

We are excited to share with you the wonderful news that Walter Crouch, who is the CEO and president of ASP, will be paying us a visit **TODAY** at 5:00 pm. He has asked to come to speak with everyone and share information about ASP. This is a huge honor as he doesn't visit everyone but is planning a visit to CT and we are one of his planned stops. Please share the news so we can have a big turn out when he arrives. We cannot wait to hear him speak and we hope that you will all join us.



If you have any questions please feel free to email our ASP coordinator at [Tracybrown1085@gmail.com](mailto:Tracybrown1085@gmail.com)



When: Sunday March 10TH

At: After Church (11:00)

Where: 141 Greenwood Ave. Bethel CT 06801

Price: DONATIONS

Please help support our ASP teams who strive to make homes Warmer, Safer, Drier.

**Worship During Lent - Something's Missing!**

**Notes from the BUMC Music Ministry**

Have you ever noticed that our doxology changes for a few weeks every year? The hymns change too - you won't hear Christ the Lord is Risen Today or Come, Christians, Join To Sing during the whole month of March, and most of April. That's not because your music director gets bored of singing the same old doxology or some of the congregation's favorite tunes. It's because of a centuries old tradition of "burying the Alleluias" during Lent.

Alleluia is loosely translated from Hebrew to mean "Praise Yahweh" and is an expression of the greatest joy: a reminder of the Kingdom of Heaven established on earth. During Lent, however, our worship is focused on the Kingdom COMING - like Advent, Lent is a period of waiting and hoping. Our hearts are focused on Christ's suffering, and our eyes are looking to His sacrifice on the cross. The omission of the Alleluia is a symbolic way to enter into the spirit of the season of Lent.

The term "burying the Alleluias" comes from an ancient Catholic tradition - parishes would remove their banners, signs, and paraments proclaiming "Alleluia" and literally bury them in a box in the ground. They would remain buried for the whole of Lent, and be dug up during the Easter Vigil - the Saturday night service before Easter Sunday.

We've chosen to continue the tradition of withholding Alleluias, not just to remind ourselves of the solemnity of Lent, but to refresh the word for our worship the rest of the year. We use Alleluia so frequently, that we tend to take its true meaning - PRAISE GOD! - for granted. Waiting patiently to sing our joyful Alleluias on Easter Sunday brings them new life - not unlike the new life Christ gave us when He rose from the grave.

I, and the rest of our music ministry look forward to reflecting, praying, and anticipating the miracle to come with all of you during Lent.

Blessings,  
Jessica Bardelli, Music Director

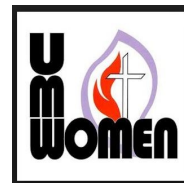
**A Note from the Pastor:**

Three weeks ago, I preached a message about serving God. I also included for the past three weeks an insert in our bulletin outlining the many areas that we have needs in our ministry. Sadly to say, the response has been dismal at best. I'm asking everyone to please prayerfully consider serving in some way. There are many places that require very little time commitment however it will make an impact. It is really not fair to other folks to keep having to step in because others won't. PLEASE consider becoming part of team ministry here at BUMC. You will never regret doing so. Thanking you in advance!

OUTREACH is collecting gently used or new games for children who have long term stays at the hospital. Yahtzee, Scrabble, Monopoly, Trouble, Parcheesi, and Chutes and Ladders would be appreciated.



There will be a wire basket downstairs [outside the kitchen] for collection of the games. Thank you! Stacie McLaughlin



**Next Sunday: United Methodist Women Day**  
**Soup Sale—Days for Girls**  
**Prayer Shawl Program**  
**Red Bird Mission/Box Tops for Education**  
**And more!!!!!!!!!!!!**  
**"Faith - Hope - Love in Action"**

Ash Wednesday is March 6th. Pastor John will be distributing ashes in the sanctuary from 12 noon to 1:00pm. There will also be a traditional service at 7:30pm that night.



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**Our Mission is all about Knowing Jesus & Making Jesus Known in the Heart of Bethel and Beyond**

**Prelude** Higher Ground *arr. J. Bennett*  
**Introit** You're Worthy Of My Praise D. Ruis/L. Larson (10:00am) Chancel Choir

**Call to Worship:**

L: This is the day that the Lord has made!

P: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

L: This is a day of new beginnings!

P: This is a time for growing into new disciples for Jesus.

L: Come, let us prepare ourselves for worship

P: Let us be prepared for service to God. AMEN.

