

EMILY'S EDITION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Enjoy this early edition of Emily's Edition and make plans to join us in worship this weekend as Advent begins! Pastor Doug will preach on Gabriel's visit to Mary and then the angels' visit to some shepherds who were just minding their own business, about nine months later (Luke 1.26-33, 2.8-11).

On Sunday morning, we will enjoy breakfast together at 8:30 a.m., a program shared by our children and youth in the Welcoming Area at about 9:00 a.m., and then a special worship service featuring guest harpist, Emily Fife, and many of our Bethlehem musicians. "Let Heaven and Nature Sing" as we kick off Advent together!

But in the meantime, have a blessed and happy Thanksgiving with your family and friends. Please know how thankful I am for this body of believers and the faith we share!



Prayer List

Leigh Ann Mindrup (upcoming surgery, December 4)
Carl Kuebler (recovering at home)
Jim Hendrix (bone cancer, Alex Hoffman's uncle)
Adam Hayden (entering hospice, friend of Troy Vaupel)
Grant Wiseman (home recovering from hospital stay)
Ruth Ann Krall (recovering from fall, broken hip and pelvis; mother of Cindy Carwile)
Marilyn Freyling (recovering from surgery)
Rose Crockett (health concerns)
Elaine McMinn (recovering from surgery)
Bill Craig (recovering at Cedarhurst)
C. Bob Cravens (moved to rehab)

Candy Curie (awaiting heart valve replacement, aunt of Pam Rardin)
Carolyn Dacy (Carleen Grossman's mother, leukemia)
Bill Kreighbaum (moving to River Pointe)
Tom Walthall (cancer diagnosis)
Larry Knott (Chris Jones's uncle, in hospice care)
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 Toni Beumer in honor of Steve and Denise Beumer.

Please use the buttons below to view dates and sign up for a weekend. 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 with any questions at carolrkolb@yahoo.com or (812) 589-8322.

[Upcoming Available Dates](#)

[Altar Flower Sign Up](#)

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Weekend's Message**



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Let Heaven and Nature Sing
An Advent Celebration

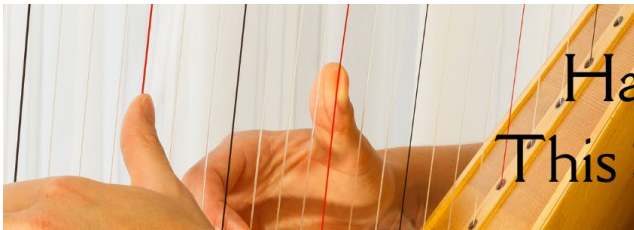


**Sunday
November 30**

An All-Church Event this Sunday!

Come for breakfast, fellowship, and to support our children and youth as we begin the season of Advent.

The children and youth will be sharing their musical and speaking talents with the Adult Sunday School classes and congregation on Sunday, November 30. We'll begin with breakfast in the Fellowship Hall at 8:30 a.m., then move to the Welcome Area at 9:00 for the children's presentation.



**Harpist Emily Fife
This Sunday at 10:00 am**

We welcome back the sounds and gifts of harpist Emily Fife to worship this weekend, as we begin the first Sunday of Advent. Pre-service music begins at 10:00 am.

*Out of respect for our guest and others enjoying her musical gifts, we ask that you greet one another after worship rather than before.

Join us this Advent season!

November 30, 8:30 am Let Heaven and Nature Sing: an Advent Celebration breakfast, 9:00 am children and youth Christmas program, Worship with Harpist Emily Fife, music begins at 10:00 am.

December 7, 10:15 am Sunday Worship with Brass Quintet & Communion, Food Bank Collection

December 14, 9:00 am Children's Christmas Market
10:15 am Bethlehem Handbell Choir
5:00 pm Youth Christmas Party

December 13 & 14, following worship Cookie Walk Bake & Treat Sale

December 16, 6:00 pm Blue Christmas Service (Welcoming Area)

December 24, 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24, 9:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion
Worship with String Quartet (music begins at 8:30 pm)

Weekly Worship
Saturday at 5:30 pm
Sunday at 10:15 am
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**SUNDAY
DEC 14**

Youth Christmas Party

Gather in the youth room for food, games, crafting and merriment! No need to bring a gift!

5:00 PM-7:00 PM

Poinsettias on the Altar

A banner featuring a close-up of vibrant red poinsettia flowers with green leaves. The text "Poinsettias on the Altar" is written in a white, elegant script font across the center of the image.

