



*Our mission is all about knowing Jesus
&
making Jesus known in the Heart of Bethel.*

The Heart Beat

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Weekly Illuminations and Inspirations

March 25, 2018

Church Person(s) of the Week:

Thank you to Lori Mott all the Girl Scouts who participated in Girl Scout Sunday last week.

Today's Worship Assistants

Readers & Communion Stewards 8:30am:

Martha Bishop

Readers & Communion Stewards (set-up and serve): Steve Temple & James Wolff

Communion Stewards (serve and clean-up):

Julien Schaad & Tom Wolff

Counters: Janette Blackstock & Tom Wolff

Greeters: Deb and Dave Albin

Ushers: Team B: Alan Brown, Joe Benner, Tammy Esposito

Coffee Hosts: Deb Albin

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:

No pain, no palm; no thorns, no throne; no gall, no glory; no cross, no crown. **William Penn**

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	03/25	8:30am & 10:00am Palm Sunday Services Sunday School 5:00pm Sunday Night Live
Monday	03/26	7:00pm UMW room 201 7:00pm Brotherhood of Christ
Tuesday	03/27	7:00pm Trustees
Wednesday	03/28	5:30pm – 8:00pm Hero Project Pizza Challenge – MH 7:00pm Sisterhood in Christ
Thursday	03/29	7:30pm Holy Thursday
Friday	03/30	12:00noon Stations of the Cross 7:30pm Holy Friday
Saturday	03/31	7:30pm Saturday Easter Vigil
Sunday	04/01	9:00am & 11:00am Easter Services NO 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 SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL - 7:30PM WORSHIP

APRIL 1ST EASTER SUNDAY - 9:00AM & 11:00AM SERVICES (CHILDCARE AVAILABLE)

Holy Thursday Ministries 7:30pm March 29th

Ushers: 2 from Team C: Debbie Albin, Krista Mayer, Frank Tomaino

Good Friday Ministries for 7:30pm March 30th

Ushers: 2 from Team D: Tracy Brown, Fran Bartholomew, Andrew Serfilippi

Holy Saturday Ministries for 7:30pm March 31st

Ushers: 2 from Team B: Alan Brown, Art Langer, Tammy Esposito

Easter Sunday Morning Ministries for 9:00am April 01st

Readers & Communion Stewards 9:00am (set up & serve): Diane Meldon & Lisa Gallichio

Communion Stewards (serve and clean up): Angela Bassett & Rick Kelly **Counters:** Tracy Brown & Krista Mayer **Greeters:** Alan and Debbie Brown **Ushers:** Team C: Debbie Albin, Krista Mayer, Frank Tomaino

Easter Sunday Morning Ministries for 11:00am April 01st

Readers & Communion Stewards 11:00am (set up & serve): Stacie McLaughlin & Tracy Brown

Communion Stewards (serve and clean up): **Counters:** Janette Blackstock & Dave Albin **Greeters:** Marty Bishop & Dawn Tomaino **Ushers:** Team D: Tracy Brown, Fran Bartholomew, Andrew Serfilippi

Stations of the Cross on Good Friday

We will again be participating in the annual Ecumenical Stations of the Cross Walk around Bethel. Meet at 12:00pm at Bishop Curtis Apartments across from the train station. At each station of the cross, there will be an appropriate reading and a short hymn. The walk ends at the First Congregational Church where a light lunch will be served. **We are responsible for dessert!** -Please volunteer by bringing a dessert to the Congregational Church prior to the walk.

United Methodist Women

Come to our next United Methodist Women meeting we are Beading!!!

When: **March 26th** at 7:00pm

Where: Room 201

Cost: \$5.00

Please bring a pair of needle nose pliers

We will be making beaded Plant sticks.

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.



Hero Project's 3rd Annual Pizza Challenge

Come out and cast your vote for Bethel's Best Pizza here at BUMC Wednesday **March 28th** from 5:30pm – 8:00pm. Enjoy ALL you can eat and drink. (There will be salad and gluten free choices) The HERO Project will deliver an Opiate & Heroin awareness message (family sensitive). \$9.00 per person. \$17.00 for 2 people. \$24 for 3 people. \$30.00 for 4 people.

Penny Plus Auction

The Bethel Women's Club GFWC is sponsoring a Penny Plus Auction on **Saturday, April 28** here at the Bethel United Methodist Church. Doors will open at 11:00am with calling for prizes to begin at 1:00pm. Admission is free, but auction tickets will be available. Three sheets of 25 tickets are just \$5.00 and each sheet includes a door prize ticket. There will also be a raffle for themed baskets, a 50/50 and the ladies of the club will be selling a variety of refreshments for your enjoyment. Proceeds to benefit the club's community programs and projects. Any questions call Bonnie at 203-312-6292. Also please view photos and information about our club on Facebook at Bethel Women's Club GFWC.

Vacation Bible School News –“Shipwrecked” Aug 6th – 10th, 9:00 am – 12:15 pm

Location: First Congregational Church of Bethel – Our two churches do this VBS together and alternate the location. **The cost is \$25/person, \$50 max per family.**

Pre-register/volunteer: To pre-register children **Pre-K through 5th grade** or volunteer as an adult or Crew worker, please go to the website vbspro.events/p/fccbumc or to the link on the **BUMC website**. We need **Crew Leaders (9th-12th grade)** and **Crew Assistants (6th-8th grade)**. There will be a mandatory training session for Crews prior to VBS week.

Adults are needed to run various stations and to help as food preparers and registrars. Please consider giving even one morning's time to help. Job descriptions will be given in the April capsule.

Preparations: Please start gathering items for decorations: underwater, jungle, beach and bamboo things. Also we need shells, large cardboard tubes (carpet) and paper towel tubes. If you have something to give or donate please call the office 203-743-6835 and let us know.



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

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

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 zoogirl527@gmail.com . Thanks!

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.

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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