



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 08, 2017

Church Person(s) of the Week:

Pastor John would like to thank our administrative assistant Cheryl who manages all of the calls, emails and people which come daily to the church.

Today's Worship Assistants:

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: Bill Struth and Tom Wolff

Greeters: Alan and Debbie Brown

Ushers: Team D: Tracy Brown, Fran Bartholomew, Art Langer, Andrew Serfilippi

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:

Patience is not simply the ability to wait - it's how we behave while we're waiting. Joyce Meyer

The rose on the altar honors the baptism of McKenna Mae Kochan. McKenna is the daughter of Charles and Ashley Kochan. Her sponsors are Robert Stone and Kaitlyn Whitlock. 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.

Sunday Morning Ministries for 8:30am & 10:00am October 15th

Reader & Communion Steward 8:30am: Paul Young **Readers & Communion Stewards (set-up and serve):** Family Worship **Communion Stewards (serve and clean-up):** Family Worship **Counters:** Tracy Brown and Krista Mayer **Greeters:** Family Worship **Ushers:** Family Worship, Alan Brown and Tammy Esposito

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

Nursery Care: The nursery (for ages 2 and under) is located in the Education wing just before the bathrooms on the right!

This Week's BUMC Calendar:

Sunday	10/08	8:30am Early Worship 10:00am Worship Sunday School 5:00pm Sunday Night Live
Monday	10/09	7:00pm Brotherhood of Christ
Tuesday	10/10	
Wednesday	10/11	7:00pm Sisterhood of Christ 7:00pm Dave Ramsey
Thursday	10/12	Blood Drive 6:30pm Hand Bells 7:30pm Choir
Friday	10/13	
Saturday	10/14	11:00am-1:00pm Bottle Collection 5:30pm-7:30pm Pasta Dinner
Sunday	10/15	8:30am Early Worship 10:00am Family Worship Sunday School 5:00pm Sunday Night Live

Coming Events:

UMW Gently Used Clothing Sale	10/21
All Saint's Day	11/05

Church Conference

The church conference scheduled for October 18 has been postponed. New date will be sent out in the future



Family Pasta Dinners

Please join us for our monthly pasta dinner this coming Saturday **October 14th** 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

UMW's Gently Used Clothing Sale



Our first annual sale of gently used clothing will be held on Saturday, **October 21st**, from 10 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.

Volunteers are needed to help set up on October 20 from 1 pm to 4 pm, and also to take a shift at the sale. You can contact Ann McLellan at 203-744-2421 or email her at ann_mc_ellan@sbcglobal.net to volunteer or if you have any questions.

October 22nd – The UMW of Danbury has invited us to come to a program on Seeing Eye Dogs, Sunday afternoon at 2:30pm at the Danbury UMC on Clapboard Ridge Rd, Danbury.

October 23rd – UMW Meeting and Craft Night. 6:30- 9:00 pm. We will be making crafts for the Church Bazaar. Whether you've ever been to a meeting or not, please come and help.

Small Groups

Brotherhood of Christ meet Mondays at 7:00 pm. Sisterhood of Christ meets Wednesdays 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.

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.

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

Sponsorship

We have set a goal this year to have a sponsor for each of the pasta dinners. We currently need sponsor to offset the cost. When you contribute towards a sponsorship, you are at least doubling your donation towards the church. The pasta dinner committee works so hard for the church and having a sponsor makes it all worthwhile. A full sponsorship is \$300. If that doesn't work for you, you might be able to donate half or a quarter of that amount. Caraluzzi's gift cards can always be used too. Please consider being a sponsor to make this year's pasta dinners a big success. To donate please contact Jen Garrity at 203-300-1982 or Dave Morey at 203-744-6345.

CBS

Community Bible Study has started and continues to study the book of the prophet Isaiah. While Isaiah contains some sobering judgments against the nations of the world, it also holds glorious promises and comfort for God's people! Though written centuries ago, much of what was happening in Isaiah's time might be surprisingly applicable to the situations of today. Human nature with its needs, desires, attitudes, and weaknesses remains the same, but we have a God who is in control. Isaiah highlights God's power, sovereignty, holiness, trustworthiness, and salvation. Classes are Mondays from 7:30-9:00 p.m. at the Ridgefield Baptist Church 325 Danbury Road in Ridgefield, CT. Feel free to invite a friend or two to come along! Call Peter Eckert ((203)-733-8917) for information. To register, please contact our class coordinator, Linda Tilton at 203-431-9491 or LTilton@prodigy.net. May this study of Isaiah awaken us to hear God's voice.

"They who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint." Isaiah 40:31

All Saints' Day to be Observed

We will be observing All Saints' **Sunday on November 5th**. On that day we will be calling the roll of our saints who have passed away in the past year. Please give Cheryl the names of any of your loved ones who have gone on to glory in the past year if you would like them to be remembered at that service. Contact her at 203-743-6835 or bmethodistchurch@snet.net. There will also be a clipboard in the back of the sanctuary.

The flowers on the altar are for sale after the service. They are \$7.00 or \$10.00 with the vase. Please see Alice Mayer. The proceeds go toward landscaping the front lawn. If you need a flower arrangement during the week for a special occasion you can order them from Alice @ 203-748-2774. \$13.00 w/ the vase, delivered.

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.umcmision.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

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.