



*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

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### Church Person(s) of the Week:

Thank you to Jen Garrity for coordinating our Pasta Dinners!

### Today's Worship Assistants:

**10:00am Reader- Call to Worship:** Rosie Volpintesta

**10:00am Reader-** Farrah Volpintesta

**Communion Stewards (set-up and serve):** Evan Barnabo

**Communion Stewards (serve and clean-up):** Caidyn Wachnuik, Madison Turlis

**Counters:** Bill Struth & Claudia Schaefer

**Greeters:** Hanna and Isla McClain, Raquel Olsen, Eve Shaefer

**Ushers:** Team F: Emma Schaefer, Braeden Barnabo, Caidyn Wachnuik, Madison Turlis, Alan Brown and 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

### Quote for the week:

"I love to think of nature as an unlimited broadcasting station, through which God speaks to us every hour, if we will only tune in" – George Washington Carver

**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 .

**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.**

### 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.

### The 47<sup>th</sup> 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:

### 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.

alcohol gel pumps available.

### **This Week's BUMC Calendar:**

Sunday	9/18	Worship in the Park
Monday	9/19	
Tuesday	9/20	7:30pm Church Council
Wednesday	9/21	7:30pm Dave Ramsey wk 1
Thursday	9/22	6:30pm Handbells 7:30pm Choir
Friday	9/23	
Saturday	9/24	
Sunday	9/25	8:30am & 10:00am Worship First week of Sunday School; 12:00pm ASP sign up in Sanctuary 5:00pm-6:00pm Youth Group

### **Coming Events:**

9/21 Financial Peace University session 1  
10/02 UMW Soup 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: Maureen Raftery**

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: Sandy Bonagura & 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: Don Olson Jr.**

**Dining Room: Judy Serfilippi**

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 10:00am September 25<sup>h</sup>**

**8:30am Reader & Communion Steward:** Paul Young **10:00am Readers & Communion Stewards (set-up and serve):** Jessica Bardelli, Sarah DeShan **10:00am Communion Stewards (serve and clean-up):** Uta Robertson, Julien Schaad **Counters:** Tracy Brown and Krista Mayer **Greeters:** Marty Bishop **Ushers:** Team D: Tracy Brown, Fran Bartholomew, Paul McHugh, Lee Griswold

**ASP Opportunity**

Do you like to socialize? Do you like pets and/or children? Do you know how to do housework? Do you know or want to know how to use a hammer? Do you want to share the word of God? Do you want to be the hands and feet of God?

If you answered yes to any of these then I have the perfect opportunity for you. ASP (Appalachia Service Project) is a christian based ministry that for the past 47 years have made homes warmer safer and drier. We visit Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, and North Carolina to help fix up homes of people that are less fortunate than us. They need our help, some of them desperately. This year is your year to take a step out of our small towns and jump on the chance to join us on our ASP mission trip.

On Sunday **September 25th** at 12:00 at the Bethel United Methodist Church we will be having our official ASP sign up. We will meet promptly in the sanctuary.

I am trying to reach out to the congregation to give everyone a chance to participate (congregation, past ASPers, and people outside the congregation) in ASP. I will be having 30 slots open so it will be first come first serve.

At the meeting on the 25th everyone will be asked to pay a non refundable \$100 deposit. This deposit will get your name on the ASP list, or the waiting list with nonpayment. I will give each of you a list of fundraisers, payments, and a copy of flyers that I have made for each fundraiser. Your part will be to take note of each fundraiser and attend the ones you can. For those that you attend your name will be written down including the participating time and you will have compensation in the form of those profits being divided among those who are on the list and taken off their final payment amount.

The total cost of the trip is going to be the \$600. You will have your first \$100 deposit, two more \$100 payments, and a final \$300 payment minus whatever was taken off from your participation in fundraising.

We will have an ASP day that is mandatory for you to attend. During this time we will go over power tools, rules and regulations, questions and comments, a game that will put ASP into perspective, hear a story from a past ASPer, do some work for the church, and end with a prayer walk. It is important for this to be mandatory so that way we can all get to know one another before the trip.

You will also have the opportunity to purchase a shirt and to come up with your own fundraisers to reduce the cost of the trip. This is easy as you can have a car wash, bring bottles back, babysit, anything you can think of.

If you have any question comments or concerns please don't hesitate to ask.

Thank you, Tracy Brown ttangelkissestt@comcast.net

### **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](mailto:peter@architectsguild.net) who has been involved with CBS for 15 years.**

### **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](mailto: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: <sup>2</sup> 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; <sup>3</sup> not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. <sup>4</sup> 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](mailto: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)

### **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](mailto:bmthodistchurch@snet.net) or 203-743-6835

### **Randall Wright Hall 50 year anniversary**

We are looking for people to join our Randall Wright Hall Anniversary committee. Anyone interested in being part of the committee please contact the church office at [bmthodistchurch@snet.net](mailto:bmthodistchurch@snet.net) or 203-743-6835. Also anyone having information concerning the construction of this building please leave your name and number so we can get in touch with you. Thank you!

### **Bethel UMC Outreach Opportunities**

**September** we will be collecting all kinds of Hygiene products

**October** will be Undies Sundays and collecting all kinds of under garments

**November** will be collecting hats, gloves, coats, blankets and sheets.

Other ways you can serve:

Support the Jerry Shike Youth Missions Fund, join a firewood ministry team, think about becoming a Stephen Minister.

There will be a basket in Mitchell Hall every Sunday for these items if the Spirit so moves you. The Outreach Committee is also looking for some new members.

If you have any questions about the items above or would like more information about joining this committee, please contact Carol Morey or John Esposito...Thanks!!!

### **News from the United Methodist Women**

\* The Prayer Shawl group continues to meet at 7 pm on the 4th Thursday of the month. 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.

\* 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.