



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

April 15, 2018

Church Person(s) of the Week:

Thank you to the Pasta Dinner Team for another successful dinner!

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!

Sunday Morning Ministries

Readers & Communion Stewards 8:30am: Paul Young

Readers & Communion Stewards (set-up and serve):

Emma Schaefer & Braedan Barnabo **Communion**

Stewards (serve and clean-up):

Steve Temple

Counters: Bill Struth & Tom Wolff

Greeters: Eve Schaefer and Kate Ippolito

Ushers: Raquel Olson, Cara Ippolito, Alan Brown and Tammy Esposito **Acolyte:** Raquel Olson

Coffee Hosts: Ray Martin

This Week's BUMC Calendar:

Sunday	04/15	8:30am Worship Service 10:00am family worship 5:00pm Sunday Night Live
Monday	04/16	7:00pm Brotherhood of Christ
Tuesday	04/17	3:00pm – 5:30pm Food Pantry 7:30pm Church Council
Wednesday	04/18	7:00pm Sisterhood in Christ
Thursday	04/19	UMW Tag Sale Set up 6:30pm Bells 7:30pm Choir
Friday	04/20	6:00pm-8:00pm UMW Tag Sale
Saturday	04/21	9:00am – 3:00pm UMW Tag Sale
Sunday	04/22	8:30am & 10:00am Worship Services Sunday School 5:00pm Sunday Night Live

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.

Coming Events:

Heifer Celebration: May 20th

Prayer List: If you would like to receive the prayer list, or add someone, please contact Audrey

Quote for the week

Believe in yourself! Have faith in your abilities! Without a humble but reasonable confidence in your own powers you cannot be successful or happy. Norman Vincent Peale

Sunday Morning Ministries for 8:30am & 10:00am April 22nd

Readers & Communion Stewards 8:30am: David McClain **Readers & Communion Stewards (set-up and serve):** Lisa Gallichio & Stacie McLaughlin **Communion Stewards (serve and clean-up):** Angela Bassett & Rick Kelly **Counters:** Tracy Brown & Krista Mayer **Greeters:** Deb and Dave Albin **Ushers:** Team C: Debbie Albin, Krista Mayer, Frank Tomaino **Coffee Hosts:** John Wildman



Sunday School Heifer Project: Buy a Goat! (\$120.00 each)

Goats are adorable, hilarious and they can help end hunger and poverty for struggling families around the world. Banks have been given out to the children last week for them to save their coins. The Heifer Celebration will be Sunday **May 20th**. Banks will be available to the congregation in the Narthex.

United Methodist Women

The UMW Tag Sale is being held April 20th (6-8 PM) and April 21st (9-3:00)

We are accepting the following donations:

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

- We are NOT accepting the following;
- TVs and all electronic equipment
 - Household remodeling items

Items can be dropped off in Mitchell Hall starting Sunday, April 15th but NOT before that date.
The UMW appreciates your contributions. -Thank you!

April 26th - The Prayer Shawl group continues to meet at 7 pm on the 4th Wednesday 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.

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!!!

2018 ASP Fundraiser - Team Sponsors:

We are actively recruiting team sponsors for the 2018 Appalachia Service Project (ASP) trip. We send multiple teams to make the ASP journey. Every team requires dedicated, passionate people as well as a vehicle, fuel, supplies, equipment, material, and as much money as we can raise to help with special projects for families in need. There are several categories which everyone can choose from to participate:

Corporate Sponsor	\$150.00	Silver Sponsor	\$ 50.00
(Please include a business card)		Bronze Sponsor	\$ 25.00
Platinum Sponsor	\$100.00	Helping Friends	(Any amount)
Gold Sponsor	\$ 75.00		

We ask everyone to approach the companies you work for to donate a corporate sponsorship. Please make all checks out to Bethel United Methodist Church and write ASP Fundraiser in the memo section. Contact Chuck and Laura Murad for any additional information 203-798-0428. Thank you for your support, and may God bless you.

ASP

ASP has a few spots available for this summer's 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. Most needed at this time is: mustard, ketchup, pickles, mayonnaise, feminine products, diapers (all sizes), cereal, cake mixes, coffee & tea. Thank you in advance.

The Pantry is open to clients the first & third Tuesdays of the month. Their phone number is 203-947-1754

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.

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 203-3008516 or zoogirl527@gmail.com . Thanks!

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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