



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:

Pat O'Neil, wife of Bob O'Neil; who is a member of St Mary's who spent several hours on Monday cleaning windows and washing out kitchen cabinets. Also working with Pat was Dawn Tomaino, and Willa & Peter Philip. Dave and Carol Morey were outside weeding the front garden of the parsonage. On Wednesday Alice Mayer weeded the back patio all by herself. Thanks to all the work by our painter, landscaper, electrician, plumber, and Joe Murad's workmanship, the parsonage is in awesome shape.

Today's Worship Assistants:

Readers & Communion Stewards 8:30am: Marty Bishop

Readers & Communion Stewards (set-up and serve): Kyle Johnston, Bill Struth

Communion Stewards (serve and clean-up): Tom Wolff, Diane Meldon

Counters: Janette Blackstock and Dave Albin

Greeters: Linda Bruce and Betty Lepus

Ushers: Team B: Alan Brown, Linda Bruce, 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.

Quote for the week:

"Don't worry when you are not recognized, but strive to be worthy of recognition. Abraham Lincoln"

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.

New entry on Caring Bridge

Journal entry by Betsy Johnson — 9/21/2016 Bob/Poppy came home from Candlewood last week. VNA visits a few times a week and he is still receiving some PT and OT and getting stronger. Visits are welcome and we hope that people will reach out to visit. As we do not want to overwhelm him with too much activity at one time, please email Sandy at rtjohnson01@snet.net to arrange times to visit. -Thank you everyone for all of the love and support.

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.

Sunday Morning Ministries for 8:30am & 10:00am October 9th

Readers & Communion Stewards 8:30am: Peter Eckert **Readers & Communion Stewards (set-up and serve):** Chris Barnabo, Pat Deuschle **Communion Stewards (serve and clean-up):** James Wolff, Tracy Brown **Counters:** Craig and Kathy Keith **Greeters:** Deb and Dave Albin **Ushers:** Team C: Debbie Albin, Krista Mayer, Frank Tomaino

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	10/02	8:30am & 10:00am Worship Sunday School; UMW Soup Sale 5:00pm-6:00pm Youth Group
Monday	10/03	
Tuesday	10/04	7:00pm Nurture/Membership 7:30pm Finance
Wednesday	10/04	7:30pm Dave Ramsey wk 3 7:00pm Prayer Shawl
Thursday	10/05	6:30pm Handbells 7:30pm Choir
Friday	10/06	
Saturday	10/07	11:00am-1:00pm Bottle Collection 5:30pm-7:30pm Pasta Dinner
Sunday	10/08	8:30am & 10:00am Worship Sunday School 5:00pm-6:00pm Youth Group

Coming Events:

October 16- 3rd grade Bibles are presented at the 10:00am service

Family Pasta Dinners

Please join us for our monthly pasta dinner this coming Saturday **October 8th** from 5:30pm-7:30pm.

Adults are \$10, Seniors & Students with College ID \$8, Kids \$5 (under 5 eat free), Family max price \$25 (parents & kids) Dinners also available to go! Call BUMC 203.743.6835 the day of dinner to place your order. Dinner includes: Salad with homemade dressings, Pasta with marinara or meat sauce, Homemade meatballs .50 ea, Homemade desserts

Sunday School

Welcome to the 2016-2017 Season. We have a great teaching staff again this year! We have also made some changes to better serve our students. Pat Deuschle is now in charge of our Youth Department program - this year consisting of the Pre-Confirmation Class and Youth Class.

There will be Confirmation for 7th and 8th graders this year. The Pre-Confirmation Class is an important lead-in, and will help 7th-8th graders determine if they want to be confirmed. It is a mandatory class. If kids have conflicts, see Pat.

The PreK-1st grade class meet in the first classroom on the right in the VPS area. The 2nd - 6th grade meet in Room 201 of Randall Wright Hall. Erin Volpintesta will be helping us add music to our program as well.

Bibles will be presented to 3rd graders on **October 16th** at the 10:00am service

The 47th Annual Church Bazaar 11/18 & 19

A very successful, rewarding portion of our annual Bazaar is **SILENT BID!**

You, and other members of our church community donate an item, a skill, a Time share, Theater tickets, Golf foursome; A homemade pie or cake delivered every month for three months, a talent like painting or raking leaves, ceramics, home knitting, each item goes up for bid during the course of the Bazaar. Best price takes it!

Last year a Time Share that slept six located in Orlando, Florida was available. Maybe it will be available again? I do know there will be two tickets to a Broadway Matinee show, with lunch, pickup and delivery! Please consider making a donation to Silent Bid. It will be good for you and your church.

Sign Up Sheets

Please have a note in the Heartbeat that there will be sign up sheets available in Mitchell Hall after the 10:00 AM service asking for volunteers to help staff some of the booths,

Work in the kitchen,

Wait staff for the luncheon,

Solicitation of local businesses,

"Floating helpers" to man booths when chair people have to step away

Baking for the Country Store

End of Bazaar clean up

More opportunities to help coming soon.

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.

* The next UMW meeting is **October 24th** at 7:30pm and our topic will be 'Wicked Women of the Bible' led by Marty Bishop come and learn about the everyday lives of women in Biblical times.

Our annual memorial "Service of Light" will be at the November meeting. Please join us.

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.

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 bmethodistchurch@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

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!!!

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

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.

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