



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

141 Greenwood Avenue, Bethel, CT 06-801

Office phone 203-743-6835

Pastor's email: pastorjohnparille@gmail.com

Pastor's Phone: 203-312-6789

Admin Assist email: bmethodistchurch@snet.net Minister of Music's email: music.bumc@gmail.com

Weekly Illuminations and Inspirations

September 25, 2016

Church Person(s) of the Week:

Thank you to the Nurture Committee for organizing our wonderful Worship in the Park and to all who helped make the day great, our cooks, our set up and clean up volunteers and everyone who brought food to enjoy.

Today's Worship Assistants:

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, 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.

Quote for the week:

"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success." Henry Ford

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:** 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 47th Annual Church Bazaar 11/18 & 19

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.

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

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

This Week's BUMC Calendar:

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
Monday	9/26	
Tuesday	9/27	7:30pm Trustees
Wednesday	9/28	7:30pm Dave Ramsey wk 2 7:00pm Prayer Shawl
Thursday	9/29	6:30pm Handbells 7:30pm Choir
Friday	9/30	
Saturday	10/01	
Sunday	10/02	8:30am & 10:00am Worship Sunday School UMW Soup Sale 5:00pm-6:00pm Youth Group

Coming Events:

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. Our official ASP sign up is **Today** at 12:00 in the sanctuary. There are 30 slots open so it will be first come first serve. You 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.

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.

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

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 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.

Backpack Collection

"I can't thank you all enough for helping collect and drop off school supplies for the children here in Bethel. Together we provided supplies to nearly 100 children as well as plenty of extras to pass along to school for those who didn't contact me directly for help. Getting kids off to a good start each school year can make a big difference both in how they feel about themselves as well as being a student/attending school. I look forward to working with you all again and truly appreciate your support of Social Services."

Sincerely, Jenn Lawlor Director of Social Services Town of Bethel

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