



*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

March 04, 2018

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

Many thanks to all who volunteered to help raise money at the benefit dinner!

**Readers & Communion Stewards 8:30am:** Peter Eckert

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

**Communion Stewards (serve and clean-up):** Diane Meldon & Angela Bassett

**Counters:** Tracy Brown & Krista Mayer **Greeters:** Marty Bishop & Dawn Tomaino

**Ushers:** Team C: Debbie Albin, Krista Mayer, Frank Tomaino

**Coffee Hosts:** Martha Bishop

### 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:

"Everything in life has its own time. There is time to celebrate and there is time to mourn. This is the time for reflection and transformation. Let us look within and change into what we ought to be." Aaron Saul

### Sunday Morning Ministries for 8:30am & 10:00am March 11, 2018

**Readers & Communion Stewards 8:30am:** Paul Young **Readers & Communion Stewards (set-up and serve):** Stacie McLaughlin & Steve Temple **Communion Stewards (serve and clean-up):** Chris Barnabo & Rick Kelly **Counters:** Janette Blackstock & Dave Albin **Greeters:** Linda Bruce and Betty Lepus **Ushers:** Team D: Tracy Brown, Fran Bartholomew, Art Langer, Andrew Serfilippi **Coffee Hosts:** Mary Jane Strasser

### United Methodist Women Upcoming Events:

**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.

UMW is collecting Plastic Easter Eggs, Easter Grass & Easter Baskets to donate to Social Services of Bethel. If you want to help us with this cause, there will be a tote in Mitchell Hall for you to leave the items. If you have any questions, please feel free to see Debbie Brown or call her @203-792-0638. Please bring all the items by Sunday, March 11th.

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	03/04	8:30am & 10:00am worship Sunday School UMW Sunday UMW Soup Sale 5:00pm Sunday Night Live
Monday	03/05	7:00pm Brotherhood of Christ
Tuesday	03/06	3:00pm-5:30pm Food Pantry 7:00pm Finance
Wednesday	03/07	7:00pm Sisterhood in Christ
Thursday	03/08	6:30 Handbells 7:30pm Open Choir Rehearsal
Friday	03/09	
Saturday	03/10	11:00am – 1:00pm Bottle Collection 5:30-7:30 Pasta and Corned Beef Dinner
Sunday	03/11	8:30am & 10:00am worship Sunday School 5:00pm Sunday Night Live

Coming Events:

Membership Class	3/18
UMW Tag Sale	4/20 & 21

Our annual tag sale date has been set for **April 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>**. Please start saving tag sale items. No drop offs till April 15<sup>th</sup> and no electronics please.

### **Pasta Dinner Dessert Donations**

Each month for our Pasta Dinners we need donations of desserts. Please contact Ann McLellan at [ann\\_mc\\_ellan@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ann_mc_ellan@sbcglobal.net) if you can help out. All donations are greatly appreciated!!!!

### **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!



### **Family Pasta and Corned Beef Dinner**

Please join us for our Pasta and CORNED BEEF dinner Saturday **March 10<sup>th</sup>** from 5:30pm-7:30pm.

**Pasta prices are:** Adults \$10, Seniors & Students with College ID \$8, Kids \$5 (under 5 eat free), Veterans eat free Family max price \$25 (parents & kids) Dinners also available to go! (\$10.00) Call BUMC 203.743.6835 the day of dinner to place your order. Dinner includes: Salad with homemade dressings, Pasta with marinara or meat sauce, Homemade meatballs .50 ea, Homemade desserts

**Corned Beef prices are:** Adults \$15.00, Seniors \$13.00, Veterans \$13.00 Children \$5.00, Family: Not Available, Take-Out \$15.00 -No Seconds



### **Membership Class**

We will be running a Membership Class for anyone who is interested in becoming a member of our church on **March 18<sup>th</sup>** 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 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 summers 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)

### **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.

### **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](mailto:bmethodistchurch@snet.net).

### **From the Red Cross**

March is Red Cross Month – a time to recognize our supporters who help those in need in their community.

The American Red Cross is in your community every day – responding to small and big disasters, offering health and safety training, preparedness and resilience services, and through your support, a reliable blood supply. You can be confident that, when supporting the Red Cross, you are contributing to an organization with a proud and strong history of over 130 years.

As a blood program partner, you serve as a vital link between donors, blood supply and patients who depend on lifesaving transfusions. Your hosted blood drives do make a difference!

As we celebrate Red Cross Month, we want to recognize your partnership and say thank you for standing with us to help save lives in your community and across the nation.

### **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.

### **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

### **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.

### **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

### **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!

### **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.