



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 17, 2017

Church Person(s) of the Week:

We thank Ann McLellan for her years of service as she led our Sunday School program.

Today's Worship Assistants:

8:30am: Reader & Communion Steward: Paul Young

Readers & Communion Stewards (set-up and serve): Family Worship

Communion Stewards (serve and clean-up): Family Worship

Counters: Tracy Brown and Krista Mayer

Greeters: Family Worship

Ushers: Team F: Alan Brown, Tammy Esposito and Family Worship

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:

"God sees hearts as we see faces." George Herbet

Sunday School is Coming: Pastor John and the SPRC committee are pleased to announce the appointment of Claudia Schaefer to the position of Children's Education Coordinator. Claudia will be taking over the reins from Ann McLellan who has tirelessly worked with our Education Department for many years.

Claudia will be joined by Stew Doenias who will be the Assistant Children's Education Coordinator. We will be offering a new curriculum and have great plans to offer fun and exciting lessons to our children using new multi media platforms. Both Claudia and Stew will need our support. Please consider volunteering to help teach, assist, even just setup classrooms.

Our children are the future of our wonderful church. When you see Claudia and Stew, give them some encouragement and a helping hand please!

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	09/17	8:30am Early Worship 10:00am Worship in the Park 5:00pm Sunday Night Live & Dedication of Chimes
Monday	09/18	7:00pm Men's Small Group
Tuesday	09/19	3:00pm 7:30pm Church Council
Wednesday	09/20	7:00pm Dave Ramsey 7:00pm Women's Small Group
Thursday	09/21	6:30pm Hand Bells 7:30pm Choir
Friday	09/22	
Saturday	09/23	
Sunday	09/24	8:30am Early Worship 10:00am Worship Sunday School begins 12:00 noon ASP Information Meeting 5:00pm Sunday Night Live

Coming Events:

UMW Soup Sale	10/01
Blood Drive	10/12
UMW Gently Used Clothing Sale	10/21

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.

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 24th

8:30am: Reader & Communion Steward: David McClain **Readers & Communion Stewards (set-up and serve):** Diane Meldon & James Wolff **Communion Stewards (serve and clean-up):** Tom Wolff & Julien Schaad **Counters:** Janette Blackstock & Dave Albin **Greeters:** Deb and Dave Albin **Ushers:** Team B: Alan Brown, Joe Benner, Tammy Esposito

Church Member looking for an apartment.

A church member is in desperate need of a 1 or 2 bedroom apartment in the Bethel area. Please see pastor John if you know of a reasonable rent.

Hurricane Harvey And Hurricane Irma

The folks in Texas and Florida 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, 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

Sunday School starts on **September 24th** look for registration forms in our Information Center or in our monthly newsletter.

UMW's Gently Used Clothing Sale



Our first annual sale of gently used clothing will be held on Saturday, October 21st, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Mitchell Hall. Proceeds will benefit organizations supported by the United Methodist Women.

If you have donations of gently used clothing, belts, jewelry, ties, socks, hats, gloves, scarves and more please contact Ann McLellan at 203-744-2421 or email her at ann_mc_ellan@sbcglobal.net

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

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 1:00pm -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 in our communication area 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

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

Hello Gardeners

It's Iris & Peony transplanting time. I will be digging the week of 10/2 and I will deliver the orders on 10/8. Let me know by 10/4 what you would like. Thanks for your support for our church landscaping project. Alice (amayer@snet.net)

Peonies: \$3.00/large tuber

Double pink w/ pink center

Double White w/ magenta center

Old Fashioned Iris Colors-2107 \$1.00 each:

Light Purple w/med. Purple tip

Gold w/burgundy tip (yellow beard)

Med violet w/dk violet tip (yellow beard)

Med yellow (yellow beard)

White w/purple tip (yellow beard)

Pale yellow (yellow beard)

Pale pink (orange beard)

Pale purple (orange beard)

Giant Special Iris (limit of 1 each) \$2.00

White and purple

Baby blue

Rose w/orange beard

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

Letter to the Congregation

To My Church Family:

Thank you all so much for all the prayers, cards, calls and food while I was recuperating from knee replacement surgery. Also thanks for the offers of rides to go to rehab. I was able to drive at week 3 so I could take myself. I am doing very well and finished rehab on August 31,2017. Pastor John than you for your visit to the hospital and your many prayers. It all helped. I appreciate all of you so much. I am blessed to be a member of BUMC.

Blessing and Love
Linda Bruce

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. EA meetings are held on Tuesdays and Saturday evenings. Girl Scouts meet Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. 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.