



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 24, 2017

Church Person(s) of the Week:

We thank Stew Doenias for his commitment to our children!

Today's Worship Assistants:

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

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

Quote for the week:

Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The rose on the altar honors the baptism of Lucas Sven Linstrum. Lucas is the son of Christopher Linstrum and Danialle Loubier. His sponsors are Jason Sutherland and Kristal Pulliam. His great grandparents are Jackie and Jim Kulp. Please keep this family in your prayers.

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.

list, or add someone, please contact **Audrey Stejskal at arstejskal@aol.com**

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	09/24	8:30am Early Worship 10:00am Worship Sunday School 12:00noon ASP Info Meeting
Monday	09/25	7:00pm Brotherhood of Christ
Tuesday	09/26	7:30pm Trustees
Wednesday	09/27	7:00pm Sisterhood of Christ 7:00pm Dave Ramsey
Thursday	09/28	6:30pm Hand Bells 7:30pm Choir
Friday	09/29	
Saturday	09/30	
Sunday	10/01	8:30am Early Worship 10:00am Worship UMW Soup Sale Sunday School 5:00pm Sunday Night Live

Coming Events:

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

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, Irma and Maria

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

To give to non-U.S. territories in the Caribbean, please donate to International Disaster Response Advance **#982450**.

Sunday School News

Sunday School starts today!!!

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 **today** 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.

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.

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 bring them in starting on October 7th. There will be tables set up in Mitchell Hall. You can contact Ann McLellan at 203-744-2421 or email her at ann_mc_lellan@sbcglobal.net if you have any questions.

Small Groups

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!

Brotherhood of Christ for the men meet every Monday night at 7:00 pm. Ladies will be coming together for Sisterhood of Christ every Wednesday night at 7:00 pm.

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.

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.

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

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

Library

Our lending library is currently looking for new or gently used infant to teenage books. The books should be appropriate for our church library. There will be a box in Mitchell Hall to drop these books off. You can also make a monetary donation so our Library Coordinator can purchase a book or two. Any questions please leave a note in the box or contact Uta Robertson.

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