

EMILY'S EDITION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

It will be another big weekend here at Bethlehem with the Summer Social Sunday from 4-7 p.m. I hope you will make plans to join us for a time of food, fun, fellowship (and ice cream!!). There are lots of auction items to consider, and all proceeds go to Habitat for Humanity of Evansville. Thank you to all of those who have worked so hard to make this event happen. Please join me in praying for all involved as we welcome our community to our campus Sunday.

But let us not forget that we will gather for worship as usual. Join Pastor Doug on Saturday night as he examines Jesus' parable of the sower, found in Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23. We will look at another agricultural metaphor on Sunday morning, reading Isaiah 55.1-13. In both services, we will also welcome Billy Thompson from Habitat to share with us a Moment for Mission. I look forward to seeing you soon!



Prayer List

The family and friends of Bill Craig (passed away June 30, beloved Bethlehem member)

Annie Blackburn (recovering from automobile accident)

The family and Friends of Dianne Bromm (passed away June 27, beloved Bethlehem member)

The family and friends of Ann Stahl (passed away June 20, beloved Bethlehem member)

Theresa Cravens (recovering at home)

Jim Grossman (recovering from fall and cervical fractures)

Mike Dean

Bill Kreighbaum

Jeff Hoffman (renal cell carcinoma, friend of Tim and Amy Spurling)

Chris Dugan (serious car accident, son-in-law of Hungates)

Rose Crockett (health concerns)

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

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



The flowers on the altar are given by the Altar Guild to the Glory of God. The two red roses are in celebration of the adoption of Sofia Louise Aldstadt (6) and Bella Jeanne Aldstadt (3), making Lois Parker a Great-Grandmother!

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 at carolrkolb@yahoo.com or (812) 589-8322.

Upcoming available dates

July 19, 26

August 2, 9, 23, 30



[Upcoming Available Dates](#)

[Altar Flower Sign Up](#)

Serve 

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

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

**Listen to Last
Sunday's Message**



[Listen here!](#)

Attn: Ice Cream & Dessert Makers

Thank you for stepping up and making ice cream for the Social. Please note a few details. Indicate your ice cream flavor(s) are marked on the top and side of each container. Committee members will be available Sunday morning in the Welcoming Area for ice cream and dessert drop-off. Alternatively, you may bring your items on Saturday, as the Social committee will be at the church prepping food. Please place your ice cream in the freezer in the Welcoming Area.

Social Volunteer Information

Volunteers, please read!

- Please park in Marti Bass' driveway, 6501 Whetstone, or the empty lot next to the Steedmans', 6519 Whetstone. Do not park on either side of Whetstone Rd. We appreciate if the Bethlehem parking spaces can remain available, if possible, for our guests.
- Handicapped spots will be located in the west parking lot.
- Please click the button below to view the volunteer schedule.

[Volunteer Schedule](#)



Silent Auction



Be sure to take time during the Social to walk around the silent auction tables. You will find well over 100 great items (\$22K retail) ready to be bid on in such categories as family, adult, automobile, golf, home, kids, miscellaneous merchandise, and personal. Bid generously for Habitat for Humanity of Evansville! Be sure to check out the new Take a Chance Raffle tables, too.

Church Mailing Volunteers Needed

This Tuesday at 10:30, Patty Oglesby is need of five people to label and stuff envelopes for a church mailing. If you can help for an hour, please reach out to patty@bethlehemucc.org.



An invitation from the Green Team

We invite you to join us for a video series, "Caring for the Earth: Stories from Faith Communities" from Blessed Tomorrow: Caring for Creation Today. We'll watch these 20 minute films and discuss them beginning July 12 and running through August, taking breaks for the church retreat and Rally Day.

Classes and groups will catch up with one another at 9 AM. All are welcome to join us in the Welcoming Area at 9:15 to watch and discuss the films, finishing at 10:00, in time for more catching up before worship.

