



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

April 23, 2017

Church Person(s) of the Week

Many thanks to Pat Deuschle and all of the mentors who made our confirmation class possible!

Today's Worship Assistants:

Readers & Communion Stewards 8:30am: David McClain

Readers & Communion Stewards (set-up and serve): Tracy Brown & Chris Barnabo

Communion Stewards (serve and clean-up): James Wolff & Julien Schaad

Counters: Linda Bruce & Betty Lepus

Greeters: Deb and Dave Albin

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

Nursery:

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:

"Anything under God's control is never out of control." Charles Swindoll

Baptism at 8:30am service

We welcome Colette Georgiana DiBuono who was baptized this morning at the 8:30am service. Her parents are James and Amanda DiBuono. Her sponsors are Kevin Stanley Norton and Jacqueline Ann DiBuono.

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.

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.

Education Committee Meeting

The first meeting of the new Education Committee will be **April 27th** at 7:00 pm in Room 201. Interested non-committee members are also welcome.

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

This Week's BUMC Calendar:

Sunday	04/23	8:30am & 10:00am Worship Confirmation Sunday 5:00pm Sunday Night Live Worship
Monday	04/24	7:30pm UMW- Mitchell Hall
Tuesday	04/25	
Wednesday	04/26	7:00pm Prayer Shawl - JA
Thursday	04/27	7:00pm Education Meeting Room 201 6:30pm Bells 7:30pm Choir
Friday	04/28	
Saturday	04/29	
Sunday	04/30	8:30am & 10:00am Worship 5:00pm Sunday Night Live Worship

Coming Events:

Blood Drive 10/12

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 Welcoming the Disabled to Church. How do we rate?

April 26 - 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.

May 6,13,20,27 – Women in the Bible – Bible Study lead by Marty Bishop Saturday mornings, 9:30-11:00 am.

Vacation Bible School

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. It is a lot of fun!

Next Blood Drive

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

Days for Girls Project update

We delivered the supplies donated to the Simsbury church.

We collected: 13 boxes of ziplock bags, 45 hotel soaps, 99 washcloths, 48 material pieces and 1 large thread. Thanks to all who helped with these donations. You can view a completed kit made with these materials @:

<https://www.daysforgirls.org/the-days-for-girls-kit>

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.

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

Food Pantry

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

Spring Perennials

Alice's Spring Perennial Sale has started! Anyone interested in buying perennials for their garden please pick up a copy of her list. The list is on the table in the Narthax.

Confirmation Sunday

The following Confirmands are being confirmed at our 10:00am service today: Collin Barnabo, Brooke Brescia, Piper Gilbert, Rachel Greene, Amelia Griswold, Quinn McLaughlin, Abby Mott, Adam Serfilippi, Devin Sideleau, Kyle Stejskal, Hunter Turlis, Rosie Volpintesta, Caidyn Wachnuik, Kayleigh Wood.

Their mentors were: Jessica Bardelli, Chris Barnabo, Marty Bishop, Jim Burghoff, Sarah Deshan, John Esposito, Tammy Esposito, Dave Morey, Carol Morey, Jackie Penyak, Willa Phillip, Mary Jane Strasser, Steve Temple and Dawn Tomaino.

Patty Deuschle led the class. Please congratulate our Confirmands during our reception downstairs today.