



*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 12, 2017

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

We would like to thank Chuck Murad for all of his hard work on our Trustee Board

### **Today's Worship Assistants:**

**Readers & Communion Stewards 8:30am:** Paul Young

**Readers & Communion Stewards (set-up and serve):** Tom Wolff, Diane Meldon

**Communion Stewards (serve and clean-up):**

**Counters:** Tracy Brown and Krista Mayer

**Greeters:** Linda Bruce and Betty Lepus

**Ushers:** Team D: Tracy Brown, Fran Bartholomew, Paul McHugh, Lee Griswold

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**

### **Quote for the week:**

"There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle." – Albert Einstein

### **Sunday Morning Ministries for 8:30am & 10:00am March 19<sup>th</sup>**

**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:** Janette Blackstock & Dave Albin

**Greeters:** Family Worship

**Ushers:** Team F: Family Worship plus Alan Brown and Tammy Esposito

### **Church News**

We are honored to announce that we have a new Assistant Pastor! John Esposito is the new Pastor of Outreach and Evangelism. Pastor Espo will assist Pastor John in worship service, hospital visits, outreach to the community and of course evangelizing to those who need to come to know Jesus Christ. Offer your congratulations and well wishes to him and be one of the first to call him Pastor!

### **Note to Congregation**

Dear Pastor John and BUMC Congregation,

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts, for the support you have given us during the past few challenging months. We appreciate every card, gift, prayer and hug.

God Bless You All. – Bob and Pat O'Neil

### **Stejskal at [arstejskal@aol.com](mailto: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	03/12	8:30am & 10:00am Worship 12pm-1:00pm Confirmation Class 4:00pm Youth Group 5:00pm Sunday Night Live Worship
Monday	03/13	
Tuesday	03/14	3:00pm-5:00pm Food Pantry
Wednesday	03/15	6:00pm Lenten Study-MH
Thursday	03/16	6:30pm Bells 7:30pm Choir
Friday	03/17	
Saturday	03/18	8:00am Tres Dias Reunion
Sunday	03/19	8:30am & 10:00am Worship Sunday School 12pm-1:00pm Confirmation Class 5:00pm Sunday Night Live Worship Drop off begins for Tag Sale

### **Coming Events:**

UMW Tag Sale	3/24 & 25
Paint Event	3/26
Islam 101	4/2

### **Reminder**

Do not take or throw out anything from the church or Mitchell Hall that is NOT yours.

### **Time to do some Spring Housecleaning.**

The UMW Spring Tag Sale is being held March 24th (6-8 PM) and March 25th (9-3:00)

We are accepting the following donations:

- Clean and folded clothes
- Kitchen items
- Jewelry, purses, belts, and scarves
- Books and toys
- Household decorations

We are NOT accepting the following;

- TVs and all electronic equipment
- Household remodeling items
- Christmas items
- Stuffed Animals

Items can be dropped off in Mitchell Hall starting Sunday, March 19th but NOT before that date.

The UMW appreciates your contributions. -Thank you!

### **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 2<sup>nd</sup>**, 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](http://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 31<sup>st</sup>** through **August 4<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### **Next Blood Drive**

Our next blood drive will be Oct 12 1:00-6:00.

### **8:30am Worshippers**

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

### **From the Red Cross President**

When you made the commitment to sponsor a blood drive you helped save lives. Your efforts have helped to boost the community blood supply and ensure that hospital patients have the lifesaving blood they need --- YOU make a difference!

Your blood drive registered 33 donors and collected 30 pints of blood. We are looking forward to our next partnership!

Sincerely, The American Red Cross

### **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](mailto: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