

Bethlehem United Church of Christ

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Sun., Oct. 5	Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost / Communion Sunday
10:00 am	Worship Service, In-Person, Phone Stream & Live Stream
10:00 am	Sunday School during worship
11:00 am	Community Time, Youth Room
2:00 pm	CROP Walk @ FUMC (Registration at 1:00 pm)
Mon., Oct. 6	Office Closed
11:00 am	Handbell Practice, Choir Room
Tues., Oct. 7	Office Open 9:00 am—2:00 pm
Wed., Oct. 8	Office Open 9:00 am—2:00 pm
9:30 am	Cemetery Board Mtg., Cemetery
12:00 pm	Community Crafters, Lounge
3:00 pm	Member Engagement Mtg., Lounge
6:45 pm	Choir Practice, Choir Room
Thur., Oct. 9	Office Open 9:00 am—2:00 pm
Fri., Oct. 10	Office Open 9:00 am—2:00 pm
8:00 am	Pretzel Baking Practice, Kitchen/Fellowship Hall
Sat., Oct. 11	Office Closed
8:00 am	Pretzel Baking Practice, Kitchen/Fellowship Hall
Sun., Oct. 12	Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 am	Worship Service, In-Person, Phone Stream & Live Stream
10:00 am	Sunday School during worship
11:00 am	Community Time, Youth Room

CROP WALK

This year's CROP walk is on Sunday October 5, 2025 at 2 pm (registration at 1:00) and will be hosted by First United Methodist. You are welcome to join the Bethlehem team, the Pillamas.

Sign up is on the CROP Walk website here: [CROP WALK Sign UP](#). Packets will also be available in the church office

You can also donate via the Bethlehem website donation page on the CROP walk line item or by check made out to BUCC with CROP in the memo.



Gifts to Neighbors in Need (NIN) support the United Church of Christ's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). The other two-thirds of the offering support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, direct service projects, and grants. Neighbors in Need grants are annually awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities.

Please give by using the envelope found in your packets or at the entrance to the church or by clicking [HERE](#) to be taken to online giving. We will be collecting throughout the month of October. Thank you for your support.



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

Theresa H. Joy H.
Wayne W. Jenny P. Crystal W.



Michigan Football Parking Volunteer Sign Up

Dates:

Oct. 18th, Washington, TBA

Nov. 1st, Purdue, TBA

Nov. 29, That Ohio Team, Noon

Four volunteers are needed for each game. Times slots will vary depending on game start time. All dates are in SignUp Genius. Times will be added once game time is announced. Click [HERE](#) to sign up.



Your Bethlehem Chancel Choir Needs You!

ALL are welcome, no matter what level of music training you have. Please come and join us! If you cannot commit to the whole choir program season (September through May) seasonal participation is also appreciated, especially for the Advent/Christmas or Lent/Easter seasons.

We rehearse on Wednesday evenings, 6:45 p.m. - 8:15 p.m., in the choir room. On Sunday mornings, we have a brief warm-up at 9:20 a.m.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Dr. Naki Kripfgans, Director of Music Ministries and Organist at:

musicdirector@bethlehem-ucc.org

FALL CLEAN UP



Cemetery Fall Clean-up Schedule Reminder

All Spring/Summer decorations should be removed from the graves by November 1. After that date, any remaining Spring/Summer decorations will be removed by the cemetery maintenance crew.

Please help us prepare for Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and 2026.

Your Cemetery Board thanks you in advance.

Vision Statement

The following Statement is born out of the March 2, 2025 and September 21, 2025 visioning workshops, with finishing-touches by Leadership Council on September 25, 2025. This is a vision that the good people of Bethlehem UCC can proudly live into! Well done!

Blessings of Hope, Pastor Dawn

Vision Statement

At Bethlehem United Church of Christ, we are called to:

- be a welcoming, vibrant and inclusive community, where everyone is invited to experience God's love;
- serve with compassionate hands and hearts;
- live as Jesus lived with love, faith, peace, and justice in action;
- inspire and uplift all who seek spiritual growth;
- and walk with all communities, cultures, and traditions who share this vision.

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.

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