



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

October 01, 2017

Church Person(s) of the Week:

We want to thank Dawn Johnston for all of her years of dedication to our children's education program!

Today's Worship Assistants:

Reader & Communion Steward 8:30am: Marty Bishop

Readers & Communion Stewards 10:00am (set up & serve): Stacie McLaughlin & Dave Morey

Communion Stewards 10:00am (serve and clean up): Angela Bassett & Rick Kelly

Counters: Bill Struth and Tom Wolff

Greeters: Deb and Dave Albin

Ushers: Team C: Debbie Albin, Krista Mayer, Frank Tomaino

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:

Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies. Mother Teresa

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.

Church Conference – October 18th at 7:00pm

This is the most important meeting of our church year & you are invited to attend. Our new District Superintendent, **Rev. Dr. Alpher Sylvester**, will preside. This is an opportunity to talk about the church's future. We will also elect officers to serve on our various ministries. Please plan on attending as your voice & vote are very important to how we will be the Church of Jesus Christ. If you have any questions please contact Pastor John or our Lay Leader Steve Temple.

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	10/01	8:30am Early Worship 10:00am Worship UMW Soup Sale Sunday School 5:00pm Sunday Night Live
Monday	10/02	7:00pm Brotherhood of Christ
Tuesday	10/03	3:00pm Food Pantry 7:30pm Finance
Wednesday	10/04	7:00pm Sisterhood of Christ 7:00pm Dave Ramsey
Thursday	10/05	6:30pm Hand Bells 7:30pm Choir
Friday	10/06	
Saturday	10/07	
Sunday	10/08	8:30am Early Worship 10:00am Worship Sunday School 5:00pm Sunday Night Live

Coming Events:

Blood Drive	10/12
Church Conference	10/18
UMW Gently Used Clothing Sale	10/21

Sunday Morning Ministries for 8:30am & 10:00am October 8th

Reader & Communion Steward 8:30am: Peter Eckert **Readers & Communion Stewards 10:00am (set up & serve):** Steve Temple & Chris Barnabo **Communion Stewards 10:00am (serve and clean up):** Tracy Brown & James Wolff **Counters:** Tracy Brown and Krista Mayer **Greeters:** Alan and Debbie Brown **Ushers:** Team D: Tracy Brown, Fran Bartholomew, Art Langer, Andrew Serfilippi

Bloodmobile

The 3rd BUMC sponsored Red Cross Bloodmobile is **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_ellan@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.

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

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 is a box in Mitchell Hall to drop them off. You can make a monetary donation so our Coordinator can purchase books. Any questions 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)

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)

Peonies: \$3.00/large tuber

Double pink w/ pink center
Double White w/ magenta center

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

White and purple
Baby blue
Rose w/orange beard

Hurricane Harvey, Irma and Maria

UMCOR has set up a link so we can make donations to help assist those devastated by these hurricanes. 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.

Outreach/Covenant to Care

Wellmore, our Danbury Covenant to Care Agency, asked us to help provide fall clothing and shoes for 10 young people. These children and teens come from families who have great difficulty paying for rent and providing food for these children. 7 people and the UMW stepped up and helped provide a few basic outfits for each child. We were able to get shoes for about half of them, give a Walmart gift card to the 3 teen girls, and supply 1 box of diapers for the 10 month old girl. It was doubtful for 3 weeks if we would be able to help all 10 children but a few "angels" helped pull it together. I am deeply grateful to those who understood the needs of these families. I am quite sure that the givers experienced the joy of sharing. With gratitude, Carol Morey

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

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

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.

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.