

The Caller



Evangelical United Church of Christ—Tell City, IN
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EUCC Mission Statement: To reflect the image of Jesus in our community and in the world.

Pastor's Page

The Three Pillars of Lent

The three pillars of Lent are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These practices have been a part of the church tradition for centuries and are still observed by many Christians today.

Prayer is an essential aspect of the Lenten season. During this time, individuals are encouraged to reflect on their relationship with God and to seek a deeper spiritual connection with the divine. This can be achieved through daily prayers, attending church services, or participating in devotional activities such as the Stations of the Cross.

Fasting is another important aspect of Lent. It involves giving up certain luxuries or desires for a period of time in order to focus on spiritual needs. This can take many forms, such as giving up food for a day, abstaining from certain foods for a period of time, or giving up other things like television or social media. The purpose of fasting is to help individuals draw closer to God by acknowledging their dependence on God and breaking away from worldly distractions.

Almsgiving is the third pillar of Lent and involves helping those in need. This can involve donating to charities, volunteering time at a local soup kitchen, or helping a neighbor in need. Almsgiving is an expression of compassion and love. It is an integral part of the entire season, as it helps individuals to focus on their obligations to others and to live a life of selflessness and service.

The three pillars of Lent – prayer, fasting, and almsgiving – serve as a reminder of the importance of spiritual growth and reflection. Through these practices, individuals can deepen their faith, strengthen their relationship with God, and live a more meaningful and purposeful life.

Blessings,
Pastor Mark

FEBRUARY 15, 2023—MARCH 31, 2023

HAPPENINGS AT OUR CHURCH

Gregory DuPont Hired as EUCC Music Director



We are excited to announce that Gregory DuPont, a former member of our choir, and a frequent guest musician has been hired to lead the music and choir at EUCC. He will begin on Sunday, February 19th.

Gregory has developed many choirs in his career and is excited to connect again in hometown Tell City. If you are interested in joining the choir, or play an instrument, or have ideas in general...please contact him. Watch the bulletin for announcements and upcoming events.

We extend a huge thank you and great appreciation to Gary and Lynda Morton who have filled the past few years in order to keep our music and choir going!

Chili Luncheon On February 19th

The Mission/Church Growth Team is hosting a Chili Luncheon this Sunday, February 19, 2023 in Fellowship Hall following worship. The team is asking for donations of desserts from the congregation for the luncheon. The donations collected will be given to the Gas Help Fund at Ohio Valley Gas to help those in need of paying their gas bill. We hope you will join us for some good food & fellowship!



Groundskeeping Team Recruiting New Members



The Groundskeeping Team is looking for some new members to join them this mowing season.

The Groundskeeping Team is a group of hard-working individuals who offer vital support to our church. This group has 6 teams of 2; those teams have a rotating schedule of mowing, weed trimming, edging, and leaf/grass blowing so our church grounds are well-kept and attractive. This was started to save money, but it has turned into a labor of love for those involved.

Please consider joining this team to help keep the church and parsonage grounds looking good. Contact Steve Owen at 270.315.8895 if interested or with any questions.

HAPPENINGS AT OUR CHURCH



COLLECTION STILL UNDERWAY FOR CPS/ISAIAH HOUSE

As you know, we have been collecting items for the local Children’s Protective Services office for quite some time. We have made several very large deliveries to CPS, but the need is still very real.

Currently, when children are removed from their homes, they stay at the CPS office until appropriate foster care can be found. When the Isaiah House of Spencer-Perry Counties opens, children will be taken there; as stated in an article in the Perry County News on January 30, 2023, Isaiah House coordinators hope the home will be completed by this summer. No matter where the children will be staying during their transition to foster care, they leave their homes with nothing but the clothes on their backs. Through our generous donations, the children are provided socks, underwear, and pajamas. Once the Isaiah House opens, our donations will still be used to help the children.

