

The Visitor

October 2024

Bethlehem United Church of Christ

From the Pastor



Do you remember the story about the demoniac that encountered Jesus near Gerasenes? The story is found in three of the Gospels (Matthew 8:28-9:1, Mark 5:1-20, and Luke 8:26-39). The Reader's Digest version of the story goes something like this – Jesus and the disciples had just crossed the Sea of Galilee. When they stepped out of the boat, in the country of the Gerasenes, Jesus was confronted with a man who was possessed by demons. He lived among the tombs and could not be restrained; he broke every chain and shackle used to contain him. After getting to know the man and his demons, Jesus sent the demons into a herd of swine. The man, freed of the demons, was seen by many “in his right mind.” He begged Jesus to allow him to join the disciples and follow him. But Jesus told him to go home to his friends and tell them how much the Lord had done for him. And so he did, proclaiming in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed.

This man is, for me, a poster-child for mental health awareness and advocacy. Our UCC Neighbors in Need offering this October is focusing our attention on mental health as a universal human right. In a just world for all, the human rights and well-being of people with mental health challenges are respected and advocated for. Part of that offering will go to support building a more just world for all with regard to mental health. The Neighbors in Need offering will be received on World Communion Sunday, October 6th. Later that week, Thursday, **October 10th is World Mental Health Day**. Why raise our awareness of mental health? Because, like the Geresene man, people today who are experiencing mental health challenges, are avoided, shunned, shamed and driven to the margins of society unjustly. We all have our demons. Yet, there is so much stigma and shame attached to mental health issues that countless people dare not speak about their challenges or seek medical help. They suffer in seclusion and silence, because of society's demeaning ridicule of them. If they disclose their challenges, they are often scoffed at and told to ‘get a grip’, ‘suck it up’, ‘put your big-girl panties on’ and ‘get over it,’ as though ill mental health is a choice or an attention-demanding behavior. Such rhetoric is wrong, harmful and potentially deadly.

As to the deadly potential of mental illness, we need look no further than annual suicide rates. Do you realize that more than 720,000 lives are lost worldwide to suicide? Suicide is the third leading cause of death among young people, ages 15 to 29. In the U.S. over the last 20 years, suicides have increased by 36%. Careers with the highest suicide rates are found among first-responders (especially law enforcement and firefighters), followed by legal and healthcare professionals. Suicide is at an all-time high among veterinary professionals. And that's just looking at suicide. This doesn't even take into account all of the violent deaths of innocent victims, from mass shootings and other violent acts. Many if not all of these needless deaths could have been prevented through adequate and effective mental healthcare.

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Mental illness is very real and physiologic, just like so many diseases that affect other parts of the body that most people take for granted. The brain is probably the most complicated organ of the body. The network of neurons and chemicals (neurotransmitters) in this organ are SO intricate and complex that we only understand a fraction of its intricacies. Yet, we DO know that slight chemical imbalances can cause crippling disease, like depression. Restore the chemical balance and mental health and wellness are restored, just as Jesus restored the mental health and wellness of the Gerasene man. Today, the miracle is created through pharmaceuticals and therapy. So, **why is this a justice issue for the UCC and us?** Because not everyone has access to mental healthcare. Many cannot afford mental healthcare. And many will not seek mental healthcare because of stigma attached to it. Why should anyone be shamed for taking an antidepressant? We don't shame a diabetic for taking insulin or someone else for taking thyroid replacement hormones. We need to seek understanding of those affected by mental health challenges. And then, we need to seek and promote justice on behalf of them.

Why is this OUR concern? Because Jesus commands us to love our neighbors as ourselves. He calls us to treat EVERYONE with respect, mercy, kindness and compassion. Jesus loved all and included all, no matter who, no matter what. Therefore, WE are called to welcome, include and love ALL who seek Christ and who desire to be in community with us. And yes, Jesus calls us to do justice, by advocating for better mental healthcare systems, resources and access; and by advocating for those cast to the margins, due to mental health challenges. Ours is a faith built on love and hope. We need to be the source of love and hope that others need so desperately. The love that we share and the hope that we provide can literally change and save lives.

