



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 11, 2018

Church Person(s) of the Week:

A big thank you to Dave Morey our Finance chair! Dave retired to only now find himself at the church most days taking good care of our finances! We appreciate you Dave!

Today's Worship Assistants

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

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:

The Resurrection is at the core of our beliefs as Christians. Without it, our faith is meaningless.

- Joseph B. Wirthlin

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

This Week's BUMC Calendar:

Sunday	03/11	8:30am & 10:00am worship Sunday School LAX Breakfast Fundraiser 5:00pm Sunday Night Live
Monday	03/12	7:00pm Brotherhood of Christ
Tuesday	03/13	7:00pm Holly Hearth Crafters – room 201
Wednesday	03/14	7:00pm Sisterhood in Christ
Thursday	03/15	6:30 Handbells 7:30pm Choir
Friday	03/16	
Saturday	03/17	8:00am Tres Dias Reunion 6:30pm Coffee House
Sunday	03/18	8:30am & 10:00am worship Sunday School ASP St. Patrick's Day Breakfast Membership Class 5:00pm Sunday Night Live

Coming Events:

UMW Tag Sale 4/20 & 21

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

MARCH 25TH PALM SUNDAY - 8:30AM & 10:00AM WORSHIP

MARCH 29TH HOLY THURSDAY - 7:30PM WORSHIP

**MARCH 30TH GOOD FRIDAY - 12:00 NOON STATIONS OF THE CROSS
– MEET @ BISHOP CURTIS HOMES
7:30PM GOOD FRIDAY PASSION SERVICE**

MARCH 31ST THE GREAT EASTER VIGIL - 7:30PM WORSHIP

APRIL 1ST EASTER SUNDAY - 9:00AM & 11:00AM (FAMILY WORSHIP) SERVICES

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

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

United Methodist Women

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 18th.

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

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.



Bethel United Methodist Church

Coffee House

Saturday, March 17th, 2018

Mitchell Hall

Doors open at 6:30; Entertainment 7:00-9:00

Refreshments will be served

Free will donations support the BUMC music program

Bring your family! Bring your Friends!



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

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.

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.

Brick orders are still being processed.

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 zooqirl527@gmail.com . Thanks!

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

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.

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.

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

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.

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