

The Caller



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EUCC Mission Statement: To reflect the image of Jesus in our community and in the world.

Pastor's Page

“Let the little children come to me.”

I recently attended the baptism of my 9-month-old granddaughter, Vanessa. My son's wife is Catholic, so they decided to have her baptized by the priest in a Catholic church. Of course, much of the ritual is very similar to what we do in the Protestant church, but there are a few differences. Along with using the water from the fount, they also have an oil anointing of the child. I will often do an oil anointing as a blessing for someone in the hospital. I will also bless a child during Communion, if the parents prefer that over the child receiving the elements.

Along with the traditional words used in a baptism, the priest also gave a very short homily, and included Matthew 19:13-15:

“Then children were being brought to him in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them, but Jesus said, ‘Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.’ And he laid his hands on them and went on his way.”

It is important to remember that children in Jesus' time were not necessarily regarded as special, except to their own parents. Many cultures today look on children as especially sweet, innocent, and even wise. Jewish culture in that day probably did not see children in such endearing terms. The disciples most likely rebuked those bringing the children to Jesus because they believed that bringing children to Jesus was socially improper, or because they thought the children would bother Jesus. It is likely that their move to hinder the parents from bringing their children to Jesus was motivated not by unkindness but by a desire to respect Jesus' position as a teacher. But Jesus wanted the children to come to him. He said, *“Let the children come,”* because he wanted to bless them.

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Scripture often compares believers to children. In fact, Jesus told those following him, *“Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven”* (Matthew 18:3–4).

Jesus’ command to “let the little children come to me” reveals a few things for us:

- 1) Children need to be given a variety of opportunities to know the Lord.
- 2) Blessing the children was important to Jesus and should be important to us.
- 3) Parents should be encouraged to bring their children to worship at an early age so that it becomes natural for them.

Children implicitly trust their parents, just as believers trust God. Giving our children the opportunity to learn and experience God’s love through Jesus is just as much the responsibility of the church as it is the parents. How good are we at fulfilling that task?

We have talked about the importance of making some changes, and doing those things that would make EUCC more attractive to young families with children. I know “change” is a scary word for many. If we believe that God is doing a new thing, are we willing to embrace change, or do we prefer doing things the same way they have always been done?

Blessings,
Pastor Mark

5th Sunday Fellowship Meal in April



The Fellowship Team will be hosting a **5th Sunday Fellowship Meal on Sunday, April 30th**, immediately following worship. The meal will consist of lasagna, salad, dessert, and a drink. The congregation **does not** need to bring anything. **April 30** has also been designated as **T-SHIRT SUNDAY**. Please wear your EUCC t-shirt to worship that day. We are looking forward to seeing you in your EUCC shirt!

HAPPENINGS AT OUR CHURCH

Friends,

I would like to extend a grateful thank you to all those who attended/assisted/supported our many events during Holy Week. There are too many of you to thank individually, so I thank all of you for a wonderful and most meaningful Holy Week!

Blessings,

Pastor Mark

Women's Guild News

The Ladies Lenten Breakfast was held on Saturday, March 18th and was very well attended. Many thanks to Sisters In Song for our entertainment! Our breakfast raised \$1,854 which was put with the other funds raised from the other five Ladies Lenten Breakfasts. The grand total raised was donated to 3 local organizations: Knits & Knots, Perry County Food Coalition, and the Backpack Program.



We will be giving graduates from Cannelton, Perry Central, and Tell City a gift card for their high school, college, or graduate school graduation. Please contact the church office with members names no later than May 4th.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 11th, at 1 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We invite and encourage all women of the church to attend our meetings to keep it active.

Don't forget to hand in your Noble's IGA receipts! Every receipt helps!

HAPPENINGS AT OUR CHURCH

Council News

It is that time of year again. *We have three members of the Church Council whose three year terms are expiring in June: Linda Franchville, Clayton Jefford, and Debbie Mangum. If you are interested in serving on the council, please contact one of the members of the nominating committee, Nancy Ress or Jerry Belcher.* You can also contact Shari at the Church Office. Please consider giving your time and talent as a council member.



