

Bethlehem United Church of Christ

Refrigerator Page August 23, 2026

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
Mon., Aug. 24	Office Closed
Tues., Aug. 25	Office Open 9:00 am-2:00 pm
9:30 am	Bethlehem Ladies' Breakfast, Alpha Koney
Wed., Aug. 26	Office Open 9:00 am-2:00 pm
	Founding Day 1833
12:00 pm	Bethlehem Crafters, Lounge
2:30 pm	Safety & Security Mtg., Lounge
Thurs., Aug. 27	Office Open 9:00 am-2:00 pm
6:00 pm	Executive Committee Mtg., ZOOM
Fri, Aug. 28	Office Open 9:00 am-2:00 pm
Sat., Aug. 29	Office Closed
Sun., Aug. 30	Fourteenth 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!

9/05 vs WMU @ 7:30 PM
9/12 vs OU @ 12:00 PM
9/19 vs UTEP @ 3:30 PM
9/26 vs Iowa: TBD
10/17 vs Penn State: TBD
10/24 vs Indiana: TBD
11/7 vs MSU: TBD
11/21 vs UCLA: TBD



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

NOW Grant Award

We are pleased to announce that Bethlehem has been awarded a **\$1,500 NOW (Need, Opportunity & Witness) Grant** from the Covenant Association. The grant will be used toward the purchase of additional defibrillators for our church, further strengthening our commitment to the safety and well-being of everyone who uses our building.

The grant application was submitted by the **Safety and Security Committee**, with much appreciated assistance from Pastor Dawn.

This is the **third NOW Grant Bethlehem has received in the past four to five years**, demonstrating our continued efforts to address safety needs and make our building a safer place for all.

We extend our sincere thanks to committee members **Ron Dechert, Steve Darr, and Gwenda Mayes** for their work on the grant application and their ongoing commitment to the safety of our church community.



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

Leonard P.	Lisa P.	Ashleigh M.
Dale N.	Judy C.	Pamela R.
Mike H.		P.J.L.

Packard Road Closure: Expected to last through Friday, Nov. 20, 2026

This closure is to accommodate the installation of a new water main, pavement removal and replacement, associated sidewalk, and sidewalk ramps on Packard Street.

Detour route and other travel impacts:

- Northbound vehicles traveling on Packard Street will detour north on Division Street, then west on East William Street, then south on South Main Street.
- Southbound vehicles traveling towards Packard Street will detour south on South Main Street then east on Hill Street.
- Temporary two-way traffic will be implemented on South Fifth Avenue between Packard Street and East Jefferson Street.

[Link to City of Ann Arbor Road and Lane Closures](#)



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 coffee hour to sign up with a Bethlehem group.

Spread the Word

Habitat Huron Valley is accepting applications for two Habitat homes, and they would love your help spreading the word. Please share the attached flyer with anyone who may know someone who dreams of owning a home but thinks it's out of reach. You never know who in your network could be a great fit for the Home Ownership Program.

There is an Open House at 1231 Rambling in Ypsilanti on Saturday, August 22nd from 10:00am to 2:00pm. This is an excellent opportunity for prospective buyers to learn about the program, tour one of the homes, and ask questions.

Thank you for helping spread the word to connect more families with the opportunity for affordable homeownership. Every conversation and referral makes a difference!

WATCH FOR UP-COMING EVENTS

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



Habitat
for Humanity
Huron Valley

Open House

Become a homeowner with Habitat!

Join us for an open house

Saturday, August 22
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

1231 Rambling
Ypsilanti, 48198

Come tour our next Habitat home.
See the layout and the neighborhood.

Bring a friend or anyone interested in learning more about how they can become a homeowner with Habitat.

This home is similar to the floor plan of additional homes that are available!

The next Homebuyer Application Meeting will be held on
Wednesday, August 19th
from 5:30 - 6:30 pm
via Zoom



Contact: Elena Ermak
Email: elena@h4h.org
Phone: 734.925.7839
Translation services available

For more information about the program
& eligibility visit: h4h.org/home-ownership-program



All interested buyers must go through the Habitat for Humanity of Huron Valley Home Ownership Program.



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