

The Capsule

**A Monthly Newsletter for Members and Friends of
Bethel United Methodist Church**

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

February 2020



Greetings Saints!

Not much happens in the way of big holidays in February. Many are just looking to get through the month knowing that spring is that much closer. However, right smack dab in the middle of the month is Valentine's Day.

I know people who just love this day, and then there are others who simply despise it. The reasons can be varied, some celebrate the love they have while others are disappointed to now have a loved one with them. Some love the idea of candy and flowers while others just look at it as a day the florists and Hallmark make extra cash.

Today I wanted to write about "True Love." Many times we look at love with the idea that we have made it to be: You treat me nice, and I'll be nice to you or you buy me a present, and then I will buy you one. There is a piece of scripture found in 1 John 4:10-11 that says, "10 this is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11 Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another."

For a believer, this is true love. God loved us before we ever loved Him. God's view of love is nothing like ours. God compares that kind of faithful, selfless affection to Christ's love for His followers. Because Christ sacrificed His life for the sake of love, we are all to love each other. Jesus died in our place so that our sin would not keep us separate from God for eternity. Talk about an amazing love story!

Sadly, many of us suffer from the pain of abandonment, rejection, and betrayal. Valentine's Day may not be your thing, but I encourage you to remember that despite all of the pain we may go through in our relationships, through Christ we can understand the sacrificial, compassionate, and persistent nature of true love. Today, remember that you are loved by God. Jesus said so with His life.

Church Events

January Services

Bethel United Methodist Church

8:30am Family Worship Service

10:00am Worship

Sunday School during 10:00am

Family Service 3rd Sunday @ 10:00am

7:00pm Wednesday Night Recharge

Long Ridge UMC Campus

11:30am Worship



February 2nd

Readers & Communion Stewards

8:30am: Steve Deuschle

10:00am: Call to Worship: Tracy Brown

Scripture: James Wolff

Counters: Bill Struth & Dawn Johnston

Greeters 8:30am: Jo Gabriele

Greeters 10:00am: Alan & Debbie Brown

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

February 9th

Readers & Communion Stewards

8:30am: Jim Hutchinson

10:00am: Call to Worship: Tom Wolff

Scripture: Lisa Gallichio

Counters: Linda Bruce & Betty Lepus

Greeters 8:30am: Maureen Raftery

Greeters 10:00am: Debbie Parks &
Dawn Tomanio

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

Coffee Hosts: John Wildman

- 1st & 3rd Tuesday Food Pantry
- Monday nights @ 7:00pm Brotherhood & Sisterhood
- Sunday Afternoons 4:00pm-6:00pm Sr & Jr. Youth Groups
- February 2nd UMW Soup Sale
- February 4th Church Council
- February 8th Pasta Dinner
- February 10th—Education Meeting
- February 11th UMW Grinder Supper
- February 16th Family Worship
- February 18th Finance
- February 25th Trustees
- February 25th Youth Group Pancake Dinner @ Congregational
- February 26th Ash Wednesday—Ashes distributed 12 noon
- Ash Wednesday Service 7:30pm
- February 29th Annual Fundraiser

February 16th

Readers & Communion Stewards

8:30am: Pat Deuschle

10:00am: Call to Worship: Family Worship

Scripture: Family Worship

Counters: Tom Wolff & Greg Johnston

Greeters 8:30am: Peter Eckert

Greeters 10:00am: Family Worship

Ushers: Family Worship & Alan Brown

February 23rd

Readers & Communion Stewards

8:30am: Marty Bishop

10:00am: Call to Worship: Bill Struth

Scripture: Peter Philip

Counters: Tracy Brown & Krista Mayer

Greeters 8:30am: Marty Bishop

Greeters 10:00am: Bill & Sharon Struth

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

Parish News

Letter received from Jeanne & Stuart Carlsen:

To our friends at BUMC. How nice of you to reach out to us. It has been a very eventful year for us with the move and all that entails. I never want to move again! We are happy here in Goshen but will never forget the BUMC and all the dear people there. Please keep us in your prayers as we shall you. Our new address is: 105 Ives Rd. Goshen CT 06756. Telephone: 860-491-2470.— Should you find yourselves in our neck of the woods we would

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

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.

