



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 15, 2017

Church Person(s) of the Week:

Thank you to Chef Alan Brown for all of your dedication to our Pasta dinners!

Today's Worship Assistants:

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

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:

Something to remember as we try to teach our children about faith: "Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn." — [Benjamin Franklin](#)

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

Sunday Morning Ministries for 8:30am & 10:00am January 22nd

Readers & Communion Stewards 8:30am: David McClain **Readers & Communion Stewards (set-up and serve):** Tom Wolff, Diane Meldon **Communion Stewards (serve and clean-up):** Doug Williams, Wendy Williams **Counters:** Linda Bruce & Betty Lepus **Greeters:** Alan and Debbie Brown **Ushers:** Team D: Tracy Brown, Fran Bartholomew, Paul McHugh, Lee Griswold

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.

Youth Group

The Youth Group will be meeting tonight at 4:00pm to work on 30-hour famine preparation followed by the 5:00pm Praise Service.

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	01/15	8:30am Worship 10:00am Family Worship Service 4:00pm Youth Group 5:00pm Sunday Night Live Worship
Monday	01/16	
Tuesday	01/17	3:00pm-5:30pm Food Pantry 7:30pm Church Council
Wednesday	01/18	7:30pm Worship Committee
Thursday	01/19	6:30pm Bells 7:30pm Choir
Friday	01/20	Capsule articles due
Saturday	01/21	
Sunday	01/22	8:30am Worship 10:00am Family Worship Service Sunday School 5:00pm Sunday Night Live Worship

Coming Events:

Heifer Project begins 1/22

Bethel UMC Outreach Opportunities

"Spare Change Sunday" will be **January 29th**. 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

Carillon Chimes Fundraiser

Please join us on Saturday, **February 18, 2017** at 7:00pm for our Carillon Chimes Fundraiser. This event is an adults only evening, dress is semi-formal, five course dinner including instrumental dinner music. Cost is \$35.00 per person. Tickets go on sale after church this Sunday, January 15th. All proceeds go to helping us reach our goal to pay for and have Carillon chimes installed before Easter. Carillon chimes will be dedicated to all those who have lost their life to addiction or are struggling with addiction. There will also be a small silent auction and we are looking for donations for that. Please call or email Jackie Penyak with questions at Jackiepenyak@me.com or 203-994-9717.

SAVE THE DATE

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

You can make an appt. @ 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 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 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

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!