Please continue to be generous with your donations of socks, underwear, and pajamas in all sizes (infant through adult), as well as school spirit wear and lounge wear for the older children. We also accept monetary donations; the funds are used to purchase the items most needed at the time. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus Christ in our community.

Women’s Guild Sponsoring Bunco Party

Women’s Guild will host a Bunco Party in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, March 12, 2023. Doors will open at 12:30 p.m. and Bunco will begin at 2 p.m.

Admission will be \$10 per person at the door and will include food and drinks. Door prizes will be given along with a silent auction. Proceeds from this event will be used to help the children and elderly of our community.

Questions can be directed to Debbie Mangum at 812-547-6680. This event is open to the public and everyone is invited to attend.



Women’s Guild is on winter break until the March meeting on Thursday, March 9, at 1 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. All women of the church are invited and encouraged to attend to help in the planning of upcoming events such as the Bunco Party and the Lenten Prayer Coffee.

Have you handed in your Noble’s receipts lately?

HAPPENINGS AT OUR CHURCH

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. In 2020 there were 30 children from Perry County who spent time at Riley's. The Christian Ed children thank you for your kindness.



Women's Lenten Prayer Coffee at EUCC

The EUCC Ladies Lenten Prayer Coffee will be held on **Saturday, March 18, 2023, in Fellowship Hall from 9:00-10:00 a.m.** We will need volunteers to help with this event. There are sign-up sheets located in the narthex of church. So please, don't forget to sign up! Food items can be dropped off at Fellowship Hall on **Friday, March 17 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.** and on **Saturday morning, March 18 from 7 a.m. to start time of 9:00 a.m.** Kitchen crew should arrive at **8:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 18.** Clean up/tear down will be directly after the event.

Sisters In Song will entertain us, and all women and girls are welcome. We look forward to seeing you. Please mark this event on your calendar. Many thanks to all who will donate food items, volunteer their time and participate in this event.

Questions? Call **Debbie Mangum at 812-547-6680.**

EUCC Yard Signs



**PROGRESSIVE
INCLUSIVE
AFFIRMING
WELCOMING**

We choose love... like Jesus.

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.

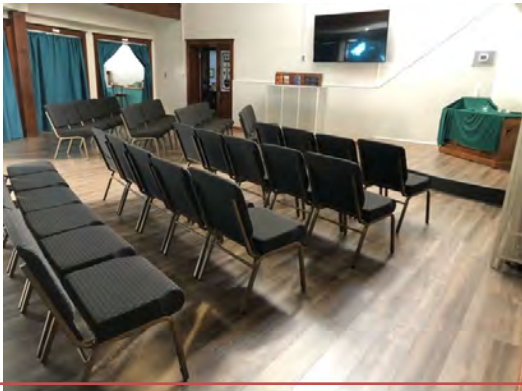
DEDICATION OF RENOVATED LIBRARY AND CHAPEL SET FOR MARCH 26

In the early 1920's, a decision was made by the church to build an addition to provide space for Sunday School rooms. The building we still refer to as the "round addition" was begun in the summer of 1923 and dedicated February 24, 1924. It housed Sunday School rooms on the upper level, a chapel and library on the main level, and a kitchen and dining area in the basement. This area, along with the attached former "green room," remained relatively unchanged for nearly a century.

In the fall and winter of 2019-2020, the Council approved an extensive renovation to the library, chapel, and green room. Under the direction of Council members Chris Goffinet, Sean Risse, and Chris Van Note, the library was moved to the green room and is now a beautiful area for meetings, reading, and browsing the library. The former library and chapel were renovated into a more functional chapel, a kitchenette was added in one of the side rooms, and a play area and two meditation chapels were added. Further, storage was added for the Worship Resource Team to store banners. The renovations were made possible through the generosity of the Thelander Endowment and the Nubby and Ruth Ann Werner family.

