

UMW CORNER

Advent Bible Study– 2 weeks Thurs. 12/5 & 12/12
2-3:30pm Awaiting the Christ Child OPEN TO ALL -
See Ann McLellan



The UMW Christmas Party will be
Dec 10th at La Diferencia, 206 Greenwood Ave @
6:30pm. Please bring a gift of a pair of warm men's
gloves for the shelter in Danbury to distribute.

BUMC Held a GLORIOUS BAZAAR!

Congratulations to all who participated with your prayers and gifts!

To me it is a story of selfless giving and God's blessings. So many
people give the best of themselves in this effort. As the organizer,
all I have to do is make sure that I have the chair people in place and
that they have the resources they need. Organizational meetings
for the luncheon and for the overall bazaar were held in September.

This is the first year that the congregation signed up for every
single requested food item!

(We forgot to put macaroni and cheese on the list)

More people signed up to work the bazaar than I could find
spaces to fill!!

Emergency: The lunchroom needs more order forms copied
quickly- first time ever!

The weather was good. Our publicity team got the word out! With
the moving of the Book Nook to the second floor, we added access
to the chairlift. The Pastor's signs helped tremendously. Victor
Holomakoff and his team were outside to help anyone with the
chairlift and to manage the parking. As of noon on Saturday, the
chairlift had been used twice! And did you notice all of those BUMC
paper bags walking out the door. Small touches make a BIG
difference!

A few of the many things that stand out in my mind are:

A woman in the lunchroom indicated, "I make a point of coming
to this luncheon because this church does so much for
Off-the -Streets."

The Kiss Tree ended up with 230 individually numbered prizes
thanks to the care and effort of teen Aislyn Wachnuik, who
did not give up, but even sent out her own message to the
Congregation.

Jim Burghoff called to say that getting Santa to come was be-
coming impossible, but he, Ed Chapman and Patty De-
uschle pulled it off.

Parishioner Nancy Hall seemed to be emptying her house as
day after day she brought items of value for Silent Bid and
White Elephants to the church office. She represents all of
you in the congregation who donated so much.

Barbara Anderson took a bad fall on Friday night, but Saturday
noon at her home, she gave me a big smile and said, "If I
had to fall, at least I fell in a good place – at church."

We earned at last count, \$13,779.10 with \$95 still outstanding from
Silent Bid.

Brothers and Sisters,

Exciting News! As of Dec. 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
& 10:00am. We will be adding a time of coffee fellowship *be-
tween* the services when Pastor John and Maria will be joining us.
In order to get to Long Ridge 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. Drive-
way cones, heat settings, AV setup, communion prep and clean-
up... 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

8:30 Family Service

Check out our new 8:30 Family Service. It's a blended worship
format meaning the music falls between traditional and
contemporary. You will see some minor changes in the format of
the service, all of this to help keep the service within 45-50 mins.

Perennial Plant & Flower Fundraiser

Thanks to all who bought flowers or plants for the 2019 sale to
benefit Outreach. Total sales = \$632.00 -Alice

College Finals Care Packages

Please join us in supporting our college students who will be study-
ing hard for finals soon. We will be collecting items for care packag-
es and assembling them on December 1st with the FCCB.
Please submit names and addresses of college students who you
would like to receive care packages from their church family.

Donations for Care Packages:

- * **Snackable food** – nuts, granola, dried fruit, chocolate, baked
goods, coffee, tea, hot chocolate
- * **Useful supplies** – desk accessories, water bottles, socks, hair
ties
- * **Sentimental items** – these vary but are always super sweet. (We
sent out a college care package with a hardcover *Goodnight
Moon* book last week.)
- * **Stress relievers** – games, spa items, aromatherapy candles



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

Prelude: Thanks for the Blessings You Give...J. Turner
Introit: We Have Gathered....S. Pethel Chancel Choir
Call to Worship:
L: Good morning! May God’s blessings be with you this day!
P: Thank you, and may God’s blessings be with you also!
L: May the light of Christ’s love shine on you today
P: May the peace of Christ be in your heart.
L: Open your hearts to celebrate the reign of our Savior Jesus Christ.
P: With joy we open our hearts and spirits to the Lord. AMEN.
Hymns of Praise: #131 We Gather Together
#102 Now Thank We All Our God

Welcome & Announcements

Stewardship moment

Pastoral Prayer

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

The Offertory Now Thank We All Our God....M. Hayes Chancel Choir
94 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Scripture Reading: Mark 6:7-13 New International Version pg. 38

*** Hymn of Preparation** #2195 In The Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

• Passing of Greetings & Peace

Sermon Let's Keep It Simple **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.

#89 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee Chancel Choir

***Hymn of Response** #694 Come, Ye Thankful People Come 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.*



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



“It is not how much we have, but how much we enjoy, that makes happiness.”
—Charles Spurgeon

Readers & Communion Stewards

8:30am: Maureen Raftery

10:00am: Call to Worship: James Wolff

Scripture: Tom Wolff

Counters: Tracy Brown & Krista Mayer

Greeters 8:30am: Peter Eckert

Greeters 10:00am: Bill & Sharon Struth

Ushers: Team C: Debbie Albin, Krista Mayer, Frank Tomaino, Andrew Serfilippi

Coffee Hosts: Tony Barnett

This Week’s BUMC Calendar:

Sun. 11/24 8:30am & 10:00am Worship
4:00pm Jr. & Sr. Youth Group
Mon. 11/25 7:00pm Brotherhood & Sisterhood of Christ
Tues. 11/26 7:00pm Trustees
Wed. 11/27 7:00 pm NO RECHARGE
Thurs. 11/28 Thanksgiving
Fri. 11/29 Office Closed
Sat. 11/30
Sun. 12/01 8:30am & 10:00am Worship
Sunday School
Giving Tree in Mitchell Hall
4:00pm Jr. & Sr. Youth Group
4:00pm Hanging of the Greens

Upcoming Events:

12/5 & 12/12 UMW Advent Study
12/10 UMW Christmas Party
12/22 Children’s Pageant

Stewardship

Everyone who turns in a pledge card is entered in a drawing. We'll have a similar drawing today. Congratulations to Betty Lepus 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.

We have received 38 pledges so far! If you haven’t pledged yet please stop by the table after service today.

The Giving Tree tags will be displayed on Dec.1st and Dec.8th. All gifts need to be returned by Dec.15th and will be delivered to the social workers soon after that.



Fill A Brown Advent Bag For Our Bethel Neighbors

Brotherhood in action continues to supply nonperishable goods to those in need in Bethel. We will be placing brown bags in the pews beginning December 1st. Please pick one up fill it with nonperishable items and return the filled bag to Mitchell Hall by December 15th. All items will be sorted and distributed by Brotherhood-in-Action in time for Christmas.