If you or anyone you know is in need of nonemergent mental health support, reach out to the **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)**, online at nami.org OR call their helpline at **1-800-950-6264** (M-F 10 AM- 10 PM).

If you or anyone you know is in crisis and needs immediate mental health support, here are a few crisis hotlines for our area.

Community Mental Health Crisis Hotlines

988 (National) Suicide & Crisis Helpline

Lenawee County - 517-263-8905 24-hour Crisis line

Livingston County - 517-546-4126 24-hour Crisis line

Washtenaw County - 734-996-4747 24-hour Crisis line

And for spiritual emergency numbers, please be sure to look at Pastor Diane's article in this newsletter.

Together, we can change the world, one step at a time, one heart at a time. With the help of God, may we make this world a better place for all.

Blessings of Peace and Hope,

Pastor Dawn

Lombard Report Follow Up Discussion

Please join Pastor Dawn on Sunday, October 13 at 12:00 pm in the Youth Room, to participate in the follow up discussion of the Lombard report. Even if you haven't previously indicated you wanted to attend, please feel free to drop in.

When Things Happen!

Life happens! Being human is not easy and much can happen in an instant. God has a direct line for each of us and is available for emergencies 24/7. Simply give God a call...

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

1. When in **Sorrow** call **John 14**.
2. When you have **Sinned** call **Psalm 51**.
3. When you **Worry** call **Matthew 6:19-34**.
4. When you are **In Danger** call **Psalm 91**.
5. When your **Faith** needs **stirring** call **Hebrews 11**.
6. When you feel **Down** and **Out** call **Romans 8:31**.
7. When you want **Peace** and **Rest** call **Matthew 11:25-30**.
8. When the **World** seems **Bigger** than **God** call **Psalm 90**.
9. If your **Pockets** are **Empty** call **Psalm 37**.
10. When you are **Lonely** and **Fearful** call **Psalm 23**.
11. When you are **Bitter** and **Critical** call **1 Corinthians 13**.
12. For how to **Get Along** with **Others** call **Romans 12**.
13. If you are **Depressed** call **Psalm 27**.
14. If **People** seem **Unkind** call **John 15**.

If you don't have a Bible handy, simply call Pastor Diane. I'll give you a listening ear, a Bible and be with you on your journey. I'm here for you and with God's help nothing is impossible.

Christ's peace,
Pastor Diane

MDHHS partnering with behavioral health agencies to expand access through Adult Crisis Stabilization Units

LANSING, Mich. – As part of an effort to increase access to behavioral health services, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is partnering with agencies across the state to create Adult Crisis Stabilization Units (CSUs)

These units provide increased access to immediate crisis services to anyone struggling with mental health or substance use, which will reduce emergency room boarding, improve jail diversion and allow for better utilization of inpatient psychiatric hospital beds. While these programs are not intended to replace ongoing treatment, they will offer fast and easy access to individuals when they need it most.

While these programs are largely still in development, individuals struggling or experiencing a crisis are urged to call or text [988](tel:988) or visit the [Lifeline Chat](#) to connect with a trained crisis counselor. The 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, previously known as the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, is a 24/7 toll-free nationwide hotline where compassionate care and accessible support is available via call, chat or text.

The support offered to Michigan residents through 988 is vital in providing de-escalation of crisis and reducing levels of distress. 988 specialists remain on the call the entire time to provide compassionate support and connection to life-saving resources. Each caller is offered a follow-up call to ensure well-being and confirm connection to resources.

(to read the press release in its entirety , please click [HERE](#).)

RALLY DAY



PHOTOS



**October 2**

- Bethlehem Community Crafters, Lounge, 12:00 pm
- Choir Practice, Choir RM 6:45 pm

October 4

- Bethlehem Veteran's and Friends Monthly Breakfast, Alpha Koney, 8:30 am

October 5

- Organ Recital, Sanctuary, 4:00 pm

October 6 - World Communion Sunday

- Sunday School during Worship
- Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall, 11:15 am
- CROP WALK, Zion Lutheran Church, 1:00 PM

