

The Caller



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Suicide & Crisis Hotline—988 (*Call or Text*)

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

Pastor's Page

Friends, I recently completed a 40-hour online continuing education course for certification as a Mental Health Coach. Many denominations are beginning to realize that folks in their faith communities may be struggling with a variety of mental health concerns. Research also shows that those folks will often come to their pastor for support, before considering going to a therapist or psychiatrist.

Following is a description of the importance of Mental Health Coaching, as taken from the course materials:

“A mental health coach can be a bridge between a family and the mental healthcare system that allows individuals to access resources easily, quickly and at virtually no cost. A mental health coach is therapeutically effective, as they help individuals manage their illness more effectively, while growing closer to God. The mental health coach will be a point on a continuum that currently does not exist in the mental healthcare system, to assist pastors to get the mentally ill the therapeutic and supportive intervention needed to recover more fully.”

As someone who has dealt with the challenge of anxiety, depression, PTSD, and panic attacks for much of my life, I know how hard it is to reach out for help. Having access to a qualified Mental Health Coach, who is also someone you already know and trust, should make it easier to take that first step in seeking help and support.

Blessings,

Pastor Mark

MAY 15, 2023—JUNE 30, 2023

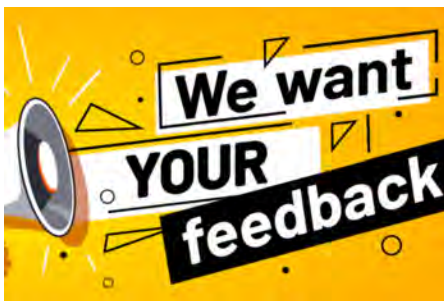


The Women's Guild recognized five 2023 graduates during worship service on Sunday, May 14th. Each graduate received a gift card from the Guild. May God guide and protect them on their future paths!

- Brody Ewing—graduating from Hancock County High School
- Victoria Peter—graduating from Western Kentucky University (Larry Peter accepting)
- Alyssa Howell—graduating from Perry Central High School (Jim Litherland accepting)
- Karee Sodrel—graduating from Tell City High School
- Elliot Reed—graduate from Austin Peay University (absent)



Feedback Requested



The Christian Ed and Communications Teams would like to get feedback from our members who usually sit in the back 4-5 rows of the sanctuary about creating a worship space in that area for families with very young children. We'd like to take a few minutes of your time after worship on **May 21st** to discuss this idea. Anyone in the congregation is welcome to join us.

HAPPENINGS AT OUR CHURCH

CPS Collections Suspended for Now

When I made the most recent delivery to the CPS office, I was informed that they are out of storage space and are unable to accept future donations. Effective immediately, we are suspending collections. However, I am looking into other children's services which need assistance. I learned of a few at the recent Lincolnland Association meeting, specifically recovery facilities for women who are pregnant or have young children. I will make contacts in the next few weeks to those facilities, as well as to the Isaiah House. Please watch future Callers for other projects we will be supporting.

Thanks so much to our congregation and community for the amazing outpouring of support you provided in our collections for CPS. We touched the lives of many, many children.

Darla Goffinet

Women's Guild News

Women's Guild recognized and gifted five graduates with a gift card on May 14th during worship. See separate article.

The Guild is now on recess until September. **Don't forget to hand in your Noble's IGA receipts! Every receipt helps!**

Women's Guild meets the second Thursday of each month except the months of January and February. We also take a brief vacation in June, July, and August. All women of EUCC are considered a member and are encouraged to attend meetings.

Officers and Committees for 2023-2024

President	Debbie Mangum
Vice President	Linda Franchville
Secretary	Jo Sodrel
Treasurer	Melba Ayer
Devotions	Linda Franchville
Prayer Chain	Helen Richardson
Noble's Tapes	Lois Curl & Lea Ann Gehlhausen
Greeting Cards	Helen Richardson
Door Service	Melba Ayer
Bereavement Care	Norma Held & Melba Ayer
Scholarship Treasurer	Debbie Mangum
Student Loan Treasurer	Gretchen Hawhee

Salad Luncheon – 2nd Thurs. in Dec. 11AM-1PM (12-14-23)
Lenten Prayer Breakfast – To be announced

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.



T-SHIRT SUNDAY WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

Thanks to all who wore their EUCC t-shirt on Sunday, April 30, which was designated as T-Shirt Sunday.

It was great to see the EUCC apparel and to see so much love for and pride in our church. We will do it again soon!



Greetings from the Lincolnland Association

The Lincolnland Association Spring Meeting was held on Sunday, April, 23, 2023, at St. Peter's UCC in Dubois, Indiana. St. Peter's hosted a very nice event at which 10 of the Association's 15 churches were represented. There was a tremendous amount of information presented at the meeting. There are two things I'd like to highlight.

