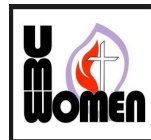


UMW CORNER

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.

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.

Stewardship

Many thanks to all of you who have pledged for 2020! So far we have received 46 definite pledges and handed out several more envelope packages without a pledge amount. The Stewardship table will be open after both services this Sunday. Please stop by if you haven't pledged yet or haven't provided a general pledge amount for 2020. We simply use this information to help us plan funding for BUMC's programs.

Telebration

Thank you to those who attended Telebration!
The free-will offering amounted to \$99 which will go to UMW—A good time was had by both the storytellers and the listeners!

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.



Pasta Dinner

December 14th

Serving 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Adults \$10, Seniors & Students with
College ID \$8

Kids \$5 (under 5 eat free)

Family max price \$25 (parents & kids)

Dinner includes: Salad, Pasta with marinara or meat
sauce, Homemade meatballs .50 ea. Our wonderful Des-
sert table. (Gluten free option available) Dinners also
available to go! Call BUMC 203.743.6835 the day of
dinner to place your order



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 *between* 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. 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

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 studying hard for finals soon. We will be collecting items for care packages 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

If you have any questions please contact Ashley Adams at fccbyouth@firstchurchbethel.org or Bobbi Jo Beers at bobbi-jobeers@comcast.net

Bethel

United Methodist Church



December 1, 2019



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Sunday Service Time: 11:30 am

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

Prelude: Come, Thou Almighty King...arr. D. Krieger
Introit: Angels From The Realms Of Glory....arr. J. Schrader

Sarah DeShan
Chancel Choir

Call to Worship:

L: The Lord is getting us ready to receive a gift of great joy.

P: Watch for this gift!

L: Be vigilant and ready. For the gift is about to come.

P: The promise of God is faithful and trustworthy.

L: Watch, wait. The Gift is coming into the world!

P: Praise be to God for such lavish love. AMEN.

Hymns of Praise: #159 Lift High The Cross v. 1-3
#188 Christ Is The World's Light v. 1-3

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Tony & Jennifer Barnett

Pastoral Prayer

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

The Offertory Angels We Have Heard On High....S. Strite

Chancel Choir

94 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Scripture Reading: Romans 5 The Passion Translation (TPT) pg. 145

* **Hymn of Preparation** #211 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel v. 1,2,4

• **Passing of Greetings & Peace**

Sermon Advent 2019 - Finding Hope at Christmas

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.

#3174 Christ, We Are Blest

Chancel Choir

***Hymn of Response** #3021 Everlasting God

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



"Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe."

~ Saint Augustine

Readers & Communion Stewards

8:30am: Peter Eckert

10:00am: Call to Worship: Lisa Delohery

Scripture: Lisa Gallichio

Counters: Janette Blackstock & Dave Albin

Greeters 8:30am: Marty Bishop

Greeters 10:00am: Betty Lepus & Linda Bruce

Ushers: Team D: Tracy Brown, Fran Bartholomew, Jim & Laurie Fernandez

Coffee Hosts: Bob Sternerd

This Week's BUMC Calendar:

Sun. 12/01 8:30am & 10:00am Worship
4:00pm Jr. & Sr. Youth Group
UMW Soup Sale
Giving Tree in Mitchell Hall
4:00pm Hanging of the Greens

Mon. 12/02 7:00pm Brotherhood & Sisterhood of Christ

Tues. 12/03 2:30pm Food Pantry
7:30pm Church Council

Wed. 12/04 7:00 pm RECHARGE
Speaker: Victor Holomakoff

Thurs. 12/05 2:00pm UMW Bible Study
7:30pm CS Lewis Book Club
6:30pm Bell Choir
7:30pm Choir

Fri. 12/06

Sat. 12/07 10:00am Off the Streets

Sun. 12/08 8:30am & 10:00am Worship
Sunday School
Giving Tree in Mitchell Hall
ASP Jewelry Show
4:00pm Jr. & Sr. Youth Group

Upcoming Events:

12/10 UMW Christmas Party
12/12 UMW Advent Study
12/22 Children's Pageant
12/24 Christmas Eve Services 5:30pm & 9:00pm

Christmas Eve Services

Long Ridge Campus
4:00 pm
Bethel
5:30pm & 9:00pm



COM JOIN US tonight at 4:00pm for the annual tradition of the Hanging of the Greens. It's not too late to come! See Jackie if you can bring some food to share after the service. In case of bad weather check our website or FB page.