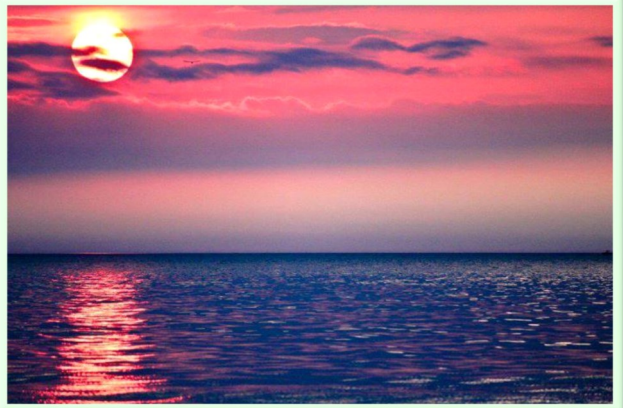


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The **Visitor**  
*June 2016*

an invitation to grow in spirit and serve with joy



## “An Invitation to Newness through Grace”

Rev. John L. Kennedy

***Our only power and success  
come from God. God is the one  
who has enabled us to  
represent his new covenant.***

***This is a covenant, not of  
written laws, but of the Spirit.***

***Since this new covenant  
gives us such confidence,  
we can be very bold.***

***Now, the Lord is the Spirit, and  
wherever the Spirit of the Lord  
is, he gives freedom.***

***And as the Spirit of the Lord  
works within us, we become  
more and more like him and  
reflect his glory even more.***

***2 Corinthians 3:5-17  
(selected verses)***

In Paul’s letter to the Christian church in Corinth, he extends an invitation to believers to pursue the new way of life that had been modeled by Christ in his life, death, and resurrection. Following “the way” of Christ means approaching each new day with the goal of “living, dying, and rising in Christ.” It means the Christian faith is meant to be lived out in the context of community. Although faith can be personal it is never private, because it has to be lived while in relationship with God and with one another. Without relationship there can be no faith. Covenantal relationships foster healthy, joyful, and meaningful lives, well lived.

In both the Old and New Testaments the word “testament” is connected to the word “covenant.” We hear about God’s covenant or promises to his people. God promises to be faithful and follow through on his promises even when we fall short of the mark. The Bible is a story of God’s faithfulness to a less than faithful people. God’s faithfulness is not conditional. God remains true to God’s own nature. Why does God choose “to say” in the Bible that he is choosing to embrace and love us? God chooses us. God reaches out to us first.

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## EVANGELICAL HOME VISIT (Sunday, June 12) & SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our youth mission projects this year have been very successful. We have collected more than 100 books for Mott Children's hospital, and put together 80+ snack packs, plus nearly 100 undershirts and underwear for our Veterans Project. Our final project was to raise money for fencing for the Saline Evangelical Home garden.

On **Sunday, June 12**, we are asking for youth volunteers and their parents to join us at the **Saline Evangelical Home after church** to present them with a check for the fencing and to help plant some vegetables. We will leave after the service and meet at the Saline Home. Pizza will be provided for lunch. Please join us!

Our **Summer Sunday School program starts June 12**. We will have one classroom for infants to elementary age children that will be housed in the preschool room. Youth are welcome to stay in the sanctuary for the service, or join the one-room school house. Older youth are welcome if they want to help and participate.

We are asking for volunteers to staff the **Summer Sunday School program**. There are pre-printed lessons and ideas from our Whole People of God curriculum, plus an art room full of supplies. You are also welcome to be creative and teach a favorite lesson or Bible story, or show a Veggie Tale movie. Feel free to go outside in the play yard and bring bubbles and chalk. Snacks are always appreciated, or feel free to use the crackers and juice in the toddler room. Parents and youth are welcome to work together. **Please consider signing up to teach a class over the summer. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the church office.**

*Thank-you all for all you do for Bethlehem. We are all learning and growing in Christ. For questions contact the church office or the Education Ministry Team.*

### PHOTO DIRECTORY UPDATE



If you have photos from Bethlehem events, we would LOVE to see them, and maybe use them in our picture directory. **Bring them to the office, or email photos@bethlehem-ucc.org.**

**ALSO** - We need volunteers who can visit our homebound and nursing home members, and take their pictures for the directory (or get a recent picture from them that they want to use for the directory).

