



*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 24, 2016

### **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:**

**Communion Stewards (set-up) & Readers:**

**9:30am** Uta Robertson, Patty Deuschle

**Communion Stewards (clean-up)** Rick Kelly, Kyle Johnson

**Greeters:** Alan and Debbie Brown

**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:**

"If you look at what you have in life, you'll always have more. If you look at what you don't have in life, you'll never have enough." –Oprah Winfrey

**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](mailto:bmethodistchurch@snet.net).**

**Local Concerns:** Prayers for the family of Phillip Thomas who died this week. Arthur Meldon advanced brain damage, Grace Meldon serious COPD. Nate Durr congestive heart failure. **Prayers for the world:** Nice France, 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: Mongaup Valley [CH], Monroe, CT [CT], Monroe, NY [NC], Monticello [CH], Mount Kisco [NC], Mountain View [CH], Mountainville [NC], Mt. Vernon: Asbury [MET], Mt. Vernon: First [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.***

### **The Red Maple tree in front of our church**

A special meeting of Trustees was held on Wednesday July 13 to discuss and vote on several ongoing issues that warrant immediate attention. Painting the front of the church was one of the issues discussed and as part of the painting discussion, the need for removal of the maple tree in the front of the church was brought up and it was agreed and voted on that to facilitate the painting of the church and to preserve the paint in the future, the tree would have to be removed. Questions can be brought to Trustees Chairperson, Bob O'Neil at [pboneil@att.net](mailto:pboneil@att.net) or 203-743-5181.

**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](mailto:arstejskal@aol.com)

### **This Week's BUMC Calendar:**

Sunday	7/24	9:30 am Summer Worship Summer Sunday School
Monday	7/25	
Tuesday	7/26	9:45am UMW trip to the IMAX theatre 7:30pm Trustees
Wednesday	7/27	
Thursday	7/28	
Friday	7/29	
Saturday	7/30	
Sunday	7/31	9:30am Summer Worship Summer Sunday School Meet and Greet

### **Coming Events:**

8/1-8/5 Cave Quest-Vacation Bible School  
8/07 Mission Backpack Blessing  
8/28 Children's Backpack Blessing  
9/18 Worship in the Park

### Sunday Morning Assistants for 9:30am July 24<sup>th</sup>

**Communion Stewards (set-up) & Readers: 9:30am:** Marty Bishop, Peter Eckert **Communion Stewards (clean-up):** Paul Young, David McClain **Counters:** Janette Blackstock and Dave Albin **Greeters:** Alan and Debbie Brown **Ushers:** Team D: Tracy Brown, Fran Bartholomew, Paul McHugh, Lee Griswold

### 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](mailto:bmthodistchurch@snet.net) or 203-743-6835

### 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

Ramp work will be continuing through **July** 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.

### UMW "Wanderers" trip to Norwalk Maritime Museum

The UMW Wanderers have scheduled a trip to the Norwalk Maritime Museum to see the IMAX movie on our National Parks on Tuesday July 26<sup>th</sup>. (the movie costs \$8.50) We will meet at the church at 9:45am. We will stop for lunch on the way home.

### Come and get to know the new Pastor!!

Please set aside some time to come and meet our new Pastor and his wife Maria! Our family meet and greet is July 31<sup>st</sup> from 2:00pm -4:00pm at the home of Alice Mayer - 1 Summit Lane, Bethel – Rain date is Sunday August 7<sup>th</sup> as this is an outdoor get-together, kid friendly with playing in the brook available.

RSVP to Jackie Penyak: [Jackiepenyak@me.com](mailto: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

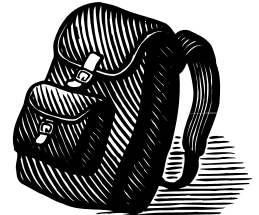
**August 1-5, 2016** VBS for PreK through 5th grade; Crew members - 6th grade and up; Station leaders – Adults. Please pick up a registration form located on the table in the Narthex.

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

Bethel Backpack Ministry will be celebrated on Sunday, August 7th

The Nurture Committee's "school bus" visited BUMC and dropped off TAGS for 12 children in need. Your generous spirit showed up again and all the TAGS were taken! Please return the backpacks, school supplies, gift cards, and underwear [with gift receipts] to the church by Sunday, August 7th. The **TAGS must be included** with your purchases so we can match your gift to the correct child! Additional supplies are very welcome. There are always children at each school who are not able to purchase everything on the substantial class supply lists. Thank you so much for caring about these 12 special Bethel students. Carol Morey [[damorey@comcast.net](mailto:damorey@comcast.net)]



### Perennials

Forms to order 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.

### 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