October 7

- Hand Bell Practice, Choir Room, 6:00 pm

October 8

- Bethlehem Women and Friends Monthly Breakfast, Alpha Koney, 9:30 am

October 9

- Cemetery Board Mtg., Cemetery, 9:30 am
- Bethlehem Community Crafters, Lounge, 12:00 pm
- Member Care Mtg., Lounge, 3:00 pm
- Choir Practice, Choir Room, 6:45 pm

October 11

- Wedding Rehearsal, Sanctuary, 6:00 pm

October 12

- Fall Yard Clean Up, Church Grounds, 9:00 am
- Wedding, Sanctuary

October 13

- Sunday School during Worship
- Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall, 11:15 am
- Lombard Discussion, Youth Room, 12:00 pm

October 14

- Hand Bell Practice, Choir Room, 6:00 pm

October 15

- Facilities Ministry Mtg., Lounge, 3:30 pm

October 16

- Bethlehem Community Crafters, Lounge, 12:00 pm
- Choir Practice, Choir Room, 6:45 pm

October 20

- Sunday School during Worship
- Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall, 11:15 am
- Outreach Ministry Team Mtg., Lounge, 11:30 am

October 21

- Hand Bell Practice, Choir Room, 6:00 pm

October 23

- Bethlehem Community Crafters, Lounge, 12:00 pm
- Choir Practice, Choir Room, 6:45 pm

October 24

- Leadership Council, Lounge, 6:00 pm

October 26

- U of M vs Michigan State, Parking at BUCC, TBD

October 27

- Sunday School during Worship
- Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall, 11:15 am

October 28

- Hand Bell Practice, Choir Room, 6:00 pm

October 30

- Bethlehem Community Crafters, Lounge, 12:00 pm
- Choir Practice, Choir Room, 6:45 pm

*Remembering
Our Loved Ones*

**Totenfest Memorial Service**

**Sunday, November 3
at 10:00 am Worship**

At our Totenfest Memorial Service everyone will be invited to come forward to light a candle in memory of loved ones who have passed away.

In addition, we will have a special insert remembering all who have passed away since November 2023.

Please contact the church office by **October 20** and let us know of any immediate family members you would like listed in our Totenfest Memorial insert. You may email the information to: churchoffice@bethlehem-ucc.org.

This year, in addition to names, we would like a picture of your loved one. If you want a picture, other than the one from their obituary, please let the office know. Thank you.

Join our BUCC Choir!!!

Another exciting choir program year at Bethlehem UCC has started! Rehearsals are on Wednesdays, from 6:45 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. in the Choir Room. On Sunday mornings, we will have a brief warm-up at 9:20 a.m.

Everyone is welcome to participate in this wonderful music ministry—to lead worship, enjoy fellowship, and, most importantly, experience God's love and grace in our lives through the gift of music. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Dr. Naki Kripfgans (Music Director and Organist) at musicdirector@bethlehem-ucc.org.

Looking forward to a joyful and musical year together!