**We need to have all pictures by the end of June.**

### HELP NEEDED - PAID POSITION Bethlehem is in need of a Wedding Coordinator.



This is a paid position that works best for a 2 person team. It involves about 3 hours on the rehearsal day and 5 hours on the wedding day. For more information about this position, please contact Donna at [donnawhitney@bethlehem-ucc.org](mailto:donnawhitney@bethlehem-ucc.org)

### July Visitor deadline



**Deadline  
June 27**

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**To be printed  
July 5**

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*Community Outreach Opportunities are detailed on page 11.*



**Last Call for the July 17  
Bethlehem Church  
Tigers Outing**



We have about 12 spots remaining for our bus trip to see the Tigers play the defending World Champion Kansas City Royals on Sunday, July 17. Scheduled game time is 1:10 p.m. We plan to depart from the Church following 10:00 a.m. worship and return to the Church right after the game.

Your \$46 ticket gets you a ride to and from Comerica Park in a luxury coach, your game ticket, lunch and beverages aboard the bus on the way to the game, other special items, and great fellowship.

Contact Brian Paton to make your reservation, 734.635.9204, or [bapaton@hotmail.com](mailto:bapaton@hotmail.com). **We need to make a final payment to the Tigers this week, so reserve your tickets now!** First come, first served; your payment reserves your seat.

**Adrienne Paton's Senior Recital  
Friday, June 10, 7 p.m.**

Adrienne will offer a Senior Recital in the Bethlehem sanctuary on Friday, June 10, at 7:00 p.m. She will perform selections from Mozart, Poulenc, Weber, and Osborne on clarinet, accompanied by Bethlehem's own Gail Jennings. She will also perform a saxophone solo and a flute duet with a high-school classmate. A reception with light refreshments will follow. **The program is free and open to the public.**



**GARDENING SEASON IS HERE**

**Many hands are needed to tend our two gardens**



*Please sign up by the church office to help with:*

- Faith and Food Garden at the cemetery (produce donations)
- Church Flower Gardens

**Many thanks to all who prepared our Faith and Food Garden!**

**Thank you to our Gardening Angels for planting our church flowers:**

Pam Widmayer, Jan Burnham, Karen Goforth, Erin Foster, Jenny Foster, Kaye Harwood, Kris Lovelace, and Susan Irwin.

**MISSION TRIP - June 19-25  
Habitat for Humanity in Flint**



**Blessing and sendoff will be next Sunday, June 19.**

**WANTED: YOUR PRAYERS**

Prayer partners are needed for the Habitat trip this year. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the office, call the office, or contact Vicki Hoxie: [vickihoxie@yahoo.com](mailto:vickihoxie@yahoo.com) or (517-740-9361).

**Bethlehem Fundraising Event:  
Parking cars in our lot!**

Parking cars in our lot is a profitable and fun way to fundraise for Bethlehem.



**Please contact Pastor Greg** if you can help coordinate parking for either of these events:

**July 21-24**

Ann Arbor Art Fair parking

**July 30**

International Champions Cup at UM

**SPECIAL NOTE:**

*Help is especially important this year because Pastor Greg and youth will be on the Mission Trip during the Art Fair Parking, and at the National Youth Event during the soccer event parking!*



