



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

May 14, 2017

Church Person(s) of the Week

We want to honor and thank all moms today. Even those who have been moms to those who were not your actual children!

Today's Worship Assistants:

Readers & Communion Stewards 8:30am: Paul Young

Readers & Communion Stewards (set-up and serve): Tracy Brown, James Wolff

Communion Stewards (serve and clean-up): Julien Schaad, Chris Barnabo

Counters: Tracy Brown and Krista Mayer

Greeters: Linda Bruce and Betty Lepus

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

Nursery: Claudia Schaefer, Vicky Wolff

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:

I remember my mother's prayers and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life.
Abraham Lincoln

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.

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.

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	05/14	Mother's Day 8:30am & 10:00am Worship 5:00pm Sunday Night Live Worship
Monday	05/15	
Tuesday	05/16	7:30pm Church Council
Wednesday	05/17	
Thursday	05/18	6:30pm Bells 7:30pm Choir
Friday	05/19	
Saturday	05/20	Bethel Garden Club Plant Sale
Sunday	05/21	8:30am Worship 10:00am Family Worship ASP Bake Sale 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

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.

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.

Recognition of 2017 Graduates

If you know of someone connected to our church who is graduating from high school, technical school, or college, please call the church office or email the information to bmethodistchurch@snet.net. We need name, school, degree for college and future plans.

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. The Bethel Food Pantry is open every other Tuesday from 3:00pm to 5:30pm. Their phone number is 203-947-1754

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.

Kids for Kids needs you!

KIDS is a program of ARC that provides mentoring services to 426 children at five "Title 1" schools in the city of Danbury...schools primarily service families and children who are living at or below the poverty level.

Two Danbury Girl Scout Troops partnered with ARC and the KIDS program last summer. The scouts are providing homework support at three schools during the after-school program and they have a new initiative called "KIDS FOR KIDS". The scouts are holding several fundraising events to raise money so they can present 384 Kindergarten children with backpacks filled with school supplies. The backpacks will be presented to them at their graduation ceremonies.

In support of their efforts the children of BUMC will be collecting Crayola Crayons through the month of May. All backpacks will include the exact same items so we are asking for donations of Crayola Crayons 24 color pack.

Don't feel like shopping? All cash or check donations (checks made payable to ARC) will be used to purchase this item in bulk. Thank you for supporting our "Kids for Kids" effort.

Email received this week

Greetings in Christ's love,

I just wanted to say thank you for filling the air with hymns via your church bells. Here it is 6:00 pm on this nice spring evening and I am reminded of Christ's holiness as your church bells are chiming Holy Holy Holy. I am not a Methodist; my husband is a Lutheran minister serving as chaplain at the Federal Prison in Danbury. I live right across the street from the fire department in Bethel, and can hear the bells ringing each hour. I absolutely love it and feel so blessed to be a part of this community!

From: Aretta Gordish