



*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

November 05, 2017

### **Church Person(s) of the Week:**

Many thanks to Erin Volpintesta for her commitment to our Sunday Night Live service

### **Today's Worship Assistants:**

**Reader & Communion Steward 8:30am:** Peter Eckert

**Readers & Communion Stewards (set-up and serve):** Tracy Brown & James Wolff

**Communion Stewards (serve and clean-up):** Steve Temple

**Counters:** Bill Struth and Tom Wolff

**Greeters:** Deb and Dave Albin

**Ushers:** Team D: Tracy Brown, 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 list](#), or add someone, please contact **Audrey Stejskal** at [arstejskal@aol.com](mailto:arstejskal@aol.com)

### **Quote for the week:**

Quote of the week: In all of my years of service to my Lord, I have discovered a truth that has never failed and has never been compromised. That truth is that it is beyond the realm of possibilities that one has the ability to out give God. Even if I give the whole of my worth to Him, He will find a way to give back to me much more than I gave. -Charles Spurgeon

### **Sunday Morning Ministries for 8:30am & 10:00am November 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Reader & Communion Steward 8:30am:** Paul Young **Readers & Communion Stewards (set-up and serve):** Julien Schaad **Communion Stewards (serve and clean-up):** Tom Wolff & Steve Temple **Counters:** Tracy Brown and Krista Mayer **Greeters:** Alan and Debbie Brown **Ushers:** Team B: Alan Brown, Joe Benner, Tammy Esposito

### **Thank you note from Jackie**

Thank you to my church family and friends who wished me a Happy Birthday on Sunday. I was truly overwhelmed by the flowers, cake and best wishes.

**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	11/05	All Saint's Day 8:30am Early Worship 10:00am Worship Sunday School UMW Soup Sale Wesley Lounge Dedication 5:00pm Sunday Night Live
Monday	11/06	7:00pm Brotherhood of Christ
Tuesday	11/07	7:30pm - Finance
Wednesday	11/08	7:00pm Sisterhood of Christ 7:00pm Dave Ramsey
Thursday	11/09	6:30pm Hand Bells 7:30pm Choir
Friday	11/10	
Saturday	11/11	9:00-12:00 Craft Workshop 11am-1:00pm Bottle Collection 5:30pm-7:30pm Pasta Dinner Stuff a Bus
Sunday	11/12	8:30am Early Worship 10:00am Worship Sunday School 5:00pm Sunday Night Live

### **Coming Events:**

UMW Service of Light	11/27
UMW Christmas Party	12/11



### **Family Pasta Dinners**

Please join us for our monthly pasta dinner this coming Saturday **November 11<sup>th</sup>** 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

### **Tellabration**

Welcome to *Tellabration!* an evening of storytelling for adults and young adults.

*Tellabration!* is a celebration of storytelling. It was begun by J. G. Pinkerton, a Connecticut storyteller and is now celebrated all over the world in the weeks just before Thanksgiving.

This year, the Bethel *Tellabration!* is being held in the Wesley Lounge of Bethel United Methodist Church on Saturday, **November 18** at 7 p.m. Admission is by donation for the church. Hosted by local storyteller Martha Bishop, it features local storytellers, Jeanne Rogers, Ben Shaw, and Maureen Arvidson.

### **UMW News**

We celebrate the **Service of Light** beginning at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary on **November 27<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

### **50<sup>th</sup> year celebration of the Randall-Wright Hall**

Come celebrate during church on **December 10<sup>th</sup>** our **50<sup>th</sup>** year of the consecration of Randall-Wright Hall, our education building.

**Dateline 1966:** Although agreement is not unanimous, the Bethel Methodist Church decides to build a church school building. Prior to the courageous decision - assumption of debt far beyond what seemed repayable - church school was held in the church hall. Rev. Randall wrote: "...last year we appointed a Building Committee with the task of ...hiring an architect to have preliminary plans drawn for an addition to our church. They have ... hired the firm of Van Summern and Weigold Architects of Stamford, Connecticut and New York. ...plans for our new building depend on all the people of this church. This is your church and how you meet the needs...depends on each individual member. ...we are losing people and children from the church because of our inadequate facilities. My plea and prayer...to all is that we move ahead with faith as God has given us the ability to see it and erect a structure dedicated to God and the religious education of our children and children of the future."

### **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.

### **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 20<sup>th</sup> to March 1<sup>st</sup>, 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](mailto: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

# ASP JUG

“Brother can you spare a dime?”

Our ASP spare change jug is being placed in Mitchell Hall on Sunday mornings. Please stop by and drop in your loose change. Every little bit helps our teams get to Appalachia...

Thank You!!!



### **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.

### **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.

### **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

### **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](mailto: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