

# EMILY'S EDITION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

It will be a busy weekend around here, with opportunities to serve, fellowship, and worship! You can serve your church family by participating in the church workday Saturday morning at 7:30 a.m. We'll gather again Saturday evening in the pavilion for some Halloween fun with dinner, pumpkin painting, and when it gets dark, movies! You can come as early as 5, or (like I plan to do!), come after Saturday night worship! There will be food and fun all evening long! Speaking of Saturday night worship, I'll be preaching this week looking at 2 Samuel 12.1-13. My message is titled "The Voice of Nathan: Resisting the Political Machine."

On Sunday morning, there's another opportunity for service: our Confirmands will meet at 8:40 to put together the last of the hygiene kits before the buckets and kits are taken to Indianapolis next week. Then, Sunday school will meet as normal, followed by worship in the pavilion. The forecast looks clear, but it will be cool, so plan to bundle up! We will look at a scary story from Scripture, 1 Samuel 28.3-19. The message is titled, "A Costume, A Witch, and A Message from the Beyond." We welcome our Saturday night worship leader, Haiden Hart, who will lead us in music. We will also be assisted by some Bethlehem thespians and will need the help of our children to make our skit complete!

After worship, the youth and others will be heading to Holiday World! If you are planning to go and haven't let Margaret know, please RSVP ASAP---[Here!](#)

(Please note there will be no livestream this week due to worship taking place outdoors.)

**Sign Up Spot**

# Worship Acolytes



## Worship Liturgist



## ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers this weekend are given in celebration of Bob and Dee Carithers' 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

## Missed last Sunday's message?

Pastor Emily will preach it Saturday evening at the 5:30 pm service or find it now by clicking below.



Thank you to everyone who has agreed to serve as ushers. The Confirmands & Youth are scheduled for October.

## Prayer List

Bill Shafer (cancer diagnosis, brother to Lee Ann Shafer, Jane Jackson, and Judy Kattman)

Zion Evangelical UCC as they prepare for their final worship services (final service is October 27)

Adam and Bekah Harringer (Adam had a bicycle accident over Labor Day and is now doing better, but waiting on further test results, nephew of Dan and Cindy Carwile)  
Dwight Markwell

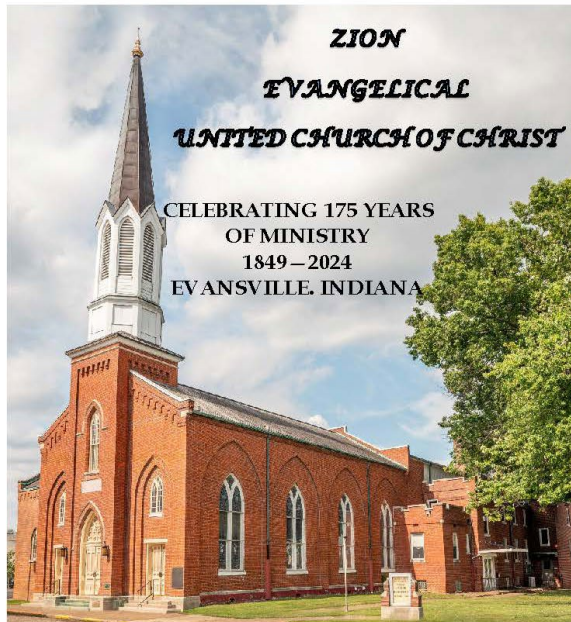


# Final Fall Church Workday

**This Saturday!**

We have a variety of outside projects to tackle, so it would be great to see some new faces for as long as your schedule will allow. We'll be meeting in the Burgoo building for coffee and donuts at 7:30. Join us for some surprisingly fun fellowship!

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*You are cordially invited to share  
in the  
Service of Celebration and Farewell  
Zion Evangelical  
United Church of Christ  
415 NW 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Evansville, IN  
Sunday, October 27, 2024  
10:30 am*

*The service will include the gifting  
of the property to Aurora  
as Zion continues its rich legacy of caring  
ministry and transforming lives.*

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## Pumpkin Patch Update

October is coming to an end, and with it comes the closing of the Bethlehem Pumpkin Patch. Because of the very low inventory remaining, a decision has been made to handle any sales this weekend by use of the Honesty Box only. Many thanks to all those who have made this year's Pumpkin Patch possible, through set-up and decorating to buying and selling pumpkins. Special thanks to the Outreach Team and everyone in the church office for making sure things have run smoothly. Profits from pumpkin sales fund the annual Bucket Blitz and other Church World Service projects.