Make Music a
Part of Your Life



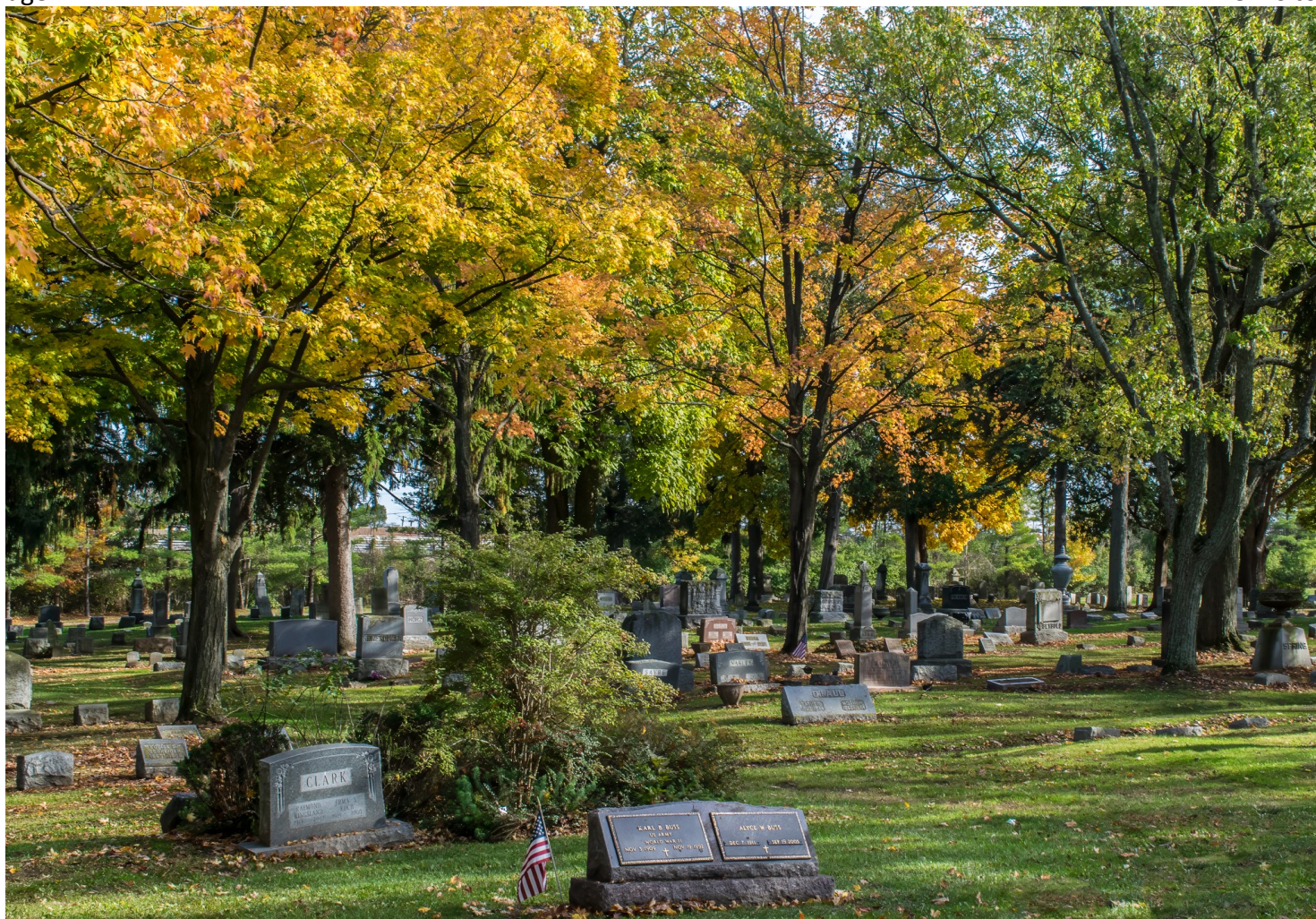


Photo by Bethlehem Member Jeff Wortman

The Ann Arbor/Washtenaw 2030 District is undertaking several new initiatives on carbon reduction, while celebrating achievements made towards reducing carbon emissions.

One of the initiatives of particular interest at our Cemetery, is called *Who Speaks for the Trees?* Assessing municipal tree preservation policies and ordinances. There are some good examples in other Michigan cities that may be used as models for what may become tree policy in Ann Arbor.

Our beautiful, canopied 20 plus cemetery acres, along with seven other cemeteries within the city limits, will be important assets to the difficult work ahead in environment improvement.

Now in September and October we focus on tree replacement and addition. Several trees were lost as a result of extreme weather events. Your Cemetery Association Board is working with Bethlehem members Sally and Kevin Elmiger of Elmiger Ornamentals, and cemetery sexton Brad Bouchie, to add up to a dozen new tree plantings very shortly.

Funding for these trees come from many, many donations to our Tree Fund and some trees sponsored by an individual as a legacy gift, in memory of a loved one. We are committed to maintaining the tree canopy, and welcome any and all financial support.

Donations may be made by credit card on our website, BethlehemCemeteryaa.com, through offering plate contributions, or check mailed to Bethlehem Cemetery, 423 S Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104.

Please come and visit Bethlehem Cemetery, 2801 Jackson Rd., Ann Arbor 48103. We are confident you will experience the tranquility and comfort of this sacred place.

