



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 16, 2017

Church Person(s) of the Week

Many thanks to Willa Phillip who takes care of changing out the colors of our altar.

Today's Worship Assistants:

Readers & Communion Stewards (set-up and serve): Martha Bishop & Peter Eckert

Communion Stewards (serve and clean-up): Paul Young & David McClain

Counters: Bill Struth and Tom Wolff

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.

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:

The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong. Mahatma Gandhi

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 July 23rd

Readers & Communion Stewards (set-up and serve): Diane Meldon & Tom Wolff, **Communion Stewards (serve and clean-up):** Chris Barnabo & Uta Robertson **Counters:** Tracy Brown and Krista Mayer **Greeters:** Linda Bruce and Betty Lepus **Ushers:** Team B: Alan Brown, Joe Brenner, Tammy Esposito

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	07/16	9:30am Worship Summer Sunday School 6:00pm Sunday Night Live Worship
Monday	07/17	
Tuesday	07/18	10:00am-12:00 & 1:00pm- 3:00pm decoration/design VBS
Wednesday	07/19	
Thursday	07/20	
Friday	07/21	
Saturday	07/22	10:00am-12:00 & 1:00pm- 3:00pm decoration/design VBS
Sunday	07/23	9:30am Family Worship 6:00pm Sunday Night Live Worship

Coming Events:

Vacation Bible School	7/31-8/4
Mitchell Hall Closed	8/14-8/19
Blood Drive	10/12

Sunday School News

With the July/August 9:30am services there will be Summer Sunday School for those going into kindergarten through 3rd grade. Pre K are welcome in the Nursery. Older children are often welcomed if they are helpers. The 3rd Sunday of each month is Family Sunday with no Sunday School and the Nursery will be open for parents to use.

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

Pre-register/volunteer: Go to the website 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 Capsule and 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.

Save a Suit Fundraiser

Save a Suit is hosting their annual fundraising concert at Mohegan Sun featuring country music star Kenny Chesney!

Friday, August 11th 2017 at 7:30pm at the Mohegan Sun Arena in Uncasville, CT in Save a Suit VIP Skyboxsuite!

They are offering a discount on the tickets to all Bethel United Methodist Church members and friends. The tickets right now are \$150 but will go up to \$200 in price as the date approaches. The BUMC special price is \$130 each. It includes all of below:

Each ticket includes:

- Dinner Buffet (Menu TBD) (Last year was a nacho bar, burger bar, and buffalo wing bar)
- Free-style seating in the comfort of our lounge (first come, first serve, seats for every guest)
- Free Admission to the Aria Lounge after party *dress code for this club*
- Special View of Stage
- Early Access to Skybox
- Private Bathrooms

Contact Jessica by phone at 203- 456- 6801 or email to Jessica Ewud at jfe@saveasuit.org or stop by the Save a Suit office in the Johnson Building if interested in purchasing tickets.

Holy Land Trip Opportunity

Have you ever wanted to see the Holy Land? To walk where Jesus walked? Feel the waves of the Sea of Galilee and the Dead Sea? Pray in the Garden of Gethsemane or stand on the Mount of Olives? If so, consider joining Pastor John and Maria Parille on a trip of a lifetime to Israel next February 20 to March 1, 2018. An incredible 10 day tour of the Holy Land awaits you starting at only \$2,998 including air fare and first class hotels. For information, contact Pastor John at the church office or by email at pastorjohnparille@gmail.com.

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.

BUMC Outreach Committee

You were wonderful! You helped our Covenant to Care Family by contributing food and gas gift cards. Your generosity made a big difference in lifting the spirits of this family and they are grateful. Next we will begin collecting for our BACK PACK Ministry on Sunday, July 23rd. If you are able, please take a tag to supply a back pack, class supplies, or a gift card for clothes. If it is easier for you, you may also make a cash donation and the Outreach Committee will purchase an item that is needed. So look for the SCHOOL BUS and tags on 7/23 and 7/30! Thanks! Carol Morey damorey@comcast.net 203-744- 6345

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: pledging members \$15.50 hr, non-pledging members \$25.00 per hour

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

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.