Topics in July are:

- July 12: To Tend and Keep: People of Faith Caring for the Earth
- July 19: Called By Faith: How Will You Answer?
- July 26: Seeds of Fire: Building Resilient Communities

It's been said that no matter what today's headlines are, the climate is the issue. We look forward to seeing you!

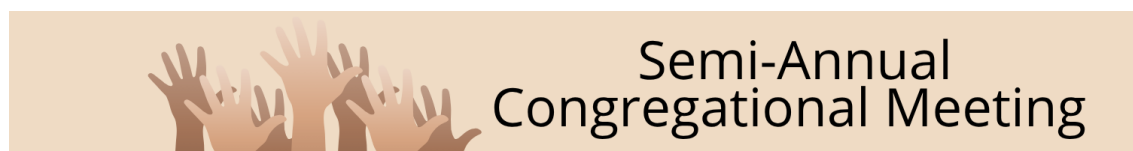


Last month, the STAR included a piece about legacy giving at Bethlehem. This month, the Church Council offers you an opportunity to engage with one of these gifts in a way that continues the generosity!

Each year, the church receives a disbursement from the Voigt Trust that is at the discretion of the Church Council. For 2026, in light of the church's strong financial standing, the Council decided to give the entire amount away! And we want your help!

You can submit for consideration the cause or organization that is most meaningful to you. Forms to submit your idea will be available at the entrances to the church and should be returned to the church office by July 26.

Help us decide to whom we extend the generosity that has been extended to us!



July 26

Please mark your calendars to join us for the next Semi-Annual Congregational meeting Sunday, July 26, following worship in the sanctuary. An agenda and information will be sent to members prior to the meeting. Additional copies will be available that morning. Looking forward to a great turnout!

PENNYRILE FOREST STATE PARK

CHURCH RETREAT



REGISTRATION OPEN NOW—JUNE 30TH SPACE LIMITED

JULY 31–AUGUST 2

Cottage and lodge rooms are available for reservation. Lodge rooms are offered in either two queen beds or one king bed configuration and are priced at \$150 per night, which includes breakfast.

One- and two-bedroom cottages are also available starting at \$200 per night. These cottages are located across the lake from the main lodge. Breakfast is included; however, please note that the cottages are a short drive or a longer walk from the main lodge, where all group activities and meal services will take place.

Festivities will begin Friday evening and conclude Sunday morning with an outdoor worship service.

To reserve your spot, please call 270-797-3421 and
reference group code 2709

Contact Margaret Eberhart for further info. 859-576-1442

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 Spankey's - westside. 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 to everyone who has agreed to serve as ushers. Choir members are assigned to July.



Coming Up

Thursday, July 9

Welcoming Area & Kitchen

6:30 – 9pm

Welcoming Area Rsvd (Wiseman)

Friday, July 10

Summer Social Prep

Welcoming Area & Fellowship Hall

Saturday, July 11

5:30 – 6:30pm

Worship - Habitat Collection

Welcoming Area

Sunday, July 12

9 – 10am

Sunday School - Adults Only

10:15 – 11:15am

Worship - Habitat Collection

Sanctuary

4 – 7pm

Summer "Ice Cream" Social

Monday, July 13

Summer Social - Tear Down

Welcoming Area & Fellowship Hall

8:30 – 10am

Conference Room Rsvd. - Worthington

9 – 11am

Funeral Visitation- Bill Craig
Sanctuary

10 – 11am

Funeral - Bill Craig
Sanctuary

Tuesday, July 14

STAR Newsletter Materials Deadline to publishing@bethlehemucc.org

All day

Summer Social - Tear Down
Welcoming Area & Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, July 15

5:30 – 7pm

Finance Ministry Team
Conference Room

6:30 – 7:30pm

Spiritual Council
Library

Saturday, July 18

5:30 – 6:30pm

Worship
Welcoming Area

Sunday, July 19

9 – 10am

Sunday School - Adults Only

10:15 – 11:15am

Worship
Sanctuary



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