giving envelopes for the Strengthen the Church special offering are now in the pews and on tables in the vestibule and Welcoming Area. Gifts can also be made online at bethlehemucc.org. This offering will be taken from now through the month of June.

Funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and renewal initiatives in existing congregations. The Indiana-Kentucky Conference and the national ministries work together to use these funds for projects that matter now and in the future.

Please join with people across the UCC in supporting the Strengthen the Church offering.

***MEMORIAL DAY
REMEMBRANCE**



***WORSHIP**

***BETHLEHEM HISTORY
& CAMPUS TOURS**

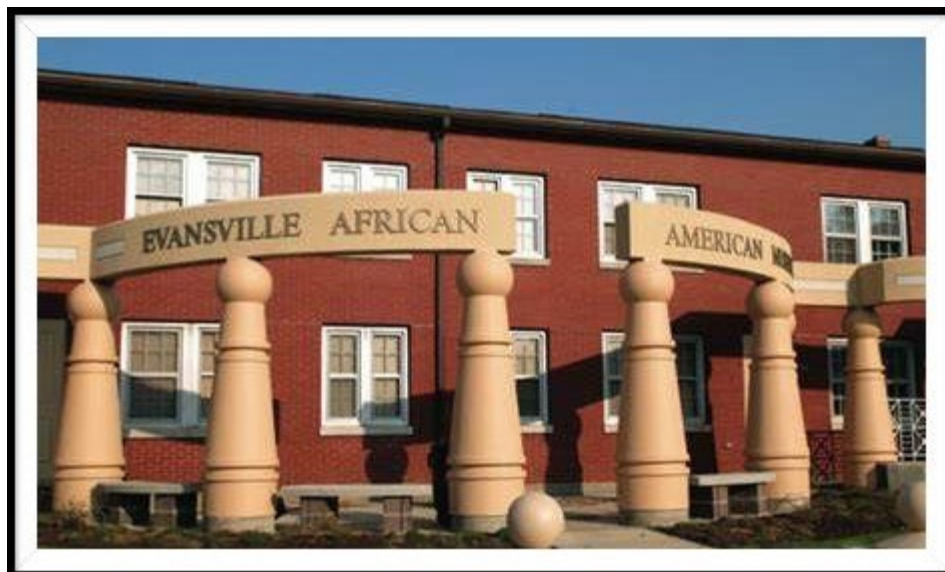


May 26

8:30 am - We welcome everyone to join us for our annual Memorial Day Remembrance at the cemetery entrance, when we honor and remember those who died in battle while serving our country. Additionally, we will recognize the people in our cemetery who served in the armed forces.

10:15 am - Sunday Worship

11:15 am - Get ready to learn an abundance of fascinating things about our church's history and campus! The dedicated and hard-working History Committee and long-time member Steve Worthington will have displays and be available to do tours of the inside of the church and our beautiful grounds. Stay after worship to learn more about how we became what Bethlehem is today and enjoy some snacks to tide you over until lunch!



Evansville African American Musuem Tours

Two Tour Dates
May 28 & June 1
10:00 am

During the time that Pastor Emily is learning about Civil Rights, there are plans for us to visit the African American History Museum and become familiar with people, places, and events that occurred right here in Evansville. There are two tours scheduled for our church family and friends: **Tuesday, May 28**, and **Saturday, June 1, both at 10:00 am**. Complimentary tickets will be issued to those attending and transportation to the museum can be provided. **Please sign up using the form in the church vestibule (office entrance) or in the narthex (back of church)**. Contact the church office with any questions 867-2497.



Our Renewal Summer continues with an engaging, fun, and meaningful Intergenerational Vacation Bible School on **June 23-25 from 5:30 - 8:00 pm** (dinner included). You won't want to miss it, so be sure to save the dates! More details to follow in future weekly emails and summer STAR newsletters.



Who's on first?

During Pastor Emily's time away on sabbatical, ministry and activities will continue as usual at Bethlehem. Pastor Doug will be taking care of all the pastoral duties, the staff will be continuing with their regular tasks and responsibilities, and the Church Council members will be offering help when it is needed. Pastor Doug will be in contact with Pastor Emily throughout the

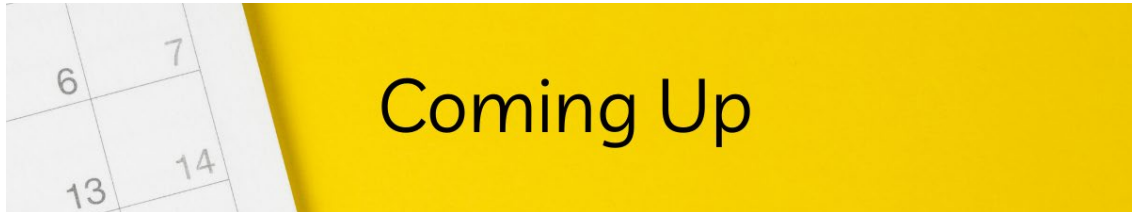
summer in case there is anything essential that she needs to know. Just contact the church office as you normally would for questions, room reservations, etc. at 867-2497 or Pastor Doug for an immediate pastoral need at 812-219-2830.



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.



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 **Hornet's Nest this Tuesday at 11:30 am. We won't be gathering on May 28th.** 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!**



Friday, May 17

12 – 1pm

Eosin Lunch

The Log Inn

Saturday, May 18

5:30 – 6:30pm

Worship

Welcoming Area

Sunday, May 19

9 – 10am

Sunday School - Last Day

10:15 – 11:15am

Sending Forth Worship - Pentecost, Graduation Sunday
Sanctuary

11:30am – 1:30pm

Pastor Emily's Send Off Party

Monday, May 20

8:30 – 10am

Library Rsvd. - Worthington
Library

5 – 6pm

Executive Committee Mtg.
Library

6 – 8:30pm

Church Council
BUCC Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, May 21

10:15 – 11:45am

Bible Study Group
Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 22

6 – 7pm

Boy Scout Troop 346
Youth Room

Thursday, May 23

10:30 – 11:30am

Office Staff Meeting
Resource Office

Saturday, May 25

11:30am – 4:30pm

Welcoming Area Rsvd. - Maxedon

5:30 – 6:30pm

Worship

Welcoming Area

Sunday, May 26

9:30 – 10am

Outdoor Memorial Day Remembrance

9:45 – 11:45am

Ushers - WEB Group

10:15 – 11:15am

Worship

Sanctuary

11:30am – 12:30pm

BUCC History Cmte. and Campus Tours

3:30 – 5:30pm

UCS DINNER - Motley Crew

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