EUCC Historical Records Books

The Tell City Historical Society has provided us some Evangelical UCC Historical Records books. These books contain marriages, deaths, confirmations, and baptisms at EUCC for the years of 1871—1936. The cost per book is \$10. EUCC will receive 50% of each book sold. The books are available in the church office. A copy has been placed in the narthex to view on Sundays. Anyone who has relatives who belonged to our church during those stated years may be interested in having one of these historical records books.

April 30 has been designated as T-SHIRT SUNDAY

*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,
you are always welcome at EUCC.*

Don't forget that we have a special opportunity on Sunday, April 30th, to wear our EUCC t-shirts to worship! It doesn't matter if it's one of the new designs or one of our old designs...be sure to wear your EUCC t-shirt to worship that day and then plan to stay for our 5th Sunday meal after worship.

We're looking forward to seeing our EUCC attire that day!

HAPPENINGS AT OUR CHURCH

Easter Egg Hunt

Our Easter Egg hunt was a big success! Many thanks to the generosity of the congregation for the donations of candy and to Caleb Ewing, aka Easter Bunny!



HAPPENINGS AT OUR CHURCH



THANKS FOR THE WONDERFUL DONATIONS!

We had another delivery to CPS the first week of April. Thanks to all who continue to give to this worthwhile mission project. We delivered a total of 253 items in April, bringing our total collections in just under 2 years to 1,796 items. Thanks again for your continued support!



Calling all Graduates!

As we prepare for the spring and graduation celebrations, we are in need of the names of church members who are graduating from high school, college, and graduate school. If you or someone that you love fits this description, please get their name and contact information to the church office no later than May 4th.

T-shirt Orders Continuing

Our t-shirt orders are going well. Would you like a shirt with our logo on the front and our motto on back? If so, please complete one of the order forms (located in the narthex and in the church office), and drop the order form and payment in the offering box. The shirts are only \$17 each (which is our cost); sample shirts are available in the narthex on Sunday mornings and in the office during the week. This is a great way to show your pride in EUCC.

We are taking orders on a continuous basis, meaning there is no deadline to submit your order. We will submit orders at the beginning of each month; the shirts should be in within two weeks.

Youth and adult sizes are available in short sleeved and long sleeved styles. We have a light grey, dark grey, and tie dye option. Tie dye is available in short sleeves only. Sample shirts are available in the narthex on Sundays and the church office during the week.

Questions? Contact Darla Goffinet at 812.608.0122 or dgoffinetlaw@psci.net.



THANKS TO ALL WHO MADE THE LIBRARY/CHAPEL DEDICATION A SUCCESS

On March 26, 2023, immediately following worship, we had a very nice dedication of our newly renovated library and chapel areas. Thanks to all who attended and to all who made the renovations and dedication possible.



Teams and Church Leadership Profiles

We continue with our profiles of our teams, church leaders, and staff. This month we are profiling the person who keeps the church running (Shari), the person who keeps the church clean and shiny (Deana), and the person who provides us with beautiful music (Gregory).

Gregory DuPont, Music Director



What are your duties at EUCC?

As the music director for EUCC, my current duties are to direct the Chancel Choir and select music for our services. I hope, over the summer, to put together a contemporary group and expand our choral music selections.

How long have you been with us?

I officially started this position in February 2023. However, I have been an unofficial member of the church for a long time. I sang in the choir with Bob Godthaab and have been a guest musician for special music and service music a long time.

What's your favorite part of being with the EUCC team?

Everyone has been welcoming and a pleasure to work with. I hope to get more involved in a committee or two. I think the music director has a great impact on the tone of worship, and it would be helpful to be a part of those conversations. I especially like how EUCC is open and affirming. My partner, John, tells me every week how great it is to feel welcome when in many churches this is not the case.

What are your favorite things to do in your spare time? *I play the piano every day. I enjoy gardening, reading, and cooking. I like being outdoors. I have 2 vizslas, and I train and show the horses that I have at NRG Farm.*

Shari Everly, Office Manager



What are your duties at EUCC?

