



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 18, 2018

Church Person(s) of the Week:

Many thanks to Patrica Hutchinson for all of her dedication to our church finance department.

Readers & Communion Stewards 8:30am: David McClain

Readers: Family Worship

Communion Stewards: Steve Temple

Counters: Bill Struth & Tom Wolff

Ushers: Team F: Madison Turlis, Alan Brown and Tammy Esposito

Greeters: Family Worship

Acolyte: Family Sunday

Coffee Hosts: Uta Robertson

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.

Prayer List: If you would like to receive the prayer

Quote for the week:

"Lent is a time for discipline, for confession, for honesty, not because God is mean or fault-finding or finger-pointing but because he wants us to know the joy of being cleaned out, ready for all the good things he now has in store. N.T. Wright"

Sunday Morning Ministries for 8:30am & 10:00am February 25, 2018

Readers & Communion Stewards 8:30am: Marty Bishop **Readers & Communion Stewards (set-up and serve):** Chris Barnabo, Tracy Brown **Communion Stewards (serve and clean-up):** Julien Schaad, Sarah DeShan **Counters:** Linda Bruce & Betty Lepus **Greeters:** Alan and Debbie Brown **Ushers:** Team B: Alan Brown, Joe Brenner, Tammy Esposito

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.

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	02/18	8:30am worship 10:00am Family Worship Sunday School 5:00pm Sunday Night Live
Monday	02/19	7:00pm Brotherhood of Christ
Tuesday	02/20	3:00pm-5:30pm Food Pantry 7:30pm Church Council
Wednesday	02/21	7:00pm Sisterhood in Christ
Thursday	02/22	6:30 Handbells 7:30pm Choir
Friday	02/23	
Saturday	02/24	
Sunday	02/25	8:30am & 10:00am worship Sunday School ASP Bake Sale 5:00pm Sunday Night Live

Coming Events:

Tamburino Fundraiser	3/03
UMW Sunday	3/04
Membership Class	3/18

Our annual tag sale date has been set for **April 19th and 20th**. Please start saving tag sale items. No drop offs till April 15th and no electronics please.

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 3rd** 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 or Deb Albin at 203-313-9226, 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 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!

Membership Class

We will be running a Membership Class for anyone who is interested in becoming a member of our church on **March 18th** after our 10:00am service. See Pastor John for details.

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!

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 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

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.

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.

New Address

Rev. Robert and Sandy Johnson have a new address. 14 Lake Place North Danbury CT 06810

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.

Readers and Communion Stewards

We currently need readers and communion stewards to help at our 10:00am service. If you would like to volunteer in this manner, please send Cheryl an email at bmethodistchurch@snet.net.

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 . Thanks!