



*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

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### **Church Person(s) of the Week:**

We would like to thank Ann McLellan and all the wonderful volunteers who helped make our Cave Quest Vacation Bible School a success!!!

### **Today's Worship Assistants:**

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

**Communion Stewards (serve and clean-up):** 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

**Summer Sunday School:** Pat Deuschle, Emily Williams

**Flowers:** the altar flowers are in memory of Judy Dauphin, a BUMC saint who passed away 8/6/2014.

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

### **Quote for the week:**

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." - Mahatma Gandhi

**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 1<sup>st</sup>.

***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.***

### **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.

### **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 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Communion Stewards (set-up and serve) 9:30am:** Chris Barnabo, James Wolff **Communion Stewards (serve and clean-up):** Tracy Brown, Jessica Bardelli **Counters:** Bill Struth and Claudia Schaefer **Greeters:** Deb and Dave Albin **Ushers:** Team D: Tracy Brown, Fran Bartholomew, Paul McHugh, Lee Griswold

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.

**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	8/07	9:30 am Summer Worship Summer Sunday School Meet and Greet Mission Backpack Blessing
Monday	8/08	
Tuesday	8/09	7:30pm Nurture/Membership 7:30pm Finance
Wednesday	8/10	
Thursday	8/11	
Friday	8/12	
Saturday	8/13	
Sunday	8/14	9:30am Summer Worship Summer Sunday School

### **Coming Events:**

8/28 Children's Backpack Blessing  
9/08 First day of Choir practice  
9/18 Worship in the Park

### **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

### **Choir**

Choir practice will begin the Thursday after Labor Day, September 8<sup>th</sup>.

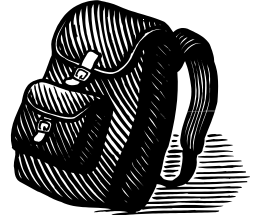
### **Sunday School**

Sunday **September 11<sup>th</sup>** is Teacher Dedication and Registration Sunday. Sunday School will be held in Mitchell Hall that day.

### **7th Annual Blessing of the Backpacks**

Bethel Backpack Ministry will be celebrated today.

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 7<sup>th</sup>. 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)]



### **News from the United Methodist Women**

\* The Prayer Shawl group continues to meet at 7 pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month, even during the summer months. All who like or want to learn crochet or knitting are welcome. They meet in the Johnson Building alcove. Contact Linda Bruce for more information.

\* The first UMW meeting of the Fall will again be at the Comida Pantry, sponsored by the Association of Religious Communities. We will be sorting beans this time, as the need is great. Save the date: Saturday, **September 17, 2016**, from 10 am until noon.

\* UMW meetings are usually the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month. Upcoming programs include, 'Wicked Women of the Bible' in October, and our memorial "Service of Light" in November. Please join us.

\* We will be scheduling Paint Events, definitely, during the first quarter of 2017.

### **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 18<sup>th</sup>** 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](http://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 [bmthodistchurch@snet.net](mailto:bmthodistchurch@snet.net)

### **Perennials**

Forms to order perennials are located on the table in the narthex.

### **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.

### **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

### **BUMC "Giving Gifts for Christ" List Items Needed**

*The Giving Gifts for Christ program is a program where you can make a donation of an item needed by the church in honor or memory of someone. Below is a sample of some of the items needed at this time:*

### **Music Program**

Newest Methodist Hymnal: Worship & Song

Choir edition needed (with parts).

20 books needed @ \$20 per book.

<https://www.cokesbury.com/product/9781426709951/worship-song-singers-edition/?rank=0&txtSearchQuery=Worship%20and%20Song%20Choir%20edition>