



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

July 05, 2016

Church Person(s) of the Week:

We would like to thank Todd, the bell choir and the chancel choir for another wonderful year of beautiful music.

Today's Worship Ministers:

Readers/Communion Stewards: Diane Meldon, Bill Struth

Communion Stewards: Uta Robertson, Paul Young

Counters: Linda Bruce and Betty Lepus

Greeters: Marty Bishop

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

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.

Bathrooms: The bathrooms 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 bathroom is equipped with a commode.

Quote for the week:

"Freedom has it's life in the hearts, the actions, the spirit of men and so it must be daily earned and refreshed-else like a flower cut off from it's life giving roots it will wither and die" – Dwight D. Eisenhower

Our Prayers All prayers listed in the notebook in the back of the sanctuary, and those that are requested to be put on the prayer chain must have the permission from those for whom we want to pray. Privacy concerns need to be respected due to law. **If you'd like your loved one kept on the prayer list, please write it in the notebook in the back of the sanctuary or contact our admin asst @ bmethodistchurch@snet.net.**

Local Concerns: Arthur Meldon advanced brain damage, Grace Meldon serious COPD. Nate Durr congestive heart failure. **Prayers for the world:** Areas of West Virginia hit by floods, including damage to ASP areas. All the families of Sandy Hook, Newtown and surrounding communities as they continue to heal. All the men and women who have served and are serving in our Armed Forces. **Conference prayers:** Bishop Jane Allen Middleton; DS Ken Kieffer. The NYAC churches of: Manhattan: John Street [MET], Manhattan: Metropolitan Community [MET], Manhattan Metropolitan Koryo [MET], Manhattan: Morningside [MET], Manhattan: St. Mark's/Mount Calvary [MET], Manhattan: Park Avenue [MET], Manhattan: Salem [MET]

The flowers on the Lords Table today are for sale after the service. They are \$7.00 or \$10.00 w/ the vase. Please see Alice Mayer if you wish to purchase. 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 access.

Sunday Morning Ministries for 9:30am for July 10th

Readers/Communion Stewards (set up): 9:30am: Tom Wolff, Chris Barnabo **Communion Stewards (clean up):** Bill Struth **Counters:** **Greeters:** Linda Bruce and Betty Lepus **Ushers:** Team B: Alan Brown, Linda Bruce, Tammy Esposito

Nursery Care: The nursery (for ages 3 and under) is located in the Education wing just before the bathrooms on the right!

Prayer List: If you would like to receive the prayer list, or add someone, please contact **Audrey Stejskal** at arstejskal@aol.com

This Week's BUMC Calendar:

Sunday	7/03	9:30 am Summer Worship Summer Sunday School
Monday	7/04	4 th of July – Office closed
Tuesday	7/05	7:30pm Nurture/Membership
Wednesday	7/06	
Thursday	7/07	
Friday	7/08	
Saturday	7/09	11:00am-1:00pm bottle collection
Sunday	7/10	9:30am Summer Worship Summer Sunday School

ASP away July 2nd through July 9th

Coming Events:

7/23 Jerry Shike Youth Missions Fund Family Picnic
8/1-8/5 Cave Quest-Vacation Bible School
8/07 Mission Backpack Blessing
8/28 Children's Backpack Blessing

Opportunities to serve our church

Please consider volunteering for our church service! We currently need readers, communion stewards, greeters, ushers and acolytes. Please contact Cheryl for more information or to sign up at bmthodistchurch@snet.net or 203-743-6835

ARC (The Association of Religious Communities)

ARC invites all children to the 13th Annual Interfaith Peace Camp! The camp runs from **July 18th** through **July 22nd** from 9am to 3pm for children ages 8 to 11. Pick up a form on the table in the narthex for more information.

Summer Sunday School

Volunteers needed to teach and assist Summer Sunday School -There is a sign up sheet in Mitchell Hall.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE TRUSTEES

Effective Monday, **June 27, 2016** and continuing through Friday, **July 8, 2016** there will be no 1st floor access to the Educational Building. The Trustees will be replacing the handicap ramp and railings that lead to the side door of the church as well as removing and replacing the floor in the entry way and up the stairs. The new side door will also be painted at this time. The door from the upstairs hallway into the stairwell will also be closed as we are replacing the floor on the upper landing as well. To access the Educational Building you will need to use the front doors of the church or the double side doors down by the playground. Thank you.

