



*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 06, 2016

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

Today we'd like to thank everyone who helped out during our Trick or Treat Street day.

### Today's Worship Assistants:

**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

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:

*"One of the greatest discoveries a man makes, one of his great surprises, is to find he can do what he was afraid he couldn't do." - Henry Ford*

**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.

### Sunday Morning Ministries for 8:30am & 10:00am November 13<sup>th</sup>

**Readers & Communion Stewards 8:30am:** David McClain **Readers & Communion Stewards (set-up and serve):** Sarah DeShan, Peter Philip **Communion Stewards (serve and clean-up):** Doug Williams, Wendy Williams **Counters:** Craig and Kathy Keith **Greeters:** Deb and Dave Albin **Ushers:** Team D: Tracy Brown, Fran Bartholomew, Paul McHugh, Lee Griswold

### 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](http://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 15<sup>th</sup>** (Family Sunday) If you are interested in the planning and costume preparation please let Ann McLellan know.

### Request for Theme Baskets

Please help make the Bazaar a big success. We are in need of Theme Baskets this year. This booth has

**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	11/06	8:30am & 10:00am Worship Sunday School; 5:00pm-6:00pm Youth Group UMW Soup Sale
Monday	11/07	
Tuesday	11/08	7:00pm Nurture/Membership
Wednesday	11/09	7:30pm Dave Ramsey
Thursday	11/10	6:30pm Hand bells 7:30pm Choir
Friday	11/11	
Saturday	11/12	8:00am Tres Dias Reunion Kick off Meeting 11-1pm Bottle Collection Skate team clothing drive 5:30pm-7:30pm Pasta Dinner- Stuff a Bus
Sunday	11/13	8:30am & 10:00am Worship Sunday School 5:00pm-6:00pm Youth Group

### Coming Events:

County Bazaar: November 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>

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](mailto:nancyoh@snet.net). Thanks!

### **Family Pasta Dinners**

Please join us for our monthly pasta dinner this coming Saturday **November 12<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

### **Bethel UMC Outreach Opportunities**

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

"Fill A Van For Vets" provided by the Bethel Women's Club will be here on **November 12<sup>th</sup>** during our monthly pasta dinner from 5:30-7:30pm. If the Spirit so moves you please see the items listed on the back of this Heart Beat ...Thank you!

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

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

"Spare Change Sunday" will be **January 29<sup>th</sup>**. 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!

### **Interfaith Celebration**

The annual **Interfaith Celebration** will be held at our church on **Wednesday, 11/23 at 7:30pm**. Cantor Penny Kessler will preach. There will be a combined choir as well.

### **Braided Pastry Fundraiser for Village Preschool**

It's that time of the year again! VPS is selling Braided Pastry! Orders are taken through November 28<sup>th</sup>. You can find the order forms on the table in the Narthax.

### **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 19<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks- Peter

### **Gently Used books**

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

### **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](mailto: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 28<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. 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:bmthodistchurch@snet.net) or 203-743-6835

## **The Bazaar's success depends on your continued support!**

### **11 Ways That You Can Help!**

1. Donate a new/unused item or service for the Silent Auction (do you own a time share or property you could contribute? Do you have a skill, talent/hobby you could share?)
2. Donate handmade/new crafts (pillows, blankets, wood crafts, card making, doll making, knitting, crocheting, and felting) for Calico Corners
3. Donate Christmas crafts, ornaments, wreaths, or candles for Holly Hearth
4. Donate small, new/unused prizes for the Kiss Tree (hit the Christmas Tree Shop and visit those clearance bins when you are out shopping). We need prizes for adults and children
5. Donate plants and pots (or other containers), jewelry or small antiques for the Plants etc Booth
6. Cook a stew, soup, lasagna etc for the Taste of BUMC (cooking nights will be scheduled as these meals need to be prepared in the church kitchen)
7. Bake (cookies, loaves, breads, pies...) or prepare jam, fudge or candy for the Country Store
8. Donate a basket for the Theme Baskets Table (cooking, baking, coffee/tea lovers, pet, fishing, games, teddy bears, candles, movie night, sports....)
9. Donate your time to help at the Bazaar (setup the night before, run a booth, help in the kitchen or serve breakfast/lunch in the BUMC Café)
10. Donate GENTLY used books, puzzles and games for the Book Sale
11. Donate food supplies for the kitchen. These items need to be at the church by Friday November 18<sup>th</sup> 5pm.

Signups available in Mitchell Hall for donations of time, food and many booth items!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

**Please contribute in whatever way you can! Contact me with any questions, suggestions, offers of donation etc. ([petersells@aol.com](mailto:petersells@aol.com))**

**Thank you for your support! Peter Philip, Bazaar Chair**