2/2 Youth Group 8th-12th
Grade 4-6pm

2/9 Care Packages 6th-12th
Grade 4-6pm

2/16 Youth Group 8th-12th
Grade 4-6pm

2/23 Mario Kart 6th-12th 4-6pm

2/25 Pancake Dinner All are invited to help and eat. More Info to Come



8:30 Blended Worship Service

Check out our 8:30 Service. It's a blended worship format with guitar and piano. This is a 45mins. that is upbeat



Something New in 2020

Wednesday Night Live

RECHARGE

Contemporary Worship Service 7 PM

We are very excited to announce some changes to our RECHARGE service in 2020. First, Ted Hartlett, who leads worship at our 8:30 service will be leading Praise & Worship at the RECHARGE!

In addition, we have added something new to help you get recharged during the week...**individual prayer**. We will now have prayer teams ready to pray over folks on a one to one basis in a private setting. As the sermon comes to a close and our closing worship begins, individuals may go directly to the prayer rooms and receive personal prayer from our prayer teams.

This is something that has been on Pastor John's heart for sometime, and we are very excited to see miracles signs and wonders from this new ministry. Come be a part of it.



Maria and I were just overwhelmed with the "Grandparents Baby Shower" last month. 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



Brotherhood or Sisterhood of Christ?

Come join us one Monday night at 7:00 pm. Ladies meet in Wesley Lounge, men meet in Fellowship Hall. This is a group of Christian Men & Women sharing a devotional, scripture and answering some pointed questions. No one is ever forced to speak/read or even share. If you just want to sit back and listen that is perfectly acceptable.



We are here to support all on their journey and walk with Christ regardless if you are new to faith, searching or a seasoned Christian. We can all learn from each other. 7pm we meet. Done by 8:15. Hope to see you there.



Youth Group Pancake Dinner
February 25th
5:30pm—7:30pm
Free Will Offering
First Congregational Church of Bethel
46 Main St.

Needed:

People to sponsor the Pasta dinner.
A full sponsorship is \$300. or you
can do 1/2 sponsorship. Gift cards
to Caraluzzi's or other grocery
stores in any amount are always appreciated.



Volunteers needed for Pasta Dinner

Contact Dawn Johnston at
203-744-1361 about helping
at the pasta dinner.



Pasta Dinner Bethel United Methodist Church February 8th

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

Desserts needed for our **February 8th** Pasta Dinner. Home made or store
bought. All donations appreciated. Email Ann if you can help out or have any
questions at ann_mc_lellan@sbcglobal.net

Thank You!





Sunday school Wish List

stickers
goldfish crackers
pretzels
markers
dollar store items (for prizes)
water bottles
small plates
small party napkins



The BUMC Nursery: A wonderful place for our youngest children! BUT it needs the help of parents and friends!

There are 2 sections to our nursery—one for the babies and the other for children through 2 years old. It needs to be staffed every Sunday except the 3rd Sunday of the month by at least one adult. The second person may be a teenager. Staff should be in the Nursery by 9:45am. If no children are brought there by 10:15am, staff may attend the service. We need staff volunteers please contact Wendy Williams at williamsBUMC@gmail.com. if you can help. A person to coordinate the volunteers would also be welcome!!



BUMC
Helping Hands

BUMC Helping Hands Ministry. Our mission is to extend our unique services out into the BUMC community. Our primary goal is to make sure our Veterans, elderly, and those potentially experiencing a financial hardship have all the proper home repairs and maintenance that they may need. Please see Ken Parks, Max Mulligan or Victor Hollomakoff for more information

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.



Support Meetings / Groups Held at BUMC

AA Meetings are held

Sunday @ 7:30pm

Thursday @ 7:30 pm

Friday @ 7:30 pm

Saturday @ 8:00 pm.

Additional Support Group:

"Over-eaters Anonymous" contact Chris at 203-942-3986 for more Information.

Support Group for Family & Friends who have a loved one suffering from the disease of addiction and/or alcoholism contact Joe Benner 203-313-3681.



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LEAP YEAR LUAU

Benefiting Bethel Food Pantry
Saturday, 2/29/2020

6:00 to 9:30pm(snow date 3/7/2020)

Non-alcoholic Pina Coladas, appetizers, dinner including pulled pork and sweet n sour chicken, desserts.....DJ, hula dancing, hula hoop, limbo.....
Grab your Hawaiian shirts and grass skirts



\$35.00 adults, \$15.00 children under 12, Children under 3 free Contact : Jackie Penyak 203-994-9717, Don Olson 203-297-4101
Bethel United Methodist Church 203-743-6835



February 11th 2020
MONTHLY MEETING 6:30PM

Mitchell Hall

Please join us for our annual

Meatball sub dinner night

All are welcome!!!!!!

