

Bethlehem United Church of Christ

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Sun., Nov. 30	First Sunday of Advent
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
Mon., Dec. 1	Office Closed
11:00 am	Handbell Practice, Choir Room
Tues., Dec. 2	Office Open 9:00 am—2:00 pm
Wed., Dec. 3	Office Open 9:00 am—2:00 pm
12:00 pm	Bethlehem Crafters, Lounge
7:00 pm	Choir Practice, Choir Room
Thur., Dec. 4	Office Open 9:00 am—2:00 pm
Fri., Dec. 5	Office Open 9:00 am—2:00 pm
8:30 am	Veterans Breakfast , Alpha Koney
Sat., Dec. 6	Office Closed
Sun., Dec. 7	Second Sunday of Advent
10:00 am	Worship Service, In-Person, Phone Stream & Live Stream
10:00 am	Sunday School during worship
11:00 am	Advent Workshop and Potluck Lunch, Fellowship Hall



ADVENT WORKSHOP AND POTLUCK LUNCH

Our annual church Advent Workshop and Potluck will be held Sunday, December 7th at 11:15 am in the Fellowship Dining Room. Come create beautiful Christmas crafts to take home, or give as gifts. Please sign up on the church bulletin board to bring a main dish, side dish/salad or dessert to share. If you have dietary restrictions plan to bring a dish that you will be able to enjoy. Please mark your calendars. Hope to see you there! The Education Team



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

Linda T.	Jennifer D.	Isaac W.
Susan I.	Nancy G.	Mark B.



Service of Comfort & Light for when Christmas Hurts

December 10th at 1:30 PM

Let's mark this time of the year, by gathering in the warm glow of God's healing love. Many of us have experienced a wide array of losses. In the wake of loss, we carry the weight of grief, sorrow and pain that darken our lives. This solemn service provides sacred space for us to contemplate our losses, and to cry out to God, releasing some of our heavy burdens to God's good care.

Whatever your loss, whatever you are feeling that weighs you down darkening the bright holiday season, join us. Lean on one another and on God's everlasting arms and find rest for your souls. Come for healing and comfort and find solace in the Light of Christ – the Light of Hope.

Community Time Snack Volunteer Opportunity

The Member Engagement Team is seeking volunteers to provide snacks during Community Time, which takes place on Sunday mornings immediately following the church service. This is a wonderful opportunity to contribute to our community and help to welcome our members and guests. Snacks could be cookies, bars, brownies or other baked goods. If you are interested in providing snacks, please click [HERE](#) to sign up.

Thank You!

Thank you to those that helped with the Greening of the Church: Jim & Katie Rowan, Jim & Sallie Stadel, John Irwin, Sue Buday, Randy, Julia & Tristan Schneider, Teresa Beagle, Bob & Michelle Loukotka, Jane Schmerberg, Dona & Amy Nicholson, Jan Eadie.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES



Wednesday, December 24
Christmas Eve Worship

7:00 pm

A Candlelight Service and a musical
celebration featuring the
Bethlehem Chancel Choir
and
Bethlehem Handbell Quartet

COOKIE EXCHANGE!!

December 14, 2025 at 11:15 am
following Worship. Member
Engagement is sponsoring a Cookie
Exchange during Community Hour.

Bring one dozen of your favorite
holiday inspired cookies to exchange for a dozen of
your choice.

If you have any questions please contact Jenny
Foster at:

bucc.memberengagement@bethlehem-ucc.org



The Christmas Fund Offering

"...THE GLORY OF GOD SHONE AROUND THEM..."
LUKE 2:9



Christmas Fund 2025

***"And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and
the glory of the Lord shone around them..." —Luke
2:9***

The Christmas Fund has been caring for active and
retired clergy and lay employees of the United
Church of Christ for over 100 years, providing
emergency grants, supplementation of small
annuities and health premiums, and Christmas
"Thank You" gift checks each December to our lower
-income retirees.

United Church of Christ congregations and
members have blessed the Christmas Fund with
their generosity for many years. This year, your care
and compassion will be especially appreciated by
those servants of the church who are facing a time
of need. Thank you!

To donate by mail to the Christmas Fund,
send a check payable to "The Christmas Fund."

Mail to:

The Pension Boards-United Church of Christ, Inc.
Christmas Fund

75 Remittance Dr., Suite 1637

Chicago, IL 60675-1637

You may also donate online by clicking the link
[HERE](#) and donating directly to the Christmas Fund
via our online giving website. Thank you and God
Bless You and Yours this Holy Season.

Here we go a caroling...!

December 14th 12:30pm

Please let Pastor Diane or
Dawn know if you plan to go
caroling, so we can plan
accordingly to feed you before
heading out to sing.
Hope you can join us!!