The newly renovated areas were just put into use when we shuttered our building due to Covid. We now feel it is time to properly dedicate the spaces and put them into use. Therefore, a dedication has been planned for **Sunday, March 26, 2023, immediately following worship**. A short dedication will take place, then refreshments will be provided. All EUCC members, as well as members of the community, are invited. For those in need of assistance to reach the area, a chair lift is available through the Fellowship Hall entrance.

We look forward to seeing you at the dedication!



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.

Lincolnland Association

Indiana-Kentucky Conference United Church of Christ

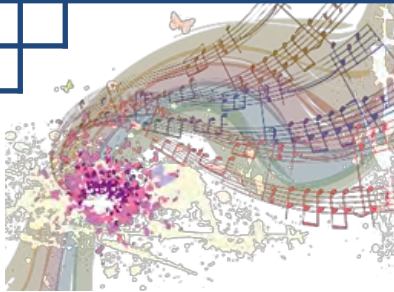


**SAVE THE DATE FOR THE
SPRING MEETING**

Sunday, April 23, 2023

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

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



**Thank you! Thank you!
Thank you!**

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to Jane Upmeyer and Beth and Barry Reasoner for gracing our service on Sunday, February 5. Jane shared her amazing talents on the organ, and Beth and Barry serenaded us with beautiful guitar pieces. We are truly grateful they shared their time and talents with us. It was great to have them back at EUCC! We look forward to them joining us again soon.



**Jane Upmeyer (former organist) and
Gary Morton (interim organist)**



**Beth and Barry Reasoner with Beth Godthaab, whose
father, Bob, served as our organist for many years.**

Worship Leaders

<u>Date</u>	<u>Liturgist</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Video</u>	<u>Sound</u>
Feb 19	Darla Goffinet	Jerry Brunner Steve & Becky Owen Frank Poehlein	Emile Kercher	Dan Gayer
Feb. 26	Lea A. Gehlhausen	Linda Franchville Emile Kercher Chris Van Note	Darla Goffinet	Chris Goffinet
March 5	Dan Lacy	Ellis & Suellen Howard Dan & Jill Lacy	Emile Kercher	Dan Gayer
March 12	Darla Goffinet	Lea Ann Gehlhausen Chris Goffinet Keith & Linda Kramer	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.

December Total: \$1,573.09

Utilities—26 households—\$1,423.09

Rent assistance—2 households—\$150

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.

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

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.) FH

*1st Tuesday—

Communications Team (6 p.m.) Library

*3rd Tuesday---

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

*4th Tuesday—

Transitional Ministry Team (6 p.m.) Office

*2nd Wednesday—

Building & Grounds Team (6 p.m.) Library

*3rd Wednesday—

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

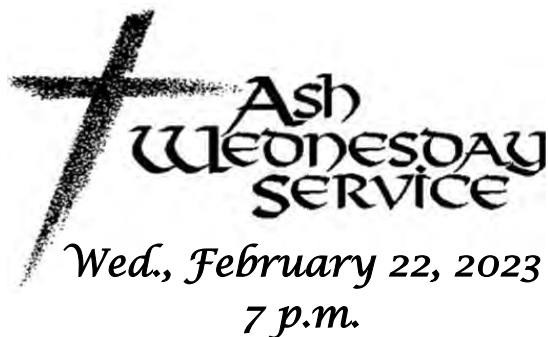
*2nd Thursday—Women’s Guild (1 p.m.) FH
(on winter break until March)

*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

Church Attendance

<u>Date</u>	<u>In-person</u>	<u>Facebook</u>
Jan 15	51	5
Jan 22	38	10
Jan 29	49	9
Feb 5	52	7
Feb 12	56	7



EUCC Chancel Choir

The next performance of the Chancel Choir will be on Sunday, Feb. 19th. Make plans to attend to show your support and appreciation!



