

Bethlehem United Church of Christ

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Sun., Oct. 11	Twentieth 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., Oct. 12	Office Closed
Tues., Oct. 13	Office Open 9:00 am-2:00 pm
9:30 am	Ladies Breakfast, Alpha Koney
Wed., Oct. 14	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, Choir Room
Thurs., Oct. 15	Office Open 9:00 am-2:00 pm
Fri., Oct. 16	Office Open 9:00 am-2:00 pm
Sat., Oct. 17	Office Closed
3:30 pm	Football Game, U of M v Penn State
Sun., Oct. 18	Twenty-First 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

Pastor Matthew's Office Hours

Monday	Sabbath
Tuesday	9:30 am- 5:00 pm
Wednesday	9:30 am- 5:00 pm
Thursday	9:30 am- 5:30 pm
Friday	Sabbath
Saturday	Remote work
Sunday	By appointment
If the Pastor is not in during the stated hours, please call 860-249-3576 or email: pastor@bethlehem-ucc.org	

CALLING ALL USHERS

And those who want to be one

Bethlehem members,

Alice and I have volunteered to coordinate scheduling for our ushers. We want to recognize and thank Hans Maier for his service at coordinating our ushers for many decades. Please take a moment to thank Hans for his support of Bethlehem.

Alice and I are extending an invitation to anyone who would like to be a part of the usher team and assist with Sunday services. We welcome anyone who is interested. If being a part of this team interests you, please contact Alice (decheral@comcast.net) or myself (rdechert@umich.edu). We will be happy to review Sunday responsibilities with you and assist you as you learn the activities involved in being an usher at Bethlehem.

If you are a current member of the usher team, please contact Ron to affirm your continued involvement and what week(s) you are currently scheduled to cover.

God bless you for your interest and support of this important activity.

Ron, Alice Dechert
Co-chairs, BUCC usher team

Pastor Diane will be on vacation from 10/12 to 10/23 and will be unavailable. If there are any urgent pastoral needs please contact Pastor Matthew. Any Prayer Chain requests should be directed to the office.

Thank you.



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

Mary Jean R. Joy H. Dennis D.
Teresa B. Mackenzie S. Amber R.
Heather S. Brian B. Thomas K.



Totenfest Memorial Service Sunday, November 1, 2026 at 10:00 am Worship

At our Totenfest Memorial Service everyone will be invited to come forward to light a candle in memory of loved ones who have passed away.

In addition, we will have a special insert remembering all who have passed away since November 2025.

Please contact the church office by **October 25th** and let us know of any immediate family members you would like listed in our Totenfest Memorial insert. You may email the information to: churchoffice@bethlehem-ucc.org.

This year, in addition to names, we would like a picture of your loved one. If you want a picture, other than the one from their obituary, please let the office know. Thank you.



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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.

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



10/17 vs Penn State: 3:30 pm
10/24 vs Indiana: TBD
11/7 vs MSU: TBD
11/21 vs UCLA: TBD

Sanctuary Tidy Up

You may notice that all the pens in the pews are in working order. There are donation envelopes at the ready and the hymnals have been switched to the Chalice Hymnal.

A huge thank you to Ron and Alice Dechert for the hours it took to complete this task.

Your assistance in keeping the sanctuary clean and neat is appreciated.

Ann Arbor Roads

There are so many closures and detours they cannot be listed here. Please scan for details on what may impact your route to church.



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 Neighborhood Center

[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.

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