

EMILY'S EDITION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

By now, my family is on the road toward the Dakotas and Pastor Doug is winding down his time in the Florida sunshine. We are both so grateful for the chance to take some time away with our families, but will be anxious to be back with you soon. Pastor Doug will be back in the office on June 8, and I will be back for Sunday worship on June 14.

This weekend in worship, Haiden Hart will be leading on Saturday night, looking at Daniel 3. On Sunday morning, Rev. Dr. Stephanie Weiner will be leading, with a focus on Genesis 12.1-9 and Matthew 9.9-17. Sunday service will also include Communion.

Thank you to Haiden and Stephanie for their leadership!



Prayer List

Joy! Baby Margaret Mel Gries born June 2, 2026, weighing 8 lbs. 10.5 ozs. Great Granddaughter of Diane Gaffney. Margaret's parents are Alli (Gaffney) and Noah Gries.

Friends and family of Larry Knott (passed away, uncle to Chris Jones)

Gerald Summers (recovering from fall, friend of Bob and Dee Carithers)

Toni Beumer (surgery Friday)

Mike Dean (awaiting further testing)

Dianne Bromm (cancer has returned)

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 red rose in celebration of the birth of Margaret Mel Gries. The white rose is in memory of Larry Knott.

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 5, 12, 19, 26

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[Altar Flower Sign Up](#)



We are need of Sunday acolytes and liturgists in the coming weeks.
Please take a moment to see when you can serve!

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

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

**Listen to Last
Sunday's Message**



[Listen here!](#)

A background image showing several metal cans of fruit, likely for a food bank collection.

**DONATIONS FOR TRI-STATE
FOOD BANK**

FRUIT COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Canned fruit will be collected this weekend for the Tri-State Food Bank. Please bring your donations of canned fruit (with pull-tabs, if possible) to either the Saturday or Sunday worship service and place them by the altar. The needs of the Food Bank are ongoing, and your gifts are truly appreciated.



STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING IN JUNE

The Strengthen the Church offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations.

Bethlehem will be collecting this offering throughout the month of June. Special giving envelopes can be found in the pews and at all church entrances. (Please write "Strengthen the Church" on your check's memo line). Gifts may also be made online at bethlehemucc.org. **By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ.**



Home Dedication

Join the rest of the UCC/DOC Team for the home dedication for Sherricka on Wednesday, June 17, at 5:30 pm at 1206 N 3rd Ave, Evansville.

Thanks so much for all of your support in making this dream a reality for Sherricka and her family! Looking forward to celebrating with you!

Bill Thompson
Faith Relations Manager
Habitat for Humanity of Evansville

Be sure to get your kiddo registered today!

DAVID

Young and young at heart will learn the story of David through crafts, games, and songs. Our 3-day event will culminate in a private screening of the film David, a beautifully animated, faith-filled retelling of one of the most beloved stories in Scripture. From his humble beginnings as a shepherd to his courage in standing against the giant Goliath, David brings to life the journey of a young man whose trust in God shaped his destiny.

PARTICIPATE

Children and Youth in Kindergarten through High School are invited to sign up. Children from our preschool class are welcome to attend with an adult. (Middle and High School students will be given leadership roles.)

VOLUNTEER

- VBS Work Day June 16th at 8:30 am (Fellowship Hall)
- Volunteers needed each night of VBS

SIGN UP AND VOLUNTEER LINK

VBS 2026
JUNE 28-30
5:15-7:30



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 Nisbet 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!



Thank you to everyone who has agreed to serve as ushers. ROMEO members are assigned to June.



Coming Up

Saturday, June 6

5:30 – 6:30pm

Worship

Welcoming Area

Sunday, June 7

9 – 10am

Sunday School - Adults Only

10:15 – 11:15am

Worship - Communion

Sanctuary

Monday, June 8

8:30 – 10am

Conference Room Rsvd. - Worthington

Tuesday, June 9

STAR Newsletter Materials Deadline to publishing@bethlehemucc.org

10:30 – 11:45am

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Conference Room

6:30 – 7:30pm

Evening Bible Study Group

Conference Room

Wednesday, June 10

5:30 – 7pm

Finance Ministry Team
Conference Room

Thursday, June 11

9am – 1pm

PEO Luncheon

Welcoming Area & Kitchen

6:30 – 9pm

Welcoming Area Rsvd (Wiseman)

Saturday, June 13

5:30 – 6:30pm

Worship

Welcoming Area

Sunday, June 14

9 – 10am

Sunday School - Adults Only

10:15 – 11:15am

Worship

Sanctuary

6 – 8pm

Eosin Monthly Dinner

Wings Etc.



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