Events in February:

February 2nd—Soup Sale

February 11th—Grinder Supper meeting 6:30pm

February 19th—Prayer Shawl 7:00pm

February 23rd—Prayer Shawl Exhibit in Mitchell Hall



The Prayer Shawl group meets at 7 pm on the 4th Wednesday of the month. All who like or want to learn crochet or knitting are welcome. We meet in the Johnson Alcove. See Linda Bruce for information.

The UMW collects Boxtops for Education for the Red Bird Mission. Please cut the boxtop symbol off of the product. There is a Red Bird container on the counter in the Information Center.



There are Boxtops on over 250 products! To see what products have the labels go to <https://>

Off the Streets is an all-volunteer run organization which works to get homeless people into housing. If a homeless person has a source of income, Off the Streets will provide a security deposit and basic furniture and household goods. Off the Streets collects furniture and household goods from 10am to 12noon on the first Saturday of each month behind the Bethel United Methodist Church. Items most in demand are dressers, small kitchen tables with chairs, end tables, nightstands and lamps. The next drop off **March 7th** For more information, go to www.offthestreetsnow.com or call 203-733-5880.



If you are on Facebook and have not liked our page, please do so. Here you will find links to our sermons and get a sneak preview of the upcoming sermon. If you are a member of our Facebook page we would ask that you "share" links with your community of friends



Save a Suit

Are you passionate about giving back to the community and veterans? We are currently looking for volunteers! Come help a great cause! We are looking for volunteers to help out in our office, administration, marketing, distribution, help us with veterans and much more!



YOU can serve YOUR church and serve GOD!

Here are places that YOU can serve YOUR church and serve GOD! See the leader for more information.

Ushers: Serve once per month or be a backup. Arrive 15 minutes before start of service. Assist folks in finding seats, restrooms, classrooms, etc. Collect offering. Clean up sanctuary after service. **Leader: Alan Brown**

Greeters: Serve once per month or be a backup. Arrive 15 minutes before start of service. Greet guests and congregation members as they arrive for worship. Provide bulletins. **Leader: Alan Brown**

Safety Committee: This committee is a sub-committee of the Trustee board. This committee works with the Trustee board to evaluate, create and help implement plans to make our sanctuary as safe as possible. This includes plan of response to emergencies, evacuations and safety protocols. **Leader: Victor Holomakoff**

Communion Stewards: Serve once per month or be a backup. Arrive 15 minutes before start of service. Help serve communion and then clean up after service. **Leader: Pastor John**

Readers: Serve once per month or be a backup. Arrive 15 minutes before start of service. Read Call to Worship or Scripture for message. Can also serve communion if desired. **Leader: Pastor John**

Trustees: Meetings are once per month on a Tuesday night. Meetings are typically 90 minutes. Trustees major charge is to make decisions that impact the use and upkeep of our church buildings. **Leader: Deb Albin**

Recycling Committee: This committee is a sub-committee of the Trustee board. Meetings are held after church on Sundays as needed. This committee works with the Trustee board to offer suggestions on how we can make our church more environmentally friendly. **Leader: Alan Durnin**

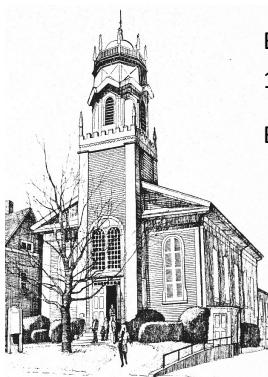
Finance: Meetings are once per month on a Tuesday night. Meetings are typically 90 minutes. Finance major charge is to make decisions that impact the funds that are donated and generated from rental incomes and fundraisers. Finance also handles our annual stewardship campaign. **Leader: Dave Morey**

Outreach: Meetings are typically every other month. Meetings are typically 90 minutes. Outreach major charge is to create, plan and execute any Outreach activities we have in our community. These include backpacks for children and gifts for families during the holidays. Outreach job is to help spread the gospel of Christ outside of the church. **Leader: Carol Morey**

Music Ministry: This includes, Choir, Bell Choir and Praise Team. The Music Ministry provides music for our worship services and other events as needed. Time requirements vary upon position. **Leader: Jessica Bardelli**

Education: Meetings are quarterly and when needed. Meetings are typically 60 minutes. This includes oversight of Sunday School, Youth Programming and Adult Education. A Youth Coordinator and Adult Coordinator are needed, as well as others to make decisions concerning Christian Education. **Leader: Ann McLellan**

Helping Hands: A ministry of men and women who help the elderly and veterans with small home repairs. **Leader: Ken Parks**



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