**Hymns of Praise:** #545 The Church's One Foundation v. 1,2,5  
# 528 Nearer, My God, To Thee v. 1,2,4

**Welcome & Announcements**

(Children are dismissed to Sunday School)

**Pastoral Prayer**

*a time to share our joys and concerns as a church family*

**The Offertory** Well Done J. Havens (The Afters) (8:30am)  
I Will Rise Jessica Bardelli & Alan Blackstock  
*arr. C. Tomlin (10:00am) Chancel Choir*

# 94 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

**Scripture Reading:** Luke 16 19-31 NIV

\* **Hymn of Preparation** #127 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

• **Passing of Greetings & Peace**

**Sermon:** People who missed it in the Bible #3 **Pastor John Parille**

**Holy Communion** *All are Welcome!*

Communion is served at the altar. Please come down from balcony.

**Lamb of God** (sung in unison)

*Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world. Grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.*

#381 Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us (10:00am only) Chancel Choir

\***Hymn of Response** #369 Blessed Assurance

**Choral Benediction** A Clare Benediction J. Rutter (10:00am only) Chancel Choir

• **Benediction & Closing Prayer**

\* Please stand if able.

*Large print hymnals are available— please ask an usher.*

# Bethel United Methodist Church



## Heartbeat News from the Pews

**New to the church? Here is some helpful information!**

**Restrooms:** The restrooms are located through the side door on the right of the sanctuary, go through both doors and make a left then a quick right. They are towards the end of the hallway on the right. Each restroom is equipped with a commode.

**Nursery Care & Sunday School: 10:00 am.** Nursery is available for ages 2 and under, located in room 203 (next to the Men's room) It is staffed every Sunday except Family Sunday when it is open for parents to use. Children and youth are dismissed to Sunday School directly after the announcements.

**Information Center:** Here you will find lost and found, upcoming event information as well as brochures and other pieces of information about our church. It is located just outside Fellowship Hall which is located on the lower level.

**Safety:** For the convenience of those who wish to cleanse their hands after exchanging signs of peace and before handling the communion elements, there are alcohol gel pumps available.

Office Hours: Monday office closed. Regular office hours are Tuesday through Friday 10:00am-2:00pm



If we discover a desire within us that nothing in this world can satisfy, also we should begin to wonder if perhaps we were created for another world.

-C.S. Lewis

**8:30am:** Peter Eckert

**10:00am:** Dave McClain & Lisa Delohery

**Counters:** Tracy Brown & Krista Mayer

**Greeters 8:30am:** Peter Eckert

**Greeters 10:00am:** Betty Lepus & Linda Bruce

**Ushers:** Team B: Alan Brown, Art Langer, Don Olson

**Coffee Hosts:** Kevin McCloskey



*We want to thank Tracy Brown for all of her dedication leading our ASP ministry!*

### This Week's BUMC Calendar:

**Sun. 02/24 South Campus Bethel**  
8:30am & 10:00am Worship  
Sunday School  
ASP Bake Sale  
5:00 pm Walter Crouch ASP guest speaker  
**North Campus Gaylordsville**  
10:00am Worship

**Mon. 02/25 7:00pm Brotherhood in Christ**  
7:00pm Sisterhood in Christ

**Tues. 02/26 7:00pm Finance**

**Wed. 02/27 7:00pm Wednesday Night Recharge**  
7:00pm Prayer Shawl

**Thurs. 02/28 6:30pm Bell Choir**  
7:30pm Choir

**Fri. 03/01**

**Sat. 03/02**

**Sun. 03/03 South Campus Bethel**  
8:30am & 10:00am Worship  
Sunday School  
UMW Day & Soup Sale  
**North Campus Gaylordsville**  
10:00am Worship

### Coming Events: Save the Date:

3/06 Ash Wednesday **12:00-1** Ashes, **7:30** traditional service  
3/09 Corned Beef & Pasta Dinner  
3/10 ASP St. Patrick's Day Breakfast

Vacation Bible School Director Needed: **VOLUNTEER**  
We are looking for an energetic, fun-loving person to be our director. You will be responsible for coordinating staff, training & registration. Time commitment would be May – July to prep for the week of July 29<sup>th</sup> – August 2<sup>nd</sup> Please contact Wendy Williams: [williamsBUMC@gmail.com](mailto:williamsBUMC@gmail.com) or Ann McLellan: [ann\\_mc\\_lellan@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ann_mc_lellan@sbcglobal.net)