



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 23, 2017

Church Person(s) of the Week

We would like to thank all the volunteers who helped with the Bethel Summer Fest! It was a very successful weekend!

Today's Worship Assistants:

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

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](#)

Quote for the week:

"If you read history you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were precisely those who thought most of the next. It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this." C.S. Lewis

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 30th

Readers & Communion Stewards (set-up and serve): Chris Barnabo & James Wolff **Communion Stewards (serve and clean-up):** Rick Kelly & Julien Schaad **Counters:** Janette Blackstock & Dave Albin **Greeters:** Deb and Dave Albin **Ushers:** Team C: Debbie Albin, Krista Mayer, Frank Tomaino

[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 07/23 9:30am Family Worship
 6:00pm Sunday Night Live Worship

Monday 07/24
 Tuesday 07/25
 Wednesday 07/26
 Thursday 07/27

Friday 07/28
 Saturday 07/29
 Sunday 07/30 9:30am Worship
 Summer Sunday School
 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

Summer Sunday School for those going into kindergarten through 3rd grade is available. 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, the Nursery will be open for parents to use.

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

It's not too late to sign up your child for our VBS! Just go to our website www.bethelmethodist.net and click on the VBS link to register. If you can help volunteer please contact Ann McLellan 203-744-2421 or ann_mc_ellan@sbcglobal.net. and don't forget to bring in your donations!

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

The Outreach Committee has received the lists of 20 children who need help with backpacks, school supplies, and a gift card for clothes to wear to school. You can pick up a **TAG today or 7/30** which lists the needs of a specific child. Please return the item[s] by Sunday AUG 6th. All the backpacks will be blessed on Sun. AUG 13th and will then be delivered to Jenn Lawlor [Bethel] or Diana Santos[Covenant to Care.] Thank you for caring about these young people! We will make sure they have a good year in school. 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.

Recycle, Recycle, Recycle

BUMC is getting on the band wagon and setting up recycling for our building and the Johnson Building! Look for the cans with BLUE bags – you can put your recycling in these. Things we can recycle: paper milk, juice and egg cartons, thin cardboard boxes (like cereal). Steel, tin and aluminum cans. Cardboard and paperbags. Newspaper, inserts, junk mail. Glass bottles and jars. Plastic bottles, jugs, jars and tubs. Just rinse and place in blue bags. Cardboard should be flattened and tied together with twine. Please do not put loose plastic grocery bags in the blue recycle bags. Recycling is MADATORY in Connecticut for EVERYONE. Please help us make our world a cleaner place! Any questions please see Cheryl in the office. Thanks!!!!!!