

EMILY'S EDITION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

I hope you have managed to stay warm this week! We look forward to many occasions for gathering together this weekend. We will enjoy showing off how much we know (or be embarrassed about all the things we don't!) at trivia night on Friday at 5:30 p.m. A freewill offering will go toward the White Flag Walk benefitting the White Flag Nights at UCS.

Speaking of that, on Saturday morning we will walk in the COLD to raise awareness for our neighbors who, without organizations like UCS, would spend their days and nights out on the streets. I hope you'll plan to walk with us or donate to our team (more information below—including a waiver that is super easy to sign online and must be completed to walk).

As always, we will worship together this weekend. On Saturday night, Pastor Doug will preach on Isaiah 9.1-4 and Matthew 4.12-23. On Sunday morning, we'll look at 1 Corinthians 1.10-18 to guide our time of worship.

Please note: The Annual Meeting (along with the Council Installation) has been rescheduled to February 15 immediately following worship.



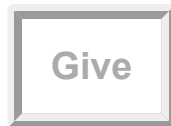
Prayer List

Tracey Stevens (recovering from rotator cuff surgery)
Ella Eberhart (recovering at home from back surgery)
Stan Slade (Mike's father, open heart surgery on February 4)
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)
Friends and Family of Paul Faucett (passed away January 18)
David Horton (recovering from surgery)
Tim Walthall (recovering from shoulder replacement)
Sally Vogl-Bauer (recovering from double pneumonia)

Dee Russell (recovering at home)
Elaine Hodoval (hospital stay, recovering at home)
Jeff Hoffman (renal cell carcinoma, friend of Tim and Amy Spurling)
Chris Dugan (serious car accident, son-in-law of Hungates)
Brooklin Shoulders (breast cancer, friend of Hallie Spurling and Lauren Ozete)
Rose Crockett (health concerns)
Bill Kreighbaum (recovering at home)
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 on the altar are given by the Altar Guild to the glory of God.
The white rose is in memory of Paul Faucett.

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.

Available upcoming dates: February 8 & 22 - March 1, 8, 15, & 22

Upcoming Available Dates

Altar Flower Sign Up

Serve

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

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

Tuesday Evening Bible Study

New Start Date

This Tuesday

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 58:1-12, I Corinthians 2:1-12, and Matthew 5:13-20. 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 February 15 (new date - rescheduled due to weather), 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 February 14 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](#)

If you haven't yet, don't forget to register for Trivia Night!



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> and to [sign the walk participation waiver](#) here.



Work Day Challenge at Habitat for Humanity of Evansville

The hammers have been raised, and the challenge has been issued—
Bethlehem UCC versus St. Paul's UCC in the Great UCC House Build. Who
will bring more volunteers to build a house?

We are looking for volunteers who would like to help on the construction of the
next UCC Habitat for Humanity house. To be held on February 3, 2026, we are
meeting at the indoor Volunteer Center located at 935 Maxwell Avenue. The
day begins at 8:00 and concludes at 2:30 with lunch provided at 11:00.

All men and women over 18 are welcome to support and are an essential
element to build houses. Habitat has skilled volunteers on site that will lead the
build and show you what to do and how to do it! No construction experience is
required. This is a great way to connect and give back to the community!

Please contact Barry Jones by Saturday, January 31, by 12:00 (NOON) for
lunch count, through email at twinpapa02@yahoo.com or text 812-459-2813 to
confirm attendance. Please go click [here](#) to create an account with Habitat **and**
then click the **RESPOND** box to add your name to the volunteer list.



Thank you to everyone who has agreed
to serve as ushers. Various members are
assigned to February.

R.O.M.E.O. CLUB

The ROMEO group will be working with Habitat this Tuesday. See complete
information above on how to participate.



Coming Up

Friday, January 30

5:30 – 8:30pm

Trivia Night

Saturday, January 31

10am – 12pm

White Flag for Cold Nights Walk
First Presbyterian Church

5:30 – 6:30pm

Worship
Welcoming Area

Sunday, February 1

9 – 10am

Sunday School - All Ages

10:15 – 11:15am

Worship
Sanctuary

11:15am – 12:15pm

Pastoral Relations Cmte. Meeting
Conference Room

Monday, February 2

8:30 – 10am

Conference Room Rsvd. - Worthington

9am – 4pm

AARP/IRS TaxAide
Fellowship Hall

6 – 7pm

Endowment Cmte. Meeting
Conference Room

Tuesday, February 3

10:30 – 11:45am

Tuesday Morning Bible Study
Conference Room

6 – 7pm

Evening Bible Study Group
Welcoming Area

Wednesday, February 4

5 – 8pm

Fellowship Hall Rsvd. - B. Jones

Thursday, February 5

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, February 7

5:30 – 6:30pm

Worship

Welcoming Area

Sunday, February 8

9 – 10am

Sunday School - All Ages

10:15 – 11:15am

Worship

Sanctuary



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