**LAST PRETZEL SALES  
UNTIL SEPTEMBER**

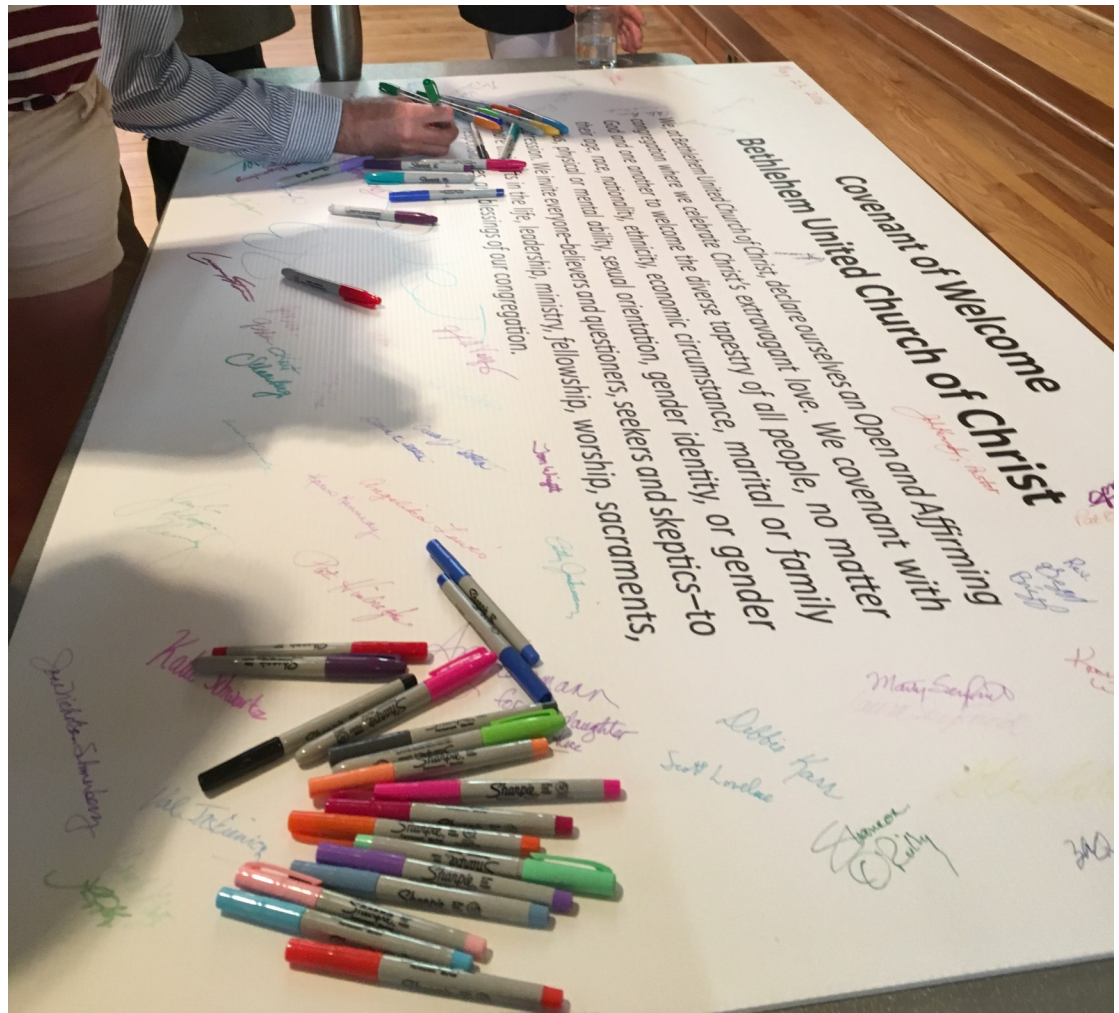


**Holy Rollers Pretzels, June 11/12**  
*Sales are Saturday, 10:30-12, and after services on Sunday.*

**Call the office to order your pretzels. Come help us roll!**

**Thank you for all your support of our Parking Lot and Holy Roller Pretzels. We appreciate your business and your help rolling and baking!!**

**The  
Congregation  
signed a  
copy of the  
Covenant  
of Welcome  
after it was  
approved by  
Bethlehem  
United Church  
of Christ  
on  
May 22,  
2016**



**“An Invitation to Newness through Grace”  
by Pastor John (Continued from page 1)**

Our only appropriate response to God’s unmerited grace is to respond with thanksgiving and to intentionally love others when they seem less than perfect too. We make an intentional effort to go and do likewise, by loving others in the way that God has loved us. Each day we are called to make choices: to live like Jesus; die to the things that are not like Jesus; and to allow Christ to resurrect us again and again to become more like him to reflect his compassion and justice.

Just as the first disciples struggled, they also gradually grew to be more Christ like. We are called to refresh and renew the covenants that we make with each other as a faith community, so that we may be faithful, bold, and effective. Our journey into the “ONA” process challenged us to ask, how do we love others with the same unconditional love that God freely gives us?

On May 22, 2016, Bethlehem UCC voted to become an “Open and Affirming” congregation

with a resounding 89%. God’s love is for the complete 100%.

In solidarity we are empowered by God’s grace and Spirit. As we journey together in solidarity, we will be fed with confidence, boldness, and freedom, as the Spirit of the Lord works within in each of us, and through us, as a Bethlehem faith community.

