

Message from the Pastor,
Christ came on earth to reveal an extraordinary message, a message of love, hope, joy and peace. Christ asks us to have love for one another, to be reconciled to one another and to accept one another, right where we are at.

One of my favorite things that Jesus tell us is: "I have come so that you may have life and have it more abundantly." Giving us life is the first purpose for which Jesus came into the world. The second purpose is that the life promised by Christ is a source of joy and hope. By His coming, the promise of salvation and eternal life has been achieved. We are now children of God and we will never have to wander in darkness but always in the source of Light: Jesus Christ Himself.

Each of us has been entrusted with a special gift, a serious and sacred responsibility: to show others how the mystery of God is among us. We are called to go out into the world and share the message of God's love for all mankind.

My brothers and sisters, let the joy of Christmas penetrate our hearts and souls, so we may change our lives to become peacemakers, love others as we love ourselves, and love God above all things.

With gratitude for all you have been and done to grace the Bethel United Methodist Church, I hold you in my heart and in my prayer this Christmas season, asking God to bless you with peace, joy, hope and love.

May you have a blessed Christmas! In Christ, Rev. John Parille Senior Pastor



Our next meeting is January 8th @ 6:30PM in Mitchell Hall. You are invited to join us to watch and discuss Faisal: Pakistan. Synopsis: "Christians in Pakistan are routinely threatened and persecuted. They are often relegated to the lowest paying jobs and even to a form of slavery working for Muslim brick-kiln owners. However, they continue to serve and faithfully witness for Christ. This video, shot on location in Pakistan, will inspire and challenge you to pray for our Pakistani family and other persecuted believers. " All are welcome!!!!!!

The Food Pantry needs the following: Paper products, feminine products, condiments, crackers, baking items, juice & cereal. The pantry serves Bethel Families. Their phone number is 203-947-1754



Bloodmobile—February 2nd

Our next BUMC Bloodmobile is Sat. 2/2. You can make an appt. @ Redcross.org. If you can help @ registration or can-teen please see Alice Mayer.



Blood Mobile

As many of you have seen, we have been continuing to improve our building facilities here at BUMC. The new office for the pastor is almost complete, which means a new family room and practice room for our Bell choir is about to come to pass. Room 206 is going to be completely refurbished including new paint and furniture in the next few weeks. We will now have another space for small groups which will be a twin of Wesley Lounge. I wanted to make everyone aware of another big change coming. As we see, our world is full of evil people who think nothing of harming others any place and at any-time. We have been working on a plan to make our building safer and more secure. Beginning December 26, contractors will begin installing a key fob security system. This system will make our building safe and secure, especially during worship times.

Not everyone will need to have a key fob. The doors will be opened as needed based upon events. However, once the system is completed, the side door by Mitchell Hall will lock automatically ten minutes after services begins. The reason for this is to be sure our kids are safe during Sunday school. The only way into the building at this time will be through the front doors.

We will keep you posted as we go along on how this new system may impact you. I just wanted to share information as it comes along. - In Christ, Rev. John Parille

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

Prelude Ding Dong! Merrily on High! *arr. B. Edstrom*
Introit Christmas Gloria A. Pote

Call to Worship:

L: Praise the Lord, all the earth, from the highest heights to the deepest depths!

P: Let everything sing and shout praise to the Creator!

L: Praise the Lord, all the heavens and starry host!

P: All throughout the universe may praise to God abound!

L: Come, let us joyfully praise God!

P: Let us live our praise in deeds of loving kindness. AMEN.

Hymns of Praise: #224 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice
#219 What Child Is This

Welcome & Announcements

Baptism - see insert

Pastoral Prayer

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

The Offertory The First Noel (8:30am) *arr. J. Carter*
Carol of the Bells P. Wilhousky (10:00am) Chancel Choir

94 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Scripture Reading: Numbers 13:25-31

* **Hymn of Preparation** #216 Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming

• **Passing of Greetings & Peace**

Sermon: A New Horizon, 2019 **Pastor John Parille**

Holy Communion *All are Welcome!*

Communion is served at the altar. Please come down from balcony.

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.

#247 O Morning Star, How Fair And Bright

***Hymn of Response** #246 Joy To The World

Choral Benediction Auld Lang Syne traditional (10:00am only) Chancel Choir

• **Benediction & Closing Prayer**

* Please stand if able. *Large print hymnals are available— please ask an usher.*

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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. Each restroom is equipped with a commode.

Nursery Care & Children's Church: 10:00 am. Children go to Sunday School directly after announcements. Nursery is available for ages 2 and under.

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.

Office Hours: Monday office closed. Regular office hours are Tuesday through Friday 10:00am-2:00pm

In the Spotlight

We want to thank Wendy and Stew for the great job they are doing with our children's ministry.

This Week's BUMC Calendar:

Sun. 12/30 **South Campus Bethel**
8:30am & 10:00am Worship
North Campus Gaylordsville
10:00am Worship

Mon. 12/31

Tues. 01/01 New Year's Day

Wed. 01/02 Wednesday Night Recharge

Thurs. 01/03 6:30pm Bell Choir
7:30pm Choir

Fri. 01/04

Sat. 01/05 10:00am Off the Streets

Sun. 01/06 **South Campus Bethel**
8:30am & 10:00am Worship
Sunday School
UMW Soup Sale
North Campus & South Campus
10:00am Worship

Coming Events: Save the Date:

January 26th—Winter Fundraiser dinner

February 2nd—Bloodmobile



"Faith never knows where it is being led, but it loves and know the One who is leading"- Oswald Chambers

Readers & Communion Stewards

8:30am: Maureen Raftery

10:00am: Steve Temple & Chris Barnabo

Counters: Tracy Brown & Krista Mayer

Greeters 8:30am: Marty Bishop

Greeters 10:00am: Debbie Parks & Dawn Tomaino

Ushers: Team B: Alan Brown, Art Langer, Don Olson

Coffee Hosts:

Today we baptize Raider Davis McCloskey. He is the son of Kevin & Suzanne McCloskey. His God Parents are Jamie & Lisa Correia. His proud grandparents are Dave & Carol Morey, Margaret McCloskey & William Holme. His proud sister is Keelyn, his proud brother is Cruise. Please keep this family in your prayers.