



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 21, 2017

Church Person(s) of the Week

Thanks to Alan Brown for all of his dedication to our church for so many years!

Today's Worship Assistants:

Readers & Communion Stewards 8:30am: Marty Bishop

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

Communion Stewards (serve and clean-up): Family Worship

Counters: Linda Bruce and Betty Lepus

Greeters: Family Worship

Ushers: Team F: Family Worship plus Alan Brown and Tammy Esposito

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:

Be a yardstick of quality. Some people aren't used to an environment where excellence is expected.
Steve Jobs

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.

UMW – May Events

May 22– UMW Meeting at 7:30 – UMW Memories Night

This is a good night for new people to come! Those who have photos and other memorabilia of past events, please bring them. Also bring beads, fake flowers, craft items, ribbons, anything that speaks to you! We will put together a memory board with drawings, photos, quotes, Bible verses, etc. that will remind everyone in UMW of the wonderful times we've had together and our focus for the future. Members please bring Thank Banks to this meeting.

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	05/21	8:30am Worship 10:00am Family Worship 5:00pm Sunday Night Live Worship
Monday	05/22	7:30pm UMW
Tuesday	05/23	3:00-5:30pm Food Pantry
Wednesday	05/24	7:00pm Prayer Shawl
Thursday	05/25	6:30pm Bells 7:30pm Choir
Friday	05/26	
Saturday	05/27	
Sunday	05/28	8:30am Worship 10:00am Family Worship 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

May 24th- The Prayer Shawl group meets at 7 pm on the 4th Wednesday of the month in the Johnson Building Alcove. All who like or want to learn crochet or knitting are welcome. See Linda Bruce for 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.

Help needed

Pastor John is looking for assistance in meeting with contractors to obtain quote to side our church. Please see the Pastor if you can help!

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.

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.

2017 ASP Fundraiser Team Sponsors

We are actively recruiting team sponsors for the 2017 Appalachia Service Project (ASP) trip. There are presently five teams estimated to make this year's 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	(Please include a business card)
Platinum	\$100.00	
Gold Sponsor:	\$ 75.00	
Silver Sponsor:	\$ 50.00	
Bronze Sponsor	\$ 25.00	
Helping Friends	(Any amount)	

Please make all checks payable to: Bethel United Methodist Church (Please write ASP Fundraiser in the memo section)

Thank you all for your support, The Murad Family – Chuck, Laura, Rachel, and Sara [203 798-0428](tel:2037980428)

Thank You's received

BUMC has received two thank you notes one from Off the Streets for our donations of silverware, can openers and pot holders, and the other from Renewal House for purchasing their cookbooks. Thank you all who have donated to these causes.

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

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