

EMILY'S EDITION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

My family and I had a wonderful time in California with Mike's family. I appreciate Pastor Doug and all of those who helped cover the bases while I was away. It is good to be back with you!

This weekend, we will mark the baptism of our Lord and celebrate Communion in both services. Pastor Doug will be preaching on Matthew 3.13-17. On Sunday morning, I'll also include Isaiah 42.1-9.

I hope you'll make plans to join us for worship!



Prayer List

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)
Ann Hazen (recovering from heart valve surgery, friend of Dee Carithers)
Rose Crockett (health concerns)
Carolyn Dacy (Carleen Grossman's mother, leukemia)
Bill Kreighbaum (hospitalized for Flu)
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

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers are given by the Altar Guild to the glory of God.

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.

Two donor weekends available in January!

Upcoming Available Dates

Altar Flower Sign Up

Serve

Sunday Worship Acolyte - Click here!

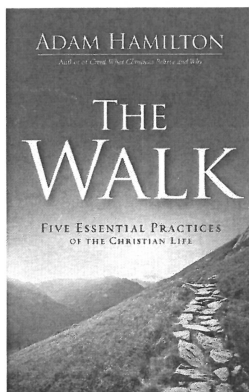
Sunday Worship Liturgist - Click here!

DONATIONS FOR TRI-STATE FOOD BANK

Collection THIS Weekend

This is a communion weekend, which means we will be collecting canned fruit for the Tri-State Food Bank. You may bring your donations to either the Saturday or Sunday worship service. We hope you'll make a resolution to pick up a few cans of fruit each time you grocery shop, so you'll be ready each month. Thank you for your generosity!

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Starts next week!

The Tuesday morning Bible study will begin their next book **The Walk** by Adam Hamilton on **January 13**. Books are available on the ThriftBooks website. They will meet for 6 weeks at 10:30 am. Please contact [Donna Marvel](#) with any questions.

THANK YOU!

Thanks to everyone who helped with deangling of the sanctuary. It was an hour of fellowship and hard work that was greatly appreciated.

Many Thanks!
The Altar Guild

We have an assortment of containers left 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

Join us next Sunday morning (January 18) during the Sunday School hour for a special opportunity 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). We will ask Doris and Jim questions 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!

Tuesday Evening Bible Study

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 on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm in the Welcoming Area.

The class, led by Pastor Doug, will begin January 20th. 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!



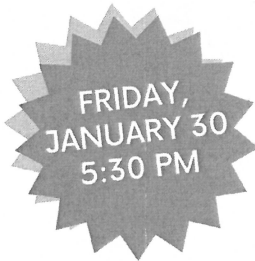
Proposed Changes to Constitution and Bylaws

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.

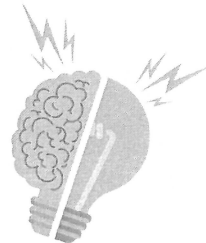
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TRIVIA NIGHT



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**



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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. ROMEIO Club is open to anyone no matter your age! The Club will not meet again until Tuesday, January 13, at Hill Top 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!



Thursday, January 8

6:30 – 9pm

Welcoming Area Rsvd (Wiseman)

7:30 – 8:30pm

Choir Rehearsal

Music Room

Saturday, January 10

5:30 – 6:30pm

Worship

Welcoming Area

Sunday, January 11

9 – 10am

Sunday School - All Ages

10:15 – 11:15am

Worship

Sanctuary

5:30 – 6:30pm

Eosin Monthly Dinner @ Gatti Town

Monday, January 12

8:30 – 10am

Conference Room Rsvd. - Worthington

6:30 – 7:30pm
Green Team Mtg.
Library

Tuesday, January 13

February STAR Newsletter Materials Deadline to
publishing@bethlehemucc.org

10am – 12pm
Clergy Circle

10:30 – 11:45am
Tuesday Morning Bible Study
Conference Room

11:45am – 1:45pm
Suzy's Book Group
Library

1 – 2pm
History Cmte. Meeting
North River Health Campus

Wednesday, January 14

5:30 – 7pm
Finance Ministry Team
Conference Room

Thursday, January 15

8am – 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



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