

Bethlehem United Church of Christ

Refrigerator Page August 16, 2026

Sun., Aug. 16	Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
9:00 am	Pick-up Choir, Sanctuary
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. 17	Office Closed
Tues., Aug. 18	Office Open 9:00 am-2:00 pm
Wed., Aug. 19	Office Open 9:00 am-2:00 pm
12:00 pm	Bethlehem Crafters, Lounge
Thurs., Aug. 20	Office Open 9:00 am-2:00 pm
Fri, Aug. 21	Office Open 9:00 am-2:00 pm
Sat., Aug. 22	Office Closed
Sun., Aug. 23	Thirteenth 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

🏈 Game Day Volunteers Needed! 🏈

Get in on the excitement while supporting our church! We need **four volunteers for each game** to help make this fundraiser a success. It's a fun way to be part of the game day atmosphere, enjoy fellowship, and raise funds that directly benefit our church.

All volunteer dates are available in [SignUpGenius](#). Game times will be added as soon as they are announced, so you can choose the shift that works best for you.

Whether you're a seasoned volunteer or trying it for the first time, we'd love to have you on the team. Invite a friend, sign up, and help us move the chains toward another successful fundraiser. Together, we can make every game a win for Bethlehem!

Ready to get in the game? Scan the QR code below to access [SignUpGenius](#) and claim your volunteer spot. Every volunteer helps us score a touchdown for Bethlehem!



Pastor Matthew's Office Hours

IF THE PASTOR IS NOT IN DURING THE LISTED HOURS DUE TO A OBLIGATION PLEASE CALL 860-249-3576 OR E-MAIL PASTOR@BETHLEHEM-UCC.ORG

MONDAY	SABBATH
TUESDAY	9:30AM-5PM
WEDNESDAY	9:30AM-5PM
THURSDAY	9:30AM-5:30PM
FRIDAY	SABBATH
SATURDAY	REMOTE WORK
SUNDAY	BY APPOINTMENT OR MEETING

Lay Leadership Retreat Opportunity

"A Lay Leader is a congregational participant who has been chosen as a leader either by their peers or the leadership of the congregation. A lay leader is not ordained clergy, and lay leader responsibilities vary according to the particular congregation."

The Michigan Conference values lay leaders and is providing this unique opportunity to care for these special leaders in our local churches. By clicking the link [here](#), you will be directed to the registration page to sign up to attend the retreat on September 12, 2026 at Michigan Friends Center in Chelsea.

This retreat will provide valuable time to focus, without distraction, on what matters to you, especially your values and vision, challenges and fears. Join us for a day of renewal. We look forward to seeing you there!

Join Summer Pick-Up Choir this Sunday!

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

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.



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

Tyler T.	Kent S.	Mary L.
Sharon S.	Caroline W.	Robbie W.
	Jessica L.	



Are you following Bethlehem United Church of Christ on Facebook? Follow our page, interact with posts, and share them with friends to help more people discover what is happening in our church.

You can also support us by leaving a google review about your experience at Bethlehem. A few thoughtful words from you may be the invitation someone else needs to walk through our doors!

August Volunteer Opportunity for Hope Clinic's Farm Stand

Hope Clinic in Ypsilanti and is a wonderful support for those in need. They are looking for a group of 2-4 people to unload, and sort produce for their farm stand on Monday, Tuesday, or Friday 2-4 PM during August. This is not a recurring role. You can do it once, or as often as you like. Another group of 2-4 people is also needed on the same days from 4-6 PM to distribute the produce to people who have made appointments. The farm stand is located at 454 Harriet St., Ypsilanti.

This could be a fun activity for your ministry team, family, work colleagues, or group of friends. You can also sign up individually. If you would like to schedule a shift, please contact Katie Rowan for signup information: rowank55@gmail.com or see Katie at community time to sign up with a Bethlehem group.

WATCH FOR UP-COMING EVENTS

In September there will be information regarding October Pretzel Making and The annual CROP WALK.



Update on the School Supply Drive, sponsored by the Sunday School and Outreach

Thank you for the wonderful response to our School Supply Drive! You can help by pledging specific items from the list to keep donations balanced, or by making a monetary donation designated for the **School Supply Drive** to help fill any gaps.

To pledge an item, email, text, or call me at dlsalter@umich.edu or (734) 905-2781, or add a Post-it note to the tally board on Sunday.

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| 3 Middle /High School backpacks | 8 Highlighter |
| 7 Wide rules notebooks | 23 sets of colored pencils (8-12 count) |
| 9 College-rules notebooks | 5 scissors, upper elementary |
| 6 packages of college-ruled paper | 20 scissors, middle/high school |
| 12 packs of index cards | 17 pink erasers |
| 20 White-out correction tapes | 30 pencil pouches |
| 26 folders with pockets and prongs | 26 pocket size tissues |
| 17 3 ring binders | 30 pocket sized hand sanitizers |
| 5 washable markers | |
| Extras: 3 plastic protractors, 1 clear ruler, 1-2 graphing calculator, can be gently used, 1-5 sets of headphones or earbuds | |

Habitat for Humanity Project

Thank you to Bethlehem volunteers Jane Schmerberg, Karen Clark, Eileen Kaprowski, Bryan Oxender, and Joe Eadie, who joined volunteers from Ann Arbor Community Reformed Church and future homeowners Arielle and Gabe Steele for a productive day of construction at 740 Dorset Ave. in Ypsilanti.

Our group painted interior trim and installed cabinets, doors, and trim. Lunch was generously provided by Jennifer Vasquez and Ron Dechert.

Thanks to your generous donations, along with a match from the community benevolence portion of the McKay funds, we were able to send a \$2,072 check to Habitat Huron Valley. A special thank-you to everyone who generously supported our fundraising efforts, as well as our bakers Jane Schmerberg, Eileen Kaprowski, and Katie Rowan.

We also appreciate Outreach Ministry Team members Jane Schmerberg, Eileen Kaprowski, Mary Jean Raab, and Katie Rowan for organizing and promoting this wonderful project.

