



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 26, 2017

Church Person(s) of the Week:

We would like to thank Linda Bruce for keeping our communion cloths bright and white every week!

Today's Worship Assistants:

Readers & Communion Stewards 8:30am: Marty Bishop

Readers & Communion Stewards (set-up and serve) 10:00am: 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

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 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!

Quote for the week:

"Try not to become a man of success. Rather become a man of value." — [Albert Einstein](#)

Sunday Morning Ministries for 8:30am & 10:00am March 5th

Readers & Communion Stewards 8:30am: Peter Eckert **Readers & Communion Stewards (set-up and serve):**, Peter Philip, Kyle Johnston **Communion Stewards (serve and clean-up):** Angela Bassett, Uta Robertson **Counters:** Bill Struth & Claudia Schaefer **Greeters:** Marty Bishop **Ushers:** Team C: Debbie Albin, Krista Mayer, Frank Tomaino

UMW News

UMW meets tomorrow **February 27th**: Grinder supper at 6:30 followed by our regular meeting at 7:30. Please feel free to join us at either time. Our guests will be Susan Pople and Arlene Coleman from the Bethel Community Food Pantry which re-opened this January in the basement of Mitchell Hall. They have both been with the food pantry for at least 15 years. We will have a tour of the facility as well. PLEASE BRING A CAN OF FOOD FOR THE PANTRY. - Hope to see you there.

This Week's BUMC Calendar:

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| Sunday | 02/26 | 8:30am Worship 10:00am Heifer Sunday 12pm-1:00pm Confirmation Class 4:00pm Youth Group 5:00pm Sunday Night Live Worship |
| Monday | 02/27 | 6:30pm UMW Grinder Supper 7:30pm UMW Meeting |
| Tuesday | 02/28 | |
| Wednesday | 03/01 | 6:45am-8:45am & 11:00am – 1:00pm Ashes @ Molten Java 7:30pm Ash Wednesday Service |
| Thursday | 03/02 | 6:30pm Bells 7:30pm Choir |
| Friday | 03/03 | |
| Saturday | 03/04 | 11:30 am Memorial Service for Johann Struth 10:00am-12:00pm Off the Streets |
| Sunday | 03/05 | 8:30am & 10:00am Worship Sunday School UMW Soup Sale 12pm-1:00pm Confirmation Class 5:00pm Sunday Night Live Worship |

Coming Events:

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

Open Audition

BUMC will be holding an open audition for a choir accompanist on March 4th at 5:30pm in the sanctuary. Applicants must be proficient on piano, experience on organ is a plus. Applicants should bring a current resume and be prepared to play the following pieces. All audition music and hymnals can be obtained from the choir director.

- 1) Two prepared, contrasting traditional hymns (chosen by the player from the blue UMC hymnal) on either piano or organ (player's choice).
- 2) One prepared contemporary hymn chosen from the following list, to be played on the piano at the tempo set by the choir director:
 - 3002 Blessed Be Your Name
 - 3003 How Great Is Our God
 - 3021 Everlasting God
 - 3104 Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)
 - 3176 Come, Now Is The Time To Worship
 - 3177 Here I Am To Worship
 - 3186 Days Of Elijah
- 3) One prepared choral accompaniment, to be played on piano, following the choir director for tempo, dynamics, etc. Please contact the Director of Choirs to obtain this music.
- 4) Sight Reading a choral accompaniment on piano, chosen by the choir director, to be played at the tempo set by the choir director.

Please contact Jessica Bardelli (Director of Choirs) for audition material or with questions: jessicabardelli@gmail.com.

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.

Islam 101

Everyone in the Congregation and friends are invited to attend Islam 101, presented by Shazeeda Khan of the Danbury Islamic community. Date: **April 2nd**, Sunday afternoon from 2-4pm. The class will be held at the Majid at 339 Main St, Danbury (next to The News-Times building) Parking is at the back. All those interested in understanding more about the faith of our Muslim neighbors, please save the date!

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.

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.

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 203-205-5676 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.

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

8:30am Worshippers

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