



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 30, 2016

Church Person(s) of the Week:

Today we'd like to thank Jessica Bardelli for stepping up and volunteering to be our new music coordinator.

Today's Worship Assistants:

Readers & Communion Stewards 8:30am: Marty Bishop

Readers & Communion Stewards (set-up and serve): Diane Meldon, Tom Wolff

Communion Stewards (serve and clean-up): Bill Struth, Kyle Johnston

Counters: Tracy Brown and Krista Mayer

Greeters:

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.

Restrooms: The restrooms are located through the side door on the right of the sanctuary, go through

Quote for the week:

Success is due to our stretching to the challenges of life. Failure comes when we shrink from them. John C. Maxwell

Our Prayers Local Concerns: Rev. Robert Johnson, Ann Tibbatts **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.

News

Former BUMC member Ann Tibbatts had a knee revision surgery. If you would like to send a card her address is 138 Kinney Hill Rd, New Preston, CT 06777.

Sunday Morning Ministries for 8:30am & 10:00am November 6th

Readers & Communion Stewards 8:30am: Peter Eckert **Readers & Communion Stewards (set-up and serve):** James Wolff, Tracy Brown **Communion Stewards (serve and clean-up):** Uta Robertson, Angela Bassett **Counters:** Janette Blackstock and Dave Albin **Greeters:** Linda Bruce and Betty Lepus **Ushers:** Team C: Debbie Albin, Krista Mayer, Frank Tomaino

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. You can sign up on line @ redcrossblood.org. 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 (2 hours) please see Alice Mayer.

Sunday School

Time to be thinking about the Christmas Pageant to be held December 15th (Family Sunday) If you are interested in the planning and costume preparation please let Ann McLellan know.

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	10/30	8:30am & 10:00am Worship Sunday School; 5:00pm-6:00pm Youth Group
Monday	10/31	
Tuesday	11/01	7:00pm Nurture/Membership
Wednesday	11/02	7:30pm Dave Ramsey wk 7
Thursday	11/03	6:30pm Hand bells 7:30pm Choir
Friday	11/04	
Saturday	11/05	10:00am-12:00am Off the Streets
Sunday	11/06	8:30am & 10:00am Worship Sunday School UMW Soup Sale 5:00pm-6:00pm Youth Group

Coming Events:

County Bazaar: November 18th & 19th

Request for Theme Baskets

Please help make the Bazaar a big success. We are in need of Theme Baskets this year. This booth has been one of the main attractions of the Bazaar and we want to keep it that way! Over the years we have been relying too heavily on contributions from the community and we would like to get back to having church members donate baskets. It's fun and easy to create a basket. Gather the kids, your friends, your spouse, come up with a theme and use your imagination. Think of things you'd enjoy receiving and put it all together! There are some extra baskets in the closet in Mitchell Hall if you need one. If you have any questions or need ideas, please contact Nancy O'Halloran at 203 792-7833 or you can email me at nancyoh@snet.net. Thanks!

Bethel UMC Outreach Opportunities

Today is "Undies Sunday" and if the Spirit so moves you there are envelopes (write Undies Sunday on the envelope) in the pews for you to bless someone and then please place them in the offering plate...Thank you and God bless you!

Outreach is meeting on Thursday November 3rd at 6:30pm if you are interested in our Outreach Committee and serving our church and community please come join us.

Tres Dias Reunion Group kick-off meeting will be Saturday morning November 12th at 8am in the sanctuary.

"Fill A Van For Vets" provided by the Bethel Women's Club will be here on November 12th during our monthly pasta dinner from 5:30-7:30pm. If the Spirit so moves you please see the items that they may need in the Heartbeat...Thank you!

The "Giving Tree" will be up in Mitchell Hall on Sunday November 27th. This is a wonderful way to share the love of Christ during the Christmas Season...Thank You!

"Warm Bodies Sunday" will be Sunday January 8th. We will be collecting new and used hats, gloves, scarves, jackets, coats, boots, and blankets...Thank you!

"Spare Change Sunday" will be January 29th. All the spare change will go directly to anyone in our community needing some help in the form of gift cards and other ways to help someone get through a tough time...Thank you!

B U M C - BAZAAR 2016

Greetings Everybody;

Please review sign up sheets to determine what you can contribute to our Bazaar.

We need more *baked at home* cookies and sweets. (Please - no store bought items.)

Please take a flyer and give to your friends and neighbors.

Please invite everyone you can to attend and to join in on the Christmas Carol sing- a- long at 1:00PM on Saturday the 19th.

Thanks- Peter

Gently Used books

We need Donations of NEW and GENTLY used books, puzzles and games for the Book Sale.

Perennial/Flower sale

Thanks to all who bought plants and/or flowers from the perennial sale. We made \$910.00 for the access fund.
- Alice

Wanted

Wine corks for a bazaar project. See Alice if you have some.

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.

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!

UMW News

* We celebrate the **Service of Light** beginning at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary on November 28th. 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. Election of 2017 officers and Mission spending are on the agenda.

* The New York Conference is sponsoring a Conference, District and Local Officers Leadership Development Day, on Saturday, November 12th in Westport. A few of our leadership team will be attending.

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

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.

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