CROP WALK October 6

CROP walk is celebrating 50 years with a goal of raising \$50,000! The walk takes place on Sunday, October 6, 1PM at Zion Lutheran. You are invited to be a part of this effort by joining Bethlehem's walking team the Pillamas. You can sign up and donate here: [CROP WALK Sign up](#) You can also donate on the Bethlehem website donations page CROP line item, or by check to the church office with CROP in the memo.



50th Annual Ann Arbor Area CROP Hunger Walk Sunday, October 6, 2024



Zion Lutheran Church (1501 West Liberty, Ann Arbor) is hosting our 50th year for 2024 Ann Arbor Area CROP Hunger Walk. Registration starts at 1 PM with an action-packed outdoor send-off at 2 pm.



Food provided outside at Zion Lutheran Church by fedupministries.org!

SAVE THESE DATES!!!

Drive-thru Recruiter Fair at Zion Lutheran on Wednesday, August 28th from 5 to 7 PM

Look for Virtual Local Agency Roundtable information to be announced!

Mark your calendars: Sunday, Oct. 6, 2024

Visit our website:

www.crophungerwalk.org/AnnArborMI
www.facebook.com/annarborecrophungerwalk

2023 CROP TEAM CO-CHAIRS

Mary Pratt
Bryan Weinert

Zion Lutheran Church

Hosts:
Bryan Weinert
Rev. James Debner

Treasurer:
Patti Yonka

Route Co-Chairs:
Jen Chapin-Smith
Alex Nemmers

Members:
Henri Avril
Barb Fichtenberg
Karen Koepp
Donald MacGregor

Charles Yonka

CWS Co-Ordinator:
Andrew Gifford

Benefiting: 75% goes to CWS national/international communities.

25% of funds will go to:

Saline Area Social Service,
Breakfast Program
@ St. Andrew's
Peace Neighborhood
Center
Aid in Milan
Hope Clinic
Love Thy Neighbor
FUMCAA
Community Action Network
FedUp Ministries
Growing Hope
Avalon Housing
SOS Community Services

CONTACT:
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734-975-5310

Many small gifts make a BIG difference!



Outreach Volunteer Opportunities

In addition to monetary donations, Bethlehem members support our partner organizations by volunteering. If you would like to be involved in this way, there are multiple opportunities.

Peace Neighborhood Center Food Distribution

Fridays 8:30 - 12:00

[Peace Food Distribution Sign Up](#)



Peace
Neighborhood
Center

Food Gatherers

Various shifts are available for signup at the Carrot Way warehouse sorting produce, or at the Delonis Center Community

Kitchen preparing and serving meals.

[Food Gatherers SignUp](#)



October is "Neighbors in Need" month—offerings will be accepted through out the entire month

MENTAL HEALTH JUSTICE FOR ALL

Mental
health
is a
Universal
Human
Right



"God will not falter or lose heart until justice prevails throughout the earth."
(Isaiah 42:4)

A World with Mental Health Justice for all is God's Dream for Us

This year's Neighbors in Need theme "**Mental Health Justice for All: Mental Health is a Universal Human Right**" highlights our God-given right to mental health.

Everyone is created in God's image, and everybody should receive quality mental health care.

In 2015, the General Synod of the United Church of Christ passed a resolution to become WISE (Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, and Engaged) for mental health.

A just world for all is a world where the human rights and well-being of people with mental health challenges are respected, no matter who you are or where you are in life's mental health journey.

We believe we all have a God-given right to the following to support mental health:

1. The right to be protected from known harms to mental health; a universal right which applies to the entire population, but especially the vulnerable including children and oppressed peoples.
2. The right to access quality and affordable care when a person is experiencing mental health challenges.
3. The right to freedom and dignity, including the right of choice for mental health care.

Visit www.mhn-ucc.org to learn more about these mental health principles.

The 2024 Neighbors in Need theme

"Mental Health Justice for All:

Mental Health is a Universal Human Right"

provides us with an opportunity to re-kindle our efforts to build a more justice world for all, dismantling the shame and stigma of mental health challenges.

We invite you to be part of God's work of mental health justice, join the WISE movement for mental health in your congregation, and support the Neighbors in Need offering.



October 10th is World Mental Health Day.

For more information visit:

<https://wmhdoofficial.com/>

In a Just World, Mental Health is a Universal Human Right!

