



*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

February 11, 2018

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

Thanks to Jenn Garrity for coordinating our Pasta Dinners!

### Today's Worship Assistants

**Readers & Communion Stewards 8:30am:** Paul Young

**Readers & Communion Stewards (set-up and serve):** Julien Schaad & Tom Wolff

**Communion Stewards (serve and clean-up):** Diane Meldon & Stacie McLaughlin

**Counters:** Janette Blackstock & Dave Albin

**Greeters:** Deb and Dave Albin **Ushers:** Team D: Tracy Brown, Fran Bartholomew, Art Langer, Andrew Serfilippi

**Coffee Hosts:** Mary Jane Strasser

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:

Though our feelings come and go, God's love for us does not. -C.S. Lewis

### Sunday Morning Ministries for 8:30am & 10:00am February 18,2018

**Readers & Communion Stewards 8:30am:** David McClain **Readers:** Family Worship **Communion Stewards (set-up and serve):** **Communion Stewards (serve and clean-up):** **Counters:** Bill Struth & Tom Wolff **Ushers:** Team F: Family Worship plus Alan Brown and Tammy Esposito **Greeters:** Family Worship **Coffee Hosts:** Uta Robertson

### NOTICE TO PARENTS

Children are to go **DIRECTLY** to Wesley Lounge instead of coming into the Sanctuary. This is to allow more time for teaching the lesson. Children in PreK through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will still need to be picked up in their classrooms.

### Holly Hearth Crafters Meeting

Holly Hearth Crafters meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup>**.

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)

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	02/11	8:30am & 10:00am worship Sunday School 5:00pm Sunday Night Live
Monday	02/12	7:00pm Brotherhood of Christ
Tuesday	02/13	7:00pm Holly Hearth – room 201
Wednesday	02/14	11:00am – 1:00pm Ashes in the Sanctuary 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service
Thursday	02/15	6:30 Handbells 7:30pm Choir
Friday	02/16	
Saturday	02/17	
Sunday	02/18	8:30am & 10:00am worship Sunday School 5:00pm Sunday Night Live

Coming Events:

ASP Bake Sale	2/25
Tamburino Fundraiser	3/03
UMW Sunday	3/04

### **United Methodist Women Upcoming Events:**

\* **February 26**, Monday at 6:30 pm - our annual Grinder Supper followed by business and Marty Bishop's Series on Women of the Bible: *Eve*. This meeting will be held in Mitchell Hall.

\* **March 4**, Sunday after church - UMW Sunday - In addition to the Soup Sale we will highlight the Prayer Shawl group, Days for Girls and the Coffee List. Come down after church and learn more about your UMW.

Note: UMW has a new time and new place. We meet the 4th Monday of each month. Starting in March, we will be meeting at 7 pm in Room 201, upstairs in Randall-Wright Hall. We have access to the stair lift so anyone having difficulty with the stairs, please let Cheryl DePoi (Church office) know by the day of the meeting. It is an easy ride.

Our annual tag sale date has been set for **April 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>**. Please start saving tag sale items.

### **Fundraiser Dinner**

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 3<sup>rd</sup>** starting at 6:00pm in Mitchell Hall. We will be serving a 4 course dinner with a dessert buffet. Tickets are \$40.00 a person with all proceeds going directly to the family. For tickets or information please contact Jackie Penyak at 203-994-9717, [jackiepenyak@me.com](mailto:jackiepenyak@me.com) or Deb Albin at 203-313-9226, [dalbin61@att.net](mailto:dalbin61@att.net).

### **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 8<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto:jessicabardelli@gmail.com)) for details. We hope you'll join us for a fun, musical evening!

### **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 17<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:alan.blackstock@yahoo.com)) or Jessica Bardelli ([jessicabardelli@gmail.com](mailto:jessicabardelli@gmail.com)). There are a limited number of performance slots available, so sign up soon!

### **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!!!



### **ASP**

ASP has a few spots available for this summer's trip. We will be spending the week in Virginia, leaving on Saturday June 30<sup>th</sup> and coming home on Saturday July 7<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in joining us and/or learning more about the trip please contact Tracy Brown at [tracybrown1085@gmail.com](mailto:tracybrown1085@gmail.com)

### **Sponsorship**

Our goal this year is to have a sponsor for each of the pasta dinners. We currently need sponsors 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 our pasta dinners a big success. To donate please contact Jen Garrity at 203-300-1982 or Dave Morey at 203-744-6345.

### **From the Red Cross**

Thank you for helping to save lives with the American Red Cross. When you made the commitment to sponsor a blood drive, you helped save lives. Your efforts have helped boost the community blood supply and ensure hospital patients have the lifesaving blood they need.

Your blood drive registered 33 donors and collected 28 pints of blood. You and your team also registered 3 first time donors.

Thank you for your gifts of time and support. We truly appreciate your generosity. The patients who have benefited from the blood collected at your blood drive are beyond grateful.

### **SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER**

The United Methodist Church of Danbury, 5 Clapboard Ridge Road, Danbury will hold its annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, **February 13**. Supper will be served continuously from 5:00pm until 7:00pm in Fellowship Hall on the lower level of the church.

The entire community is invited and welcome to attend this fun event. Supper includes Pancakes and Bacon. Prices are \$8 for adults; \$6 for seniors; \$4 for children 6-12 and \$2 for children age 5 and under.

For more information, contact the United Methodist Church of Danbury - 203-743-1503 or [danburyumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:danburyumc@sbcglobal.net)

### **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.

**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

**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.

**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.

**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

**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](mailto:zoogirl527@gmail.com) . Thanks!