



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

September 03, 2017

Church Person(s) of the Week:

Thanks to Peter Phillip for spearheading our new access lift!

Today's Worship Assistants:

Readers & Communion Steward 8:30am: David McClain

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

Communion Stewards (serve and clean-up): Chris Barnabo & Tracy Brown

Counters: Linda Bruce and Betty Lepus

Greeters: Alan and Debbie Brown

Ushers: Team B: Alan Brown, 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.

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.

Prayer List: If you would like to receive the [prayer list](#), or add someone, please contact **Audrey Stejskal** at arstejskal@aol.com

Quote for the week:

"Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen." -Winston Churchill

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 go toward landscaping the front lawn. If you need a flower arrangement during the week for a special occasion you can order them from Alice @ 203-748-2774. \$13.00 w/ the vase, delivered.

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 it upstairs.

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	09/03	8:30am Early Worship 10:00am Worship 5:00pm Sunday Night Live
Monday	09/04	Labor Day Office Closed
Tuesday	09/05	7:30pm Finance Room 201
Wednesday	09/06	
Thursday	09/07	6:30pm Hand Bells 7:30pm Choir
Friday	09/08	
Saturday	09/09	Scotty Fund Day 11:00am-1:00pm Bottle Collection 5:30pm-7:30pm Pasta Dinner
Sunday	09/10	8:30am Early Worship 10:00am Worship One Room Sunday School 5:00pm Sunday Night Live

Coming Events:

UMW Start up Meeting	9/16
Dedication of Chimes	9/17
Small Groups	
Financial Peace University	9/20
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 Morning Ministries for 8:30am & 10:00am September 10th

8:30am: Reader & Communion Steward: Peter Eckert **Readers & Communion Stewards (set-up and serve):** Julien Schaad & James Wolff **Communion Stewards (serve and clean-up):** Martha Bishop
Counters: Bill Struth and Tom Wolff **Greeters:** Marty Bishop **Ushers:** Team C: Debbie Albin, Krista Mayer, Frank Tomaino

Hurricane Harvey

The folks in Texas could use our help! The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) has set up a link so we can make donations to help assist those devastated by Hurricane Harvey. The good news is that 100% of your donation will go directly to helping others. If you feel moved to make a donation, we have special donation envelopes available in the pews (write your check out to BUMC and write Hurricane Harvey:

Advance 901670 in your check memo line) or you can make a direct donation to <http://www.umcmmission.org/Give-to-Mission/Search-for-Projects/Projects/901670>.

To give by mail: Advance GCFA P.O. Box 9068 New York, NY 10087-9068

Please note in the memo line: Advance 901670

Sunday School News

September 10th is one room Sunday School for all in Room 201. Full Sunday School starts on **September 24th** look for registration forms in our Information Center or in our monthly newsletter.

United Methodist Women

Startup 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. The UMW will be having a “Preloved” Clothing Sale on Saturday, **October 21, 2017**, from 9:00am- 3:00pm.

Worship in the Park

Our annual Worship in the Park will be Sunday **September 17th** during our 10:00am service at Bennett Memorial Park. There will be a picnic immediately following the service. Please see signup sheets in Mitchell Hall. We need help with food, grillers and help with set up and clean up. It takes a whole congregation to have “Worship in the Park”. New this year – family games after the picnic.

Dedication of Chimes

The Dedication of our Church Chimes and plaque will be during our 5:00pm service on **September 17th**.

Small Groups are coming!

Are you ready to go deeper in your faith and make some new friends along the way? Then our new Small Groups are for you!

Beginning Monday, **September 18th**, we will be having weekly small group gatherings in our new Wesley Lounge! Brotherhood of Christ for the men will be meeting every Monday night at 7:00 pm. Ladies will be coming together for Sisterhood of Christ every Wednesday night at 7:00 pm starting on **September 20th**.

This is not a Bible study but more of a time to discuss matters that effect our lives today. We start with a core piece of scripture, some devotional time that speaks to our topic and then look at some pointed questions that will help us go deeper in our faith and get to know one another a bit better at each meeting.

You can talk or you can just listen. You can come every week or once in a while! We start on time and end by 8:15pm.

Questions? Men, see Pastor Esposito or Pastor John. Ladies see Maria Parille or Pastor John.

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.

ASP 2018

How would you like to volunteer for a life changing service experience, one where you can help transform the lives of others but you will come home transformed as well. I am looking for 30-40 youth and adults that would like to take a 8 day trip to Central Appalachia to help make homes warmer, safer, and drier this summer through the Appalachia Service Project.

Appalachia Service Project is a Christian ministry open to all people, that inspires hope and service through volunteer home repair in Central Appalachia.

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about ASP or you are interested in attending the trip, come join us Sunday **September 24th** between 12-2 in the Sanctuary of the Bethel United Methodist Church. Or you can contact me at tracybrown1085@gmail.com to learn more. I hope to see you there.

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 20th to March 1st, 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.

Bloodmobile

The 3rd BUMC sponsored Red Cross Bloodmobile will be held **October 12th** in Mitchell Hall from 1:00-6:00 p.m.

You can schedule a lifesaving appointment @ redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-red cross. Save time the day of your donation by signing onto redcrossblood.org/rapidpass Help save up to 3 lives with your blood donation in just 1 hour. If you can help the day of with registration or the canteen, please see Alice Mayer.

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 and in our information station downstairs.

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

CBS

Community Bible Study is beginning again! This coming September we have a challenging year ahead as we consider the book of the prophet Isaiah. While Isaiah contains some sobering judgments against the nations of the world, it also holds glorious promises and comfort for God's people! Though written centuries ago, much of what was happening in Isaiah's time might be surprisingly applicable to the situations of today. Human nature with its needs, desires, attitudes, and weaknesses remains the same, but we have a God who is in control. Isaiah highlights God's power, sovereignty, holiness, trustworthiness, and salvation.

Our first class is on Monday, **September 11th** at 7:30-9:00 p.m. Our local CBS meets at the Ridgefield Baptist Church located at 325 Danbury Road in Ridgefield, CT. Feel free to invite a friend or two to come along!

For more information, feel free to call Peter Eckert ((203)-733-8917). To register, please contact our class coordinator, Linda Tilton at 203-431-9491 or LTilton@prodigy.net.

May this study of Isaiah awaken us to hear God's voice.

"They who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint." Isaiah 40:31

I am looking forward to studying God's Word together!

Small Group

The Lord has put it on my heart to begin a Small Group at my home this year, specifically to lift up our Pastor, his family, and the staff at BUMC through prayer and reflection in The Word of God. If interested, after seeking the Lord's direction, please call me at (203)-733-8917. The most likely evenings would be Wednesday or Thursday - Peter Eckert

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.

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