

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.



We delivered a total of 66 gifts to the 2 social service agencies we support. The ladies at Wellmore referred to us as their "angels." Our BUMC Family generously donated new jackets, warm clothes and socks, gift cards for shoes, and many carefully selected toys. Your thoughtfulness and compassion supported the needs and wishes of 38 children from 13 families. Giving to others is fun and meaningful...we thank you and you can be sure the gift recipients were filled with happiness!



Maria and I were just overwhelmed with the "Grandparents Baby Shower" last Sunday. The gifts were amazing, the food was delicious, and we will never forget what the congregation did for us. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Pastor John



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.



No RECHARGE or Brotherhood/Sisterhood this week with the holidays. See you in the first week of January.



Wednesday Night RECHARGE News! We are very excited to announce that Ted Harlett, who leads our praise worship at the Sunday 8:30 service, will be leading the contemporary praise service beginning on January 8th! Plan to come and help us welcome Ted as we begin 2020.

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.

Our next church sponsored blood drive will be on Saturday February 1, 2020 from 9:00 am-2:00 pm.



Blood Mobile

To make a appointment go to redcrossblood.org.

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.

A letter received in memory of Paul Young:

Paul Young will be missed. I remember him and admired him. He was a good leader.

When I worked at Young nurseries in Wilton, CT. I enjoyed doing the colors (taking care of the American flag)

I was also in the Seabee's as a reservist in the Navy. I never had trouble taking military leave..

Paul will be missed, even though I haven't seen him in years.

He was the most honest and caring boss I ever had to this day.

Love Mr. Young's Trusted Worker
Tim Doub



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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: Postlude on "Salvatori" (*Another Year is Dawning*)...arr. G. Andrews Sarah DeShan

Call to Worship:
L: Let your praise of God sound to the heavens!

P: We shout the good news of God’s mighty love!

L: Let all the stars, the sun, the moon sing praise to God!

P: The Universe that God created sings its praise!

L: Praise the Lord!

P: Hallelujah! AMEN.

Hymns of Praise: #246 Joy To The World v.1,2,4
#228 He Is Born

Welcome & Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

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

The Offertory Still, Still, Still...arr. B. Burroughs
94 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Scripture Reading: Psalm 101: 1-3, 6-7 The Message (MSG)

* **Hymn of Preparation** #229 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Passing of Greetings & Peace

Sermon Perfection in the New Year **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.

#2268 As We Gather At Your Table

***Hymn of Response** #2093 The Snow Lay On The Ground

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



“So never lose an opportunity of urging a practical beginning, however small, for it is wonderful how often in such matters the mustard-seed germinates and roots itself.”
- Florence Nightingale

Readers & Communion Stewards

8:30am: Peter Eckert

10:00am: Call to Worship: Marty Bishop

Scripture: Marty Bishop

Counters: Janette Blackstock & Dave Albin

Greeters 8:30am: Marty Bishop

Greeters 10:00am: Bill & Sharon Struth

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

This Week’s BUMC Calendar:

Sun.	12/29	8:30am & 10:00am Worship
		No Sunday School
		No Youth Group
Mon.	12/30	No Brotherhood & Sisterhood of Christ
Tues.	12/31	
Wed.	01/01	New Year’s Day
		No Wednesday Night Recharge
Thurs.	01/02	6:30pm Bells
		7:30pm Choir
Fri.	01/03	
Sat.	01/04	10:00am –12:00pm Off the Streets
Sun.	01/05	8:30am & 10:00am Worship
		UMW Soup Sale
		Sunday School

Pasta Dinner

January 11th

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