Come and get to know the new Pastor!!

Please set aside some time to come and meet our new Pastor and his wife Maria! We have set up four different times you can come and meet Pastor John and his wife Maria. Please contact Jackie Penyak or sign up in person during our coffee hour downstairs after service on Sunday.

Thursday July 7th - 7:00pm -9:00 pm at the home of Craig & Kathy Keith 17 Country Way, Bethel

Sunday July 10th - 3:00pm-5:00pm at the home of Alan & Janette Blackstock 7 Limekiln Court, Bethel

Sunday July 17th – 4:00pm -6:00pm at the home of Peter & Willa Philip 20 Country Ridge Rd. , Danbury

Sunday July 13th 2:00pm -4:00pm at the home of Alice Mayer - 1 Summit Lane, Bethel – Rain date is Sunday August 7th as this is an outdoor get-together, kid friendly with playing in the brook available

RSVP to Jackie Penyak: Jackiepenyak@me.com Cell# 203-994-9717 or sign up in person with her at coffee hour following church. RSVP is necessary for hosts. Thank you.

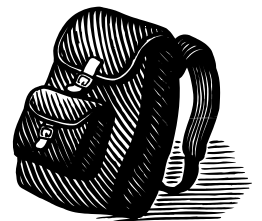
Cave Quest Vacation Bible School

August 1-5, 2016 VBS for PreK through 5th grade; Crew members - 6th grade and up; Station leaders – Adults. Please pick up a registration form located on the table in the Narthex.

Vacation Bible School needs your help. There is a poster board in Mitchell Hall with supply cards in envelopes. The supplies needed for VBS are on the cards. If you can help, please take a card and return the supplies as soon as possible. Thank you for your help and support for Vacation Bible School. It is much appreciated.

7th Annual Blessing of the Backpacks

The Bethel Board of Ed. has asked Jennifer Lawlor, the town social worker, to coordinate the back pack project this year. The Nurture Committee voted to equip 12 students with their entire list of needs including backpack, school supplies, headset, thumb drive, and a gift certificate to Target/ Walmart for a new clothing outfit. As soon as we receive the lists from Jennifer we will be breaking them down into smaller lists. Be on the lookout for a **SCHOOL BUS** carrying tags with these needs! [Extra supplies will be gratefully accepted as well.] All your contributions are appreciated so much! The snacks for kindergarten and first grade, the hygiene products, and the cleaning supplies have helped our local families who need support at this time in their lives. Thank you for your generous hearts. Any questions can be directed to Carol Morey damorey@comcast.net



Spring Perennials

Forms to order spring perennials are located on the table in the narthex.

Church Bazaar 11/18 &19

We are looking for a chair/co-chairs for this year's annual church bazaar in November. It is an important fund raiser for our church. We will provide guidance. If you can help, please see Alice Mayer. Thank you.

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.

Bloodmobile

We are considering hosting a Red Cross Blood drive at our church. In order to make sure the Red Cross is using their resources wisely, they want to know if our church can supply persons who would be willing to donate. It would also be open to the public. You don't need to sign up for a specific date. Just your willingness to donate in general. Please see Alice Mayer for the sign-up sheet. You can also sign up if you can help @ a blood drive, but are unable to give. Let's make this happen.

Flowers for Church

If you would like to put flowers in the church for a special occasion or a memorial please sign up on the “flower” chart on the bulletin board at the top of the front stairs.

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

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What Do Stephen Ministers Do?

Stephen Ministers have gone through 50 hours of training to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care to people who are facing a crisis or simply going through a difficult time. A Stephen Minister meets with his or her care receiver once a week for around an hour to listen, care, pray, and provide emotional and spiritual encouragement. Men are matched with male Stephen Ministers, and women are matched with female Stephen Ministers. Stephen Ministers are the “after” people. They pick up where the pastor left off after a funeral, a diagnosis, the divorce, the imprisonment, the empty nest, the pink slip, the overwhelming birth, retirement, and more. Stephen Ministers provide comfort and support for as long after as needed. In John 15:12, Jesus says, “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.” Loving and caring for one another is not just the pastor’s job – it’s something Jesus calls us all to do. Stephen Ministry is a ministry in which people with special gifts for caring ministry can put those gifts to use in an organized way, bringing Jesus’ love and care to those who most need it.

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