

## Get Involved

### Dismantling Racism

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- Layla F. Saad

1. What steps can we take to “see” racism or white supremacy?
2. What steps can we take to gain an understanding of the issues that are being challenged by others?

### We need to take an inventory of our facility keys

Please let Rick VanWechel or the office know if you have a building entrance key or a door fob.

It's time! Camp registration is officially open for 2024! For a complete event calendar with dates and locations, click [here](#). Don't forget: [scholarships](#) are available. No kid in your life needs to miss out on camp!



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Where will your next adventure take you?

Churches can order posters/brochures and download graphics/videos for promotion at [GetKidsToCamp.com](http://GetKidsToCamp.com).

### DMJ Book Study

Save the date! This coming February, Diversity, Missions, and Justice will host a month-long book study of *Our Hearts Were Strangely Lukewarm*. The study will be held on Tuesdays in February at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. It will include a panel discussion and then have Q&A. Click [here](#) to purchase the book and use the code HEARTS for 40% off!



### Happy Birthday!



1/24 Vickie F.  
1/24 Pearl S.

### Serving Him! Prayers & Liturgy

01/21 Rob P.  
01/28

### Greeters

01/21 Crystal C.  
Marilyn M.  
01/28

### January Coin Offering Broadway Meals

### Congrats for making the Dean's List!!!!

#### Dear Laura T.:

I am writing to congratulate you on the fine work you have done in the fall semester at Saint Mary's College. A Saint Mary's education demands a great deal from students and you have responded admirably. With your impressive grade point average, you have achieved academic honors during the fall semester and will be placed on the Dean's List. This distinction will be noted on your permanent record and will stand as a testament to your dedication, hard work, and commitment to excellence.

The Saint Mary's College Media Relations Department will submit a news release about your accomplishments to the largest newspaper in or near your community. Please understand that newspaper editors determine whether to publish the information we send. Saint Mary's has no control over their editorial decisions.

Achieving academic honors requires initiative, high standards, and a genuine interest in learning. You should be very proud of making the Dean's List. Best wishes for continued success throughout your college career.

Sincerely,  
Provost & Senior Vice President

## Evangel Heights United Methodist Church

January 21, 2024

9:30 am In-Person & Live Stream Worship

# The Beacon

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## Welcome Guests

All are welcome here!  
**Thank you for worshipping with us today!**  
For more information please see our website at:  
<https://eheights.org> or see our Facebook page at:  
<https://www.facebook.com/evangelheightsumc/>

## This Week at EHUMC

### Sunday, January 21, 2024

9:30 am | Worship Service (*Sanctuary*)  
Sunday School following worship (*Various Rooms*)  
Confirmation

### Monday, January 22, 2024

3:00 pm | Abigail Sisters (*Lounge*)

### Tuesday, January 23, 2024

11:30 am | Intercessory Prayer (*Lounge*)

### Wednesday, January 24, 2024

6:30 pm | SPRC (*Zoom*)

### Thursday, January 25, 2024

6:30 pm | Bells Rehearsal  
7:30 pm | Choir Rehearsal

## Prayer List

- **Candice D.**- friend of Kathie's has been given a clean bill of health!
- **Sherry K.** - prayers for successful hernia surgery on 1/18/24
- **Danielle and family (a friend of Nan's)**- Danielle's mother passed away 12/20.
- **The Fredenburg Family** - as they mourn the passing of Lorraine
- **Patrick C.** - prayers for health issues
- **The Thomas Family** - mourning the loss of Bill Thomas
- **Becky**- grieving the passing of her daughter, Jeanette
- **Ernest and Dawn K.**- Good health for brother-in-law, Rick, and 96 year old mother, Betty
- **Julie** – (*Jill's sister*) - who is struggling with her health

See our website for the complete list.

## Pastors Page

**The Mission of Evangel Heights United Methodist Church:  
To equip, nurture, and reach out in order to make disciples  
of Jesus Christ for the  
transformation of the world.**

Evangel Heights Family and Friends, *"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you..."* (Philippians 1:6 NRSV)

**Town Hall Meeting.** On January 28 th we will convene a Town Hall meeting to share the 2024 ministry and mission of Evangel Heights through the lens of the 2024 Budget. The budget reflects our commitment to making disciples of Jesus Christ through our various ministries. How does your particular ministry live out the call of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world? How does the work of the Church Council make sure that mission takes place within and beyond the four walls of the building?

**Listen and Learn.** One expectation of a United Methodist is to participate in "active engagement with our world." One form of engagement is meaningful conversations with individuals and/or groups who may have different opinions. Evangel Heights Family and Friends, I want to extend an invitation to you to participate in the Lenten book study, *Our Hearts Were Strangely Luke Warm*. The discussions may be uncomfortable. Discomfort is the price that we all must pay to discover new information about the United Methodist Church, our nation and the world. The online study will take place during the month of February. More information is found in the Beacon.

**Pulpit Exchange.** I am excited about the pulpit exchange that will take place this month between several of the South Bend clergy. The Sermon Series "United" is our focus. The Sermon Series was launched on Sunday, January 14th. The first sermon in the Series was "United in Missions." Due to the cancellation of our services on Sunday, I did not preach that sermon. On Sunday, January 21 st , I will exchange pulpits with Rev. Brian Durand of Clay UM Church. His sermon will focus on "United Around Justice." On Sunday, January 28 th , I will exchange pulpits with Rev. Vickie Van Nevel from First United Methodist Church. Her sermon will focus on "United Through Grace."

The pulpit exchange is a part of the South Bend pastors commitment to provide the opportunity for us to work collaboratively, addressing issues that are of importance to our community, and along with our congregations, to fellowship with one another. We had the opportunity to be with the South Bend congregations at the *Better*

**Bible Sunday.** We will observe Bible Sunday this Sunday. Remember to bring your Bible with you to the worship service. Will you identify at least one of your favorite Scriptures and write it on a sheet of paper? Sign your name and place the paper in a special basket that will be in the back of the Sanctuary. Thank you.

**God is Calling.** Evangel Heights Family and Friends, God is calling us to a closer relationship with God. In addition to the devotionals that we read and the podcasts that we listen to, how much time are we setting aside to pray, to read and study God's word, and to listen to God?

**Discipleship Formation.** How is it with your soul? Are you taking care of your mental, physical, spiritual, and emotional self? Are there resources that you need to assist you with taking care of yourself? If so, let's talk.

**Homelessness.** Thank you for your ongoing donations of coats and blankets for the guests at Broadway Christian Parish.

**Favorite Song/Hymn Request.** Will you submit a favorite song or hymn of the past that you would like to sing during the worship service? Complete the song request form on line. (We will have to follow the copyright laws.)

**Thank you.** Evangel Heights Family and Friends. Your prayer support is appreciated. I am thankful for the opportunity to serve as your pastor. Thank you, too, for your commitment to Jesus Christ which is demonstrated by your involvement at Evangel Heights United Methodist Church through the sharing of your gifts and time within and beyond the four walls of our congregation.

As we move forward, let us pray, "Lord, interrupt us to be fearlessly obedient to your plans; challenge us to act on those opportunities."

Let us continue to trust God for the impossible! *"Jesus looked at them and said, 'With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.'*" (Matthew 19:26)

**Remember.** *Our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.* (Ephesians 6:12, NRSV)

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Joy in the Journey,  
Pastor Michelle