



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 29, 2017

Church Person(s) of the Week:

We want to thank Linda Bruce for keeping our communion garments clean and fresh every week!

Today's Worship Assistants:

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

Flowers: The roses on the altar are in honor of Jackie Kulp's 80th Birthday!

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.

Quote for the week:

Where there is charity and wisdom, there is neither fear nor ignorance. Francis of Assisi

Happy 80th Birthday to Jackie Kulp!!

Please join us downstairs for cake and help Jackie celebrate her 80th Birthday! Happy Birthday Jackie!

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 November 5th

Reader & Communion Steward 8:30am: Peter Eckert **Readers & Communion Stewards (set-up and serve):** Tracy Brown & Chris Barnabo **Communion Stewards (serve and clean-up):** James Wolff & Stacie McLaughlin **Counters:** Bill Struth and Tom Wolff **Greeters:** Deb and Dave Albin **Ushers:** Team D: Tracy Brown, Fran Bartholomew, Art Langer, Andrew Serfilippi

UMW News

We celebrate the **Service of Light** beginning at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary on **November 27th**. This is a service of remembrance of all the women who have paved the way and touched our lives. All are welcome to participate. There will be a business meeting after the service.

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.

Craft Workshops

Craft workshops are being held on Saturday Nov 4th and 7th from 9 to 12 at the church. We are making crafts for the bazaar. Anyone who is crafty and would like to make something at home to donate, please contact Jackie Penyak at jackiepenyak@me.com.

Gently Used books

We need Donations of NEW and GENTLY used books, puzzles and games for the [Book Sale](#).

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.

Notice from the Trustees

Please do not leave furniture, trash, or other items in the hallways or stairways of the Church. This restricts access and poses a hazard in the case of an emergency. Please properly dispose of all trash in the dumpster and store other items appropriately.

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

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.

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

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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.