



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 13, 2016

Church Person(s) of the Week:

Thank you to everyone who is working behind the scenes this week preparing, cleaning, cooking, crafting, organizing etc. to help ensure our Bazaar next week will be a success!

Today's Worship Assistants:

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

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 **Quote for the week:**

"It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving." Mother Teresa

Our Prayers Local Concerns: Rev. Robert Johnson **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 20th

Readers & Communion Stewards 8:30am: David McClain **Readers & Communion Stewards (set-up and serve):** Family Worship **Communion Stewards (serve and clean-up):** Family Worship **Counters:** Bill Struth and Claudia Schaefer **Greeters:** Family Worship **Ushers:** Team F: Family Worship plus Alan Brown and Tammy Esposito

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.

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!

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.

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	11/13	8:30am & 10:00am Worship Sunday School; 5:00pm-6:00pm Youth Group
Monday	11/14	
Tuesday	11/15	7:30pm Church Council 6:00pm-8:00pm Brotherhood in Action sort & pack
Wednesday	11/16	7:30pm Dave Ramsey
Thursday	11/17	6:30pm Hand bells 7:30pm Choir
Friday	11/18	5:00pm-8:00pm Bazaar
Saturday	11/19	9:00am-4:00pm Bazaar
Sunday	11/20	8:30am & 10:00am Worship Sunday School 5:00pm-6:00pm

Coming Events:

Interfaith Celebration

The annual **Interfaith Celebration** will be held at our church on **Wednesday, 11/23 at 7:30pm**

Bethel Tree Lighting

The Bethel Tree Lighting is on Friday, **November 25th**. Bethel United Methodist Church will be greeting people and offering free cups of hot chocolate. Won't you please consider lending a hand? One, two or three hours? This is a great way to give some time to helping the church, and it is not a huge commitment. In addition, we always have tons of fun!! Please email Jackie Penyak at jackiepenyak@me.com or call her cell, 203-994-9717 and let her know your availability. We also need donations of canisters of hot chocolate.

Bethel UMC Outreach Opportunities

"The Giving Tree" will be up in Mitchell Hall on Sunday **November 27th** and if the Spirit so moves you please ask the Lord which tag and family that He would like you to bless and to pray for.

November 27th will also be "Warm Bodies Sunday" and we are looking for new and slightly used coats, hats, gloves, scarves, jackets, and boots. Again we ask that if the Spirit so moves you to bring some of or all of these items to church.

This is also a great way to get your family and friends in the Christmas Spirit by asking them if they want share in the gift of giving.

Thank you to all that came to last night's pasta dinner and helped to "Fill a Van for a Vet" drive!!!

Your BUMC Outreach Committee

Braided Pastry Fundraiser for Village Preschool

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

Save the date

Our first church sponsored blood drive will be held on Tuesday **November 29th**. 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 have volunteers for the drive, but are still in need of finger foods. If you can help please see Alice Mayer.

B U M C - BAZAAR 2016

We hope everyone will attend the Bazaar, - invite your friends, family, and neighbors. It is an ideal event to see who we are and what we do while having the opportunity to be entertained, fed, and intrigued with gift ideas, and you can also have your picture taken with Santa Claus!

Donations for the Bazaar

If you are donating items to the Bazaar PLEASE put your name and what they are for on the donation. Please call the church office to determine if we need the items or want them before bringing them in. Unknown items go directly to the dumpster. -Trustees

Bazaar Update

Greetings All,

Anyone donating anything for the Bazaar can deliver it on Thursday. We will be setting up from 9:00am till.... All "Silent bid" items must be delivered to Krista Mayer by **Tuesday 11/15**. And Please include a description of what it is + value and starting bid.

Gently Used books

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

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.

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

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