## Upcoming Sunday Morning Sermons

**October 27:** A Halloween Bible Story: a Costume, a Witch, and a Message from the Beyond

**November 3:** Totenfest Sunday

**November 10\*:** The Election is Over. We are Still Neighbors.

**November 17:** Getting a Jumpstart on Advent

\*These messages will also be preached on Saturday nights, October 26 and November 16, respectively.

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**Intergenerational FUN this Saturday!**



# **HALLOWEEN** *Movie Night*

**HOTDOGS,  
DRINKS &  
SMORES**

**BUCC PAVILION**

**Saturday, October 26th**

**Festivities begin at 5:00 p.m.**

**Small-child friendly film at 6:30 p.m.**

**Feature film at 7:00 p.m.**

**RSVP TO MARGARET TODAY!**

**PUMPKIN  
PAINTING,  
&  
YARD GAMES**

**Holiday World**  
& **Splashin' SAFARI.**

**Youth Outing this Sunday!**

The youth (6th-12th graders) will go to Holiday World after worship on Sunday, October 27th. This seemed like the perfect outing to wrap up their October Sunday School curriculum (a rollercoaster themed series on learning to trust God). We would like to extend the opportunity to buy tickets at our group rate (\$30) to anyone in the congregation. This will be the last day Holiday World is open for the season. The park hours that day are 11:00 am - 5:00 pm. We are scheduled to worship outdoors on the 27th, a perfect setup to dress comfy and then head to the park! If you are interested in purchasing tickets, please contact Margaret Eberhart via text or email. 859-576-1442 [margaret@bethlehemucc.org](mailto:margaret@bethlehemucc.org).

## Attn: Committee Heads

> Don't delay; help Patty today! <

Committee Heads, click on the link below. It will only take a matter of minutes to provide the committee leadership information. Many thanks for your cooperation.

<https://bethlehemucc.breezechms.com/form/45a07d074>

Please remember to submit your information to the office by **October 31st**. Contact Patty Oglesby with any questions at [patty@bethlehemucc.org](mailto:patty@bethlehemucc.org).



## Have a college or trade school student?



Do you have a student who is in college or trade school? Please help the church office by taking just a moment to be sure we have their correct contact information. It's quick and easy! Please click the button below.

[Click Here](#)

## Chance to win a \$200 Amazon gift card!

amazon

Bethlehem has been asked to participate in a survey to help better understand the ways congregations were impacted by the pandemic. Please consider using the link below to take the survey (it should take 10-15 minutes) or reach out to Pastor Emily if you'd like a paper copy. Once you've completed the survey, let Pastor Emily know and your name will be entered into a drawing to win the \$200 Amazon Gift Card our Congregation will receive for participating in the survey.

This Attender Survey is a part of the Exploring the Pandemic Impact on Congregations (EPIC) project and Faith Communities Today (FACT) research initiative in which the United Church of Christ participates. EPIC is a 5-year research project studying changes in the religious landscape since the COVID-19 pandemic.

You can learn more about the project by watching this two minute video: [2024 Attender Survey: Intro Video \(youtube.com\)](#)

Link to the survey:

[https://covidreligionstudy.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_9GYI89a3NMOwuFw?congregation=12834](https://covidreligionstudy.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9GYI89a3NMOwuFw?congregation=12834)



### Neighbors in Need Offering Concludes this Weekend!

Collection of the annual Neighbors in Need offering, one of the special mission



offerings of the United Church of Christ, wraps up this weekend.

This year's theme is "Mental Health Justice for All: Mental Health is a Universal Human Right". In 2015, the General Synod of the United Church of Christ passed a resolution to become WISE (Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, and Engaged) for mental health. You are invited to be part of God's work of mental health justice by supporting the Neighbors in Need offering.

Special giving envelopes can be found in the pews and on tables in the Welcoming Area and church office vestibule. You may also make your gift online at [bethlehemucc.org](http://bethlehemucc.org).

