

UMW CORNER

Advent Bible Study– Thurs. 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. Please let Ann know if you can join us! ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME!!!!!!!!!!!!

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.

Jewelry Show

When: December 8th—Sunday at 11:15am
Where: 141 Greenwood Ave, Bethel CT
The Bethel United Methodist Church



Premier Design Jewelry
Any Questions contact Tracy Brown at 203-241-8523
This is an ASP Fundraiser. Please help support us to make homes warmer, safer, and drier.

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 Desert table. (Gluten free option available) Dinners also available to go! Call BUMC 203.743.6835 the day of dinner to place your order

Parish News

It is with great sadness that I inform our congregation that 2 long time members have passed away.

Roy Dwinells, passed on December 3rd. Roy has been suffering these past few months and had been at an assisted living facility. Please pray for the entire family, especially his dear wife Polly. We can rest assured that when Roy passed on from this life, Jesus was there to take him home to the place that was prepared for him. Polly's address is 110 Nashville Rd, Bethel CT 06801

Paul Young, passed away last Wednesday, November 27th. Paul took a sudden turn just a few weeks back but passed on very peacefully. He had been living in Brookfield at an assisted living facility and really enjoyed the new friends he had made there.

I want to thank Patty & Steve Deuschle for taking care of Paul and being there for him in ways that are unimaginable. Paul was very blessed to have these amazing saints in his presence.

A memorial celebration will occur at the BUMC on Saturday, December 14 at 11:00 am. I encourage you to come and celebrate the life of a wonderful man of God.—Pastor John

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.

Youth Group News

December 8th 1:00pm Christmas Caroling
We will be making a visit to Maple Wood of Danbury to bring some holiday cheer to the residents. We will also be caroling at the homes of some of our members. All are welcome to join! Meeting @ FCCB 1pm

December 15th 4-6pm Christmas Party: Youth Group Christmas Party! Join us for Fun, Games, and Treats! Jr & Sr High @FCCB

December 20th 7:30pm Jump n Glow: To start off Winter Break, we will be going to Jump n Glow@ Jumpz (Formerly Bounce). The cost is \$20 for 8pm-10pm. Jr & Sr High meeting @ BUMC 7:30pm

December 22nd 4-6pm Christmas Lesson Lessons on Christmas (discussion and activities). Jr & Sr High @FCCB

December 29th No Youth Group. Enjoy Winter Break.

Please RSVP to any event your student is able to attend. Ashley: fcbyouth@firstchurchbethel.org

Or Bobbi Jo: bobbijobeers@comcast.net



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Long Ridge UMC Campus

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: Angels from the Realms of Glory...arr. R. Long Sarah DeShan
Introit: Ding Dong Merrily On High....arr. S. Tucker Handbell Choir

Call to Worship:

L: Get ready, people of God! The time of hope and peace is at hand.

P: We are called to action rather than reaction.

L: Open your hearts to God's word and God's will.

P: Help us to be workers for God rather than observers.

L: Come, draw near to God in faith.

P: Let us prepare our hearts to receive the wondrous gifts of God. AMEN.

Hymns of Praise: #178 Hope Of The World v. 1,2,4
 #196 Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candles *Don Olson Jr & Raquel*

Pastoral Prayer

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

The Offertory God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen....arr. L. Shackley Chancel Choir

94 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Scripture Reading: Romans 13:11-14 (NIV) pg. 152

* **Hymn of Preparation** #378 Amazing Grace v. 1,2,3,6

• **Passing of Greetings & Peace**

Sermon Advent 2019 - Wake Up! It's Advent! **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.

#553 And Are We Yet Alive Chancel Choir

***Hymn of Response** #3067 Welcome To Our World

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



You could more easily catch a hurricane in a shrimp net that you can understand the wild, relentless, passionate, uncompromising, pursuing love of God made present in the manger. Brennan Manning

Readers & Communion Stewards

8:30am: Marty Bishop

10:00am: Call to Worship: Bill Struth

Scripture: Peter Philip

Counters: Linda Bruce & Betty Lepus

Greeters 8:30am Jo Gabriele

Greeters 10:00am:

Ushers: Team B: Alan Brown, Don Olson

Coffee Hosts: Uta Robertson

This Week's BUMC Calendar:

- Sun. 12/08** 8:30am & 10:00am Worship
Giving Tree in Mitchell Hall
ASP Jewelry Show
1:00pm Christmas Caroling Jr. & Sr. Youth Group
4:00pm Hanging of the Greens
- Mon. 12/09** 7:00pm Brotherhood & Sisterhood of Christ
- Tues. 12/10** 6:30pm UMW Christmas Party
- Wed. 12/11** 7:00 pm RECHARGE
Speaker: Ted Hartlett
- Thurs. 12/12** 2:00pm UMW Advent Study
7:30pm CS Lewis Book Club
6:30pm Bell Choir
7:30pm Choir
- Fri. 12/13**
- Sat. 12/14** 5:30pm Pasta Dinner
- Sun. 12/15** 8:30am & 10:00am Worship
Sunday School
4:00pm Jr. & Sr. Youth Group

Upcoming Events:

- 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

COME 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.