My duties include managing the church office, lending out medical equipment and communicating church news.

How long have you been with us? *I've been at EUCC for 4 years.*

What's your favorite part of being with the EUCC team?

My favorite part of being at EUCC is the ministries that help the community. Everyone here is very pleasant to work with.

What are your favorite things to do in your spare time? *My favorite things to do in my spare time are gardening, reading, and spending time with our grandchildren.*

Deana Hartz, Custodian



What are your duties at EUCC?

As the custodian, I keep all the areas of the church, public and not-so-public, clean and fresh.

How long have you been with us?

I've been at EUCC for 3 years in May. Time flies when you're having fun!

What's your favorite part of being with the EUCC team?

Everyone is so personable. I don't feel like I'm just the cleaning person.

What are your favorite things to do in your spare time?

I love doing anything that has to do with the outdoors.



Lincolmland Association

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE SPRING MEETING

Sunday, April 23, 2023

3 p.m. Central/4 p.m. Eastern

St. Peter's United Church of Christ
Dubois, Indiana

Each congregation can be represented by its pastor and two voting delegates; however, all are invited and welcome to attend. Please contact Darla Goffinet, Lincolmland Association Registrar, at dgoffinetlaw@psci.net if you have any questions or wish to serve as a delegate.

EUCC Student Loans

Applications are now being accepted for the 0% Student Loans. The loan applications are available in the church office or by contacting Gretchen Hawhee at 812-719-2516. These student loans are available to EUCC members who are pursuing a secondary education after high school. Repayment of these loans must begin 6 months after graduation or immediately after non-enrollment in college. The application deadline is **June 15, 2023**. Applicants will be notified by **July 15, 2023**. Student loan disbursements will be administered in **July and August**. If you have questions about the Student Loan program, please contact Gretchen Hawhee at 812-719-2516.

To those who have graduated and still have outstanding student loan balances, please continue to make regular monthly payments or a large annual payment so this fund can continue to help the youth of our church and we can meet the demands of the incoming applications.

Attention High School Seniors and College Students

It's time to apply for **scholarships!** EUCC has been blessed to be the trustee for three scholarships! The scholarships application is available in the church office. You may pick one up in the church office, or request one to be emailed to you. The deadline for applications is **no later than Friday, May 12th**. **Please turn your application in promptly!** They will **not** be accepted after this date!



Updates to Church Directory Now Available

An updated phone book section of the church directory is now available in the narthex and the church office. If you need a full directory or only the updated section and can't make it to church to get it, please contact the church office. We will see that one is delivered to you.

Worship Leaders

<u>Date</u>	<u>Liturgist</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Video</u>	<u>Sound</u>
April 23	Steve Owen	Linda Franchville Emile Kercher Chris Van Note	Darla Goffinet	Chris Goffinet
April 30	Lea A. Gehlhausen	Jerry & Sara Belcher Phil & Jeannie DeSpain	Emile Kercher	Dan Gayer
May 7	Dan Lacy	Ellis & Suellen Howard Dan & Jill Lacy	Emile Kercher	Dan Gayer
May 14	Linda Kramer	Lea Ann Gehlhausen Chris Goffinet Keith & Linda Kramer	Rebecca Fenn	Mark Fenn
May 21	Darla Goffinet	Jerry Brunner Steve & Becky Owen Frank Poehlein	Rebecca Fenn	Mark Fenn

Thanks to each of you for helping with our Worship Services!

Local Emergencies Report

The Local Emergency Fund continues to prevent utility service disconnections, home evictions, and provides food vouchers for groceries. Please remember this fund in *memorial gifts* and/or *monthly giving*. The offering envelopes include a monthly envelope for contributing to the Local Emergency Fund.

