



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 28, 2018

Church Person(s) of the Week:

Welcome Rusty Beers and Jackie Penyak to our Trustee Board!

Today's Worship Assistants

Readers & Communion Stewards 8:30am:

Martha Bishop

Readers & Communion Stewards (set-up and serve): Diane Meldon & Stacie McLaughlin

Communion Stewards (serve and clean-up):

Steve Temple & Angela Bassett

Counters: Bill Struth & Tom Wolff

Greeters: Marty Bishop & Dawn Tomaino

Ushers: Team B: Alan Brown, Joe Benner, Tammy Esposito

Coffee Hosts: Dawn Tomaino

Today's Worship Assistants:

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:

"Spending time with God is the key to our strength and success in all areas of life. Be sure that you never try to work God into your schedule, but always work your schedule around Him." [Joyce Meyer](#)

Sunday Morning Ministries for 8:30am & 10:00am February 04,2018

Readers & Communion Stewards 8:30am: Peter Eckert **Readers & Communion Stewards (set-up and serve):** Chris Barnabo & Tracy Brown **Communion Stewards (serve and clean-up):** James Wolff

Counters: Tracy Brown & Krista Mayer **Greeters:** Linda Bruce and Betty Lepus **Ushers:** Team C: Debbie Albin, Krista Mayer, Frank Tomaino **Coffee Hosts:**

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

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	01/28	8:30am & 10:00am worship Sunday School 5:00pm Sunday Night Live
Monday	01/29	7:00pm Brotherhood of Christ
Tuesday	01/30	
Wednesday	01/31	7:00pm Sisterhood of Christ
Thursday	02/01	6:30 Handbells 7:30pm Choir
Friday	02/02	
Saturday	02/03	9:00am – 2:00pm Bloodmobile 10:00am-12:00pm Off the Streets
Sunday	02/04	8:30am & 10:00am worship Sunday School UMW Soup Sale 5:00pm Sunday Night Live

Coming Events:

ASP Bake Sale	2/25
Mid-Winter Social	3/03

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.

Open Choir Rehearsal

Ever wanted to see what goes on behind the scenes with our wonderful BUMC Chancel Choir? We'll be hosting an open rehearsal on Thursday March 8th from 7:30-9:00pm in the sanctuary. Come listen to the choir practice, see what happens during a rehearsal, and sing along if you'd like! Please contact Jessica Bardelli (jessicabardelli@gmail.com) for details. We hope you'll join us for a fun, musical evening!

Holly Hearth Crafters Meeting

Holly Hearth Crafters meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month starting at 7:00pm. All are welcome! We will be sharing Christian fellowship and crafting for next year's Bazaar. Our next meeting is **February 13th**.

Mark Your Calendar! The BUMC Coffeehouse is BACK!

Please join us for an evening of snacks, songs, stories, and more! The BUMC Coffeehouse is back on **March 17th, 2018 at 7:00pm in Mitchell Hall**. Free will donations will be taken at the door and will benefit the BUMC music department. Bring the whole family!

Want to perform at this event? Contact Alan Blackstock (alan.blackstock@yahoo.com) or Jessica Bardelli (jessicabardelli@gmail.com). There are a limited number of performance slots available, so sign up soon!

Brick orders are still being processed.

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

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 the first & third Tuesdays of the month. Their phone number is 203-947-1754

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.

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.

ASP

ASP has a few spots available for this summers trip. We will be spending the week in Virginia, leaving on Saturday June 30th and coming home on Saturday July 7th. If you are interested in joining us and/or learning more about the trip please contact Tracy Brown at tracybrown1085@gmail.com

Letter Received from Bethel Food Pantry

Dear Friends at the Bethel United Methodist Church,

The Bethel Food Pantry would like to thank you for your ongoing donations of food and non-food items. Your very generous donation in support of the pantry and our neighbors in Bethel is greatly appreciated. The extra food we have received is especially important so that we can provide a variety of nutritious food items.

We are also very grateful for the new home that you have provided for the pantry. Our clients are very comfortable in the new space and feel very much at home. In addition, having the option of a chair lift makes the pantry accessible for all. - Yours truly- Susan Pople, Secretary

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.

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.

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.

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