God’s grace always,

Pastor John



# WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM

Harriette Ehnis



Our ministry team is actively seeking to enhance our worship services so as to attain a meaningful worship experience for not only our attendees but also our radio audience. We are initiating new approaches at our 8:30 worship service. It is our intent to have the 8:30 service be separate yet similar to our 10:00 service. A separate bulletin with less printed dialogue and a less formal approach to the sermon are being tried. After a brief trial period, a portable sound system, easy to operate, has been purchased for the chapel. Anyone attending this service over the summer months is invited to give the pastors or any member of the Worship Ministry Team feedback. With rare exception, the 8:30 service will not be canceled in the future.

Because our radio ministry is very important to a wide audience in addition to providing a quality sound system during our 10:00 service, the Broadcast/Radio Committee has been actively recruiting sound board operators. Jamie Dylenski, Kurt Schmerberg, Chloe Schmerberg, and Edgar Vasquez have willingly volunteered to join our regular sound board operators: Gary Rogers and Jesse Wilcox. This is a very important commitment to our worship experience here at Bethlehem Church and we are still looking for additional volunteers. Many thanks to Jim Stadel and Gary Rogers for training our new sound board operators. The Broadcast Committee will be meeting in June to explore future directions for sharing our worship service.

Our Bethlehem Bridges Concert Series concluded its season with a wonderful organ, piano, and violin concert by Gail and Andrew Jennings. Their beautiful concert was a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon in May. Over the past month, our music director, Arianne Abela, has been working with the pastors to coordinate the music for the summer months. This includes acquiring soloists and guest organists.

Our Worship Ministry Team will remain active over the summer months. There is much work to be done. The Creative Worship Focus will reconvene, and our team will work with other ministry teams to explore a Faith Formation Concept that incorporates children, youth, and adults.



**Mary and Pat polishing woodwork.  
Pastor John face to face with Jesus!**



## THANK YOU!

I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks and appreciation for helping with the All Church work day.



It was truly a job well done, with over 40 church volunteers participating! Your willingness to use your gifts of time and talents has helped strengthen the mission and ministry of our church. You are also an example of servant-leadership and giving.

For all your time, effort, hard work, once again please accept my Thank You. You are truly a blessing to this congregation!

*Tom Ziesemer, Facilities Ministry Team*

# And They Will Know We Are Christians by . . .

By Pastor Greg Briggs

I've been wondering a lot these days about how visible we should be as Christians. Usually, I have followed this quote that's been attributed to St. Francis of Assisi: "Preach the Gospel at all times. If necessary, use words." Recently, however, I've started wondering when it is important to explicitly claim our identities as Christians. To be honest, there are times when I explicitly do *not* want to be associated with Christians -- when people loudly use the name of Jesus and the Bible to do very un-Christian things. Yet that's why I feel it's even more important for those of us who root our Christian faith in love, compassion, and acceptance to be more vocal, to counteract this false Christian witness.

I don't wish to ignore the Gospel of Matthew's discussion in Chapter 6 about showy prayer and religion. "Be careful that you don't practice your religion in front of people to draw their attention. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven." And "When you pray, don't be like hypocrites. They love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners so that people will see them." Jesus clearly reminds us that we shouldn't use our faith to seek attention for ourselves. Paradoxically, he said this publicly, also using it to embarrass the hypocrites. Jesus often rebuked those who used religion for their own ends. So, the tension still stands, when are we vocal about our faith?

Maybe the answer is not to think about public acts of faith for ourselves, but for others. Philippians 2:4 reminds us, "Instead of each person watching out for their own good, watch out for what is better for others." The first letter of John, Chapter 4, Verse 7, reminds us to "love

## BE THE CHURCH

*Protect the environment.*

Care for the poor.

**Forgive often.**

*Reject racism.*

**Fight for the powerless.**

*Share earthly and spiritual resources.*

Embrace diversity.

Love God.

Enjoy this life.

God is still speaking.  
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each other, because love is from God, and everyone who loves is born from God and knows God." Perhaps our motivation should also come from watching out and loving others. Most recently, I've come face to face with this tension twice in one week here at church, once while talking about our recent vote to become an Open and Affirming church and the second in the "What Is Islam All About?" class. In both cases, the question was raised about why should we draw attention to ourselves, either by showing the banner "One Human Family: We welcome our Muslim and Refugee neighbors" or by advertising that we are an Open and Affirming church. We should do it for others, not to draw attention for ourselves. In both of those examples, the other people we are talking about are specifically people who have been told they are evil by false Christians, in the name of Christ.

