



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 04, 2016

Church Person(s) of the Week:

Thank you to Chuck Murad for all the work you do for the church.

Today's Worship Assistants:

Readers & Communion Stewards (set-up and serve): Julien Schaad, Bill Struth,

Communion Stewards (serve and clean-up): Diane Meldon, Pat Deuschle

Counters: Linda Bruce and Betty Lepus

Greeters: Linda Bruce and Betty Lepus

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

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.

Nursery Care: The nursery (for ages 3 and under)

Quote for the week:

"Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not *merely* look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others." – Philippians 2:3-4

Our Prayers Local Concerns: Rev. Robert Johnson, **Prayers for the world:** 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.

Rev. Bob Johnson will be 81 on September 7th. Please send a birthday card to: 82 Chapin Rd., New Milford, CT. 06776

Leadership

Have you ever thought of being in church leadership? This is a wonderful opportunity for your faith to grow and to serve your local church. In the coming months, the nominating committee will be meeting to fill positions for our church leadership. Will you consider becoming part of the team? See Pastor John for more details.

is located in the Education wing just before the bathrooms on the right!

This Week's BUMC Calendar:

Sunday	9/04	9:30 am Summer Worship Summer Sunday School
Monday	9/05	Labor Day- Office Closed
Tuesday	9/06	7:30pm Nurture/Membership
Wednesday	9/07	6:30pm Start Up Teachers Meeting
Thursday	9/08	6:30pm Handbells 7:30pm Choir
Friday	9/09	
Saturday	9/10	11:00am-1:00pm Bottle Collection 10:00am Bazaar Booth Chair People Meeting-(MH) Scotty Fund 5:30pm-7:30pm Pasta Dinner
Sunday	9/11	8:30am & 10:00am Worship Teacher Dedication and Sunday School registration

Coming Events:

- 9/18 Worship in the Park
- 9/21 Financial Peace University session 1
- 10/02 UMW Soup Sale

The 47th Annual Church Bazaar 11/18 & 19

There will be a meeting of booth chair people at 10:00 AM Saturday September 10th in Mitchell Hall for round table discussion, organization, plans, hopes, and wishes.

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 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 September 11th

8:30am Reader & Communion Steward: Peter Eckert **10:00am Readers & Communion Stewards (set-up and serve):** Tom Wolff, Chris Barnabo **10:00am Communion Stewards (serve and clean-up):** James Woff, Tracy Brown **Counters:** Craig and Kathy Keith **Greeters:** Deb and Dave Albin **Ushers:** Team B: Alan Brown, Linda Bruce, Tammy Esposito

United Way: Ready, Set, Read Program

The United Way Ready, Set, Read program is holding a training session on **September 15th** for anyone interested in reading to preschool children. Readers are needed!!! You only need to read once a week for one hour, anytime between 10:00-5:30pm. Please contact Casey Levene at Casey.Levene@uwwesternct.org For more information see Ann McLellan.

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 21** and it ends November 16 – a week before Thanksgiving. The course consists of 9 weekly sessions of about 1 ½ hours each, from 7:30 to 9 PM. Class materials cost \$93 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 Tuesday,

September 6, so class materials can be ordered for you.

Save the date

Our first church sponsored blood drive will be held on Tuesday **November 29**. The Red Cross has asked us for this date since there is such a shortage of blood after Holidays. It will run from 1:00-6:00 p.m. We need 2 volunteers (one each for registration and canteen) for the duration of the drive. If you can help with a shift (1-2 hours) please see Alice Mayer.

Ridgefield's Community Bible Study Evening Class

CBS is an international, interdenominational ministry. CBS classes meet in local host churches throughout the world, and Ridgefield Baptist Church (325 Danbury Road) has graciously welcomed the Ridgefield evening class to use its facility. Approximately sixty men and women attend the class on Monday evenings, from 7:30 to 9:00, September through April. Anyone interested in looking into the Bible in a friendly, caring atmosphere is invited to visit or become a member of the class. Beginners, as well as more experienced Bible students, are always welcome.

This year's 30- week course covers the book of Matthew and will explore the life of Jesus beginning with His miraculous birth and spanning His ministry years, death, and resurrection. The lessons will invite students to journey with those who encountered Jesus personally: the religious leaders of the day; the intimate group of twelve disciples; and the multitudes of seekers and followers, including the sick, the hurting, the misunderstood, and the needy. Jesus brings good news to a hurting world, a world like ours today, filled with people who have real questions, fears, and hopes. The study of Matthew will reveal how we can receive true forgiveness and enjoy everlasting life in God's kingdom, by believing in who Jesus is, and what he has said and done.

For more information about CBS go to <http://RidgefieldEve.cbsclass.org> or call (203) 431-9491. **If anyone has any questions about this Bible Study opportunity, please also feel free to contact Peter Eckert of BUMC at peter@architectsguild.net who has been involved with CBS for 15 years.**

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.**

Family Pasta Dinners

Please join us for our monthly pasta dinner this coming Saturday **September 10th** from 5:30pm-7:30pm.

Adults are \$10, Seniors & Students with College ID \$8, Kids \$5 (under 5 eat free), Family max price \$25 (parents & kids) Dinners also available to go! Call BUMC 203.743.6835 the day of dinner to place your order. Dinner includes: Salad with homemade dressings, Pasta with marinara or meat sauce, Homemade meatballs .50 ea, Homemade desserts

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 6:30pm 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 to bmethodistchurch@snet.net

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.

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.

Update on the Wood Ministry

To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ's sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed: ² Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; ³ not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. ⁴ And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away. – 1 Peter 5:1-4(NIV)



Our firewood ministry needs your help. It has grown to the point that a hand full of people can't keep up with anymore. We are looking for some folks that are interested in looking after this ministry.

You would only have to spend a couple of hours one day during one month out of the year. Your duties would include – keeping the firewood area clean and organized, and also cutting, splitting, and stacking any wood that has been dropped off. This will be much easier for us to handle if it's done on a monthly rotation.

This ministry has been not only a wonderful service to our church community, but to also to our whole Bethel community as well. This ministry is God breathed and we should be honored and blessed that the Lord chose us to provide it. *The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed.* – Proverbs 11:25(NLT)

In the past eight years this ministry has helped many people. But now it's at the point where it has become to large and overwhelming and we either have to come together and make it better and workable or end it. And I don't want to see it end.

Ideally it would be great to have a firewood committee that's has a chair and consists of 12 teams of three or more people.

If you are interested in helping with firewood ministry and being in the rotation please contact John Esposito at jtespos@att.net – Thank you!

The King will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." – Matthew 25:40(NIV)

Peonies & Iris

It's time to order peonies and iris if you want any. I only dig up and split the peonies once so please order by September 16th. The colors are double pink or white with magenta center. (\$3.00/larger tuber) – Please call Alice at 203-748-2774

The Old Fashioned Iris colors are:
Light Purple with Medium Purple tip
Gold with Burgundy tip (yellow beard)
Medium Violet with Dark Violet tip (yellow beard)
Pale Yellow (yellow beard)
Medium Yellow (yellow beard)
Pale Pink (yellow beard)
Pale Purple (yellow beard)
Yellow with purple tip (yellow beard)
(\$1.00/tuber)

Giant Special Iris (limit of 1 each)
White and purple
Baby Blue
Rose with orange beard
(\$3.00/tuber)
limited quantities

Purple Siberian
\$3.00/5" clump

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

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