

Bethlehem United Church of Christ

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Sun., Aug. 2	Tenth 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
Mon., Aug. 3	Office Closed
Tues., Aug. 4	Office Open 9:00 am-2:00 pm
Wed., Aug. 5	Office Open 9:00 am-2:00 pm
12:00 pm	Bethlehem Crafters, Lounge
Thurs., Aug. 6	Office Open 9:00 am-2:00 pm
Fri., Aug. 7	Office Open 9:00 am-2:00 pm
8:30 am	Veterans and Friends Breakfast, Alpha Koney
Sat., Aug. 8	Office Closed
9:00 am	Habitat Volunteer Day, 432 Ainsworth Circle, Ypsilanti
Sun., Aug. 9	Eleventh 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

Reverend Matthew Hogue-Smith

Welcome to
Bethlehem United Church of Christ

Join our one-time Summer Pick-Up Choir on Sunday, August 16!

Come make a joyful noise with us! Simply show up in the sanctuary at 9am on Sunday morning, August 16 to sing in worship on that day.

No need to dress up—just wear something respectful in any color. No long-term commitment required. We promise not to hold you hostage in the Choir Room afterward!

If you would like to receive the music and a listening link in advance, please contact our music director, Dr. Naki Kripfgans, at: musicdirector@bethlehem-ucc.org or call/text at (734) 276-6615

Congratulations to the following recipients of the McKay Scholarship Awards 2026

Carrie Schwartz - University of Michigan
Abby Bowers - Michigan State University
John Schenk - Michigan State University
Jacob Paton - University of Virginia School of Law

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.**

We are 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.



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

Vicki H.	James S.	Courtney D.
Jenell B.	Roy M.	Jamie D.
Gavin T.		Deborah S.

Annual School Supply Drive August 2-August 23

The Sunday School, in collaboration with the Outreach Ministry Team, is leading our annual school supply drive. There will be a basket for donations in the sanctuary on Sundays. Items may also be delivered to the office during office hours. We plan to donate supplies to Alpha House/Interfaith Hospitality Network and Peace Neighborhood Center. We will be tracking the number of the different items donated and will keep you posted on which items are still needed. If you wish, you may also donate money to help us fill gaps in donated supplies. Use the designation "School supply drive."

Please contact Diana Slaughter (dlsalter@umich.edu, (734) 905-2781) if you have any questions.

These items, in the quantities specified, would allow us to completely outfit 30 school-age clients of Alpha House, 10 each in elementary, middle and high school:

- 10 Backpacks, elementary
- 20 Backpacks, middle & high
- 5 Notebooks, wide-ruled (upper elem.)
- 20 Notebooks, college-ruled (middle & high)
- 20 Filler paper, college-ruled
- 20 Index cards, 3x5 pack of 100
- 30 Folders with pockets and prongs
- 20 Binders
- 10 Crayons, 24-count (elem.)
- 10 Washable markers, 8 count (elem.)
- 20 Highlighters (middle & high)
- 30 Colored pencils, 8-12 count
- 60 Pencils, wood
- 20 Pencils, mechanical
- 30 Glue sticks
- 5 Scissors, blunt (lower elem.)
- 5 Scissors (upper elem.)
- 20 Scissors (middle & high)
- 30 Pink erasers
- 30 Pencil pouches
- 30 Pocket tissues
- 30 Pocket-size hand sanitizers
- 10 Water bottles (elem.)
- 20 Water bottles (middle & high)

Extras:

- 5- Headphones or sets of earbuds (these are especially helpful for students who have ADHD or autism)
- 1-2 Graphing calculator (to be lent to students as needed; used in good condition is OK)

Thank you for your generosity.