So, what does it mean to "watch out for what is better for others"? As a church, we have this beautiful building. We advertise with our spire, our bells, and our stained glass windows that this is a place of Christian worship. We are like a hospital for the soul, and like hospitals advertise with the Red Cross, so, too, do we speak of our faith. In a time when people aren't sure what Christianity means, we let them know in words and symbols they can understand.

But what can we as individual Christians do? How can we reclaim Christianity as a faith of love, not intolerance? What are the daily actions each of you do? When do you do them explicitly saying the name of Jesus, and when do you let the Gospel message speak through your actions? Please share with me your examples, your witness, your testimony. Not for your own praise, but so others can know that God loves them.

## ARMED FORCES VETERANS' LUNCHEON WAS A HUGE SUCCESS

Jane Ziesemer, Fellowship Ministry Team

### Bethlehem UCC – Armed Forces Veterans

Doug Cameron	US Army	1957 – 1959	
Mike Ehnis	US Army	1963 – 1971	National Guard
Jack Erwin	US Army	1960 – 1962	
Dave Gilmore	US Army	1970 – 1972	
Roger Hoxie	US Army	1967 – 1969	National Guard 1976-89
		1989 – 2005	Active National Guard, ret. 2005
Dennis Huibregtse	US Army	1971 – 1976	Reserves 1970-76
Ron Karr	US Army	1968 – 1970	
John Kennedy	US Army	1980 – 1982	
Jim Judson	US Army	1969 – 1971	
Scott Lovelace	US Army	1970 – 1976	Reserves 1970-76
Gary Maki	US Army	1970 – 1972	
Larry Marshall	US Army	1960 – 1962	
Paul Neeb	US Army	1954 – 1956	
Jerry Suftin	US Army	1961 – 1962	
Carl Waltjen	US Army	1956 – 1959, 1961 – 1964	
Norm Wetzel	US Army	1968 – 1970	
Jesse Wilcox	US Army	2008 – 2015	
Tom Ziesemer	US Army	1966 – 1969	
Jim Aldrich	US Air Force	1963 – 1969	Air National Guard
Art French	US Air Force	1962 – 1969	
Mike Haab	US Air Force	1965 – 1969	
Larry Katz	Air Force	1957 – 1960	
Kristine Marshall	US Air Force	1989 – 1994	
Glenn Pfeiffle	US Air Force	1951 – 1955	
Gary Dresselhouse	U.S. Marines	1954 – 1956	
John Fischer	US Marines	1945 – 1946	
Eugene Alber	US Navy	1949 – 1953	
Jay Katz	US Navy	1955 – 1967	Reserves
Bob Loukotka	US Navy	1961 – 1966	Reserves, ret. 1988
Paul Marx	US Navy	1980 – 1986	
Jim Stadel	US Navy	1969 – 1973	
Friedrich Bausch	German Army	1943 – 1945	

A wonderful time was had by all at the luncheon honoring our Bethlehem armed forces veterans on Wednesday, May 25.

There were 23 in attendance. Gary Maki and his Ann Arbor Concert Band quintet played patriotic music to start.

Following the luncheon, several vets shared their stories. Pastor John had a brief but very inspiring message for all. Photos provided by the vets and a global map showing where they all had served were on display.

I would like to thank the following for providing food, setup, and cleanup: Jan Eadie, Susan Irwin, Kris Lovelace, Pat O'Reilly, and Kathy Warner. Fellowship would also like to thank Jessie Wilcox for his inspiration to get the event off the ground and Tom Ziesemer for organizing.

**Watch for a special Coffee Hour  
on November 13 honoring  
our veterans again.**



# *FROM BETHLEHEM'S OPEN AND AFFIRMING TASK FORCE*



## THE JOURNEY CONTINUES

On Sunday, May 22, 2016, our congregation completed the formal ONA (Open and Affirming) process. On this day, with 146 "Yes" votes, 15 "No" votes, and 4 abstentions, Bethlehem UCC voted to become an Open and Affirming congregation and to approve our Covenant of Welcome. This pivotal step by our congregation is a significant moment worthy of celebration. However, our journey to become, and to remain, a church that is truly open and accepting of all who want to celebrate Christ's extravagant love will continue.

Although we have held educational and informational sessions on LGBTQ issues and concerns, we will continue to educate and inform one another...


Although we have held conversations and discussions about what it would mean to become an ONA congregation, we will continue to converse and discuss...

Although we have heard from individuals who have been affected in various ways by the reactions and opinions of society and the broader church because of who they are, we will continue to listen and hear from those who are marginalized and cast aside by others...

