



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 30, 2017

Church Person(s) of the Week

Thank you to Vera Martin for polishing all of the brass on our Altar elements. They look beautiful!

Today's Worship Assistants:

Readers & Communion Stewards 8:30am: Marty Bishop

Readers & Communion Stewards (set-up and serve): Peter Philip & Kyle Johnston

Communion Stewards (serve and clean-up): Angela Basset & Uta Robertson

Counters: Bill Struth

Greeters: Alan and Debbie Brown

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

Nursery: Elizabeth and Arthur Adams

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:

"Faith goes up the stairs that love has built and looks out the window which hope has opened" -- Charles Spurgeon

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.

Note to Congregation

Dear Pastor John and BUMC Congregation,

A heartfelt thank you to my church family for your cards, support and words of sympathy on the passing of my mother. I feel blessed to have you in my life. -Willa Philip

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	04/30	8:30am & 10:00am Worship Sunday School 5:00pm Sunday Night Live Worship
Monday	05/01	7:00pm Nurture- Pastor's office 7:30pm Finance-Rm 201
Tuesday	05/02	
Wednesday	05/03	
Thursday	05/04	6:30pm Bells 7:30pm Choir
Friday	05/05	
Saturday	05/06	9:30am-11:00am Women of the Bible – rm 201 10:00-12:00 Off the Street – Church Parking lot
Sunday	05/07	8:30am & 10:00am Worship Sunday School 5:00pm Sunday Night Live Worship

Coming Events:

Recognition of Graduates and Sunday School Teachers	6/11
Vacation Bible School	7/31-8/4
Blood Drive	10/12

Women of the Bible: Saturdays in May, Room 201, 9:30-11am - Study led by Martha Bishop

May 6 : Lot's Wife Genesis 18:16 – 19:29; Luke 17:28 – 33, **Deborah** Judges 4 – 5, **Hannah** 1, Samuel 1: 1 – 2:11; 2:19 - 21

May 13: The Woman of Endor 1 Samuel 28:2 – 25, **The Widow of Zarephath** 1 Kings 17:8 – 24, Luke 4:25 – 26 **Athaliah and Jehosheba** 2 Kings 11; 2 Chronicles 22; 23:11 – 21, 2 Kings 11:2; 2 Chronicles 22:11

May 20: The Shulamite Woman Song of Songs 1 – 8, **Joanna** Luke 8:1 – 3; 24:10, (Matthew 14; 1 – 12 Luke 23:7 – 12) **Salome, Mother of the Zebedees** Matthew 20:20 – 24; 27:56; Mark 15:40-41; 16:1-2

May 27: Dorcas Acts 9:36-43, **Lydia** Acts 16:6-40, **Priscilla** Acts 18-19; Romans 16:3-4; 1 Corinthians 16:19; 2 Timothy 4:19

Come to all or some! Bring your Bible.

5th ANNUAL VILLAGE PRE-SCHOOL ART SHOW

Please join us for our 5th Annual Art Show on Wednesday, **May 10th** from 6:00-7:30pm. It will be a wonderful celebration honoring all of the wonderful artists we have in the 4 year-old class. The children are very eager to show their families what they have learned on the way to creating some very special works of art in the tradition of the masters.

Bethel Garden Club Annual Plant Sale

The Bethel Garden Club expresses its sincere gratitude to Bethel United Methodist Church for allowing us to hold our Annual Plant Sale on your grounds! We are truly blessed to have your continued support, and we hope you will join us at the sale on Saturday **May 20**, 9:00-1:00.

UMW – May Events

May 22– UMW Meeting at 7:30 – program by Jessica Bardelli and Sarah DeShan.

May 24th- 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.

Sunday School

Heifer Results: We earned \$1469.82 which has been sent to Heifer International for the Livestock Infrastructure Support Project in Rwanda. Thank you to all who donated!

Visit to Cows: CHANGE IN PLANS - Sunny Valley Preserve in New Milford has invited everyone in the Sunday School to come to their Open Farm Day on Saturday, **September 23, 2017** from 10-3pm. Save the date!!! Pastor John will be one of their tractor drivers for this event!! There are some things for sale there, including vegetables and lunch items, so you may want to bring some money along. Hayrides have a nominal cost. Any young people needing community service are invited to volunteer to work for the event. Contact Bonnie Weed at happysmom@sbcglobal.net if you are interested in volunteering.

Vacation Bible School at BUMC this year July 31st through August 4th, 2017, mornings.

Pre-register/volunteer: Pastor John is putting a link to the Maker Fun Factory Registration Site on the **BUMC website**. Please check for it and pre-register your children, middle schoolers who want to be assistant crew leaders, high schoolers who want to be crew leaders and adults who wish to help that week as area assistants, food preparers, registrars, etc. You will hear more about decorating the hall and rooms.

Donations/loans: There is a **list of items** in the Capsule and in the Narthax. Please check to see if you can donate or loan us any of these items. Contact Ann McLellan 203-744-2421 or ann_mc_ellan@sbcglobal.net.

Next Blood Drive

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

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 in room 206

Additional Support Group: "Over-eaters Anonymous" contact Chris at 203-942-3986 for more information.

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 Narthex.

Red Bird Mission

The UMW collects **Boxtops for Education** for the **Red Bird Mission**. 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.

Food Pantry

Please remember the basket (by the front door) for food donations for the Bethel Community Food Pantry located right here @ our church. The Bethel Food Pantry is open every other Tuesday from 3:00pm to 5:30pm. Their phone number is 203-947-1754

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

