



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

141 Greenwood Avenue, Bethel, CT 06-801

Office phone 203-743-6835

Pastor's email: pastorjohnparille@gmail.com

Pastor's Phone: 203-312-6789

Admin Assist email: bmethodistchurch@snet.net Minister of Music's email: music.bumc@gmail.com

Weekly Illuminations and Inspirations

August 21, 2016

Church Person(s) of the Week:

Thank you to all the folks who made donations for the new Green Hymnals for our Choir!

Today's Worship Assistants:

Communion Stewards (set-up and serve):

9:30am: Sarah DeShan, Uta Robertson

Communion Stewards (serve and clean-up):

Julien Schaad,

Counters: Tracy Brown and Krista Mayer

Greeters: Alan and Debbie Brown

Ushers: Team B: Alan Brown, Linda Bruce, Krista Mayer

Summer Sunday School:

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:

Every disability conceals a vocation, if only we can find it, which will 'turn the necessity to glorious gain.'" C.S. Lewis

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.

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 47th Annual Church Bazaar 11/18 & 19

The church bazaar will be here before you know it. This is our biggest single fundraiser of the year and last year we made over \$10,000. It is a line item in our budget.

Chair: Peter Philip

Here are this year's booth chairs so far:

Theme baskets: Nancy O'Halloran

These are baskets of items made up with a theme in mind and tickets are sold at \$1.00 each to win a basket. A candy is given with each sale.

Holly Hearth: Jackie Penyak & Tamara Wachnuik

This booth features handmade Christmas items.

Plants And....: Dawn Tamaino

This green thumb booth sells house plants, jewelry and other unique/antique items.

Calico Corner: Alice Mayer

Handmade crafts other than Christmas items are sold at this booth.

Country Store: Sandy & Ken Bardelli

Baked goods, Cookies, Jams, Cheese, candy and anything yummy can be bought here.

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 8/21 9:30 am Summer Worship
Summer Sunday School

Monday 8/22

Tuesday 8/23 7:30pm Trustees

Wednesday 8/24

Thursday 8/25

Friday 8/26

Saturday 8/27

Sunday 8/28 9:30am Summer Worship
Summer Sunday School
Children's Backpack Blessing

Coming Events:

9/08 First day of Choir practice

9/18 Worship in the Park

The Book Nook: Ann McLellan

Used books, CD's or video treasures will await you here.

Taste of BUMC:

Your favorite recipe is made by you in our certified kitchen, frozen and sold at this booth.

Pictures with Santa: Santa & Mrs. Claus, Pat Deuschle

Even some adults sit on Santa's knee!!

The Kiss Tree: Maddy Wachnuik

The Christmas Tree shaped board holds Hersey kisses that have a # of a prize you can win.

Silent Bid: Krista Mayer

Goods and services are available for you to bid on. Of course highest bid wins.

The Lunch Room:

Kitchen:

Dining Room:

A delicious lunch sandwich & soup is served for our guests.

Kids Craft Room: Audrey Stejskal

Kids can make a craft for a nominal fee.

And other chairs:

Publicity: Marty Stejskal

Makes sure the whole world knows about the bazaar.

Business Solicitation:

Collects items donated for our silent bid/ kiss tree by our local businesses.

Finances: Finance committee

Manage the money and credit card during the bazaar.

Please see Peter Philip or Alice Mayer if you can help.

Sunday Morning Ministries for 9:30am August 28th

Communion Stewards (set-up and serve): 9:30am Kyle Johnson, Martha Bishop **Communion Stewards**

(serve and clean-up): Diane Meldon, Pat Deuschle **Counters:** Janette Blackstock and Dave Albin **Greeters:**

Marty Bishop **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

Handbells and Choir

Rehearsals will begin the Thursday after Labor Day, **September 8th**. Handbells will practice in the balcony of the sanctuary from 6:30-7:30. Choir will practice in the choir room from 7:30-9:00. New members are welcome! Please contact Todd Gorski, music director, for more information: music.bumc@gmail.com or 203-743-6835. **All 20 choir copies of the new hymnal have been purchased. Thanks very much to all who contributed.**

Sunday School

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

All Teachers, assistants, subs and anyone interested in working with the Sunday School in any capacity, please put 7 pm on Wednesday, September 7, 2016 on your calendar. This is a Start Up Teacher's Meeting with Pastor John. Pizza is being served. Please do your very best to be there!! RSVP

News from the United Methodist Women

* The Prayer Shawl group continues to meet at 7 pm on the 4th 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 9 am until noon.

* UMW meetings are usually the 4th 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.

Perennials

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

Backpack Ministry and Covenant to Care Victories

With your generous and phenomenal help we met the needs of 12 Bethel students and helped 2 Covenant to Care families who were experiencing severe distress in their lives. We worked together and gathered all the items on those lengthy grade level supply lists. We gave gift cards so that the Bethel students could purchase a fresh, new outfit for the first day of school. You dug deep and produced \$467 to buy the the same backpacks, supplies, and gift cards for the Covenant kids. Each of the 4 students needed \$100- \$125 to pay for their supplies and clothing. You gave the PERFECT AMOUNT! [I hope you get goose bumps when you read this because I do every time I think about it!] Thank you for caring and sharing your hearts!

With gratitude, Carol Morey and the Nurture Committee

Free Piano and bench

Upright Fisher piano, currently located in the Classroom. If interested, please contact Todd Gorski, Director of Music, at music.bumc@gmail.com or 203.743.6835. First come, first serve.

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>