



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

August 6, 2017

Church Person(s) of the Week:

Many thanks to Ann and all of her team for making our VBS a great success!

Today's Worship Assistants:

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

Communion Stewards (serve and clean-up): Tom Wolff & Diane Meldon

Counters: Linda Bruce and Betty Lepus

Greeters: Alan and Debbie Brown

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

Flowers: the flowers on the altar are in memory of Judy Dauphin, a BUMC saint.

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.

Quote for the week:

"Peace cannot be kept by force; it can only be achieved by understanding." Albert Einstein

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.

Announcements

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.

Communion

Anyone sitting in the balcony is welcome to come downstairs for communion instead of receiving communion upstairs.

Prayer List: If you would like to receive the prayer 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	08/06	9:30am Worship Summer Sunday School 6:00pm Sunday Night Live Worship
Monday	08/07	
Tuesday	08/08	7:30pm Finance Rm 201
Wednesday	08/09	
Thursday	08/10	
Friday	08/11	Save a Suit Fundraiser
Saturday	08/12	11:00am – 1:00pm Bottle Collection
Sunday	08/13	9:30am Worship Summer Sunday School 6:00pm Sunday Night Live Worship

Coming Events:

Mitchell Hall Closed	8/14-8/19
Blood Drive	10/12

Sunday Morning Ministries for 8:30am & 10:00am August 13th

Readers & Communion Stewards (set-up and serve): Paul Young & David McClain **Communion Stewards (serve and clean-up):** Angela Bassett **Counters:** Tom Wolff **Greeters:** Marty Bishop **Ushers:** Team B: Alan Brown, Joe Benner, Tammy Esposito

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.

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.

Mitchell Hall Closed

From August 14th through August 19th Mitchell Hall will be completely closed. The floors are being refinished.

United Methodist Women

Start up meeting at the COMIDA Pantry on **September 16th** at 10:00am. Come and help sort rice and beans for this Danbury food pantry that serves primarily Hispanics.

Congregation – please hang onto unwanted clothing for a little longer. The UMW will be having a “Preloved” Clothing Sale on Saturday, October 21, 2017, from 9:00am- 3:00pm.

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

Please return the item[s] you selected for our Outreach program 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 for food donations for the Bethel Community Food Pantry located right here @ our church. The basket has been relocated to our Communications area downstairs outside the kitchen. The 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. Additional Support Group: “Over-eaters Anonymous” contact Chris at 203-942-3986 for more information. Support Group for Family & Friends who have a loved one suffering from the disease of addiction and/or alcoholism contact Joe Benner 203-313-3681.

Vacation Bible School

Thank you to all who volunteered their time or donated supplies for last weeks' Vacation Bible School. Both kids and adults had a great time at the Maker Fun Factory. At least 70 kids and adults participated.