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

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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



t'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.





November 17, 2019



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

Prelude: Give Thanks/Now Thank We All Our God....arr. J. Raney

Introit: Percussive Praise....K. McChesney BUMC Handbell Choir

Call to Worship:

L: God's promises are awesome!

P: In the midst of difficulty, God gives us a word of hope.

L: Something new is coming!

P: We stand eagerly on tiptoes awaiting God's new creation.

L: Prepare your hearts to receive God's mighty blessings.

P: Open our spirits and our hearts, Lord, to be ready to receive all that you have to offer. AMEN

Hymns of Praise: #2108 O How He Loves You And Me

2152 Change My Heart, O God

Welcome & Announcements

Stewardship moment

Pastoral Prayer

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

The Offertory O God Beyond All Praising...arr. D. Forrest Chancel Choir

94 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Scripture Reading: Mark 5:21-24, 35-36 (NIV) pg. 37

* Hymn of Preparation #377 It Is Well With My Soul

Passing of Greetings & Peace

Sermon Teaching Points from Jairus Pastor John Parille

Holy Communion All are Welcome!

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.

#504 The Old Rugged Cross Chancel Choir

*Hymn of Response #2220 We Are God's People v. 1-3

Choral Benediction The Peace of the Lord...N. Grant Pfeifer 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.

Nursery Care & Sunday School: 10:00 am. Nursery is available for babies and children through age 2, 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. Sunday School begins at 10am. All but the PreK should go directly to their class before service begins

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.

We are happy to provide anyone who needs to step out of service for any reason our "Family Room" located in the Narthex.

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



"I have learned that faith means trusting in advance what will only make sense in reverse." — Philip Yancey

Readers & Communion Stewards

8:30am: Maureen Raftery

10:00am: Call to Worship: Haley Mott

Scripture: Family Worship

Counters: Bill Struth & Tom Wolff
Greeters 8:30am: Maureen Raftery
Greeters 10:00am: The Borsch Family
Ushers: Family Worship & Alan Brown

Coffee Hosts: Debbie Parks



Thank you to Ann McLellan for her leadership and all of the volunteers who made our Bazaar a success!

This Week's BUMC Calendar:

Sun. 11/17 8:30am Worship

10:00am Family Sunday After Bazaar sale

4:00pm Jr. & Sr. Youth Group

North Campus Gaylordsville

10:00am Worship

Mon. 11/18 7:00pm Brotherhood & Sisterhood of Christ

Tues. 11/19 2:30pm Food Pantry

7:00pm Finance

Wed. 11/20 7:00 pm RECHARGE

Speaker: Peter Eckert

Brotherhood in Action Packing

Thurs. 11/21 2:30pm UMW Bible Study

6:30pm Bells

7:30pm C.S. Lewis Book Study-Room 201

7:30pm Choir

Fri. 11/22

Sat. 11/23 Brotherhood in Action Delivery

7:00pm Telebration

Sun. 11/24 8:30am & 10:00am Worship

Sunday School

4:00pm Jr. & Sr. Youth Group

North Campus Gaylordsville

10:00am Worship

Upcoming Events:

12/01 Hanging of the Greens

50th Country Christmas Bazaar

Come see what's for sale downstairs in Mitchell Hall after services today.

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.