Our journey will continue. God is still speaking here at Bethlehem UCC! If you are interested in being a part of continuing ONA efforts, please contact Cresson Slotten (734-429- 3399, slotten@comcast.net).

**Covenant of Welcome  
Approved by Bethlehem United Church of Christ  
On May 22, 2016**

*We, at Bethlehem United Church of Christ, declare ourselves an Open and Affirming congregation where we celebrate Christ's extravagant love. We covenant with God and one another to welcome the diverse tapestry of all people, no matter their age, race, nationality, ethnicity, economic circumstance, marital or family status, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression. We invite everyone—believers and questioners, seekers and skeptics—to share their gifts in the life, leadership, ministry, fellowship, worship, sacraments, responsibilities, and blessings of our congregation.*



*Did you  
know  
that  
Bethlehem  
is a  
5 for 5  
church?*

Being **5 for 5** is one sign of congregational vitality in UCC churches that fully support Our Church's Wider Mission.

**5 for 5 churches** give to these 5 UCC Offerings:

1. **Basic Support** (year round)
2. **One Great Hour of Sharing** took place March 6, 2016
3. **Strengthen the Church** took place May 15, 2016
4. **Neighbors in Need** will take place October 2, 2016
5. **The Christmas Fund** will take place Dec. 18, 2016

***Thank you for  
your support!***



**Thank you for  
your donations of  
Mother's Day  
flowers!**

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Paul and Nancy Thibault  
 Pamela Widmayer  
 Anonymous  
 Hilda Ward  
 Larry Marshall and Donna Kearney  
 Evelyn and Fritz Port  
 Mary Jean and Chuck  
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 Jim and Karen Goforth  
 Harriett Holzapfel

Dick Hanson Family  
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Loretta Seeger

Vicki, Roger and Anthony Hoxie  
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 Marie Slotten  
 Loretta Seeger  
 Julie Seitz  
 Julie Seitz  
 Evelyn's Family  
 Steve, Katie, and Carrie  
 Jill, Steve, Katie, and Carrie Schwartz  
 Mike Haab

**IN MEMORY OF:**

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 Della and Vearl Widmayer  
 Elizabeth Lambarth  
 Emma M. Mast  
 Erma Marshall and Bernice Kearney  
 Evelyn Augusta Kastner and Lucie Claire Port  
 Jean Raab  
 Julia Kennedy  
 Kellie Goforth  
 Ken, Martha and Oscar Holzapfel; Ernest,  
 Eleanora, John, Ernie, Don, and Robert Gardner  
 Lillian Hanson  
 Martha Huss, Lela Keppler, Christine Keppler,  
 and Betty Huss  
 My Mother, Madeline Kempfert  
 My Grandmother, Dora Schmid  
 My Mother-In-Law, Maria Seeger  
 My Sister-In-Law, Helen Bonnewell  
 My Twin Sister, Lois Soper  
 Nancy Hoxie and Mary Ellen Craft  
 Our Mother, Luella Renz Weber  
 Our Mothers  
 Our Mothers and Grandmothers

**IN HONOR OF**

Dindy Haab  
 Jennifer Vasquez  
 Elida Vasquez  
 Harriett Holzapfel  
 Jennifer McCabe  
 Nancy Thibault, wife and mother  
 Kris Lovelace  
 Marie Slotten  
 Sandy Kim  
 Karen Slotten  
 The mothers of my grandchildren  
 My Daughters, Lisa Phillips and Theresa Thompson  
 Harriette Ehnis  
 Virginia Seitz  
 Evelyn Steinaway  
 Jill Schwartz  
 Carole Katz  
 Dindy Haab

## MEMORIALS & GIFTS

### GENERAL MEMORIAL FUND

Helen Grob Memorial

Helen Grob Memorial \*for Chapel Enhancements

### PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT FUND

Betty Diuble Memorial

Godfrey Keppler Memorial

### RADIO BROADCAST SPONSORSHIP

**May 1** In memory of Elmer Jacob Kuebler's April 30 birthday, from his daughter, Alethea Helbig.

**May 8** In memory of Christina Kuebler from her sister-in-law Alethea Helbig.

**May 15** In honor of the 2016 Confirmation Class: Brian Gotham, John Schenk, Taylor Stites, Ellie Vasquez, Katie Schwartz (our grand daughter) and Pastor Greg who led this amazing class, from Larry and Carole Katz.

