WEEK AT A GLANCE - 11/29/2026
BETHLEHEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

Monday, November 30
Office Closed
11:00 am Handbell Choir Practice, Choir Room

Tuesday, December 1
9:00 am – 2:00 pm Office Open

Wednesday, December 2
9:00 am – 2:00 pm Office Open
12:00 pm - Member Engagement Luncheon
7:00 pm Choir Practice, Choir Room

Thursday, December 3
9:00 am – 2:00 pm Office Open

Friday, December 4
8:30 am - Bethlehem Veterans & Friends Breakfast at Alpha Koney
9:00 am – 2:00 pm Office Open

Saturday, December 5
Office Closed

Sunday, December 6 - Communion Sunday Second Sunday of Advent
10:00 am Worship In-Person, Sanctuary*
Sunday School during Worship
11:00 am Advent Workshop and Potluck, Fellowship Hall

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



PHOTOS AND FUN WITH SANTA

December 22
5:30-7:30 p.m.
Bethlehem UCC
423 S. 4th Ave.
Ann Arbor

Come meet and take photos with Santa, make some Christmas crafts and enjoy refreshments.

The event is free. Free-will donations will be gratefully accepted to benefit Alpha House, which provides support for local families experiencing homelessness.

Registration requested at www.bethlehem-ucc.org, or scan the QR code.

Come Share the Joy of Christmas Caroling!



Help us spread Christmas cheer to members of our church family who are unable to attend services this holiday season. Whether you're a seasoned singer or just love celebrating the season, we'd love to have you join us!

When: Sunday, December 13, 2026

Pizza Lunch: 12:00 PM in the Youth Room

Caroling Begins: 12:30 PM

Who: Everyone is welcome! Families, youth, and adults are all invited.

Please call the church office if you plan to attend so we can make sure there is plenty of pizza and transportation for everyone.

Let's share the joy, hope, and love of Christmas through song!

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**.







BIRTHDAY WISHES



Wishing the following Bethlehem members a Happy Birthday!

E.J. V.	Linda T.	Jennifer D.
Isaac W.	Susan I.	Nancy G.



Holiday Publication Deadlines

With the holidays approaching, several Refrigerator Page submission deadlines will be earlier than usual. **Please submit all articles for the following dates by December 16:**

- December 20
- December 27
- January 3

Please ensure each article is complete and includes any needed call to action, along with all relevant details—such as dates, times, addresses, phone numbers, and email contacts.

Send submissions to:
churchoffice@bethlehem-ucc.org.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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.