

### UMW CORNER

For the 16th year our BUMC unit of United Methodist Women has been awarded "Recognition as a 5 Star Unit" for our giving practices by the New York Annual Conference United Methodist Women. Our church should be proud of their contributions to this achievement.



UMW donated 21 pairs of winter gloves and 4 winter hats to Dorothy Day at our Christmas gathering.

Sat. 12/21 10:30 UMW Leader's Meeting

## Children's Christmas Pageant

Sunday December 22nd

10:00 am service

The children will be putting on the play "The Story of Baby Jesus" bring narrated by Martha Bishop



### 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.

### Fill A Brown Advent Bag For Our Bethel Neighbors

Please return your filled bag to Mitchell Hall today. All items will be sorted and distributed by Brotherhood-in-Action in time for Christmas.

All Giving Tree Gifts need to be returned by today and will be delivered to the social workers soon after that.



### Brotherhood/Sisterhood Christmas Gathering.

Please come and join us for pizza, fellowship and games on Monday, December 16 at 7:00 pm in Mitchell Hall. \$5.00 per person will provide pizza and drinks. Please let Maria Parille know if you are attending by today so we order enough food.



Note from the pastor...

I wanted to just offer a few words of clarity regarding the Long Ridge church and our relationship with Gaylordsville. At the present time, Long Ridge is considered to be a sister church, we have not moved onto a campus status of Bethel at the moment. I expect that to happen in 2020. Some are under the impression that this is a temporary arrangement. The way the conference works is that a pastor is assigned for one year from June to July. So technically, I'm serving Bethel and Long Ridge until June 30 of 2020. However, I believe that I will of course stay in Bethel, and probably stay on for another year or more in Long Ridge. With that being said, our relationship with Gaylordsville has changed. Because we are now connected to Long Ridge, it would be impossible for me to continue offering leadership at Gaylordsville. One of the challenges we faced with our north campus was distance. Long Ridge is less than 9 minutes from Bethel, Gaylordsville is over 30. The conference made the decision to allow Gaylordsville to stand on their own and no longer be a campus of Bethel. I just wanted to offer some clear direction of what is happening and what we can expect going forward. This is a very exciting time for Bethel and Long Ridge. Feel free to come and experience worship at Long Ridge on any Sunday at 11:30 am.

Barbara Anderson thanks the congregation for their prayers and concerns. She feels very blessed to belong to this church

### 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 15<sup>th</sup>** 4-6pm Christmas Party: Youth Group Christmas Party! Join us for Fun, Games, and Treats! Jr & Sr High @FCCB

**December 20<sup>th</sup>** 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 22<sup>nd</sup>** 4-6pm Christmas Lesson Lessons on Christmas (discussion and activities). Jr & Sr High @FCCB

**December 29<sup>th</sup>** No Youth Group. Enjoy Winter Break.

Please RSVP to any event your student is able to attend.

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### Long Ridge UMC Sister Church

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:** Of the Father's Love Begotten...arr. Faye López Sarah DeShan  
**Introit:** When Will The Little King Come?...Ruth Elaine Schram Chancel Choir

**Call to Worship:**

L: Be patient! Wait and Watch for the Lord is drawing near to us.

**P: We have gathered here this day to hear the good news and to gather strength for the times to come.**

L: Be at peace with one another.

**P: Let love and wisdom prevail.**

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

**P: Lord, touch our hearts. Teach us to patiently listen for your words of love. AMEN.**

**Hymns of Praise:** #242 Love Came Down At Christmas  
 #234 O Come, All Ye Faithful v. 1-3

**Welcome & Announcements**

Lighting of the Advent Candles *Steve & Claudia Temple*

**Pastoral Prayer**

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

**The Offertory** Tell Us 'Bout A Baby....J. Raney Chancel Choir  
 # 94 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

**Scripture Reading:** 2 Samuel 9: 1-7 New International Version (NIV) pg. 270

\* **Hymn of Preparation** #3066 Still, Still, Still

• **Passing of Greetings & Peace**

**Sermon** Advent 2019 - Grace at 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.*

#2099 Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine Chancel Choir

\***Hymn of Response** #2091 The King Of Glory Comes

**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



"At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God's own love and concern."  
 -Mother Teresa

**Readers & Communion Stewards**

**8:30am:** Jim Hutchinson

**10:00am: Call to Worship:** Peter Philip

**Scripture:** Chris Barnabo

**Counters:** Bill Struth & Tom Wolff

**Greeters 8:30am:** Maureen Raftery

**Greeters 10:00am:** Barbara Anderson

**Ushers:** Krista Mayer, Deb Albin

**Coffee Hosts:** Jim & Laurie Fernandez

**This Week's BUMC Calendar:**

- Sun. 12/15 8:30am & 10:00am Worship  
Giving Tree gifts due  
Brotherhood in Action bags due  
4-6pm Christmas Party: Youth Group  
Sunday School
- Mon. 12/16 7:00pm Brotherhood & Sisterhood of Christ
- Tues. 12/17 7:00pm Finance
- Wed. 12/18 Brotherhood in Action packing  
7:00 pm RECHARGE  
Speaker: Pastor John
- Thurs. 12/19 6:30pm Bell Choir  
7:30pm Choir
- Fri. 12/20
- Sat. 12/21 10:30 UMW Leader's Meeting  
Brotherhood in Action delivery
- Sun. 12/22 8:30am Worship  
10:00am Sunday School Christmas Pageant  
4-6pm Christmas Lesson Lessons on  
Christmas Jr & Sr High @FCCB

**Upcoming Events:**

12/24 Christmas Eve Services 5:30pm & 9:00pm

**Christmas Eve Services**



Long Ridge Sister Church

4:00 pm

Bethel

5:30pm & 9:00pm