

July Updates 2026

“It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.” – Galatians 5:1



July 5 Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
July 12 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
July 19 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
July 26 Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52



July Worship Services

July 5 – 9:00am Worship

July 12 – 9:00am Worship

July 19 – 9:00am Worship

July 26 – 9:00am Worship



Summer break for Faith Formation

Children’s church will resume in September
Activity bags available at the back of the church
Please return activity bags to the box at the back

Work Day Pictures from June 7



More Church Work Day Pictures from June 7



Celebrity among us
Inductee Dwain Leiber
Fremont Sprint Car Hall of Fame 2026

Dwain was one of the Sprint car drivers Inducted into the Fremont Sprint Car Hall of Fame on May 30, 2026. Congratulations Dwain!

Acceptance Speech



Family and Friends share in the celebration



Women's Outreach Dietsch's Tour

17 Women from Emmanuel and St. John's enjoyed their tour of Dietsch's in Findlay. For those of you who didn't join us below is some information about Dietsch's

History of Dietsch's

When someone asks what Findlay is known for, there are a few landmark businesses that come to mind... one of those is Dietsch Brothers. The history of Dietsch Brothers began in the late 1920's when Edward Dietsch purchased the C.W. Wickham Candy Co. and with the help of his two younger brothers Chris and Don, opened a candy and ice cream store using their own family recipes. Unfortunately, in 1934, Edward passed away of an infection. His wife, Doris, continued the business for a couple years, but when Doris also passed away at a young age, the business was forced to close.

During the War

On December 7, 1937, Dietsch Brothers, as you know it today, opened its doors when Chris (Bud) and Don (Johnny) purchased the local Rogge Bakery Shop. Youngest brother, Roy (Snitz) helped out while finishing high school and after graduating in 1938, joined the business full time. The brothers eliminated the bakery and began producing fine chocolates and ice cream using Ed's family recipes.

During World War II, Bud, Johnny and Snitz relied on many of their siblings and extended families to run the business while they served our country. Although times were very tough and sugar was rationed, the family was able to keep the store open until the brothers returned home safely.

Upon their return they worked long hours, often staying open until midnight to produce the finest chocolates and ice cream in town. The brothers were grateful for the help of many family members, especially in the early years. Their wives would come in during the holidays to pack candy and their children started helping out at an early age on their summer and holiday breaks.

Growth and Expansion

In 1956, to house their growing business, a new store was built across the street from their original location. Several building additions later, we are at the same location in downtown Findlay — 400 West Main Cross Street.

In 1971, with the passing of Bud, Johnny and Snitz continued on and over the next few years Snitz's three sons Rick, Jeff and Tom joined the company. Business was thriving and in 1974, a second store was opened on the east side of Findlay on Tiffin Avenue and it underwent an expansion in 2003. By 1980, the second generation was working full-time making it possible for Johnny and Snitz to retire in 1981 and 1985, respectively, although both continued to help out for several more years. In 1987, Rick, Jeff and Tom became the primary owners of Dietsch Brothers. Jeff's wife, Sherrie and Rick's wife, Nancy, also worked alongside their husbands in various roles over the years.

In 1998, Jeff's daughter Erika joined the family business full-time. In 2012, Rick retired and moved out West with his wife. In 2019, Tom and his wife, Jackie, both retired. You will still see Tom at the store from time to time when he's building and fixing production equipment. In 2022, Erika's husband joined the company full time and today Dietsch Brothers is owned by Jeff and Sherrie Dietsch, Erika Dietsch-Brokamp and her husband Steve Brokamp. Together they lead a team of over 100 employees, and many of them have been working in production and packaging for well over a decade..

Starting our tour of Dietsch's



Dietsch's sells the most of the chocolate covered pretzels



Pretzel's put on the line

Adding the chocolate
White,
Milk Chocolate,
or Dark
to
Pretzels



The rest of the fine making
candy making area behind the
pretzel lines

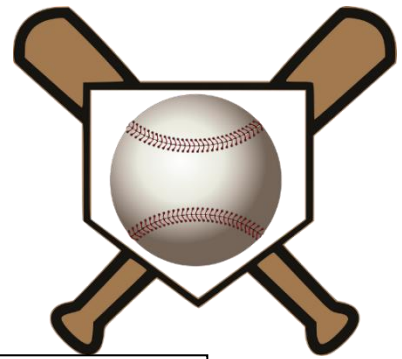
Container holds 750#
of melted chocolate

Boxing the varieties of
chocolate candies

Bagging & weighing the pretzels
We all got our choice of one pretzel,
White, Milk, or Dark chocolate.
YUM



Emmanuel UCC family
Emmanuel UCC will be having a coed softball
team. Games start July 12.
Come out and watch. Watch weekly
announcements for times of games.