First, our own Becky Owen was elected as financial secretary of the Association. In that role, Becky will receive and deposit checks for the Association. To have a sound system of checks and balances, there is another person who is responsible for paying all the Association's financial obligations. We welcome Becky's knowledge and organizational skills to the board of the Association.

Second, as has been previously reported, the General Synod of the United Church of Christ will be held in Indianapolis this year. The General Synod brings together United Church of Christ clergy and laypersons from all over the world. **There is still a huge need for volunteers.** The event will be held June 30 – July 4, but I'd like to emphasize that volunteers are not expected to be there for the duration of the Synod. Volunteer blocks are broken into 4-hour segments. You can be there for 4 hours, 5 days, or any amount of time in between. There are many volunteer opportunities available, and volunteers are encouraged to plan their volunteer sessions around informational sessions they would like to attend. If you are interested in attending the General Synod and volunteering your time and talents, please email Kim Armstrong, the volunteer coordinator, at kimberlya74@gmail.com. Kim can answer any questions you might have.

Darla Goffinet, Registrar
Lincolnland Association

PCMH Trail Dedication



The dedication of the PCMH Walking Trail was held on Saturday, April 29th, naming the trail in honor of Steve Upmeyer. Steve was a long-time member of the PCMH Foundation Board and a committed member of the community. Both Steve and his wife, Jane, were valued members of EUCC until they relocated. What a wonderful legacy in honor of Steve! Pictured are Steve's wife, Jane and his daughters, Amy and Staci, and their families.

HAPPENINGS AT OUR CHURCH

EUCC Historical Records Books

Church Records
of
FIRST EVANGELICAL
U.C.C. CHURCH
Tell City, Perry County,
Indiana

The Tell City Historical Society has provided us with some hard-back 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.

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.



Teams and Church Leadership Profiles

We continue our team profiles with the **Transitional Ministry Team**. The role of this team, which originally started as the Transformation Team then changed to the Transitional Ministry Team when Pastor Mark McDaniel joined us as our transitional minister, has the task of helping EUCC determine who it is and what it wants in a settled pastor. By determining all of this before we prepare and submit our profile, we can make it clear on our profile what type of pastor we are looking for. It's sort of like a matchmaker service. Once our profile is submitted, this team will dissolve.

Team members are:

Barb Castello
Linda Franchville
Darla Goffinet
Clayton Jefford
Karen Marcroft
Lynda Morton
Roy Raider
Nancy Ress, Council Representative



Our next team to be profiled this month is the **Nomination Team**. Members are Jerry Belcher and Nancy Ress.



While the Nomination Team is active only for a short time each year, it has one of the hardest jobs – finding members to serve on the Council and various teams. Recruiting people to serve on the Council is a stressful, difficult job. The only way our church functions is with strong leadership, and the Nomination Team works hard to make sure we have the best people in place to keep our church moving forward.

We have a rotating schedule of **ushers** who are tasked each week with making sure everyone feels welcome when they walk through our doors. They distribute bulletins, greet attendees, give directions when needed, just to name a few of their duties. They also make sure the sanctuary and narthex are cleaned up after each service. The ushers serve as a vital piece of our Sunday morning worship. We thank them for their commitment to this valuable ministry.

Team members are:

Jerry & Sara Belcher
Jerry Brunner
Phil & Jeannie DeSpain
Linda Franchville
Lea Ann Gehlhausen
Chris Goffinet
Ellis & Suellen Howard
Emile Kercher
Keith & Linda Kramer
Dan & Jill Lacy
Steve & Becky Owen
Frank Poehlein
Chris Van Note



Our next profile this month is of the **Groundskeeping Team**. While this isn't an official team, it is a group of hard-working individuals who offer vital support to our church. This group of 11 volunteers team up and has 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. Team members are Bradley Belcher, Jerry Belcher, Anthony Castello, Phil DeSpain, Chris Goffinet, Darla Goffinet, Ellis Howard, Clayton Jefford, Dan Lacy, Becky Owen, and Steve Owen. Anthony is new to the team this year. 2022 saw the hard work of Linda Franchville and Frank Poehlein. Steve Owen does an amazing job coordinating the work schedules and is so generous with letting us use his mower. This team wouldn't be in place if it wasn't for Steve. Thank you, Groundskeeping Team, for the work you do to keep our grounds beautiful!



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.



Updates to Church Directory Now Available

The phone book section of the church directory was updated January 2023 and is 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>
May 21	Darla Goffinet	Jerry Brunner Steve & Becky Owen Frank Poehlein	Rebecca Fenn	Mark Fenn
May 28	Lea A. Gehlhausen	Linda Franchville Emile Kercher Chris Van Note	Darla Goffinet	Chris Goffinet
June 4	Dan Lacy	Ellis & Suellen Howard Dan & Jill Lacy	Emile Kercher	Dan Gayer
June 11	Darla Goffinet	Lea Ann Gehlhausen Chris Goffinet Keith & Linda Kramer	Rebecca Fenn	Mark Fenn
June 18	Linda Kramer	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.

