



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 22, 2017

Church Person(s) of the Week:

Thanks to all of the UMW ladies who made the Clothing Sale such a success!

Today's Worship Assistants:

Reader & Communion Steward 8:30am: Martha Bishop

Readers & Communion Stewards (set-up and serve): Julien Schaad & Stacie McLaughlin

Communion Stewards (serve and clean-up): Tom Wolff & Dave Morey

Counters: Janette Blackstock & Dave Albin

Greeters: Marty Bishop & Dawn Tomaino

Ushers: Team B: Alan Brown, Joe Benner, 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.

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

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	10/22	8:30am Early Worship 10:00am Worship Sunday School 2:30 Seeing Eye Dogs @ Danbury UMW 5:00pm Sunday Night Live
Monday	10/23	6:30pm UMW meeting & craft night 7:00pm Brotherhood of Christ
Tuesday	10/24	3:00-5:30 Food Pantry 7:30pm Trustees
Wednesday	10/25	7:00pm Sisterhood of Christ 7:00pm Dave Ramsey
Thursday	10/26	6:30pm Hand Bells 7:30pm Choir
Friday	10/27	
Saturday	10/28	Trick or Treat Street
Sunday	10/29	8:30am Early Worship 10:00am Worship Sunday School 5:00pm Sunday Night Live

Coming Events:

All Saint's Day

11/05

Quote for the week:

Christ's flock is made up of sheep that not only listen to their shepherd, but are also able to recognize his voice, to follow him, faithfully and with full awareness, on the pastures of eternal life. Pope John XXIII

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.

Sunday Morning Ministries for 8:30am & 10:00am October 29th

Reader & Communion Steward 8:30am: David McClain **Readers & Communion Stewards (set-up and serve):** Diane Meldon & Steve Temple

Communion Stewards (serve and clean-up): Angela Bassett & Rick Kelly

Counters: Linda Bruce and Betty Lepus **Greeters:** Linda Bruce and Betty Lepus **Ushers:** Team C: Debbie Albin, Krista Mayer, Frank Tomaino

UMW News

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.

UMW's Gently Used Clothing Sale

Thank you to all who donated to our UMW first annual sale of gently used clothing. Your donations went to help us benefit organizations supported by the United Methodist Women. UMW monies go to such things as the pastor's discretionary fund, handicapped access fund, Bethel Social Services, the Food Pantry, UMCOR for hurricane relief in Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico, Days for Girls program in Africa

Annual Christmas Bazaar

The Bethel United Methodist 48th Annual Christmas Bazaar will be held on Friday **December 1st** from 6 PM to 9 PM and on Saturday **December 2nd** from 9 AM to 4 PM.

This is the single largest fundraiser for our church. How can you contribute to our success?

The Bazaar offers for sale hand crafted items, plants, a wide array of silent bid items, gifts from a kissing tree, take a chance on winning a theme basket, books, lunch, homemade cookies, pickles in a barrel, and pictures with Santa. All of these items are donated!

What can you bring? What can you donate? For Silent Bid we have had a time share in Orlando, Florida donated. Do you have a time share, winter get-a-way place or a beach cottage you could donate? Offer to donate a homemade pie for three months. Offer to rake a lawn, or do minor fix-ups. Can you donate doing taxes, or make a will. or dental care. Use your imagination what could you offer? Hire the choir to sing at your house?

Theme baskets are our most popular event. Could you put together a unique Theme basket? There will be craft making get together's in the next few weeks - why not join them to make these crafts? And, yes we need volunteers to make the Bazaar happen. Please see Peter Philip to sign up.

Do you know these businesses?

We are looking for parishioners who know the following businesses: Bethel Pizza House, Brushworks Salon, Grassy Plain Pizza, Littlest Angel, Olive's Amoire, Quality Gem, Sycamore Restaurant, Tail Waggers, J. Lawrence, Prime Pub, Taproot, Pet Valu or Snap Fitness. If you frequent one of these stores we would like to ask you to hand deliver our bazaar form and ask them to donate to our Bazaar. Please see Carol Morey for paperwork.

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.

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.

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

A note from the Red Cross

Your Recent Blood Drive Results:

Your blood drive registered 31 donors and collected 28 pints of blood. You and your team also registered 3 first time donors. The goal was 25 pints so you surpassed the goal. Thank you for your gifts of time and support. We truly appreciate your generosity. The patients who have benefited from the blood collected at your blood drive are beyond grateful.

A note from Alice:

I am sorry for any people who had time issues @ the blood drive. I have registered a complaint. Hopefully it won't happen again.

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.

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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

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

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.

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.

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