



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 22, 2017

Church Person(s) of the Week:

We would like to give a huge thank you to Erin Volpintesta and the Praise Band for a wonderful first Sunday Night Live Worship Service! Praying for many more wonderful services to come.

Today's Worship Assistants:

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, Paul McHugh, Lee Griswold

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.

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	01/22	8:30am & 10:00am Worship Sunday School Heifer Project begins 4:00pm Youth Group 5:00pm Sunday Night Live Worship
Monday	01/23	
Tuesday	01/24	7:30pm Trustees
Wednesday	01/25	7:00pm Prayer Shawl - JA
Thursday	01/26	6:30pm Bells 7:30pm Choir
Friday	01/27	
Saturday	01/28	
Sunday	01/29	8:30am & 10:00am Worship Sunday School 5:00pm Sunday Night Live Worship Spare Change Sunday

Coming Events:

Quote for the week:

Let God have your life; He can do more with it than you can. Dwight L. Moody

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 29th

Readers & Communion Stewards 8:30am: Marty Bishop **Readers & Communion Stewards (set-up and**

serve): Chris Barnabo, Tracy Brown **Communion Stewards (serve and clean-up):** Rick Kelly, James Wolff

Counters: Bill Struth & Claudia Schaefer **Greeters:** Marty Bishop **Ushers:** Team B: Alan Brown, Linda Bruce, Tammy Esposito

Rocking Chairs up for bid

BUMC has collected six rocking chairs over the years – they are now up for bid! The starting bid for each one is \$5.00. Please take a look at the chairs and place a bid for one! Highest bid wins on Sunday January 29th.

Buy a Baby/Toddler Toy for the new Baby Bay/Kid's Cove Nursery Today

There is a table set up in Mitchell Hall today where you can purchase a toy for the Nursery or donate money for our Wish List. The new look to our Nursery is almost finished thanks to many hands. You, too, can help.

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

Pre-Register Online!

Connecticut District Resource Days

Sunday, January 29 from 2:00 to 4:45 pm
Prospect United Methodist Church, 99 Summer Street, Bristol

Saturday, February 4 from 9:00 to 11:45 am
Golden Hill United Methodist Church, 210 Elm Street, Bridgeport
(GPS address: 343 Golden Hill Street)

Pre-registration for our Connecticut District Days is now available. To Pre-register, go to the New York Annual Conference website, www.nyac.com.

Click on Calendar and select the date you plan to attend.
You will see registration information and a flyer listing all workshops.

Pre-registered participants will have

- a better chance of being able to attend first-choice workshops
- an expedited check-in process.

On-site registration will be available,
but we encourage you to enjoy the benefits of pre-registration.

Questions? Contact Maggie Carr, Chair, District Council on Ministries
jcarr01@snet.net or phone 203-284-8278

For a listing of courses please pick up a flyer on the table in the Narthex.

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. February 25th 9:00-2:00 You can make an appt. @ redcrossblood.org

Pasta Dinner Sponsorships

We currently need 4 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!

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.

Missing dishes ????

Are you missing a crock pot or any dishes. Please check the coffee area in Mitchell Hall for left items.

Sunday School News

Heifer Project banks will be coming home with kids today. We are saving money to help improve dairy production in Rwanda. Please help your kids decide how they can earn money to put in their banks.

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.

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