

Bethlehem United Church of Christ

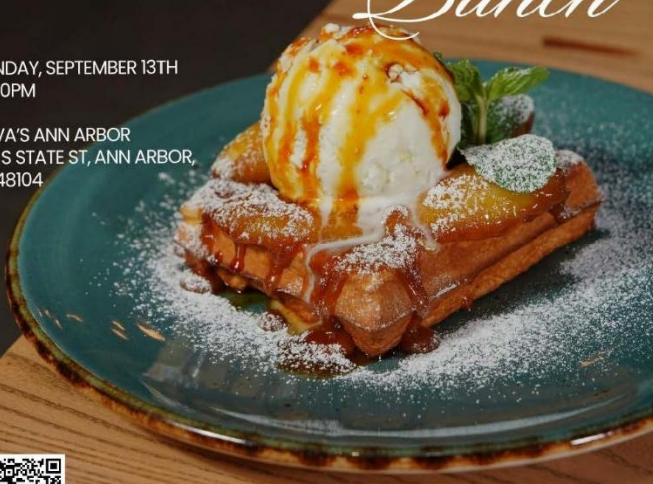
Refrigerator Page September 6, 2026

Sun., Sept. 6	Fifteenth 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., Sept. 7	Office Closed- Labor Day
Tues., Sept. 8	Office Open 9:00 am-2:00 pm
9:30 am	Ladies Breakfast, Alpha Koney
2:00 pm	Worship Ministry Mtg., Lounge
3:30 pm	Facilities Meeting, Lounge
Wed., Sept. 9	Office Open 9:00 am-2:00 pm
9:30 am	Cemetery Board Mtg., Cemetery
12:00 pm	Bethlehem Crafters, Lounge
2:30 pm	Member Engagement Mtg., Lounge/ZOOM
7:00 pm	Choir Practice, Sanctuary
Thurs., Sept. 10	Office Open 9:00 am-2:00 pm
Fri, Sept. 11	Office Open 9:00 am-2:00 pm
Sat., Sept. 12	Office Closed
12:00 pm	Football Game- U of M vs OK
Sun., Sept. 13	Sixteenth 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
12:00 pm	Bethlehem Brunch Bunch (Triple B)
	Sava's 216 S. State St.

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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 non-football season, we’ll meet on a rotating Saturday instead.

There will be **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

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:

Margaret H. Marilyn P. Michael K.
Mary S. Stacy B. Rachel S.
Katie S. Edward H. Paul N.
Chriatina W. Amy N.



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!** 🏈

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!

9/12 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



Rotating Shelter Update

Dawn Gemler from the Shelter Association of Washtenaw County presented to the Outreach Ministry Team recent changes to the county's plan for sheltering individuals during the winter months. **The Rotating Shelter program has been paused for this winter.** Instead, there will be two overnight sites at Ypsilanti churches with increased capacity (40 instead of 25) for men and women as a replacement. In addition, there will be two sites serving as Daytime Warming Centers, one at the Delonis Center and one at St. Lukes Episcopal in Ypsilanti. These overnight and daytime sites are two components of a comprehensive plan still being developed to address the needs of the unhoused in our county.

Churches who have previously served as Rotating Shelter sites are now being asked to support in a different way. Please watch for details to come on how Bethlehem will join this effort.

CROP WALK, October 4th

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. Sign up is on the CROP Walk website here: [CROP Walk Sign Up](#) You will need to click **Join Team** and then type in our team name: **Bethlehem UCC Pilamas - Ann Arbor**. 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!



Outreach Volunteer Opportunities

In addition to providing financial support, Bethlehem members also support our partner organizations through volunteering. If you would like to get involved, there are several opportunities available.



Peace Neighborhood Center Food Distribution
Fridays 8:30 - 11:30 AM
[Peace Food Distribution Sign Up Fall 2026](#)



Food Gatherers
Various shifts are available for individuals to sign up at the Carrot Way warehouse sorting produce, or at the Delonis Center Community Kitchen preparing and serving meals.





In addition to individual signup, Bethlehem will have opportunities for group volunteer days.
[Food Gatherers Individual Sign Up](#)



Hope Clinic, Ypsilanti
[Volunteer Opportunities at Hope Clinic](#)
Many opportunities are available including:

- Farm Stand Distribution
- Farm Stand Behind the Scenes Work
- Food Pantry Distribution
- Diaper Pantry Packing, Distribution
- Food Pantry Stocking, Organizing, Cleaning
- Grocery Packing
- Dining Room Host
- Data Entry
- Cleaning
- Yardwork



For individual signup information, please contact Katie Rowan at: rowank55@gmail.com.

In addition to individual volunteer opportunities, Bethlehem will also offer group volunteer days.



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!