**May 22** In memory of Harold Diuble from his wife Carlene Diuble.

**May 29** From Marion Seyfried, in memory of her husband Federick J. Seyfried, and their daughter Nancy L. Seyfried.

*Gifts listed were received through May 31, 2016*

## PARISH RECORDS

### NEW MEMBERS

Brian Gotham

Julia Kennedy

John Schenk

Kaitlyn Schwartz

Taylor Stites

### DEATHS

Helen Grob - May 11, 2016

Betty Boman—May 29, 2016

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2016 CONFIRMANDS

**Brian Robert Gotham** Philippians 4:13

"I can do all this through him who gives me strength."

**John Keith Schenk** Genesis 1:27-30

So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground." Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food." And it was so.

**Kaitlyn Daozhu Schwartz** 1 Corinthians 16:14

"Let all that you do be done in love."

**Taylor Lee Stites** Joshua 1:9

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous, do not be terrified, your God will be with you wherever you go."

**Ellie Jennifer Vasquez** Romans 12:2

"Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God."

## Congratulations 2016 Graduates

Arianne Abela	(Doctorate in Conducting, UM)
Ben Boskoff	(Masters in Vocal Performance, UM)
Courtney Deitzen	(BS in Nursing, UM)
Rachel Heck	(Milan High School)
Matt Kinsman	(Lincoln High School)
Ella Marx	(Greenhills School)
Adrienne Paton	(Canton High School)
Rachel Schenk	(Pioneer High School)
Jenna Slotten	(Saline High School)
Clark Sprague	(Dexter High School)
Sydney Stites	(Skyline High School)
Tyler Tribble	(Skyline High School)
Lauren Wilkie	(Saline High School)
Robert Wright	(Pioneer High School)
Caroline Wright	(Pioneer High School)

## Ongoing Outreach Opportunities at Bethlehem Church

Please consider joining in!  
Sign-up sheets are in the office hallway.



### ALPHA HOUSE OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY June 9, August 11, and October 2 5:30 and 6:45

Volunteers are needed to make dishes and serve dinner to families using Alpha House for temporary shelter, food and support services.

**5:30 - Dinner**

**6:45 - After dinner kid's activities**

Please email Stacey Stites at  
rickandstace@comcast.net if you can help out.

### FOOD GATHERERS COMMUNITY KITCHEN

**Next two dates July 3 and August 7  
(First Sunday of the Month)**

*Please sign up in the office hallway.*

*Cook 12-2:30, Clean 2:30-5*

### PEACE NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER Next date is May 24

Our after school program is done for this school year. *Fresh Food Distribution Fridays, continue throughout the summer from 9-12. Please join us.*

### FOOD GATHERERS FOOD BARREL

Bring non-perishable items at any time, and place them in the food barrel in the library.

## Annual Book Sale Now through Labor Day 4 books for \$1.00

Bethlehem's Annual Book Sale takes place in the church library, now through Labor Day. Please feel free to take advantage of the sale where books will be priced 4 for \$1. After Labor Day the price of books will return to \$1 each, which is still a bargain.

Have you checked out the selection of books recently? There are novels for adults as well as young reader and children's picture books too. There are even a few LARGE PRINT books and Audiobooks which are located on top of the bookcase toward the back of the room on the left side.

The youth books and children's books on located on the right side of the room. They are arranged from bottom to top in order of reading ability. Young children's books are on the bottom shelves. Independent reader books and young adult books advance upward.

If you are interested in donating books there is a bin inside the library door for you to place your donated books. We will be glad to shelve them. Here are some reminders about donations: we collect books for **reading entertainment**. Therefore we are seeking donations of JUST novels and children's books. Please remember that we **do not want or accept** textbooks, cookbooks, self-help books, devotional/spiritual books, or non-fiction books. There are other donation sites in Ann Arbor for those sorts of books such as the Ann Arbor District Library and the Ann Arbor ReUse Center. Again, we are looking for novels for your reading entertainment.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!! The most recent purchase approved by the Women of Bethlehem are **File of Life** cards and magnets. We will be sharing more about these as the summer moves on.

# Confirmation Sunday May 15, 2016

(left to right) Pastor Greg Briggs, Brian Gotham,  
John Schenk, Taylor Stites, Katie Schwartz  
(not pictured) Ellie Vasquez



## Bethlehem's Ministry Team

Rev. John Kennedy	Pastor
Rev. Greg Briggs	Associate Pastor
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