



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 20, 2017

Church Person(s) of the Week:

Thank you to our Nuture Committee headed by Jackie Penyak for giving us a wonderful fellowship experience each week.

Today's Worship Assistants:

Readers & Communion Stewards (set-up and serve): Tracy Brown & James Wolff

Communion Stewards (serve and clean-up): Rick Kelly

Counters: Tracy Brown and Krista Mayer

Greeters: Linda Bruce and Betty Lepus

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

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:

Help others achieve their dreams and you will achieve yours. Les Brown

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.

Sunday Morning Ministries for 8:30am & 10:00am August 27th

Readers & Communion Stewards (set-up and serve): Julien Schaad & Dave Morey

Communion Stewards (serve and clean-up): & Martha Bishop

Counters: Janette Blackstock & Dave Albin

Greeters: Deb and Dave Albin

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

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	08/20	9:30am Family Worship 6:00pm Sunday Night Live Worship
Monday	08/21	
Tuesday	08/22	7:30pm Trustees
Wednesday	08/23	7:00pm Prayer Shawl - JA
Thursday	08/24	
Friday	08/25	
Saturday	08/26	
Sunday	08/27	9:30am Worship Summer Sunday School 6:00pm Sunday Night Live Worship

Coming Events:

UMW Start up Meeting	9/16
Blood Drive	10/12
UMW Preloved Clothing Sale	10/21

Ushers

We currently need ushers to help during our 10:00am service. You would be added to a team that would serve approximately once a month. If you could help please see Alan Brown.

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.

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.

Financial Peace

Does “Financial Peace” sound like a contradiction to you? If it does, then you need Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University.

Financial Peace University is a proven, biblically-based program that teaches you how to manage God’s money God’s way. Using entertaining video lessons and powerful small group accountability, FPU empowers you to make better decisions about money, eliminate debt, build wealth, and it will enable you to give like never before.

This program will give you the tools to bring your finances under control and bring you true financial peace. It will meet here at BUMC starting on Wednesday, **September 20th** and it ends **November 15th** – a week before Thanksgiving. The course consists of 9 weekly sessions of about 1 ½ hours each, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM.

Class materials cost \$90 per family.

The average family pays off \$5,300 in debt and saves \$2,700 in the first 90 days!

This is a small group study, so there are a limited number of slots available. If you’re interested in learning more about FPU or want to sign up, please e-mail Dave Morey at damorey@comcast.net by Thursday, September 7, so class materials can be ordered for you.

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.

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.

Outreach Committee News

The OUTREACH COMMITTEE delivered the 20 unique back packs to the Bethel and Covenant to Care social workers. Each was filled with the specific supplies needed for that grade. Our BUMC Church Family, once again, reached out to these special young people and helped get their school year started on the right track. Thank you so much for shopping, caring, and being a part of this important kind of outreach!