April Total: \$987.75

Utilities— 16 households—\$612.75

Rent assistance— 7 households—\$375.00

Change for Change Campaign Results

Christian Ed would like to thank everyone for their donations to their spring *Change for Change* Campaign. The amount collected was just under \$600. This money will be sent to the Child Life Dept. at Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis and it will help to fund activities, crafts, art projects, bears and party supplies to the children at their hospital. Thank you for your generosity!

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 June Caller is **June 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>
April 16	44	8
April 23	44	9
April 30	61	7
May 7	38	10
May 14	56	5

One Great Hour of Sharing

OGHS collections received totaled \$275.00. Thank you to all who donated to this UCC offering to help make meaningful change!



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.

Thank you to everyone who attended our **5th Sunday Fellowship Meal** on April 30th! And thank you to the Fellowship Team for the delicious meal!

Our next 5th Sunday Meal will be held on July 30th.

Financial Report April 2023

April 2023 Income - Total \$49,801.54

Offerings (checks/cash):	\$46,502.00
Offerings (electronic):	\$ 1,878.00
Building Rental Income:	\$ 50.00
Franklin Fund Interest Income:	\$ 401.74
<u>Income Specifically Directed to a Fund:</u>	
Maintenance & Depreciation Fund Income:	\$ 89.00
Local Emergencies Fund Income:	\$ 231.00
Benevolent Fund Income:	\$ 100.00
Women's Guild Fund Income:	\$ 432.80
Pass Through Account Income:	\$ 117.00

April 2023 Expense - Total \$20,278.81

Salaries:	\$ 7,754.05
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:	\$ 3,182.90
Flower Fund Expense:	\$ 488.78
Local Emergencies Expense:	\$ 987.75
Vanco Fees Expense:	\$ 66.28
Misc. Expense:	\$ 14.99
Benevolent Fund Expense:	\$ 1,205.10
Women's Guild Fund Expense:	\$ 104.08
Communications Team Budget Expense:	\$ 750.00
Building & Grounds Team Budget Expense:	\$ 328.60
Worship Resource/Music Team Budget Expense:	\$ 231.99
Church Growth/Mission Team Budget Expense:	\$ 87.90
Pass Through Account Expense:	\$ 132.00
OCWM Conference Expense:	\$ 1,375.00
Lincolnland Expense:	\$ 375.00

<p style="text-align: center;">April Total Income Minus Total Expenses: \$29,522.73</p>

EUCC Assets, Liabilities, Income and Expenses

Apr-23

Assets and Liabilities April 30, 2023	Assets	\$629,258.23
	Liabilities	\$833.61
	Assets - Liabilities	\$628,424.62
	- General Operations Fund -- Can Be Spent on Anything	\$72,870.14
	- 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	\$319,534.45
Operations Income and Budgeted Expenses April 2023	April 2023 Operations Income	\$48,831.74
	April 2023 Budgeted Expenses	\$17,361.10
	April 2023 Operations/Budgeted Gain/Loss	\$31,470.64
Operations Income and Budgeted Expenses YTD	2023 Operations Income	\$90,228.54
	2023 Budgeted Expenses	\$79,113.73
	2023 Operations/Budgeted Gain/Loss	\$11,114.81
Total Income and Total Expenses April 2023	April 2023 Total Income	\$49,801.54
	April 2023 Total Expenses	\$20,278.81
	April 2023 Total Gain/Loss	\$29,522.73
Total Income and Total Expenses YTD	2023 Total Income	\$97,838.14
	2023 Total Expenses	\$91,781.87
	2023 Gain/Loss	\$6,056.27

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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
27—Staci Upmeyer Laski
31—Marsha Guillaum, Rita Werner



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

June

3—Allen Butler
4—Reed Goffinet, Chris Glenn
6—Erika Hauenstein McClain
8—Cassie Kellems
9—Sara Belcher, Kelly Brown
11—Melba Ayer
12—Ange'Lee Pruitt
13—Dan Lacy
15—Tucker Kleemann, Eli Reed,
Suellen Howard
17—Lauren Goffinet
20—Glen Griepenstroh, Cameron Howell,
Tim Pruitt, Sally Ress
27—Austin Litherland
30—Alexandrea Holmes, Jordi Sandage



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

May

22—Gary & Debbie Butler



June

5—Paul & Debbie Ramsey
7—Greg & Jamie Held
8—Frank & Pam Curtiss
15—Chris & Darla Goffinet
16—James & Monica Holmes
24—Thomas & Mary Ann Hughes
25—Larry & Becky Peter



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