



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 14, 2018

Church Person(s) of the Week:

Thank you to Rick Kelly, our SPRC Chair for all of the hard work he does to make our church a great place for our staff and members!

Today's Worship Assistants:

Readers & Communion Steward 8:30am: Paul Young

Readers & Communion Stewards (set-up and serve): Tracy Brown & James Wolff

Communion Stewards (serve and clean-up): Julien Schaad & Tom Wolff

Counters: Janette Blackstock & Dave Albin

Greeters: Alan and Debbie Brown

Ushers: Team D: Tracy Brown, Fran Bartholomew, Art Langer, Andrew Serfilippi

Coffee Hosts: Sandy and Ken Bardelli

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

Quote for the week:

It was character that got us out of bed, commitment that moved us into action, and discipline that enabled us to follow through. Zig Ziglar

Sunday Morning Ministries for 8:30am & 10:00am January 21st

Readers & Communion Steward 8:30am: David McClain **Readers & Communion Stewards (set-up and serve):** Family Worship **Communion Stewards (serve and clean-up):** Family Worship **Counters:** Linda Bruce and Betty Lepus **Greeters:** Family Worship **Ushers:** Team F: Family Worship plus Alan Brown and Tammy Esposito **Coffee Hosts:** Uta Robertson

Charge Conference

Our charge conference is Sunday **today** at 12:30pm.

Village Pre-School News

The Brookfield Lions Club is coming to the school on the mornings of January 25th and 26th to do vision screenings on our students. VPS has permission slips if anyone in the Church community would like to take advantage of this free service. Please contact the Pre School at villagepre@sbcglobal.net

Prayer List: If you would like to receive the prayer list, or add someone, please contact **Audrey Stejskal** at arstejskal@aol.com

Nursery Care: The nursery (for ages 2 and under) is located in the Education wing just before the bathrooms on the right!

This Week's BUMC Calendar:

Sunday	01/14	8:30am & 10:00am worship 12:30pm Charge Conference 5:00pm Saturday Night Live
Monday	01/15	7:00pm Brotherhood of Christ
Tuesday	01/16	3:00pm-5:30pm Food Pantry 7:30pm Church Council
Wednesday	01/17	7:00pm Sisterhood of Christ
Thursday	01/18	6:30 Handbells 7:30pm Choir
Friday	01/19	
Saturday	01/20	
Sunday	01/21	8:30am worship 10:00am Family Worship 5:00pm Saturday Night Live

Coming Events:

Bloodmobile	2/03
Mid-Winter Social	3/03

Bloodmobile

Our next Bloodmobile is February 3rd from 9:00am-2:00pm. There is an urgent need for blood in the Winter. Please make an appointment @ redcross.org or 1-800-red-cross (1-800-733-2767). You can reduce your wait time @ the bloodmobile by using redcross.org/rapidpass the day of your donation. Any questions- see Alice Mayer

Mid-Winter Social

This year's mid-winter social is a fundraiser dinner for the Tamburino Family. Mike Tamburino has been diagnosed with ALS. They will be faced with numerous medical bills, and we would like to help. The event will be held on Saturday March 3rd. Please start getting the word out.

Brick orders are still being processed.

PLEASE CONTACT LORI MOTT RIGHT AWAY TO PLACE A NEW ORDER OR PAY FOR YOUR EXISTING ORDER.

There is still time to order a brick – contact Lori Mott!

The bricks will line the walk way to our front door. The bricks may be personalized with names, dates, and special messages, and can include one of five artwork designs if you choose. Bricks will be 4" x 8", red, and are offered at \$50 per brick (same price if artwork is used or not). Includes up to three lines of print, and 15 characters with an image, or 20 characters without an image, per line.

Your brick will remain visible for generations to come! All proceeds raised from the bricks will go to fund our landscaping design project. A sample of the brick is available for viewing in the downstairs area outside the kitchen (Brick will not include the company's name).

Please contact Lori Mott RIGHT AWAY at 203-300-8516 or zoogirl527@gmail.com . Thanks!

ASP JUG

“Brother can you spare a dime?” Our ASP spare change jug is being placed in Mitchell Hall on Sunday mornings. Please stop by and drop in your loose change. Every little bit helps our teams get to Appalachia... Thank You!!!



Food Pantry

Please remember the basket for food donations for the Bethel Community Food Pantry located right here @ our church. The basket has been relocated to our Communications area downstairs outside the kitchen. The Pantry is open every other Tuesday from 3:00pm to 5:30pm. Their phone number is 203-947-1754

Library

Our lending library is currently looking for new or gently used infant to teenage books. The books should be appropriate for our church library. There is a box in Mitchell Hall to drop them off. You can make a monetary donation so our Coordinator can purchase books. Any questions contact Uta Robertson.

Ushers

We currently need ushers to help during our 10:00am service. You would be added to a team that would serve approximately once a month. If you could help please see Alan Brown.

Sponsorship

We have set a goal this year to have a sponsor for each of the pasta dinners. We currently need sponsor to offset the cost. 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 Jen Garrity at 203-300-1982 or Dave Morey at 203-744-6345.

Support Meetings / Groups Held at BUMC

AA Meetings are held Sunday @ 7:30pm, Monday @ 6:00pm, Thursday @ 7:30 pm, Friday @ 7:30 pm and Saturday @ 8:00 pm. Additional Support Group: “Over-eaters Anonymous” contact Chris at 203-942-3986 for more information. Emotions Anonymous: Tuesdays 5:00pm- 6:00pm, Saturdays 6:00pm-7:00pm. 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.

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: pledging members \$15.50 hr, non-pledging members \$25.00 per hour

Small Groups

Brotherhood of Christ meet Mondays at 7:00 pm. Sisterhood of Christ meets Wednesdays at 7:00 pm.

This is not a Bible study but more of a time to discuss matters that effect our lives today. We start with a core piece of scripture, some devotional time that speaks to our topic and then look at some pointed questions that will help us go deeper in our faith and get to know one another a bit better at each meeting. You can talk or you can just listen. You can come every week or once in a while! We start on time and end by 8:15pm.

Questions? Men, see Pastor Esposito or Pastor John. Ladies see Maria Parille or Pastor John.