Caller Deadline Reminder

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

January Memorial Donations

Memorial donations received in January totaled \$935.00

These directed donations benefited the following funds:

General Fund	\$ 300	Women’s Guild	\$ 500
Local Emergency Fund	\$ 35	Maint. & Depreciation	\$ 100

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

February

1—Luke Sanders
2—Katelyn Hughes
8—Alex Fenn
9—Brett Hagedorn
16—Sara Humphrey Brown
19—Caleb Ewing
22—Meg Butler
27—James Litherland

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



March

3—Kyle Hagedorn
5—Trent Litherland
6—Pat York
8—Phil Litherland, JT York,
Emily Hagedorn
11—Alex Ramsey
12—Norma Held
14—Scot Sandage
18—Allison Dugas
19—Autumn Lain
20—Debbie Butler, Greg Zoglman
23—Tim Reed
24—Lois Curl, Linda Kramer
25—Margaret Evrard
27—Jerry Belcher
29—Donovan Aders
31—Lois Humphrey



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

February

26—Carman & Ann Leistner



March

No anniversaries

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Evangelical United Church of
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Financial Report January 2023

January 2023 Income - Total \$11,610.71

Offerings (checks/cash):	\$ 6,500.00	
Offerings (electronic):	\$ 2,013.45	
Bank Account Interest Income:	\$.08	
Franklin Fund Interest Income:	\$ 401.18	
<u><i>Income Specifically Directed to a Fund:</i></u>		
Maintenance & Depreciation Fund Income:	\$ 411.00	
Local Emergencies Fund Income:	\$ 1,144.00	
Benevolent Fund Income:	\$ 230.00	
Women's Guild Fund Income:	\$ 560.00	
Pass Through Account Income:	\$ 187.00	<i>T-shirt orders</i>
Flower Fund Income:	\$ 14.00	
Women's Guild Student Loan Fund Income:	\$ 150.00	

January 2023 Expense - Total \$24,665.71

Salaries:	\$ 7,081.94	
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:	\$ 3,281.95	
Office Supplies Expense:	\$ 539.80	
Local Emergencies Expense:	\$ 1,573.09	
Vanco Fees Expense:	\$ 65.15	
Misc. Expense:	\$ 14.99	
Fellowship Team Budget Expense:	\$ 60.92	
Benevolent Fund Expense:	\$ 947.39	
Building & Grounds Team Budget Expense:	\$ 70.00	
Worship Resource/Music Team Expense:	\$ 456.32	
Flower Fund Expense:	\$ 434.00	
Women's Guild Fund Expense:	\$ 44.77	
Pass-Through Account Expense:	\$ 493.00	<i>T-shirts orders</i>
Insurance/Casualty Loss Expense:	\$ 6,408.00	

<p style="text-align: center;">January Total Income Minus Total Expenses: (\$13,055.00)</p>
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EUCC Assets, Liabilities, Income and Expenses

Jan-23

Assets and Liabilities January 31, 2023	Assets	\$609,111.15
	Liabilities	-\$202.20
	Assets - Liabilities	\$609,313.35
	- General Operations Fund -- Can Be Spent on Anything	\$41,408.68
	- 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	\$331,884.64
Operations Income and Budgeted Expenses January 2023	January 2023 Operations Income	\$8,914.71
	January 2023 Budgeted Expenses	\$21,173.46
	January 2023 Operations/Budgeted Gain/Loss	-\$12,258.75
Operations Income and Budgeted Expenses YTD	2023 Operations Income	\$8,914.71
	2023 Budgeted Expenses	\$21,173.46
	2023 Operations/Budgeted Gain/Loss	-\$12,258.75
Total Income and Total Expenses January 2023	January 2023 Total Income	\$11,610.71
	January 2023 Total Expenses	\$24,665.71
	January 2023 Total Gain/Loss	-\$13,055.00
Total Income and Total Expenses YTD	2023 Total Income	\$11,610.71
	2023 Total Expenses	\$24,665.71
	2023 Gain/Loss	-\$13,055.00

Year-End Report

Below is the December 2022 year-end financial report. The report that appeared in the December Caller included investment losses for 2022. Since that was published, we have consulted with an accountant and we were advised the investment gain/losses should not be included on that monthly income/expense report. The total on the report below shows December ending as a positive. The investment gains/losses are reflected in the assets column on the report below each month.

