

EMILY'S EDITION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

I look forward to being in both services this week as we look at one of Isaiah's Servant Songs, Isaiah 49.1-7, and another perspective on Jesus' baptism, John 1.29-42. We will think about the times we are looking for "too light a thing" when God's got something larger in store. I hope you'll make plans to join us on Saturday night at 5:30, Sunday morning at 10:15, or any time online!



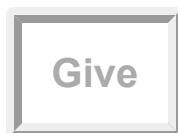
Prayer List

Ella Eberhart (upcoming back surgery)
Friends and Family of Carolyn Dacy (Carleen Grossman's mother, passed away on January 14)
Friends and Family of Vernon Stevens (passed away on January 14)
Paul Faucett (hospice care)
Bob Thomas (upcoming surgery)
David Horton (upcoming surgery)
Tim Walthall (recovering from shoulder replacement)
Sally Vogl-Bauer (double pneumonia)
Dee Russell (at Encompass)
Elaine Hodoval (hospital stay, recovering at home)
Jeff Hoffman (renal cell carcinoma, friend of Tim and Amy Spurling)
Family and friends of Betty Cashen, who passed away on Christmas Day
Chris Dugan (serious car accident, son-in-law of Hungates)
Debbie DeLong (recovering from knee surgery)
Brooklin Shoulders (breast cancer, friend of Hallie Spurling and Lauren Ozete)
Rose Crockett (health concerns)
Bill Kreighbaum (recovering at River Point)
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



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.



The flowers are given by the Altar Guild to the glory of God. The white rose is in memory of Carolyn Dacy.

Please use the buttons below to view dates and sign up for altar flowers. 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](#)

Serve

[Sunday Worship Acolyte - Click here!](#)

[Sunday Worship Liturgist - Click here!](#)

We have a few remaining containers from the Cookie Walk. Please be sure to stop at the cart in the Welcoming Area to pick up any that might be yours.

Special Sunday School Event

You are invited to join us for a special opportunity during the Sunday School hour to hear from the two 99-year-old members we have in our church family, Jim Hitch and Doris Oglesby. We will meet in the Welcoming Area from 9-9:45 a.m. (this room can get kind of noisy when people are coming in and out, so please try to adhere to our start and stop times to avoid unnecessary traffic during the presentation). The youth have compiled a list of questions for Doris and Jim to answer about their growing up and how the world has changed during their lifetimes.

This event is open to all ages. Our children and youth are encouraged to attend with their parents. The nursery and Pre-K Sunday School classes will meet as usual. Please reach out to Margaret or Emily if you have any questions!



Martin Luther King Jr. Day

On Monday, January 19, the church office will be closed in observance of the life and legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Tuesday Evening Bible Study

New Start Date

The group that formed as “U-10” was to acquaint newer members to the ministry and programs at here at Bethlehem. This project has been a great success as many of our newer folk have become part of activities and groups. Thus, the group felt its original purpose had been accomplished and it is time to move on. And that is exactly what they will be doing by creating and **inviting everyone (not just U-10 people)** to an evening Bible study class that will meet the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the Welcoming Area.

The class, led by Pastor Doug, will begin **February 3rd**. The scriptures for the first study will be Isaiah 9:1-4, I Corinthians 1:10-18, and Matthew 4:12-23. Hope you make plans to join us!



Brrr it's cold outside!

Many of the homeless are living outside in cars or in places with no heat. If you have blankets, sleeping bags, or pillows that you no longer need or use, it would be great to pass them on to those in need. Please place donated items in the Welcoming Area's coat closet, and [Pam Wiseman](#) will transport to the homeless ministry at Aldersgate UMC.

Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting

Please join us on **Sunday, January 25**, following worship for our semi-annual Congregational Meeting, where we will approve the 2026 budget and more. Bring your copy of the Annual Report and any supplemental sheets that accompany the upcoming membership mailing to the meeting.



Proposed Changes to Constitution and Bylaws

At the semi-annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 25, following worship, we will be voting on the proposed changes to the church's Constitution and Bylaws. Please click the button below to review proposed changes.

[Click to Read](#)



FRIDAY,
JANUARY 30
5:30 PM

TRIVIA NIGHT

2nd
Annual!

An All-Church and Friends Event!
Have some fun and show off your smarts! Register as an individual or a team (6-8 people). We will assemble teams from the pool of registered individuals. A special offering will be collected to support the UCS White Flag for Cold Nights Walk team. Don't miss it!



FUN, FOOD & PRIZES!

[Register Here!](#)

COULD YOU WALK A MILE IN THEIR COLD?

Over 500 people experience
homelessness in Evansville each winter.

(Source: Evansville Commission on Homelessness, 2024 PIT Count)

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 31ST
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**



SCAN QR CODE



UNITED
caring
SERVICES



Did you know that beginning this year, White Flag nights at United Caring Services are offered every night from November 1-April 30, no matter the weather? On White Flag nights, anyone can spend overnights in the day shelter of UCS. Expanding this program comes with cost. Help us raise funds for this vital care of our neighbors by walking with Bethlehem's White Flag for Cold Nights Walk Team, donating to our team's fundraising efforts, or attending Trivia Night on January 30. Sign up to walk, donate, or learn more at <https://onecau.se/whiteflag>!

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**THANK
YOU!**

Thank you to everyone who has agreed
to serve as ushers. Motley Crew
is scheduled for January.

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 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!

Coming Up

Thursday, January 15

until 5pm

Life-Line Screening

Fellowship Hall

6:30 – 7:30pm

Bells Rehearsal

Music Room

7:30 – 8:30pm

Choir Rehearsal

Music Room

Saturday, January 17

12 – 4pm

Welcoming Area Rsvd. - Akin

5:30 – 6:30pm

Worship

Welcoming Area

Sunday, January 18

9 – 10am

Sunday School - All Ages

10:15 – 11:15am

Worship

Sanctuary

11:30am – 12:30pm

Conference Room Rsvd. - Johann

Monday, January 19

BUCC Office Closed - MLK Observance

8:30 – 10am

Conference Room Rsvd. - Worthington

Tuesday, January 20

10:30 – 11:45am

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Conference Room

5:30 – 9pm

Fellowship Hall & Kitchen Reserved (Markwell)

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5:30 – 6:30pm

Outreach Cmte. Meeting

Library

6:30 – 8:30pm

Church Council

Conference Room

Wednesday, January 21

1:00 – 2:00pm

Cookbook Committee Meeting

Conference Room

6:30 – 8pm
Cub Scout Den 346 Meeting
Fellowship Hall, Welcoming Area & Education Wing

6:30 – 7:30pm
CAJE Meeting
Conference Room

Thursday, January 22
9 – 10:30am
Civil Rights Study Group
Fellowship Hall

6:30 – 7:30pm
Bells Rehearsal
Music Room

7:30 – 8:30pm
Choir Rehearsal
Music Room

Saturday, January 24
5:30 – 6:30pm
Worship
Welcoming Area

Sunday, January 25
9 – 10am
Sunday School - All Ages

9 – 10am
Called to Care Meeting
North Classroom off of Youth Room

10:15 – 11:15am
Worship
Sanctuary

11:15am – 12:15pm

Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting
Sanctuary

11:30am – 12pm

Council Chat

Welcoming Area

3:30 – 5:30pm

UCS DINNER

United Caring Services



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