

# Bethlehem United Church of Christ

## Refrigerator Page January 12, 2025

<b>Sun., Jan 12</b> 10:00 am	<b>Baptism of the Lord</b> Worship Service, In-Person, Phone Stream & Live Stream
10:00 am	Sunday School during worship
11:15 am	Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall
11:30 am	What Does it Mean to be the Body of Christ Workshop, Library
<b>Mon., Jan 13</b> 5:30 pm	<b>Office Closed</b> Handbell Practice, Choir Room
<b>Tues., Jan 14</b> 9:30 am	<b>Office Open 9:00 am—2:00 pm</b> Ladies Breakfast, Alpha Koney
<b>Wed., Jan 15</b> 12:00 pm 6:45 pm	<b>Office Open 9:00 am—2:00 pm</b> Community Crafters, Lounge Choir Practice, Choir Room
<b>Thurs., Jan 16</b>	<b>Office Open 9:00 am—2:00 pm</b>
<b>Fri., Jan 17</b>	<b>Office Open 9:00 am—2:00 pm</b>
<b>Sat., Jan 18</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>
<b>Sun., Jan 19</b> 10:00 am	<b>Second Sunday after Epiphany</b> Worship Service, In-Person, Phone Stream & Live Stream
10:00 am	Sunday School during worship
11:15 am	Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall
11:30 am	What Does it Mean to be the Body of Christ Workshop, Library

### Building Room Requests

Our building has many lovely spaces to use for meetings and workshops. We also have a demand for rental of these spaces.

**PRIOR** to planning an event, please contact office staff to verify room availability and to have your event scheduled on the calendar.

### Handbell Choir Rehearsal

Please join us at 5:30 pm each Monday in the Choir Room. For more information, contact Jim Rowan at [jrowan@umich.edu](mailto:jrowan@umich.edu) or via cell at 734-846-2157.



### Transitional Workshops

We will be hosting 6 transitional workshops January – March 2025 in the Youth Room after Worship from 12:00 – 2:00 pm. The following are the dates and brief descriptions of the upcoming workshops. Please mark your calendars now so that you can plan to attend some or all the workshops.

#### January 26, 2025 - Who are We?

This is an important exercise to deeply explore who BUCC is believed to be today, especially given current members. Many perspectives, history and hope will be shared by those present. This is always an eye-opening experience.

#### February 9, 2025 - Who is Our Neighbor?

This exercise explores physical, ecumenical, service agencies, and more (not necessarily as obvious as you might think). We will be looking for opportunities for ministerial partners, as well as perceived "threats". We will think about how we might want to or are called to engage with some of these neighbors in new ways.

#### February 23, 2025 - Asset Mapping

This exercise will help us identify all of BUCC's assets, as well as those needed or desired; ranking/prioritizing them. Information generated through this exercise is of paramount importance for the next visioning workshop.

#### March 2, 2025 - I Can See Clearly

This is one of the most exciting workshops in which we will engage! This is where we will consider all of the information discerned to date and further discern who God is calling BUCC to be and what God is calling BUCC to do. This is where we develop the vision for the future of BUCC.

#### March 16, 2025 - Shepherding 101

This is the last big discernment piece, in which we will determine the qualities needed and desired in the next settled pastor for BUCC, in relation to the future vision of the church.



Happy birthday to the following Bethlehem members who are celebrating birthdays this week:

Judith S.	Carol D.	Abigail J.
Susan B.	Diana S.	Larry E.
Brooke H.	Norma C.	Diane W.

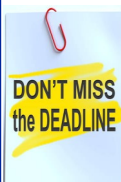
## Great News!

The Bethlehem website has been updated to include easy access to sign up for opportunities here at church. On the front page, at the bottom, are one click buttons that take you to sign up sheets. You can add your name to be a [Liturgist](#), provide [Flowers for Sunday Worship](#), [Adopt a Coffee Hour](#), or [Sponsor a Live Broadcast](#).

If you do not have access to a computer or need assistance please call the church office at 734-665-6149

## Workshop: *What does it mean to be the Body of Christ?*

Diana Slaughter will lead this two-part workshop. We will meet **Jan. 12 and 19, 11:30-12:15 in the library**. In the first session, we will look at what Biblical and theological sources say about being the body of Christ in the world. In the second session, we will explore how we can put the theory into practice in our personal lives and in the life of our church community.



**Refrigerator Page** and **Email Blast** submissions must be received by **5:00 pm Tuesday each week**. The deadline for the **March Visitor is February 15th**.

Please be sure to include all dates, times and pertinent information. Please email

## 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](http://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](http://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 bring money to Bethlehem just by grocery shopping!**



## Great Helpers!!

It's amazing what a few members can accomplish.

Thank you to: Jim Stadel

Jim and Katie Rowan

Joe and Jan Eadie

for taking down the Christmas decorations and storing them away.

If you enjoy seeing the Christmas lights, then please remember - your help is needed next year, or we won't be able to continue this beautiful tradition.

## Reminder:

**Bethlehem follows the Ann Arbor Schools Closing Policy. If Ann Arbor Schools are closed due to weather conditions, Bethlehem offices will be closed as well.**

**Thank you for your understanding**



## BRRRR!!!!

As the temperature drops, we invite those who are able to walk, to park a bit further away to allow those who aren't able to walk a parking space in the church lot.

There is free parking available on 4th and 5th Ave on Sunday as well as at Muehlig Chapel, the doctor's office next door and the parking structure at the corner of 4th and Williams.