EUCC Assets, Liabilities, Income and Expenses		
Dec-22		
Assets and Liabilities December 31, 2022	Assets	\$624,040.18
	Liabilities	\$1,671.83
	Assets - Liabilities	\$622,368.35
	- General Operations Fund -- Can Be Spent on Anything	\$28,667.43
	- Thelander Emergency Deficit Fund -- Can Be Spent on Anything Once Transferred to Gen Op Fund	\$0.00
	- Thelander Mission Fund -- Designated for Revitalization Items	\$113,350.27
	- American and Franklin Funds -- Requires Congregation Approval on what can be spent on	\$147,669.76
	- Various Directed Funds -- Earmarked by Donors	\$332,680.89
Operations Income and Budgeted Expenses December 2022	December 2022 Operations Income	\$21,105.49
	December 2022 Budgeted Expenses	\$14,193.15
	December 2022 Operations/Budgeted Gain/Loss	\$6,912.34
Operations Income and Budgeted Expenses YTD	2022 Operations Income	\$179,495.88
	2022 Budgeted Expenses	\$196,409.19
	2022 Operations/Budgeted Gain/Loss	-\$16,913.31
Total Income and Total Expenses December 2022	December 2022 Total Income	\$24,646.87
	December 2022 Total Expenses	\$17,363.93
	December 2022 Total Gain/Loss	\$7,282.94
Total Income and Total Expenses YTD	2022 Total Income	\$230,773.79
	2022 Total Expenses	\$257,666.15
	2022 Gain/Loss	-\$26,892.36

Ladies Lenten Prayer Coffee Dates

- Week 1 - Feb. 25.....First Baptist Church, Tell City
- Week 2 - March 4.....St. Paul Catholic Church, Tell City
- Week 3 - March 11.....Gospel Tabernacle, Cannelton, hosting
St. Michael Catholic Church, Cannelton, co-hosting
- Week 4 - March 18.....Evangelical UCC, Tell City**
- Week 5 - March 25.....United Methodist Church, Cannelton, hosting
First Baptist Church, Cannelton, co-hosting
- Week 6 - April 4.....Pending

The Ladies Lenten Prayer Coffees begin **Saturday, February 25**. There will be an offering taken at each session. At the final session, those attending will decide which local charity will receive the offering. There will be light refreshments served followed by a short program at each session. All sessions will be from **9:00 to 10:00 a.m.** All women and girls are welcome. For more information, contact **Sharla Adams** at **(812) 547-5185**.

EUCC Men's Lenten Breakfast

EUCC will hold a Men's Lenten Breakfast in Fellowship Hall on **Saturday, April 8th**, from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. The community Men's Lenten Breakfasts is not taking place this year, but all men from the community are welcome to attend the EUCC Lenten Breakfast. Contact Jerry Belcher with questions at 812.719.0264.



EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM

Our sanctuary will again be beautifully decorated for Easter Sunday. To place a plant in memory of or in honor of a loved one, please fill out the form and send or take it, along with your payment, to church. You can place the form and payment in the offering box or turn them in to the Church Office. Orders must be turned in by **Monday, April 3**. You may take your plant after worship on Easter Sunday.

Azalea (hardy)	\$22	Geranium	\$10
Hydrangea	\$22	Daffodils	\$8
Kimberly Queen fern	\$17	Tulips	\$8
Mum	\$11		

Name (presented by) _____

In memory of

OR

in honor of

Plant choice _____

\$ _____

Sorry, no choice of colors.



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2. Continuing Testament
3. Changing Lives