## UPCOMING NEW MEMBER SERVICE

Are you interested in officially becoming a member of Bethlehem? We'd love to have you! Please reach out to Pastor Emily to learn more at [emily@bethlehemucc.org](mailto:emily@bethlehemucc.org). We'll be receiving new members in worship on **November 3** (but can do so any time, if that date doesn't work for you!).



## Commitment Cards



**It's not too late to submit your pledge card!**

Thank you to everyone who has turned in a pledge card. If you missed Commitment Weekend, there's still time to make a pledge! 2025 pledge cards are located in the Welcoming Area, narthex, outside the church office, and in the office entrance vestibule (open 24/7). Completed pledges may be placed in a weekend offering plate, inside the secured mailbox in the office vestibule, left with the church office, or mailed to the church at 6400 Oak Hill Rd., Evansville, IN 47725. Pledge cards are kept confidential. If you need any help with the cards, please contact the church office at [church@bethlehemucc.org](mailto:church@bethlehemucc.org) or 812-867-2497.

# SIGN UP FOR ALTAR FLOWERS

Please use the button below 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 (812-430-6953 or [ckcarwile@gmail.com](mailto:ckcarwile@gmail.com)).

Altar Flower Sign Up

## New Windows



The hallway outside the sanctuary will be receiving an upgrade in the coming weeks. The existing windows will be replaced with stained glass windows. These gifts come at the direction of Diane Gaffney, Judy Koch, and Lois Schultheis from memorial gifts given in memory of their late husbands, Mel Gaffney, Gene Koch, and Bud Schultheis.

## 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



## Apple Pies



It's Harvest time – time for picking and enjoying apples! The Eosin Sunday School Class will be selling our famous Dutch Apple Crumb Pies to benefit

missions. We will be taking PREPAID orders once again this year. To be assured of getting pies, please complete the form at the bottom of this page and put it in the Eosin mailbox (level 2 by the elevator) or leave it in the church office. Please make your checks out to Eosin. **Additional order forms are available in the church office vestibule, Welcoming Area, and narthex.**

\*This year there is a special incentive to order early. We will be giving away a coupon from Logan's Roadhouse for a dozen of their delicious rolls with each pie order.

**The pies will be made and distributed on Thursday, November 14.** Please plan to pick up your pies between 2:00 and 5:30 PM that evening.

## EOSIN APPLE PIE SALE

Number of Pies \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$12.00 each total cost \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Email address  
\_\_\_\_\_

Remember to pick up your fresh pies on Thursday, November 14, between 2:00 and 5:30 PM.

Checks should be made out to Eosin.



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 11:30 am at Leroy's Tavern. 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!



# Coming Up

## **Thursday, October 24, today**

6:30 – 7:30pm

Bell Choir Rehearsal

Music Room

7:30 – 8:30pm

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Music Room

## **Friday, October 25**

4 – 5pm

Welcoming Area & Fellowship Hall Rsvd. Kuebler

Fellowship Hall & Welcoming Area

## **Saturday, October 26**

8am – 12pm

All Church Workday

9am – 4pm

Welcoming Area & Fellowship Hall Rsvd. Kuebler

5 – 7pm

Outdoor Movie/Fall Celebration

Pavilion

5:30 – 6:30pm

Worship

Welcoming Area

## **Wednesday, October 30**

10:15 – 11:15am

Worship in the Pavilion

Sanctuary

11:15am

## Holiday World Youth Outing

### **Sunday, October 27**

11:30am – 12pm

Council Chat

Welcoming Area

3:30 – 5:30pm

UCS DINNER - Couples Small Group

United Caring Services

### **Monday, October 28**

8:30 – 10am

Confirmation Classroom Rsvd. - Worthington

### **Tuesday, October 29**

8am – 5pm

Kitchen Rsvd. - Felt

### **Wednesday, October 30**

8am – 5pm

Kitchen Rsvd. - Felt

6 – 8:30pm

Good Samaritan Board Meeting

Welcoming Area

### **Thursday, October 31**

8am – 5pm

Kitchen Rsvd. - Felt

6:30 – 7:30pm

Bell Choir Rehearsal

Music Room

7:30 – 8:30pm

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Music Room

### **Saturday, November 2**

5:30 – 6:30pm  
Worship  
Welcoming Area

**Sunday, November 3**

10:15 – 11:15am  
Worship - Totenfest

11:30am – 1pm  
WEB Luncheon  
Fellowship Hall



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