

EMILY'S EDITION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

This will be another big weekend at Bethlehem! In fact, it might be record-breaking! On Saturday morning beginning at 8 a.m., we will work together to tend to the building and grounds during our church workday. Saturday night in worship, Pastor Doug will be looking at a difficult teaching of Jesus, Luke 17.5-10.

On Sunday morning, our children and youth will assemble buckets during Sunday School as part of our 2025 Bucket Blitz for disaster clean-up through Church World Service. Our Sunday service will be focused around 1 Corinthians 12.12-26.

In both services, we will celebrate Communion as part of World Communion Sunday. Remember that on Communion weekends, you're invited to bring in canned fruit for the Tri-State Food Bank. In both services, we will also receive and consecrate our pledge cards as the culmination of our Stewardship Campaign. After worship on Sunday, we will enjoy a church picnic in the pavilion to celebrate our church's generosity! Please bring a side dish and lawn chairs, and plan to join us!



ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers are given by Tim Walthall. Happy Birthday to Karen Walthall and Eileen Walthall!



Elaine McMinn (breast cancer diagnosis)
Linda Gilbert (completed original chemo treatments, with other treatments to follow)
Tom Walthall (cancer diagnosis)
Larry Knott (Chris Jones's uncle, in hospice care)
Family and friends of Jerri Lynn Kirby (daughter of Shirley Kirby, passed away on September 23)
Family and friends of Pam Appel (killed in auto accident, mother-in-law to Allison (Steedman) Appel)
Norma Hartz (home, recovering from fall)
Jay Picking (lower back pain)
Gretchen Byers (recovering from knee surgery)
Jo Ann Bagby (recovering from broken hip and arm)
C. Bob Cravens (undergoing chemotherapy)
Jennifer Gander (being treated for cancer, Andrea and Wayne's daughter-in-law)¹⁹
Bill Shafer (treatment for pancreatic cancer; brother of Judy Kattman, Jane Jackson, and Lee Ann Shafer)
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

Listen to Last Weekend's Message



[Listen Here!](#)

Serve

[Worship Acolyte - click here](#)

[Worship Liturgist - click here](#)

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](#)



All-Church Workday

This Saturday

October 4

8:00 am - noon

It's time to fix, organize, and tidy up some things around the church. Join us on Saturday, October 4, from 8:00 am until noon with indoor and outdoor task options. Workdays are always a fun fellowship time. Remember, many hands make light work for all!

Generosity **WEEKEND**



October 4 & 5

Everything that happens at Bethlehem is ministry.

Join us this weekend in both services as we consecrate and celebrate the offerings pledged for 2026. Additional pledge cards are available in the office-entrance vestibule, outside the church office, narthex, Welcoming Area, and children and youth entrance.

• STEWARDSHIP CELEBRATION •

PICNIC

IN THE
Pavilion

Sunday, October 5

Following Worship Service

The church will provide fried chicken and drinks. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Dishes may be dropped off in the kitchen before worship. Some seating will be available—lawn chairs are encouraged.

**MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT
BY
HAIDEN HART**



UPDATES FROM OUTREACH



DONATIONS FOR TRI-STATE
FOOD BANK

Canned Fruit Collection This Weekend

Each weekend communion is served, we will be collecting canned fruit for the

Tri-State Food Bank. This weekend, donations can be brought to either the Saturday or Sunday worship service and placed around the altar. 133 cans were donated to our first collection in September. Let's try to match or top that total!

Bucket Blitz 2025

This weekend during the Sunday School hour, our children and youth will be filling 40 five-gallon buckets with supplies needed for cleaning up after natural disasters. Our buckets will be taken to Indianapolis, after which Church World Service will distribute them where needed. Bethlehem also serves as a Bucket Depot, where other churches in the Evansville Tri-State Association may drop off buckets and other types of CWS kits.



Cake Mixes for Evansville Rescue Mission



The Evansville Rescue Mission has requested donations of cake mixes for their annual Thanksgiving food basket program. Cake mixes will be collected through Sunday, November 16 and placed in designated boxes in the office entrance vestibule and Welcoming Area.



Thank you to those who participated in the Acrostic Challenge from Sunday's Children's Chat. I had two adults, two children, and a youth submit mostly-filled alphabet lists of descriptions for God. I have combined them into a single poem below, using what I thought were the best of their descriptors. Thanks for helping us describe God from A-Z! Pastor Emily

Awesome

Beyond compare

Creator

Deliverer

Everlasting

Father
Good
Holy
Immense
Just
Kind
Loving
Mighty
Near
Our only God
Perfect
Quotable
Righteous
Steadfast
Truthful
Unimaginable
Virtuous
Wonderful
Xenophilic
Yahweh
Zoologic master



Final House Meeting - Wednesday!

Thousands of people of diverse faith traditions unite under CAJE (Congregations Acting for Justice and Empowerment) to seek justice for those whose individual voices may remain unheard. CAJE advocates work methodically to identify problems, research their causes, and develop practical, evidence-based solutions to systemic injustice. Join them in empowering leaders and citizens to make serious, long-lasting change.

Welcome to the season of "Listening" for CAJE. This is where the grass roots democratic process of listening to the people begins. The second "House Meeting" hosted by a BUCC Network member, for the purpose of gathering together and sharing problems we see/experience in our community.

Wednesday, October 8th, 7-8:30 pm, Rich Steedman - Host

To register for a meeting, please email Kimron Reising at:

Reisingsun@gmail.com.

Details will be sent upon registration.