Please join us in supporting the

2024 Neighbors in Need Special Mission Offering.



Two-thirds of your donations to NIN support advocacy, programming, and grants. One-third of your generous gifts directly support CAIM.

www.ucc.org/nin.



Current Fiscal Year

August 2024	Year to Date Actual	YTD Target	23 /24 Budget
Offerings and Income	\$96,112	\$105,500	\$422,000
Expenses	\$94,712	\$130,639	\$522,557
Net	\$1,400	(\$25,139)	(\$100,557)



Welcome Lisa Reach, our new Administrative Assistant. Lisa will be working in the office Wednesdays through Fridays from 9 am-2 pm. Stop into meet her and say "Hi!"



FALL CLEAN UP

OCTOBER 12, 2024 @ 9:00 am

Volunteers are needed to help clean up our church grounds before the winter weather starts. Yard waste bags provided...just bring your rake if you have one.

Sign-up Sheet is outside of the church office or call the church office @ 734-665-6149 to add your name to the list!

Calling all Liturgists!

It's easy being a liturgist, everything is already written; all you have to do is read aloud. Please use the [LITURGIST SIGNUP](#) link to volunteer.

You may also contact Pastors Dawn or Diane or call the office at 665-6149.



THANK YOU!!!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the great variety of school supplies and backpacks.

Your generous contributions will make many students very happy at Alpha House and Peace Neighborhood Center.

Thanks again,
The Education Team



Bethlehem Veterans & Friends Monthly Breakfast October 4 @ 8:30 am

Alpha Koney Island, 4389 Jackson Rd.
Questions? Contact Tom Ziesemer
734-476-7515 or via email at:
ziesemerth@gmail.com



Save the Date!



Bethlehem UCC warmly invites you to an enchanting afternoon of organ music performed by the distinguished Dr. Jörg Abbing from Germany. Join us at 4:00 pm on Saturday, October 5, 2024, for this wonderful musical experience. The program includes works by Rossi, Couperin, Bach, Franck, and Guillou. A free will offering will be collected, and a reception will follow. Come and be inspired by Dr. Abbing's performance and the magnificent sounds of the Casavant organ in our beautiful sanctuary.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Volunteer!



What better way to enjoy the company of your fellow church members than over a good cup of coffee? We are looking for two volunteers a week to adopt-a-coffee hour on Sundays after the 10:00 am worship service in the Fellowship Hall. Volunteers will need to set up, make coffee and clean up. Please click the link



[HERE](#) to be taken to the Sign Up Genius website where you can choose your slot. Your willingness to participate in this act of fellowship is sincerely appreciated.

MEMORIALS AND GIFTS

Gifts Received August 16- September 15

BROADCAST FUND
Ruth Keppler Memorial

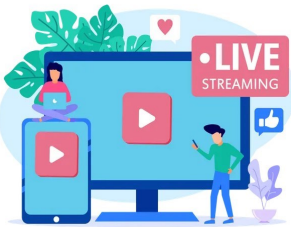
GENERAL MEMORIAL FUND
Ruth Keppler Memorial

Gifts listed were received through
September 15, 2024



Bethlehem Women & Friends Monthly Breakfast October 8 at 9:30 am

Alpha Koney Island, 4389 Jackson Rd.
Contact Susan Irwin at 734-255-5661 or
siiwin46@gmail.com for more info.



BROADCAST SUPPORT AND SPONSORSHIP

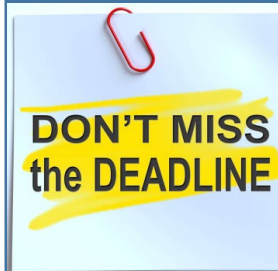
We are pleased to be able to provide live-streaming and a new phone streaming service of the weekly 10 o'clock worship service. Many of our members are unable to attend in person and this provides a way for them to feel connected.

This program is funded by weekly broadcast sponsorships, memorials, and special donations.

Have you sponsored a Broadcast lately?

Are you looking for a way to honor or remember a friend or family member? A weekly Broadcast Sponsorship is \$250. In addition, general donations of any amount are appreciated. Thank you for supporting this important ministry.

