

Bethlehem United Church of Christ

Refrigerator Page August 30, 2026

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
11:30 am	Outreach Ministry Mtg., Library
Mon., Aug. 31	Office Closed
Tues., Sept. 1	Office Open 9:00 am-2:00 pm
Wed., Sept. 2	Office Open 9:00 am-2:00 pm
12:00 pm	Bethlehem Crafters, Lounge
Thurs., Sept. 3	Office Open 9:00 am-2:00 pm
Fri, Sept. 4	Office Open 9:00 am-2:00 pm
8:30 am	Veterans and Friends Breakfast, Alpha Koney
Sat., Sept. 5	Office Closed
7:30 pm	Football Game- U of M vs WMU
Sun., Sept. 6	Fifteenth 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

Bethlehem Brunch Bunch

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH
12:00PM

SAVA'S ANN ARBOR
216 S STATE ST, ANN ARBOR,
MI 48104



RSVP via SignUp Genius or Call the office by
September 6th

The “Triple B” — Bethlehem Brunch Bunch — is a new monthly gathering centered around good food, relaxed conversation, and building relationships.

We hope this will be a fun opportunity to get to know one another a little better. Once a month, we’ll gather for brunch at a rotating local restaurant, usually after worship. During football season, we’ll meet on a rotating Saturday instead.

There’s **no formal agenda and no program**— just a chance to share a meal, enjoy good conversation, and strengthen the connections that make Bethlehem such a special community.

Everyone is welcome! Come hungry, bring your appetite, and be ready for some good food, laughter, and fellowship.

If cost is a barrier to participating, please reach out to Pastor Matthew. We want everyone who would like to join us to feel welcome.

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



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

Kendra R.	Howard D.	Sally W.
Gary R.	Barbara F.	Eva S.
Clara S.		Linda Y.

Find us on
facebook



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!

🏈 **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



2026 SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE GOES OVER THE TOP

On behalf of the Education and Outreach Ministry Teams, thank you, Bethlehem, for your overwhelming response to our annual school supply drive! We made a few changes this year to be timelier and more targeted in our giving, and you enthusiastically adapted to those new requests. Monetary donations totaling \$460 enabled us to buy what was needed to fill in the gaps. Last Sunday, we, along with Jan Eadie, Jim Rowan and Jill Schwartz, filled up 30 school bags for Alpha House with age-level supplies, 10 each for elementary, middle and high school, and packed up additional items for Peace Neighborhood Center. All of the supplies were delivered on Tuesday and received with much gratitude. Watch for some photos on the Education Ministry Team's bulletin board outside the office.

Diana Slaughter and Katie Rowan

The following is the list of donations:

- 35 backpacks
- 67 notebooks
- 31 packs of filler paper
- 32 packs of index cards
- 44 sticky notepads
- 20 dispensers of correction tape
- 92 folders
- 43 3-ring binders
- 35 sets of binder dividers
- 20 boxes of crayons
- 35 boxes of markers
- 34 highlighters
- 31 boxes of colored pencils
- 258 wooden pencils
- 64 pencil sharpeners
- 90 mechanical pencils
- 60 black pens
- 66 glue sticks
- 48 pairs of scissors
- 69 pink erasers
- 34 water bottles
- 44 packs of pocket-size tissues
- 3 protractors
- 2 rulers
- 2 boxes of water colors



**52nd Annual Ann Arbor Area
CROP Hunger Walk**
Sunday, October 4, 2026



**First United Methodist Church
of Ann Arbor**

First United Methodist Church of Ann Arbor is hosting our 52nd Ann Arbor Area CROP Hunger Walk, located at 120 S. State St., Ann Arbor, MI 48104.

Registration @1 PM and Outdoor Send-Off @ 2 PM.
Food provided by [fedupministries.com](#)

2026 Goal: \$35,000

Each fall, multiple organizations/congregations bear worked to hunger, locally and globally. Church World Service [CWS] reminds us, "As we walk to end hunger, we are building a future where every neighbor has the dignity, opportunity, and nourishment they deserve. One thing you can do:

Sign up and pledge on the website Now!

Funds can help CWS to continue their work in feeding hungry people.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

***Wednesday, September 2nd, 2026**
Recruiter Drive-Thru at FUMCAA from 5-6:30 PM

****Sunday, Oct. 4th, 2026**
52nd Ann Arbor Area Crop Hunger Walk.
Visit our website: www.crophungerwalk.org/AnnArborMI
www.facebook.com/annarborecrophungerwalk

Help assemble CWS Period Packs on October 4th. All supplies provided. Help end period poverty. Period.

2026 CROP Team Co-Chairs:
Mary Pratt
Bryan Weinert

**First United Methodist Church of
Ann Arbor Hosts:**
Becky and Mike Wong

Treasurer:
Patti Yonka

Route Co-Chairs:
Jen Chapin-Smith
Alex Nemmers

Members:
Barb Fichtenberg
Donald MacGregor
Charles Yonka

CWS Co-Ordinator:
Andrew Gifford

Benefiting: 75% goes to
CWS national/international
communities.

25% of funds will go to:

- Hope Clinic
- SOS Community Crisis Center
- Peace Neighborhood Center
- Aid In Milan
- Avalon Housing

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*Bring donations for **Love Thy Neighbor**. List to follow!

Bring donations for **Jewish Family Services. List to follow!

CROP WALK, October 4

This year's CROP walk is on **Sunday, October 4, 2026, at 2 PM** (registration at 1:00) and will be hosted by First United Methodist. You are welcome to join the Bethlehem team, the Pllamas. Sign up is on the CROP Walk website here: [CROP Walk Sign Up](#). You can also donate on this site. Packets will be available in the church office after Sept. 2. You can also **donate via the Bethlehem website donation page** on the CROP Walk line item, or write a check with CROP in the memo and drop it at the church office or in the offering. Let's see if we can beat last year's magnificent donation of \$1,772!