March Total: \$1,160.16

Utilities— 18 households—\$720.16

Rent assistance— 7 households—\$440.00

Change for Change Campaign

The EUCC youth have started their '*Change for Change*' campaign for this Spring. The jars are in the narthex for donations. The charity selected to help children is the Child Life Department at Riley's Children's Hospital in Indianapolis. This group helps sick children keep busy during their stay with activities, crafts, art projects, bears and party supplies. Save your change and drop it in the jars on Sunday!

Recurring events...

Every Sunday--

Sunday Worship (10 a.m.)
Both in-person and online
Faith Formation (10:15 a.m.)

*2nd Sunday-Church Growth & Mission Team
(11 a.m.—after worship in Sanctuary)

*2nd Sunday—Christian Ed Team
(11 a.m. after worship in Library)

*4th Monday---

Church Council (6 p.m.) Church Office

*1st Tuesday—

Communications Team (6 p.m.) Ch. Office

*3rd Tuesday---

Budget & Finance/Stewardship Team
(5:30 p.m.) Church Office

*2nd Wednesday—

Building & Grounds Team (6 p.m.) Ch. Office

*3rd Wednesday—

Church & Ministry (6 p.m.) Church Office

*2nd Thursday—Women’s Guild (1 p.m.) FH

*Last Thursday of each month—Men’s Brunch
at Julie’s Tell St. Café (9 a.m.)

*Every Thursday—Table of Blessings (5 p.m) FH

Caller Deadline Reminder

The deadline for the May Caller is **May 10th**. Articles can be dropped off, called in, or emailed to the church office at euacctinfo@gmail.com.

Church Attendance

<u>Date</u>	<u>In-person</u>	<u>Facebook</u>
March 19	57	5
March 26	58	4
April 2	71	6
April 6	24	8
April 7	29	2
April 9	79	2
April 16	44	8

Equipment Use Thank You

Thank you for the use of your medical equipment until we got ours.

*Evelyn McIntosh
Hawesville, KY*



April Memorial Donations

Memorial donations received in April
totaled \$65

These directed donations benefited the
following funds:

Music Fund:	\$20
Local Emerg. Fund:	\$40
Benevolent Fund:	\$ 5

EUCC Yard Signs

We truly appreciate your pride in EUCC and your willingness to spread our love throughout the community. We encourage you to display one of our all season yard signs. If you need one, they are available in the narthex and church office.



Financial Report March 2023

March 2023 Income - Total \$27,840.59

Offerings (checks/cash):	\$22,312.78
Offerings (electronic):	\$ 1,966.17
Building Rental Income:	\$ 50.00
Franklin Fund Interest Income:	\$ 401.12
American Fund Interest Income:	\$ 477.52
<i>Income Specifically Directed to a Fund:</i>	
Maintenance & Depreciation Fund Income:	\$ 293.00
Local Emergencies Fund Income:	\$ 725.00
Benevolent Fund Income:	\$ 263.00
Women's Guild Fund Income:	\$ 626.00
Women's Guild Student Loan Fund Income:	\$ 100.00
Pass Through Account Income:	\$ 79.00
Flower Fund Income:	\$ 457.00
CPS Donation Fund Income:	\$ 20.00
Organ/Bell/Music Fund Income:	\$ 70.00

March 2023 Expense - Total \$25,470.46

Salaries:	\$ 8,880.51
Pastor Housing Allowance Expense:	\$ 1,000.00
Pastor Pension Expense:	\$ 478.27
Pastor Health & Dental Expense:	\$ 1,631.72
Pastor Life & Disability Expense:	\$ 84.40
Utilities Expense:	\$ 3,834.54
Office Supplies Expense:	\$ 326.06
Custodial Supplies Expense:	\$ 69.97
Local Emergencies Expense:	\$ 1,160.16
Vanco Fees Expense:	\$ 64.92
Misc. Expense:	\$ 320.76
Benevolent Fund Expense:	\$ 351.00
Women's Guild Fund Expense:	\$ 490.94
Fellowship Team Budget Expense:	\$ 11.21
Building & Grounds Team Budget Expense:	\$ 358.00
Insurance/Casualty Loss Expense:	\$ 6,408.00

