

Bethlehem United Church of Christ

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Sun., June 21	Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Candidacy Sunday
10:00 am	Worship Service, In-Person, Phone Stream & Live Stream
10:00 am	Sunday School during Worship
11:00 am	Community Time, Sanctuary
11:00 am	Congregational Mtg., to Vote on Pastoral Candidate, Sanctuary
11:00 pm	Kitchen Cleaning, Fellowship Hall
Mon., June 22	Office Closed
7:00 pm	Kitchen Cleaning, Fellowship Hall
Tues., June 23	Office Open 9:00 am-2:00 pm
7:00 pm	Kitchen Cleaning, Fellowship Hall
Wed., June 24	Office Open 9:00 am-2:00 pm
12:00 pm	Bethlehem Crafters, Lounge
7:00 pm	Kitchen Cleaning, Fellowship Hall
Thurs., June 25	Office Open 9:00 am-2:00 pm
6:00 pm	Leadership Council Mtg. via ZOOM
7:00 pm	Kitchen Cleaning, Fellowship Hall
Fri, June 26	Office Open 9:00 am-2:00 pm
7:00 pm	Kitchen Cleaning, Fellowship Hall
Sat., June 27	Office Closed
Sun., June 28	Fifth 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

**Bethlehem UCC is inviting you to a
scheduled Zoom meeting**

Topic: Congregational Mtg. - Candidacy Sunday
Time: Jun 21, 2026, 11:00 AM Eastern Time

[Join ZOOM Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 875 0366 9012
Passcode: 983741

Dial in by phone: 1(312) 626-6799; you will be prompted to enter the Meeting ID and Passcode. Press *6 to unmute.

[Join Instructions](#)

Thank you!!!!

Many thanks to those who showed up to help with the de-cluttering and cleanout of the Fellowship Hall kitchens in preparation of the deep cleaning which will be taking place this coming week. Your willingness to take on this long-neglected task was truly appreciated. Sincerest gratitude to:

John Irwin Jacquie Katz
Michelle Loukotka Pastor Diane

 **Fair Parking Fundraiser**

HELP NEEDED!!!
***** July 16 17 & 18*****

Adults and youth needed for each shift:
9:00 am - 12:00 pm 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Click [HERE](#) to sign up!


EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

*The Bethlehem 2026-2027 Scholarship Application
is available now on our website.
Deadline for filing is **June 30.***

Members of Bethlehem are eligible to apply for educational scholarships. Application is open to any qualified member attending full-time at an accredited college or university at the undergraduate or graduate level.

Application form may be obtained by emailing: parishadministrator@bethlehem-ucc.org. It can also be downloaded from the website by clicking the link below.

Scholarship Application

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

Erin F.	Sally E.	Judy N.
Adrienne P.	John I.	Gary D.
Sheila P.	Valdemar J.	

Get to Know Pastoral Candidate Pastor Matthew Hogue-Smith

The search committee is excited to share some additional information about Pastor Matthew Hogue-Smith.

Pastor Matthew is an ordained minister with full standing in the United Church of Christ. He received his Bachelor of Arts in Music, and Master of Arts degree in Practical Theology and Ministry, both from Barry University in Miami Shores, Florida. Matthew completed his clinical pastoral education (CPE) at Cleveland Clinic, in Cleveland, Ohio.

He first served on campus ministry staff at Barry University; then First Congregational Church, North Ridgeville Ohio. Pastor Matthew was called for ministry as an associate pastor for outreach, justice and diversity at First Church of Christ, Congregational UCC in Glastonbury, Connecticut and currently serves as senior pastor at Peoples Church of Flint, Flint Michigan.

In his most recent setting, he has guided the congregation through a season of regrowth and revitalization with the particular focus on reimagining their ministry, fostering community engagement, and stewarding their physical space.

Matthew currently sits on the Michigan Conference Committee on Ministry (Covenant Association) and is a member of the Vital Growth Mission Team for our Michigan Conference. His references all praised his spiritual maturity, passion for organizational clarity, and strong work ethic.

The search committee was unanimous in our selection of Pastor Matthew for your approval. We believe the spirit has led him to us, and us to him, and that he has the right personality and qualifications to lead our church forward. He brings a fresh, honest, spirit-led, perspective which was unmatched by any of the 22 candidates we considered. We enthusiastically recommend you call him as our next pastor.

Bethlehem Search Committee

Sue Buday Kurt Schmerberg Pat Huibregste
Dani Webb Dan Foster

BUCC Volunteer Day 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. Our volunteer day is scheduled for **Saturday August 8, 2026, from 9:00 - 3:00.**

Four volunteers are needed. BUCC, along with other area churches and community volunteers, are revitalizing a house in Ypsilanti. For more details and a **sign up link**, please see the House of Faith flyer in the June/July Visitor. To sign up, you may also click here: [Habitat Sign Up](#)

Use the access code: Bethlehem.

We are also looking for a volunteer to provide lunch on site for 10-12 people on our build day. Please contact Katie (rowank55@gmail.com) if you would like to donate and deliver lunch.

We hope to give a generous donation towards the costs of the project. You can contribute by clicking [HERE](#) to contribute via the Bethlehem website where there is a line item for **Habit Huron Valley**. Or drop a check at the church office or in the Sunday offering with **Habitat Huron Valley** in the memo. Thank you for helping build new lives with affordable housing in our community.



**A²ZERO
SUMMER
CLOTHING
SWAPS**

June 18
July 16
August 20

**4 PM - 7 PM
EVERY 3RD THURSDAY**

City Hall
301 E Huron St., Ann Arbor, MI ↙
RSVP: luma.com/a2zeroclothingswaps

More monthly & pop-up swaps can be found here!

HOW IT WORKS
BRING UP TO 10 ITEMS AND ACCESSORIES IN GOOD CONDITION. NO NEED TO BRING SOMETHING TO TAKE SOMETHING!