

Bethlehem United Church of Christ

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Sun., Apr 27	Second Sunday of Easter
10:00 am	Worship Service, In-Person, Phone Stream & Live Stream
10:00 am	Sunday School during worship Bylaws Presentation following service
11:15 am	Coffee Hour/Habitat for Humanity will provide tasty baked goods/ Bylaws Q & A session, Youth Room
Mon., Apr 28	Office Closed
5:30 pm	Handbell Practice, Choir Room
Tues., Apr 29	Office Open 9:00 am—2:00 pm
Wed., Apr 30	Office Open 9:00 am—2:00 pm
11:00 am	Bylaws Q&A session, Youth Room
12:00 pm	Community Crafters, Lounge
6:45 pm	Choir Practice, Choir Room
Thurs., May 1	Office Open 9:00 am—2:00 pm
Fri., May 2	Office Open 9:00 am—2:00 pm
8:30 am	Veterans Breakfast, Alpha Koney
Sat., May 3	Office Closed
Sun., May 4	Third Sunday of Easter
10:00 am	Worship Service, In-Person, Phone Stream & Live Stream
10:00 am	Sunday School during worship service
11:15 am	Coffee Hour, Bylaws Q & A, Youth Room

As you may know, Pastor Diane broke her ankle and it required surgery. She will be recovering at home for several weeks. Many want to know how they can help.

There will be a SignUp Genius created for ways you can assist Pastor Diane and her family during her recovery.

Please refrain from contacting her directly so she can rest and recover, but prayers are most welcome.

We all wish her the very best. ***More to come.***

Please contact the church office or Pastor Dawn for pastoral care needs.



Special Coffee Hour

Habitat for Humanity will be providing delicious baked goods during coffee hour. Free will donations will be happily accepted to aid this year's projects. All donations will support this year's build days for Habitat Huron Valley. There will also be a bylaws Q & A session during coffee hour.

2025/26 Stewardship Drive materials have been mailed to all members. Our theme this year is:



Faith in action - No Gift Too Small

Please prayerfully consider how your gifts of treasure, time, and talent support Bethlehem's mission. We ask that you turn your pledge cards into the church office no later than May 5.

May God's blessings be upon you.

Bylaws Question and Answer Sessions

- On **April 27, 2025**, there will be a bylaws presentation after worship in the sanctuary followed by a question and answer session in the Youth Room during coffee hour.
 - On **April 30, 2025**, there will be a bylaws question and answer session in the Youth Room. Please register in signup genius. Click [HERE](#).
 - On **May 4, 2025**, there will be a bylaws question and answer session in the Youth Room during coffee hour.
- Copies of current bylaws and proposed bylaws will be distributed at a later date



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

Wendy B.

Anthony R.

Edward R.



Spring Clean Up

Please come help clean up the outside area surrounding our beautiful church.

May 17, 2025 at 9:00 am
Sign up sheet is outside church office

Signs in Worship Areas

Have you noticed the new welcome signs at entrances to the sanctuary, Chapel, Upper Room and Youth Room? In case you're wondering, we've posted them per recommendations from the Washtenaw County Sheriff. Should ICE agents attempt to enter these worship areas, these signs give us and our interfaith worshipers authority to deny them access. This is one measure to protect our immigrant community while embracing an attitude of welcome.

Welcome!

PRIVATE
WORSHIP AREA

All worshipers are welcome here!

UPDATE!!!

The Youth Lenten Project has collected \$3,549.48 of our \$2,500.00 goal for SAFEHOUSE. Thank you to those who contributed.



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

BUCC Volunteer Days for Habitat for Humanity Huron Valley

Once again, Bethlehem is committed to local affordable housing and building strength, stability and new lives through our local Habitat for Humanity. We have two volunteer days scheduled for **Saturday May 3 and August 9, 9:00 - 4:00**.

Four or five volunteers are needed for each day. BUCC, along with other area churches and community volunteers, are revitalizing 423 Ainsworth Circle in Ypsilanti. For more details and a **sign up link**, please see the House of Faith flyer in this Visitor. To sign up, you may also click here: [Habitat Sign Up](#) (Use lockcode: Bethlehem)

We hope to give a generous donation towards the costs of the project. You can contribute by supporting our upcoming **Habitat Coffee Hour** after church on **April 27**, or by using this link to donate on the Bethlehem website: [Donate](#) Or drop a check at the church office or in the Sunday offering marked **Habitat Huron Valley**.

Thank you for helping build new lives with affordable housing in our community.



Habitat
for Humanity
Huron Valley

House of Faith

2025 Build



GROUP NAME: Bethlehem UCC
WHEN: Saturday, May 3 & Saturday, August 9
TIME: 9 AM - 4 PM

LOCATION: 423 Ainsworth Cir., Ypsilanti

792 square feet • 3 bed • 1 bath
Located in the City of Ypsilanti

Habitat for Humanity of Huron Valley is working to create affordable homeownership and a sustainable community for the people of Washtenaw County. For more than 30 years, Habitat's work has been a catalyst for stabilizing homes, families and communities.

WHAT TO KNOW & HOW TO PREPARE

- No construction experience necessary! Our House Leaders will ensure a variety of tasks are available for all individuals with a wide variety of skill levels and physical abilities.
- Wear comfortable clothes that can get dirty and dress for the weather. We do not guarantee heat/air condition at any of our work sites
- Wear closed-toed shoes or work boots (no open-toed shoes)
- Remove jewelry and pull back loose hair
- We have disposable water bottles on site, but do not offer food. Plan to go out or bring lunch (we'll break for an hour at noon, but do not provide food)
- Port-a-jons will be available
- Tools & equipment will be provided. You are welcome to bring your own, but you are responsible for them, and they are subject to our House Leader's safety check
- Safety is our highest priority! Keeping a safe worksite is everyone's responsibility. All PPE will be provided, but you can bring your own (eye protection, work gloves, mask, etc)
- Projects: Expected tasks will be emailed to you the week of your build day. Please dress accordingly
- Age Restrictions: Due to safety regulations, individuals under the age of 16 are not permitted on our active sites. Those ages 16 - 17 must have a waiver completed by a parent/guardian and be accompanied by an adult while on site

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER

All volunteers must register online by the Monday prior to their chosen date.

Location details, expected tasks, and additional details and will be emailed to all volunteers the week of each scheduled build day.

All MUST arrive by 9 AM and plan to stay until 4 PM, unless projects/tasks are completed earlier.

LEARN MORE:

<https://givepul.se/whyidq>
lock code: Bethlehem

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