WEEK AT A GLANCE - 11/22/2026
BETHLEHEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, November 22
Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 am Worship In-Person, Sanctuary*
Sunday School during Worship
11:00 am Community Time, Youth Room

Monday, November 23
Office Closed
11:00 am Handbell Choir Practice, Choir Room
2:00 pm Hope Clinic Volunteer Day *(see article)*

Tuesday, November 24
9:00 am – 2:00 pm Office Open
9:30 am Ladies Breakfast, Alpha Koney

Wednesday, November 25
9:00 am – 1:00 pm Office Open
7:00 pm Choir Practice, Choir Room

Thursday, November 26 - Thanksgiving
Office Closed

Friday, November 27
Office Closed

Saturday, November 28
9:00 am Hanging of the Greens
Away Game U of M vs That Ohio team. Go Blue

Sunday, November 29
First Sunday of Advent
10:00 am Worship In-Person, Sanctuary*
Sunday School during Worship
11:00 am Community Time, Youth Room

*Worship service live streamed via our YouTubeChannel and PhoneStream app.

BIRTHDAY WISHES



Wishing the following Bethlehem members a Happy Birthday!

Michelle L. Timothy P Edgar V.
Sharon E. Kelly G Kelly W.
Brian P. Michele C.



The church office will close at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 25, and reopen at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 1, in observance of Thanksgiving.

As we gather with family and friends, may we be thankful for the blessings in our lives and mindful of those who are facing hardship.

Wishing you a blessed and meaningful Thanksgiving.

Holiday Gift Cards

The Outreach and Education Ministry Teams are collecting **Meijer, Kroger, and Target** gift cards to make the holidays brighter for the families and children served by **Peace Neighborhood Center.**







If you can donate, please bring your gift cards to the church office or place in the offering plate by **December 13**.

Hope Clinic Volunteer Day

Several Bethlehem members have begun volunteering individually at Hope Clinic in Ypsilanti. Hope is a faith based organization providing many services for those in need.

Bethlehem will have a group Volunteer Day at Hope's Farm Stand on Monday, November 23, with two shifts: Produce Sorting 2:00 - 3:45 PM, or Distribution Assistant 3:45 - 6:00 PM. Produce sorting is "behind the scenes" work organizing produce for distribution. Distribution Assistant involves helping clients select their produce. You can sign up here: Hope Sign Up

Hope Clinic is located at 454 Harriet St., Ypsilanti.

November Food Drive

As the holidays approach, The Outreach Ministry Team is sponsoring a food drive to benefit Food Gatherers.

Please consider picking up a few extra items as you shop each week to continue to contribute to this effort. Let's fill our barrels!



Fight hunger where we live with Food Gatherers, the food bank & food rescue program serving Washtenaw County.



MOST NEEDED ITEMS

Please no glass

- Hearty soups
- Canned meats
- Canned vegetables
- Packaged pasta & rice
- Whole-grain cereal & oatmeal
- Baking & cooking supplies
- Condiments
- Nut butters & jelly
- Kid-friendly snacks
- Baby food & formula
- Nutritional supplement drinks
- Personal care items:
  - soap & shampoo
  - dental hygiene kits
  - disposable razors

A Boychoir Christmas

The Boychoir of Ann Arbor, led by Music Director, Dr. John Boonenberg, proudly presents the 40th annual performance of "A Boychoir Christmas" featuring the unique and glorious sound of this outstanding local choir singing beloved classics and beautiful modern settings of choral Christmas repertoire.

Bethlehem United Church of Christ is honored to host this joyous event on December 12 at 7:00 pm in our Sanctuary. There is no cost to attend and all are invited. A free-will offering will be accepted.



CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP AT BETHLEHEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST DECEMBER 24

AT 7:00 PM

Celebrate the holiday season at Bethlehem United Church of Christ. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. Christmas Eve service will feature joyful music and celebration of Christmas.

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Saturday, November 28th at 9 am



Your help is needed to decorate the church for Christmas. Plan to be here to give the Sanctuary some extra sparkle. For more information email Jan Eadie jee21152@gmail.com

MITTEN TREE



In the spirit of the season, we are collecting **new mittens, gloves, hats and scarves*,** from November 28 through December 13, to help those in need in our area . Items will be distributed to local charitable organizations.

*Need comes in all sizes, so new items of any size are welcomed!

ADVENT WORKSHOP & POTLUCK



Celebrate the season with good food, creative fun, and warm fellowship! Join us on Sunday, December 6, at 11:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Dining Room for our annual Advent Workshop and Potluck.

Enjoy a shared meal, connect with friends, and make beautiful Christmas crafts to keep or give as thoughtful gifts. Please sign up on the church bulletin board to bring a main dish, side dish/ salad, or dessert. If you have dietary needs, please bring a dish you can enjoy. Save the date—we would love to celebrate with you! *The Education Team*

BUCC OUTREACH - HOLIDAY APPEALS 2026

The Outreach Ministry Team is asking for your support of our partner organizations as you consider your holiday giving. Please click on the icons provided to be taken to the donation pages and wish lists for

Peace Neighborhood Center

food gatherers
fighting hunger where we live

Alpha House
Interfaith Hospitality Network

Thank you for helping to make the holidays brighter for those less fortunate.

COOKIE EXCHANGE & CAROLING TO HOMEBOUND



December 13, 2026 at 11:15 am following Worship. Member Engagement is sponsoring a Cookie Exchange during Community Hour. Bring one dozen of your favorite holiday inspired cookies to exchange for a dozen of your choice. If you have any questions please contact Jenny Foster at bucc.memberengagement@bethlehem-ucc.org

If you would like to brighten the lives of others, then please plan to stay afterwards to join us to sing carols to some of our members who could use some Christmas cheer. We'll leave from the church office at 12:30 pm.



Longest Night Service - December 21 at 6:30 pm

As we reach the longest night of the year, we gather in the steady warmth of God's healing love. Many of us carry losses of different kinds, and with them the weight of grief, sorrow, and pain. This service offers a quiet, sacred space to acknowledge those burdens and to bring them honestly before God.

Whatever you're carrying, whatever dims this season for you, you're welcome here. Come lean on one another and on God's enduring strength. Come for rest, for comfort, and for the light Christ brings — a light that meets us even in the deepest night.