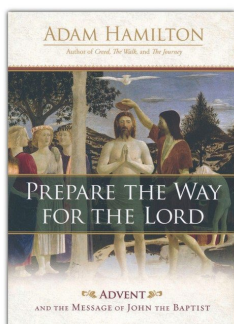
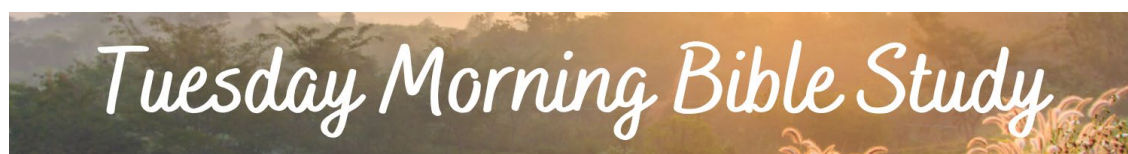
What are your worries and concern's about how we live together and care for our neighbors in the Evansville area community?

With an intentional and inclusive format, problems will be clarified, recorded, and combined with input from 26 other CAJE congregations and presented at the COMMUNITY PROBLEMS Assembly on Monday, November 10th, 2025. At this gathering we will vote on 2-3 problems to be selected for Research, which will lead to the ACTION issue(s) for the Nehemiah Action on Monday May 11th, 2026.

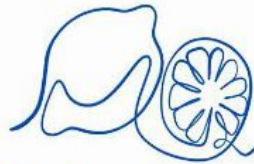
Please add your voice to this faithful process of caring action for our neighbors.



On October 12, we will have a New Member Sunday at Bethlehem. Currently, we have three new members wishing to join, and we'd love to welcome others! If you're interested in learning more about what it means to join Bethlehem, please reach out to Pastor Emily (emily@bethlehemucc.org).



The Tuesday morning Bible study will meet again beginning October 14 at 10:30 - 11:45 in the conference room and study *Prepare the Way for the Lord: Advent and the Message of John the Baptist* by Adam Hamilton. The book is currently available for \$7.59 plus tax and shipping at Thriftbooks.com. We should wrap up this short study on November 18.



Soup, Salad, and Style
PATCHWORK CENTRAL

Wednesday, October 22, 2025 **NOON to 1:30 PM**

VENUE 812

1401 N. Boeke Avenue | Evansville, IN 47711

◆ **DOORS OPEN AT 11:30 AM** ◆

Fall Fashions
Wildflower Boutique

Silent
Auction

Original
Artwork

Corporate Sponsor.....	\$1,200
Table Sponsor.....	\$600
Food Sponsor.....	\$300
Dessert Sponsor.....	\$300
Event Sponsor.....	\$100

GUEST TICKETS \$60



All
Ages!

please join us for a

Halloween FELLOWSHIP & MOVIE NIGHT

OCTOBER 25



5:30 PM

BUCC OUTDOOR PAVILION

Soup, hotdogs, and s'mores provided!
Pumpkin painting and games before
movie time!

**RSVP TO MARGARET
859-576-1442**





TRI-STATE CREATION CARE PRESENTS

EVs4 EVERYONE

AWARD-WINNING ELECTRIC VEHICLE FESTIVAL!

SATURDAY, OCT. 4TH • 11 AM – 3 PM
WESSELMAN WOODS & PARK, EVANSVILLE, IN

TEST DRIVES | E-RIDES | KIDS' ACTIVITIES | FOOD & MUSIC



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:

November 16, 23, 30

December 7, 14

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 Highland Inn. 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 Youth
is scheduled for October.**

Coming Up

Thursday, October 2

7:30am – 3:30pm

Kitchen & Fellowship Hall Rsvd. - Traylor

6:30 – 7:30pm

Bells Rehearsal

Music Room

7:30 – 8:30pm

Choir Rehearsal

Music Room

Friday, October 3

7:30am – 3:30pm

Kitchen & Fellowship Hall Rsvd. - Traylor

Saturday, October 4

8am – 12pm

All Church Workday

1 – 3pm

Welcoming Area Rsvd. - Finnan

5:30 – 6:30pm

Worship - Worldwide Communion, Generosity Weekend & Food Bank

Collection

Welcoming Area

6:30 – 7:30pm

Outreach Cmte. Bucket Blitz Set-Up

Fellowship Hall

Sunday, October 5

9 – 10am

Bucket Blitz

9 – 10am

Sunday School - All Ages

10:15 – 11:15am

Worship - Worldwide Communion, Generosity Weekend & Food Bank

Collection

Sanctuary

11:30am – 1pm

Stewardship Celebration Picnic

Pavilion

Monday, October 6

8:30 – 10am

Conference Room Rsvd. - Worthington

Tuesday, October 7

6 – 7pm

U-10 Study Group

Welcoming Area

Wednesday, October 8

3 – 4pm

PEO Luncheon Set-Up

Welcoming Area 6:30 – 7:30pm

Cub Scout Meeting

7 – 8pm

CAJE Listening Mtg. @ Steedman's Home

6519 Whetstone Rd

Thursday, October 9

9am – 1pm

PEO Luncheon - Wiseman

Welcoming Area & Kitchen

9 – 10:30am

Civil Rights Study Group

Fellowship Hall

6:30 – 9pm

Welcoming Area Rsvd (Wiseman)

6:30 – 7:30pm

Bells Rehearsal

Sanctuary

7:30 – 8:30pm

Choir Rehearsal

Music Room

Friday, October 10

10 – 10:30am

Bucket Depot thru Oct. 18

Saturday, October 11

5:30 – 6:30pm
Worship - Moment for Mission NIN
Welcoming Area

Sunday, October 12
9 – 10am
Sunday School - All Ages

10:15 – 11:15am
Worship - Moment for Mission NIN & New Members Sunday
Sanctuary

6 – 8pm
Eosin Dinner - Fellowship Hall



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