



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 16, 2016

Church Person(s) of the Week:

Today we'd like to honor Pastor John and his family during Pastor Appreciation month. Thank you to him and his family for the hard work, sacrificial dedication and multiple blessings provided by them to our church community.

Today's Worship Assistants:

Readers & Communion Stewards 8:30am: Paul Young

Readers & Communion Stewards (set-up and serve): Family Worship

Communion Stewards (serve and clean-up): Family Worship

Counters: Linda Bruce and Betty Lepus

Greeters: Family Worship

Ushers: Team F: Family Worship plus Alan Brown and 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:

"The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching" (1 Timothy 5:17).

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.

Sunday Morning Ministries for 8:30am & 10:00am October 23rd

Readers & Communion Stewards 8:30am: David McClain **Readers & Communion Stewards (set-up and serve):** Jessica Bardelli, Julien Schaad **Communion Stewards (serve and clean-up):** Sarah DeShan, Peter Philip **Counters:** Bill Struth and Claudia Schaefer **Greeters:** Alan and Debbie Brown **Ushers:** Team D: Tracy Brown, Fran Bartholomew, Paul McHugh, Lee Griswold

All Saints' Day to be Observed

We will be observing All Saints' **Sunday on October 30th**. 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 you can add the name to.

Sunday School

If you haven't filled out a registration form, please pick one up in the Narthex and return it to your Sunday School teacher

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	10/16	8:30am Worship 10:00am Family Worship 3 rd Grade Bibles Presented 5:00pm-6:00pm Youth Group
Monday	10/17	7:30pm Church Council
Tuesday	10/18	
Wednesday	10/19	7:30pm Dave Ramsey wk 5
Thursday	10/20	6:30pm Hand bells 7:30pm Choir
Friday	10/21	
Saturday	10/22	
Sunday	10/23	8:30am & 10:00am Worship Sunday School; 5:00pm-6:00pm Youth Group

Coming Events:

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 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 donating to Silent Bid. It will be good for you and your church.

Sign Up Sheets

Please sign up in Mitchell Hall after the 10:00 AM service to volunteer for the Bazaar in the following areas:

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

*** CALLING ALL WOMEN (Men will not be turned away)!**

Who are the "Wicked" women of the Bible? Why?

Come and learn more at the UMW meeting on Monday, October 24, 2016. The business meeting starts at 7:30 followed by our special program. Marty Bishop has come up with a great program for us!

* Don't forget that the Prayer Shawl group meets 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.

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 we are collecting all kinds of under garments

Bobbi Jo Beers will be ordering a variety of items at wholesale. For example a 12 pack of socks will cost \$7 - 6 bras \$8 etc. If you'd prefer to make a cash donation and stretch your dollar please give the \$\$ directly to her or one of her children by **October 23rd**.

November will be collecting hats, gloves, coats, blankets and sheets.

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.

Other ways you can serve: Support the Jerry Shike Youth Missions Fund, join a firewood ministry team, think about becoming a Stephen Minister.

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!!!

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.

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

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

We would like to thank Tammy Esposito for lending her calligraphy talents by inscribing our Bibles every year and Confirmation certificates.