March Total Income Minus Total Expenses: \$2,370.13
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EUCS Assets, Liabilities, Income and Expenses

Mar-23

Assets and Liabilities March 31, 2023	Assets	\$600,938.47
	Liabilities	\$2,036.58
	Assets - Liabilities	\$598,901.89
	- General Operations Fund -- Can Be Spent on Anything	\$33,311.60
	- Thelander Mission Fund -- Designated for Revitalization Items	\$88,350.27
	- American and Franklin Funds -- Requires Congregation Approval on what can be spent on	\$147,669.76
	- Various Directed Funds -- Earmarked by Donors	\$329,570.26
Operations Income and Budgeted Expenses March 2023	March 2023 Operations Income	\$25,207.59
	March 2023 Budgeted Expenses	\$23,468.36
	March 2023 Operations/Budgeted Gain/Loss	\$1,739.23
Operations Income and Budgeted Expenses YTD	2023 Operations Income	\$41,396.80
	2023 Budgeted Expenses	\$61,752.63
	2023 Operations/Budgeted Gain/Loss	-\$20,355.83
Total Income and Total Expenses March 2023	March 2023 Total Income	\$27,840.59
	March 2023 Total Expenses	\$25,470.46
	March 2023 Total Gain/Loss	\$2,370.13
Total Income and Total Expenses YTD	2023 Total Income	\$48,036.60
	2023 Total Expenses	\$71,503.06
	2023 Gain/Loss	-\$23,466.46

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

April

1—Alan Kessler, Jane Upmeyer,
Mark Fenn
6—John Werner
8—Tasa (Leistner) Fortwendel
10—Aaron Poehlein
12—Carman Leistner
13—Mary Ann Hughes
14—Holly Richardson
15—Savannah Kellems
16—Jay Leistner, Delene
Griepenstroh
17—Josephine Lahee
22—Susan Ewing
30—Betty Barlow, Gary Butler



**Please contact the church office if you would like to add a birthday or anniversary to the monthly Caller.*

May

7—Bill Bradley, Julie Denu, Eric Gehlhausen
8—Bonita Ballis, Debra Held
12—Larry Peter, Amanda Fenn Greenberg
13—Nicole Risse
15—Karen Marcroft
19—Julie Guillaum
20—Brody Ewing
21—Linda Carter
23—Rhonda Hauenstein
27—Staci Upmeyer Laski
31—Marsha Guillaum, Rita Werner



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

April

4—Chris & Lori Glenn
8—John & Rita Werner
20—Dan & Sarah Hall



May

22—Gary & Debbie Butler



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Evangelical United Church of
Christ



2023 Easter Flower Memorials



In Memory

Cindy May, Kevin Ayer

Loved Ones

Our Parents

Loved Ones

My Parents & Sister

Allen Evrard

Bud Franchville, Aaron Franchville

Kristy Jo Gehlhausen-Casebolt

Our Parents

Larry Beatty, Marcia Barth & Bill Goffinet

Our Parents & Daughter, Jan

Loved Ones

Loved Ones

Our Parents

Ralph & Dorothy Kramer

Easton Allen Kellems

Easton Kellems & Ray Nord

Carole & Bob Cross, Bill Kendall

Loved Ones

Mom, Dad & Glen

Gene Ress

Greg Lahee & Romella Racine

Daniel D. Russell

In Honor

Miles Blake Baird

Alyssa Howell

Presented By

Melba Ayer

Floretta Beatty

Allen & Meg Butler

Jerry & Sara Belcher

Pam Curtiss

Bette Evrard

Linda Franchville

Duane & Lea Ann Gehlhausen

Chris & Darla Goffinet

Glen & Delene Griepenstroh

Debra Held

Greg, Jamie & Cadence Held

Norman & Norma Held

Keith & Linda Kramer

Jim & Jean Litherland

Larry & Becky Peter

Linda Peter

Frank Poehlein

Nancy Ress

Sally Ress

Linda Rogier

Connie Russell



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1. Extravagant Welcome
2. Continuing Testament
3. Changing Lives