The Altar Guild will again be selling poinsettias to decorate the altar and chancel for Christmas. The cost is \$15.00 per plant in a 6 1/2" pot with gold foil

cover and will be available in red or white. **The deadline for ordering your plant(s) is Sunday, December 7, and there is no exception to the deadline.**

The donor list will be linked in Emily's Edition, available on Sunday, December 21, and on Christmas Eve. Poinsettias can be taken home following the 9:00 p.m. service on Christmas Eve. Remaining poinsettias will be used on Sunday, December 28. Any plants left after the service on December 28 will be discarded.

Please use the online order button below. Paper order forms are available in the church office vestibule, Welcoming Area, children and youth entrance, and narthex. We purchase our poinsettias from Steve Worthington's Kiwanis organization, who uses their monies to support various community projects throughout the year.

Please contact Carol Kolb at carolrkolb@yahoo.com with any questions.

Poinsettia Order Form



December 13 & 14
Lots of bakers, treat
makers, and
shoppers are
needed.

Get your baking sheets ready to make this the best Cookie Walk ever! We will need cookies and treats to make the Cookie Walk a success. Mark your calendars for December 13 & 14 after church. If possible, we would like the goodies by noon on Saturday, December 13. The cost will be \$6.00 a pound, and bakers will get ½ pound free!

To be a volunteer, please email the information below to Patty Geske (psgeske@yahoo.com) or Connie Crab (conniecrab2901@gmail.com) or fill out the form below and place in the Eosin mailbox by the elevator, offering plate, or drop at the church office. Thanks for making this holiday season special with

your cookies and/or candy.

COOKIE WALK VOLUNTEER

We welcome makers and bakers of all ages. Please volunteer to make a batch (2 - 3 dozen) of holiday treats.

NAME _____

I plan to make a batch of:

_____ Cookies _____ Candy _____ Specialty item _____

Thank you in advance!



Church Council Chat

This Sunday following worship!

If you have any questions or concerns for the Church Council, feel free to bring them to the next Council Chat this Sunday. A Council representative will be available in the Welcoming Area following worship.

2025 EUPHONIC YULE

Rehearsal & Concert

Sunday, December 7th



REGISTRATION/REHEARSAL:

5:30 PM, CST
Bethlehem UCC
6400 Oak Hill Road
Evansville, IN 47725

PERFORMANCE:

7:00 pm, CST
Bethlehem UCC,
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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 Kenny's Family Diner. 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. Altar Guild is scheduled for December.



Coming Up

Tuesday, November 25

5:30 – 6:30pm

Outreach Cmte. Meeting

Library

Thursday, November 27

All day

Thanksgiving Day - Office Closed

3 – 8pm

Welcoming Area & Kitchen Rsvd. - Crab

Welcoming Area & Kitchen

Saturday, November 29

5:30 – 6:30pm

Worship

Welcoming Area

Sunday, November 30

8:30 – 9am

Let Heaven & Nature Sing - Breakfast

Fellowship Hall

9 – 10am

Children's Christmas Program

Welcoming Area

10 – 10:15am

Let Heaven & Nature Sing - Emily Fife, Harpist

Sanctuary

10:15 – 11:15am

Let Heaven & Nature Sing - Musical Celebration

Sanctuary

11:30am – 12pm

Council Chat

Welcoming Area

Monday, December 1

8:30 – 10am

Conference Room Rsvd. - Worthington

Tuesday, December 2

3 – 9pm

Welcoming Area Rsvd. - Civitan

Wednesday, December 3

6:30 – 7:30pm

Cub Scout Meeting

Thursday, December 4

9 – 10:30am

Civil Rights Study Group

Fellowship Hall

6:30 – 7:30pm

Bells Rehearsal

Sanctuary

7:30 – 8:30pm

Choir Rehearsal

Music Room

Friday, December 5

9 – 11am

Funeral Visitation - Shafer

Sanctuary

11am – 12pm

Funeral - Bill Schafer

Sanctuary

12 – 2pm

Welcoming Area Rsvd. - Funeral Lunch

Saturday, December 6

5:30 – 6:30pm

Worship - Communion, Moment for Mission & Tri-State Food Bank Collection
Welcoming Area

Sunday, December 7

9 – 10am

Sunday School - All Ages

10:15 – 11:15am

Worship - Communion, Moment for Mission & Tri-State Food Bank Collection
Sanctuary

11:30am – 1pm

WEB Luncheon

Fellowship Hall

11:30am

Music Committee Christmas Gathering
The Klass home at 6612 Whetstone Rd, Evansville

7 – 8pm

Euphonic Yuletide Concert
Sanctuary



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