



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 19, 2017

Church Person(s) of the Week:

We would like to thank Carol and Dave Morey, Peter and Willa Philip, John Esposito, Alan Blackstock and Alan Brown who helped make our Carillon Chimes Fundraiser such a success. Also, Uta Robertson and the Jr. and Sr. High who served our amazing dinner. A special thank you to Jackie Penyak who spearheaded the event. We would also like to thank all who donated to the fundraiser but couldn't be here. The chimes will be ordered soon and should be installed before Easter!

Today's Worship Assistants:

Readers & Communion Stewards 8:30am: David McClain

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:

"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader."

— John Quincy Adams

The rose on the altar honors the baptism of our newest member Ethan.

The baptism of Ethan Andrew Bordeaux Adams takes place during our 10:00am worship this morning. He is the son of Arthur and Elizabeth Adams. Please join us in welcoming our newest member!

Sunday Morning Ministries for 8:30am & 10:00am February 26th

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

8:30am Worshippers

Interested in an Adult Sunday School Class from 9:30-10:15? Please tell the pastor if you are.

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 3 and under) is located in the Education wing just before the bathrooms on the right!

This Week's BUMC Calendar:

Sunday	02/19	8:30am Worship 10:00am 12pm-1:00pm Confirmation Class 4:00pm Youth Group 5:00pm Sunday Night Live Worship
Monday	02/20	President's Day – office closed
Tuesday	02/21	7:30pm Church Council
Wednesday	02/22	
Thursday	02/23	6:30pm Bells 7:30pm Choir
Friday	02/24	Capsule Articles are due
Saturday	02/25	9:00am-2:00pm Blood Drive
Sunday	02/26	8:30am & 10:00am Worship Sunday School 12pm-1:00pm Confirmation Class 5:00pm Sunday Night Live Worship

Coming Events:

Ash Wednesday:	3/1
Pasta or Corned Beef Dinner	3/11
UMW Tag Sale	3/24 & 25
Paint Event	3/26
Islam 101	4/2

Bloodmobile

Next Bloodmobile Sat. **February 25th** 9:00-2:00 You can make an appt. @ redcrossblood.org. Sheets with eligibility questions for giving blood are on the table in the Narthex.

BUMC Wednesday Night Lenten Dinner Services

Objective: To bring the congregation together to prepare and celebrate the Lenten season in an informal and relaxing atmosphere.

Format: Volunteers would sign up each week to bring a soup, bread or dessert to be shared in a pot-luck format. Dinner would start at 6:00 pm and go until 7:00. We would meet in Mitchell Hall.

During this time, folks can mingle, break bread together and get better acquainted. Before we head up to the sanctuary, folks would be given a piece of paper with a symbol on it such as a palm or crown. These symbols will be used to break folks into groups for the discussion piece of service.

At 7:00 pm, we would gather in the sanctuary and Pastor would welcome all and then have an opening prayer.

After prayer, at approximately, 7:05, the folks would break into small groups. These groups would be facilitated by appointed table leaders marked by the symbols that were presented in fellowship. They will be in different parts of the building to allow each group some space.

The discussions will have a specific theme to them that will include scripture, some reflection and then pointed questions to help folks share their personal journey and how it relates to the topic at hand. The facilitator will help to guide these discussions along giving everyone a fair chance to share so that all may be heard if they choose to do so.

All will be encouraged to share however it is not a requirement for folks to speak or read if they choose not to do so. By 7:40, Pastor John will circulate to the groups giving the facilitator a five minute wrap up warning. By 7:45 all groups will return to the sanctuary for two worship songs. Pastor will close in final prayer. Goal is to be out of the building by 7:50-7:55

Additional Information

Each week groups will be new. The goal is to have the same facilitators lead. The weekly discussion will have a common theme but will be unique to each week. Folks will be encouraged to bring guests to introduce others to BUMC in a casual setting. The services will start the week after Ash Wednesday and end the week before Holy Week.

UMW Tag Sale

The Annual Tag Sale dates are set for Friday night **March 24th** & Saturday **March 25th**. The drop off date for the Tag Sale **starts** the Sunday before the tag sale. You can drop items off in Mitchell Hall - look for the sign.

Paint Event – Rescheduled!

Sunday afternoon, **March 26, 2017**, 2 pm. There is a clipboard hanging by the church office door for sign up.. The cost is \$20 (Discounted from the usual \$35 per person). Lots of fun. No talent required.

BUMC Outreach Project will be supporting the following program:

Simsbury UMC is a registered chapter of Days for Girls (www.daysforgirls.org), an organization that provides quality sustainable feminine hygiene kits and education to girls and women in over 75 countries to help reverse the cycle of poverty.

They continue to make kits for girls in Ghana and Uganda in support of mission teams traveling to these countries in October, November, and February.

They welcome donations of the following: colorful washcloths, hotel size bar soap, boxes of gallon freezer Ziplock (no sliders) plastic bags, cotton fabric (quilt & flannel), sewing & overlocker thread, We will have a box in Mitchell Hall to collect these items. - Thank you BUMC Outreach Comm.

Vacation Bible School

Looking ahead: Vacation Bible School is **July 31st** through **August 4th, 2017**. Save the Date!!!! Anyone interested in helping out, please leave your name and contact information on the church office desk.

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

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.

Family & Friends Group – Support Group for Family & Friends who have a loved one suffering from the disease of addiction and/or alcoholism meets Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

Additional Support Group: "Over-eaters Anonymous" contact Chris at 203-942-3986 for more information.

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.

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