



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 31, 2016

Church Person(s) of the Week:

We would like to thank the Nurture Committee for organizing our wonderful meet and greets and the hosts Alan and Janette Blackstock, Peter and Willa Phillip and Alice Mayer and Jim.

Today's Worship Assistants:

Communion Stewards (set-up and serve) &

Readers: 9:30am: Marty Bishop, Peter Eckert

Communion Stewards (serve and clean-up):

Paul Young,

Counters: Craig and Kathy Keith

Greeters: Marty Bishop

Ushers: Team B: Alan Brown, Linda Bruce, 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.-

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

Quote for the week:

Forgiveness says you are given another chance to make a new beginning. Desmond Tutu

Our Prayers Local Concerns: Arthur Meldon advanced brain damage, Grace Meldon serious COPD. **Prayers for the world:** Nice France, 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 as she prepares to leave and go back into retirement. Prayers for our new NYAC Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton as he prepares to take over our conference on September 1st.

We Welcome Our New Bishop, Thomas J. Bickerton

Thomas J. Bickerton has been the spiritual leader of the nearly 850 United Methodist congregations in Western Pennsylvania since he was elected a bishop in 2004. On September 1, he will officially begin his work with the New York Annual Conference.

A native of West Virginia, Bishop Bickerton began his pastoral career as a student pastor serving a six-point charge. He later was pastor of medium and large membership churches and was serving as superintendent of the Northern District when he was elected as a bishop.

Bishop Bickerton earned a Bachelor's of Arts degree in sociology and psychology from West Virginia Wesleyan College (1980), a Master's of Divinity degree from Duke University Divinity School (1983), and a Doctor of Ministry degree from United Theological School (1994). He has also served as an adjunct faculty member at United, teaching Wesleyan doctrine and United Methodist polity. The bishop is an avid sports fan and enjoys travel, playing golf, and photography. He and his wife Sally are the parents of four adult children: Elizabeth, T.J., Ian and Nick.

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.

right. They are towards the end of the hallway on the right. Each bathroom is equipped with a commode.

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	7/31	9:30 am Summer Worship Summer Sunday School Meet and Greet
Monday	8/01	Vacation Bible School
Tuesday	8/02	Vacation Bible School 7:30pm Nurture Committee
Wednesday	8/03	Vacation Bible School
Thursday	8/04	Vacation Bible School
Friday	8/05	Vacation Bible School
Saturday	8/06	Vacation Bible School
Sunday	8/07	9:30am Summer Worship Summer Sunday School Mission Backpack Blessing

Coming Events:

8/28 Children's Backpack Blessing
9/18 Worship in the Park

Lost and Found

Please check the lost and found inside the church office on the counter. There are a lot of items including a black cased hymnal.

Sunday Morning Ministries for 9:30am August 7th

Communion Stewards (set-up and serve): 9:30am: Bill Struth, Diane Meldon

Communion Stewards (serve and clean-up): Pat Deuschle, Tom Wolff (Serve & Clean up)

Counters: Linda Bruce and Betty Lepus

Greeters: Linda Bruce and Betty Lepus

Ushers: Team C: Krista Mayer, Debbie Albin, Frank Tomaino

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

Summer Sunday School

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

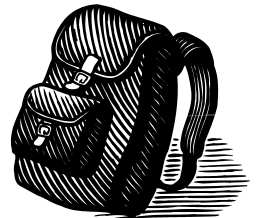
Cave Quest Vacation Bible School starts Monday!!!!!!

August 1-5, 2016 VBS for PreK through 5th grade; Crew members - 6th grade and up; Station leaders – Adults. Come and register Monday morning at Congregational Church. Any questions please see Ann or Marty B.

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]



Special Premier of the new BEN-HUR movie

Our church has been invited to attend the upcoming special premier of BEN-HUR, produced by Mark Burnett and Roma Downey on August 18th at 7:00pm. The discount tickets are \$10.00 each. If we get more than 25 the price will be \$9.00. The link to view the trailer is www.youtube.com/watch?v=gLJdzky63BA Please sign up on the clipboard hanging near the church office or call Cheryl at 203-743-6835 or email at bmethodistchurch@snet.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

