



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

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Church Person(s) of the Week

We want to recognize Jackie and Jim Kulp for all of their years of service and dedication to our church!

Today's Worship Assistants:

Readers & Communion Stewards 8:30am:

Peter Eckert

Readers & Communion Stewards 10:00am (set

up & serve): Julien Schaad & Peter Philip

Communion Stewards (serve and clean up):

Kyle Johnson & Angela Bassett

Counters: Linda Bruce and Betty Lepus

Greeters: Alan and Debbie Brown

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

Nursery: Nancy Kelly

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)

Quote for the week:

"Miracles are a retelling in small letters of the very same story which is written across the whole world in letters too large for some of us to see." — [C.S. Lewis](#)

In order to keep our services flowing, Council is asking that no **unscheduled** announcements be made from the floor during service. Pastor John will no longer be asking for additional announcements. If you need to have something announced to the congregation, you must give it to Pastor John **before** service and then he will call upon you. Council is also asking that only church related items are announced in service. You are free to send any announcements to the office for publication in the Heartbeat.

The flowers on the altar are for sale after the service. They are \$7.00 or \$10.00 with the vase. Please see Alice Mayer. The proceeds this year will go toward landscaping the front lawn.

Reminder

Do not take or throw out anything from the church or Mitchell Hall that is NOT yours. If you leave anything in Mitchell Hall please put your name on it or what it is to be used for.

is located in the Education wing just before the bathrooms on the right!

This Week's BUMC Calendar:

Sunday	04/02	8:30am & 10:00am Worship Sunday School UMW Soup Sale 12pm-1:00pm Confirmation Class Islam 101 5:00pm Sunday Night Live Worship
Monday	04/03	Easter Flower order deadline
Tuesday	04/04	7:00pm Nurture 7:30pm Finance
Wednesday	04/05	7:00pm Lenten Study-MH
Thursday	04/06	6:30pm Bells 7:30pm Choir
Friday	04/07	
Saturday	04/08	11:00am-1:00pm Bottle Collection 5:30pm-7:30pm Pasta Dinner
Sunday	04/09	8:30am Worship 10:00am Palm Sunday Service Sunday School 2:00pm ASP Jewelry Sale 12pm-1:00pm Confirmation Class 5:00pm Sunday Night Live Worship

Coming Events:

Mitchell Hall Closed for Renovations 04/10-04/14
Blood Drive 10/12

Food Pantry

Please remember the basket (by the front door) for food donations for the Bethel Community Food Pantry located right here @ our church.

Islam 101

Everyone in the Congregation and friends are invited to attend Islam 101, presented by Shazeeda Khan of the Danbury Islamic community today 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.



Family Pasta Dinners

Please join us for our monthly pasta dinner this coming Saturday **April 8th** from 5:30pm-7:30pm.

Adults are \$10, Seniors & Students with College ID \$8, Kids \$5 (under 5 eat free), Family max price \$25 (parents & kids) Dinners also available to go! 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

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.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

**APRIL 9TH PALM SUNDAY
8:30AM & 10:00AM WORSHIP**

**APRIL 13TH HOLY THURSDAY
7:30PM WORSHIP**

**APRIL 14TH GOOD FRIDAY
12:00 NOON STATIONS OF THE CROSS – MEET @ BISHOP CURTIS HOMES
7:30PM GOOD FRIDAY PASSION SERVICE**

**APRIL 15TH THE GREAT EASTER VIGIL
7:30PM WORSHIP**

**APRIL 16TH EASTER SUNDAY
9:00AM & 11:00AM (FAMILY WORSHIP) SERVICES**

UMW News

Knives, Forks and Spoons: We are collecting miscellaneous flatware for Off the Streets through the month of April. There is a box in the Narthex or they can be left in Mitchell Hall next to the Boxtops for Education basket.

April 24 – UMW Meeting at 7:30 with a Workshop on Disability and the Church.

April 26 - The Prayer Shawl group continues to meet at 7 pm on the 4th Thursday of the month. All who like or want to learn crochet or knitting are welcome. They meet in the Johnson Building alcove. Contact Linda Bruce for more information.

Outreach update

We told the congregation about a family who has 5 children and they are sleeping on air mattresses. We collected \$286 to put toward bunk beds and mattresses from Walmart that will be delivered to this family. We also contributed some new towels and washcloths as well as gently used towels and sheets.

Also for the “Days for Girls” project we collected: 13 boxes of ziplock bags, 32 hotel soaps, 73 washcloths, 32 material pieces and 1 large thread. Thanks to all who helped with both these requests.

Heifer Update

Rob Jackson is still selling the Pokemon like cards series 1 for Heifer please see him after church if you would like to purchase a pack for \$5.00.

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.

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.

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.

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

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