



*Our mission is to welcome everyone to God's House of Worship in the Heart of Bethel. We are committed to active spirituality, Bible-based learning applied to everyday life, and service to our brothers and sisters in communities near and far.*

## The Heart Beat

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Weekly Illuminations and Inspirations

January 08, 2017

### **Church Person(s) of the Week:**

We would like to thank Nancy Temple and Alan Blackstock part of our Finance team, Alice Mayer Fundraising chair and Bill Struth SPR chair for their service to our church as they step down from their positions. They each have put in countless hours in their positions during many years of service. Thank You!!!!

### **Today's Worship Assistants:**

**Readers & Communion Stewards 8:30am:** Peter Eckert

**Readers & Communion Stewards (set-up and serve):** Kyle Johnston, Tom Wolff

**Communion Stewards (serve and clean-up):**

Angela Bassett, Uta Robertson

**Counters:** Janette Blackstock & Dave Albin

**Greeters:** Deb and Dave Albin

**Ushers:** Team C: Debbie Albin, Krista Mayer, Frank Tomaino

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.

**Lost and Found:** please check the rack near the side entry, or the small basket on the shelf in the church office.

**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

### **Quote for the week:**

Aim at heaven and you will get earth thrown in. Aim at earth and you get neither. C. S. Lewis

**Our Prayers: Local Concerns:** Rev. Robert Johnson **Prayers for the world:** All the families of Sandy Hook, Newtown and surrounding communities as they continue to heal. All the men and women who have served and are serving in our Armed Forces. **Prayer List:** If you would like to receive the prayer list, or add someone, please contact **Audrey Stejskal** at [arstejskal@aol.com](mailto:arstejskal@aol.com)

### **Sunday Morning Ministries for 8:30am & 10:00am January 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Readers & Communion Stewards 8:30am:** Paul Young **Readers & Communion Stewards (set-up and serve):** Family Worship **Communion Stewards (serve and clean-up):** Family Worship **Counters:** Craig & Kathy Keith **Greeters:** Family Worship **Ushers:** Team F: Family Worship plus Alan Brown and Tammy Esposito

### **2017 Isaiah 54:2 Stakeholder Pledge envelopes now available**

For those church members who stretched and "put a stake in our church" by pledging a 2017 stewardship commitment, pledge envelopes are available in the church narthex and labelled by name. For anyone who feels moved to pledge a commitment, please speak with Pastor John. Thank you all for your faithfulness to our Lord, to each other and to our wonderful church.

are towards the end of the hallway on the right. Each restroom is equipped with a commode.

**Nursery Care:** The nursery (for ages 3 and under) is located in the Education wing just before the bathrooms on the right!

### **This Week's BUMC Calendar:**

Sunday	01/08	8:30am & 10:00am Worship Service Sunday School UMW Soup Sale
Monday	01/09	
Tuesday	01/10	3:00pm-5:30pm Food Pantry 7:00pm Finance 7:30pm Nurture/Membership
Wednesday	01/11	7:30pm Church Conference-MH
Thursday	01/12	6:30pm Bells 7:30pm Choir
Friday	01/13	
Saturday	01/14	11ampm-1:00pm Bottle Collection 5:30pm-7:30pm Pasta Dinner
Sunday	01/15	8:30am Worship 10:00am Family Worship Service Sunday School 5:00pm Sunday Night Live Worship

### **Coming Events:**



### **Family Pasta Dinners**

Please join us for our monthly pasta dinner this coming Saturday **January 14<sup>th</sup>** from 5:30pm-7:30pm.

Adults are \$10, Seniors & Students with College ID \$8, Kids \$5 (under 5 eat free), Family max price \$25 (parents & kids) Dinners also available to go! Call BUMC 203.743.6835 the day of dinner to place your order. Dinner includes: Salad with homemade dressings, Pasta with marinara or meat sauce, Homemade meatballs .50 ea, Homemade desserts

### **Fundraiser – Bottle/Can Drive**

Please consider saving your nickel deposit bottles and cans for our bottle/can drive the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month. Our next drive is **January 14<sup>th</sup>**. This year the benefits go to Julien Schaad's ASP tuition.

### **Bethel UMC Outreach Opportunities**

"Spare Change Sunday" will be **January 29<sup>th</sup>**. All the spare change will go directly to anyone in our community needing some help in the form of gift cards and other ways to help someone get through a tough time... Thank you! This is also a great way to get your family and friends in the Christmas Spirit by asking them if they want share in the gift of giving.

-Your BUMC Outreach Committee

### **SAVE THE DATE**

Next Bloodmobile Sat. 2/25 9:00-2:00

You can make an appt. @ [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)

### **Pasta Dinner Sponsorships**

We have set a goal this year to have a sponsor for each of the pasta dinners. We currently need 5 more sponsors. When you contribute towards a sponsorship, you are at least doubling your donation towards the church. The pasta dinner committee works so hard for the church and having a sponsor makes it all worthwhile. A full sponsorship is \$300. If that doesn't work for you, you might be able to donate half or a quarter of that amount. Caraluzzi's gift cards can always be used too. Please consider being a sponsor to make this year's pasta dinners a big success. To donate please contact Kathy Keith at 203-797-0841 or Dave Morey at 203-744-6345

### **Randall Wright Hall 50 year anniversary**

We are looking for people to join our Randall Wright Hall Anniversary committee. Anyone interested in being part of the committee please contact the church office at [bmethodistchurch@snet.net](mailto:bmethodistchurch@snet.net) or 203-743-6835. Also anyone having information concerning the construction of this building please leave your name and number so we can get in touch with you. Thank you!

### **Free Piano and bench**

Upright Fisher piano, currently located in the Classroom. If interested, please contact Todd Gorski, Director of Music, at [music.bumc@gmail.com](mailto:music.bumc@gmail.com) or 203.743.6835. First come, first serve.

### **Red Bird Mission**

The UMW collects **Campbell's labels** and **Boxtops for Education** for the **Red Bird**. Please cut the bar code labels as we only need the bar codes. There is a small basket on the counter in Mitchell Hall for the labels.

### **Need activity space?**

Mitchell Hall: \$180 for 4 hrs including set up time, (Pledging Members: \$51.00 – tax deductible donation). \$51.00 for partial Kitchen use (refrigeration and warming of meals), There is also a \$75 refundable deposit in case of damage to the room or in case professional cleaners have to be called in. Rm. 201: \$15.50 hr

### **Sunday School News**

**The Nursery is being Updated!** Claudia Schaefer deserves the credit for her vision!. We could use a little help from our friends! If you are able, you could designate enough \$ for us to buy one new toy or part of a half crib. That would be wonderful. We do not want the actual toy donated, as the size of toys matters, and it is better for us to pick them out, then to have to turn down a donation. Wait until you see the new Nursery!!!

**Heifer Project** begins January 22nd through February 26. This year we will be raising money to send cows to Rwanda.

"Because agriculture is the primary means of support for 80 percent of the population in Rwanda, livestock is the most beneficial asset a family can own. Nutritious milk, along with the fertilizing benefits of livestock, will improve the diets of children and parents alike. Organizing farmers into cooperatives will give them the means to jointly store and market extra milk through well-equipped chilling hubs."

**Stay tuned to more information on how you can help the Sunday School raise money for COWS!**