



*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 28, 2017

### Church Person(s) of the Week

Many thanks to Deb Albin for her creative ideas and problem solving!

### Today's Worship Assistants:

**Readers & Communion Stewards 8:30am:** David McClain

**Readers & Communion Stewards (set-up and serve):** Kyle Johnston, Tom Wolff

**Communion Stewards (serve and clean-up):** Angela Bassett, Uta Robertson

**Counters:** Betty Lepus and Linda Bruce

**Greeters:** Deb and Dave Albin

**Ushers:** Team D: Tracy Brown, Fran Bartholomew, Paul McHugh

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:

"In the End, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends." - Martin Luther King, Jr.

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. If you need a flower arrangement during the week for a special occasion you can order flowers from Alice @ 203-748-2774. They are \$13.00 w/ the vase, delivered. This year's flower/plant funds will go for front yard landscaping.

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.

### Sunday Morning Ministries for 8:30am & 10:00am June 4<sup>th</sup>

**Readers & Communion Stewards 8:30am:** Peter Eckert **Readers & Communion Stewards (set-up and serve):**, Diane Meldon, Chris Barnabo **Communion Stewards (serve and clean-up):** Rick Kelly, James Wolff  
**Counters:** Janette Blackstock & Dave Albin

**Prayer List:** If you would like to receive the prayer list, or add someone, please contact **Audrey Stejskal** at [arstejskal@aol.com](mailto: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	05/28	8:30am Worship 10:00am Family Worship
Monday	05/29	Memorial Day
Tuesday	05/30	
Wednesday	05/31	
Thursday	06/01	6:30pm Bells 7:30pm Choir
Friday	06/02	Last Day Village Pre School
Saturday	06/03	10:00-12:00pm Off the Streets
Sunday	06/04	8:30am Worship 10:00am Family Worship 11:30am Nurture Meeting 5:00pm Sunday Night Live Worship

### Coming Events:

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

### **Sunday Night Live Service is cancelled**

Sunday Night Live Service is cancelled for this weekend due to the holiday weekend.

### **UMW**

June 12<sup>th</sup> – Pot Luck Dinner at the church. 6:30-9:00 pm. All welcome. Call or see Ann McLellan if you want ideas on what to bring.

**June 28<sup>th</sup>**- 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 31<sup>st</sup> through August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017, mornings.**

**Pre-register/volunteer:** Go to the website [www.bethelmethodist.net](http://www.bethelmethodist.net) and click on the VBS link to 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.

**Donations/loans:** There is a **list of items** in the May and June Capsules and down in Mitchell Hall. 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](mailto: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](mailto:bmethodistchurch@snet.net). We need name, school, degree for college and future plans.

### **Spring Perennials**

Anyone interested in buying perennials for their garden please pick up a copy of Alice's list. The list is on the table in the Narthex.

### **Kids for Kids needs you!**

Last Sunday to leave boxes of 24 Crayola crayons! If you forgot, 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

### **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

### **Summer Job Opportunities**

Hollandia Nursery has jobs open for the summer.