Future planning at Emmanuel
Informal Conversation

July 12 - 4:00pm Fellowship Hall
July 19 - 6:00pm Fellowship Hall
Come and listen, ask questions,
Share your thoughts

"All of you together are the body of Christ.
Each one of you is a part of that body."
1 Corinthians 12:27

VBS Starting July 13 – July 16
Monday – Wednesday 6-8:30
Thursday Pool Party 6-8:30



JULY 13-15 6:30-8PM
FAMILY POOL PARTY JULY 16 6:30-8PM
AGES 4 - 5TH GRADE

BLUFFTON COMMUNITY VBS
BLUFFTON FAMILY RECREATION
215 SNIDER RD BLUFFTON

REGISTRATION
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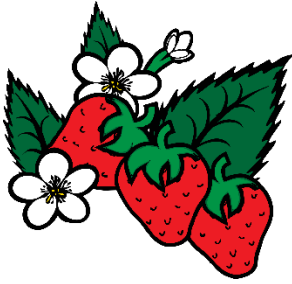
July 20 Monday 1:00pm
Women's Outreach
Game Day

Bring a snack to share, water and
lemonade will be provided. Bring
your favorite game! Enjoy food,
fellowship and some fun.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Kizer Young	07/01
Doug Oberly	07/04
Kurt Neeper	07/05
Lani Shumaker	07/09
Ron Geiser	07/11
Jo Lynn Burrell*	07/13
Deron Geiser	07/14
Paul Cottrell*	07/15
Madison Melton	07/19
Lennon Clark	07/21
Jayne Caskie	07/26
Roy Reichenbach	07/29






July



Sunday Monday Tuesday Wed. Thurs. Friday Sat.

			1	2	3	4  INDEPENDENCE <i>Day</i>
	<u>Pastor Jeremy Gone til July 4</u>					
5 Worship 9:00am Noisy Collection	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Worship 9:00am	13 VBS 6:30-8pm Consistory 6:30pm	14 VBS 6:30-8pm	15 VBS 6:30-8pm	16 VBS Pool Party 6:30-8pm	17	18
19 Worship 9:00am	20 Women's Outreach Game Day 1:00pm	21	22	23	24	25
				<u>Pastor Jeremy Gone July 23-</u>		
26 Worship 9:00am	27	28	29	30	31	
<u>Pastor Jeremy Gone - August 2</u>						

News from the Ohio Heartland Conference

Dear Friends in Christ, Over the past year, the Indiana Kentucky and Heartland Conferences have been exploring a process of deep listening, future imagination, and the possibility of a new partnership in a changing religious landscape. We are aware that the structures our two conferences built in the early 1960s need reexamination to thrive in the future and address the changes and challenges of this moment. Led by the Rev. Dr. Lisa Withrow as our consultant, we have been blessed to engage lay leaders, clergy, and Conference and Association staff across both settings via Zoom and meeting twice in person in Dayton, Ohio. A robust exploration is underway to imagine a new future together. This past February, the Boards and staffs of both Conferences met in Dayton and, as a result, determined that a Design Team, composed of five individuals from each Conference plus the two Conference Ministers, should begin considering scenarios and envisioning new structures for ministry. The Design Team met for the first time in April just outside Cincinnati, and quickly began constructing a framework of values and potential structures for wider consideration. Since April, this team has been clarifying the core movements of what is to come and has assembled five small sub-teams to begin the design work. The Design Team will meet again this month, then in August will hold a longer retreat in Indianapolis with program staff from each of our settings. The hoped-for outcome is to have a proposal to engage with the full Boards within all settings of both Conferences at an in-person meeting in Dayton, Ohio, in September. Anticipating all that is to come, we wanted to introduce you to the folks on the Design Team doing this faithful work and share their hopes for the future of this work together. We welcome each of you into that conversation as we move forward together. Blessings, Rev. Dr. Chad Abbott, Indiana-Kentucky Conference Minister Rev. Dr. Dave Long-Higgins, Heartland Conference Minister

Sending our Sympathy



*To the Koontz Family
in the loss of Chad Koontz
who went to be with the Lord
June 27*

Church Watering

Help is needed with the watering and care of outside plants here at the church - Signup sheet on bulletin board or the church 419-358-1561



Jesus answered, "I am the way, **the truth**, and the life." John 14:6



And you will know **the truth**, and **the truth** will set you free. John 8:32



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