- Click [here](#) to go to Sign-Up Genius and choose a date, and how you want your sponsorship to read.
- You can donate online at: bethlehem-ucc.org or leave a message at the church office (734) 665-6149 and someone will get back with you.



Please make sure that the office receives all **Refrigerator Page** and **Email Blast** submissions by **12:00 pm Wednesday each week.**

October 15 is the deadline for items to be included in the November edition of the VISITOR

newsletter. Please email submissions to: churchoffice@bethlehem-ucc.org



MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from all Ministry Team Meetings are due by the **1st of every month.** Please email minutes to:

parishadministrator@bethlehem-ucc.org

Thank you all for your service to our church community.

Would You Like To Use The New Phone App?



You have two options with this new phone-based system. Option 1: Call 1-855-669-8965 and listen to the service live or listen to the latest recording any time during the week. **Option 2: The new system will call you just before the service begins.** All we need from you is your name and the phone number the system should call. All you need to do is answer your phone about 5 min before the service begins. The audio portion of the service will run the entire length of the service (it is not limited to 60 min).

This will also allow us to bring the audio of non-Sunday worship services to you such as the Longest Night Service, Christmas Eve service, Good Friday services, etc. With this phone service, you will be able to hear the worship service wherever you are. **Please call the office (734-665-6149) to provide your name and the phone number we should use for Option 2.** We encourage you to share this message with anyone you know who relies on the radio broadcast to follow our worship services. Thank you!



Support Bethlehem by Grocery Shopping!

You can help support Bethlehem when you buy your groceries at Busch's or Kroger. A portion of what you spend will be contributed to the church.

You'll need an account on each website which includes your phone number or alternate ID.

For Busch's - on www.buschs.com log into your account and select Cash for Education under your name. Enroll in the 2022 Cash for Education by clicking the dropdown to select "Bethlehem United Church of Christ". Make sure to check the box "Add to Future Quarters" to make sure Bethlehem gets credit all year long. Enrollment is required each January for Bethlehem to continue to receive funds. When you shop at Busch's, use your phone number or alternate ID at the register.

For Kroger - on www.kroger.com log into your account and select My Account under your name then Community Rewards. Find Bethlehem United Church of Christ and click Enroll. **Thank you to all who have signed up to help to support Bethlehem just by grocery shopping!**





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Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday
 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
(the office is closed on Mondays)

Staff E-Mail Addresses

The following is a list of our current staff at Bethlehem and their email addresses. Please utilize these email addresses for all communications.

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| Lisa Reach | Administrative Assistant |
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Our Core Values

- ◆ Growing spiritually in our faith journey together.
- ◆ Worshiping together to seek and share God's love.
- ◆ Connecting with God and each other in a supportive, nurturing way.
- ◆ Reaching out to our members, community, country, and the world through support and service.

Our Mission

To worship God,
 to learn and live the Word of God,
 to engage in Christian fellowship and service, to
 invite others to join us
 on our faith journey in the ministry of
 Jesus Christ.



Bethlehem United Church of Christ

Staff, Ministry Team Chairs, and Leadership Council

STAFF

Interim Pastor: Rev. Dawn Christenson
 Assoc. Pastor: Rev. Diane White
 Church Administrator: Gwenda Mayes
 Admin. Assistant: Lisa Reach
 Director of Music/Organist: Dr. Naki Kripfgans
 Director of Handbells: Jim Rowan
 Video Director: Dan Blakeney
 Maintenance Personnel: Bill Husted

MINISTRY TEAM CHAIRS

Finance: Tom Krell
 Facilities: Steve Darr
 Education: Eileen Koprowski
 Worship: Open Position
 Member Care: Judy Coucouvanis
 Jenny Foster
 Welcome: Open Position
 Outreach: Katie Rowan
 Fellowship: Open Position
 Youth & Young Adult: Open Position
 Bethlehem Cemetery: Mary Jean Raab
 Nominations Committee: Open Position

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

President: Jim Rowan
 Vice President: Open Position
 Secretary: Barbara Schenk
 Treasurer: P.J. Lindemann
 At-Large Members:
 Teresa Beagle
 Open Position
 Ex Officio: Rev. Dawn Christenson