

Brothers and Sisters,

Exciting News!

As of December 1st, our Bethel UMC will be partnered with the Long Ridge UMC of Danbury/Redding. The arrangement will be similar to what we've had with Gaylordsville with one major difference. Pastor John will be preaching in both pulpits on Sunday mornings. He will be bringing the message to Long Ridge at 11:30am. This is a great opportunity for our two congregations to grow together!

What does that mean to us? Well, our Sunday schedule will remain mostly the same. We will still hold our services at 8:30am and 10:00am. We will be adding a time of coffee fellowship *between* the services when Pastor John and Maria will be joining us. In order to get to Long Ridge (about 4 miles away) in time, Pastor John will leave our 10:00am service after communion, which will give our laity an opportunity to serve by offering the closing prayer. We will then have our usual fellowship after the 10:00am service.

We need your help to make this work. Our leadership team will be reaching out for folks willing to serve in preparing the church for service and closing/cleaning up the church afterwards. Driveway cones, heat settings, AV setup, communion prep and cleanup... these are just a few of the things we need to take off of Pastor John and Maria's "plate" and make this a success.

If you want to serve in some way or if you have questions about our new partnership with Long Ridge UMC, please reach out to Chris Barnabo, Rick Kelly or myself. We are all eager to make this prosper!

Yours In Christ, Steve Temple, Lay Leader



Hanging of the Greens Service, December 1, at 4:00 pm

This year we want to have the children lead our Hanging of the Greens Service with support of their families. We will be looking for children to narrate sections of the service such as explaining why we use trees, wreaths or bells. Then the hope is to have the family of the narrator come forward with that item to then be used to decorate our sanctuary. Please see Wendy Williams to sign up and participate in the holiday favorite event of our church.

Bethel United Methodist Women Presents

Tellabration! A Celebration of the Oral Tradition of Storytelling *Tellabration!* is a mammoth storytelling event - and that's no Tall Tale! It's a storytelling phenomenon, made up of hundreds of storytelling happenings all over the world. Its purpose is to introduce adults, as well as children, to the pleasures of the oral art of storytelling. It is one of the programs offered by The Connecticut Storytelling Center, based at Connecticut College in New London.

BUMW will host a *Tellabration!* for adults (children are welcome) on Saturday, November 23rd at 7:00 p.m. in Mitchell Hall.

Master of Ceremonies Martha Bishop will be telling stories and introducing other tellers. This presentation will feature stories in songs and stories from the heart as told by local tellers.

Stewardship

Everyone who turns in a pledge card is entered in a drawing. We'll have similar drawings the next two Sundays. Congratulations to the Durnins who won the drawing last Sunday. The prize was two tickets to the pasta dinner. Please stop by the Finance table after service to turn in your pledge card.

UMW CORNER

Advent Bible Study— 2 weeks Thursdays
December 5th & 12th, 2-3:30pm Awaiting the
Christ Child OPEN TO ALL - See Ann McLellan



It's that time of year again!

Our annual Butter Braid Pastry Fundraiser is here! The deadline for ordering is Wednesday, December 4, 2019. Deliveries will be made to the school on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 in plenty of time for the holidays! Order forms will be left in the Information Center outside the Kitchen. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call the school at (203) 743-9497.



8:30 Family Service

Come check out our new 8:30 Family Service. This is a blended worship format which means the music falls between traditional and contemporary. You will see some minor changes in the format of how the service runs, all of this to help keep the service within 45-50 minutes.

Our goal here is to connect with families who have children in sports or other commitments. This service provides an opportunity for these families to still have Sunday morning worship and then be able to arrive on the ball fields or basketball courts in time. Stop by and meet Ted Hartlett who is leading our worship. You will be blessed!

Youth Group

Join us for Jr and Sr Youth Group each Sunday from 4-6pm. Friends are always welcome. Weekly meetings will be held at the First Congregational Church 46 Main St on the second floor. Each month we will be offering one community service project and a fun fellowship event, along with our weekly Sunday night youth group meetings. Please contact Ashley Adams fccbyouth@firstchurchbethel.org or Bobbi Jo Beers bobbijobeers@comcast.net for more Information.

Congratulations to the following children who are receiving Bibles today at the 10:00am service.

Valentina Khuth
Raquel Olson
Hailey Mott
Sarah Borsch
Madeleine Borsch.

The Bibles are a gift from the Sunday school and the church



Please remember the basket for food donations for the Bethel Community Food Pantry located right here @ our church. The basket is in our Communications area downstairs outside the kitchen. They also need empty detergent bottles. Thank you in advance.



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

BUMC Handbell Choir

If you are not on our email list you are missing out! Please drop a note in the offering plate and you will be added to the list.