



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 19, 2017

Church Person(s) of the Week:

Thanks to Rick Kelly for spearheading our Stewardship Campaign. His leadership and testimony were inspiring to all!

Today's Worship Assistants:

Reader & Communion Steward 8:30am: David McClain

Readers & Communion Stewards (set-up and serve): Family Worship

Communion Stewards (serve and clean-up): Family Worship

Counters: Janette Blackstock & Dave Albin

Greeters: Family Worship

Ushers: Family Worship plus Alan Brown and Tammy Esposito

Coffee Host(s): Connie Brescia

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:

Thanksgiving Day is a good day to recommit our energies to giving thanks and just giving. -Amy Grant

The rose on the altar honors the baptism of Nolan Edward Gabriel. Nolan is the son of Ashley and John Gabriel. His sponsors are Robert Gabriel and Cindi Primeau. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Sunday Morning Ministries for 8:30am & 10:00am November 26th

Reader & Communion Steward 8:30am: Martha Bishop **Readers & Communion Stewards (set-up and serve):** Diane Meldon & Stacie McLaughlin **Communion Stewards (serve and clean-up):** Angela Bassett & Rick Kelly **Counters:** Linda Bruce and Betty Lepus **Greeters:** Marty Bishop & Dawn Tomaino **Ushers:** Team C: Debbie Albin, Krista Mayer, Frank Tomaino

Interfaith Service

On Monday November 20th there will be an Interfaith Service at the United Jewish Center, 141 Deer Hill Ave. Danbury at 7:00pm. This event is sponsored by ARC. All are welcome! If you need more information please call Jo Gabriele at 203-792-9450.

Prayer List: If you would like to receive the prayer list, or add someone, please contact **Audrey Stejskal** at arstejskal@aol.com

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	11/19	8:30am Early Worship 10:00am Family Worship ASP Bake Sale 5:00pm Sunday Night Live
Monday	11/20	7:00pm Interfaith Service at the United Jewish Center 7:00pm Brotherhood of Christ
Tuesday	11/21	7:30pm Church Council
Wednesday	11/22	7:00pm Sisterhood of Christ
Thursday	11/23	Thanksgiving
Friday	11/24	Office Closed Bethel Tree Lighting
Saturday	11/25	
Sunday	11/26	8:30am Early Worship 10:00am Worship Sunday School 5:00pm Sunday Night Live

Coming Events:

UMW Service of Light	11/27
Hanging of the Greens	12/03
UMW Christmas Party	12/11
Children's Christmas Pageant	12/17

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.

Covenant to Care



It's that wonderful time of year again when we have an opportunity to help Bethel children in need and children identified by Wellmore social services. The tree will go up on Sunday, **Nov. 26th** and will be there on Sunday, **Dec. 3rd** also. Take a numbered TAG and sign it out on the clipboard. The purchased gifts will be returned to BUMC by **December 10th**. **PLEASE DO NOT WRAP THE GIFTS** just place them in a Christmas gift bag. Tissue paper can be included also. Have fun shopping for these very special Christmas gifts and smile when you remember these young people on

Christmas morning. With many thanks, Carol Morey damorey@comcast.net 203-744-6345

Fill A Brown Advent Bag and Help Those in Need in Bethel

Brotherhood-in-Action continues to supply canned goods to those in need in Bethel. We will be placing "Brown Advent Bags" in the pews beginning Sunday, **November 26th**. Please pick one up, fill it with canned goods and return the filled bag on Sunday, **December 10th**. Let's help Brotherhood-in-Action help our neighbors. They will sort the canned goods, compile baskets and distribute baskets of food to Bethel families in need in time for Christmas.

THEME BASKETS FOR THE BAZAAR: Calling all church members and friends!

We are in need of Theme Baskets for the Bazaar and you can help. 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 in a basket. There are some extra baskets in the closet in Mitchell Hall if you need one. The completed basket can be dropped off in Mitchell Hall on Friday, **December 1st**. If you have any questions you can call me, Nancy O'Halloran, at 203 792-7833 or email me at nancyoh@snet.net. Thanks! And let's make this year's Theme Basket Booth the best ever.

Stewardship is Strong at BUMC in 1967

The Rev. Wallace R. Randall wrote: "The fund raising part of the Building Committee has truly been active....a goal 4 times the budget of the church was raised and oversubscribed which spoke well for the people of the church and their...concerns for having adequate facilities for the education of future generation." RANDALL-WRIGHT HALL is 50 years old!

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.

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!!!



Buy a Brick and Give the Gift that Lasts a Lifetime!

Bethel United Methodist Church is selling engraved commemorative bricks that will line the walk way to our front door. The bricks may be personalized with names, dates, and special messages, and can include one of five artwork designs if you choose. Bricks will be 4" x 8", red, and are offered at \$50 per brick (same price if artwork is used or not). Includes up to three lines of print, and 15 characters with an image, or 20 characters without an image, per line.

Your brick will remain visible for generations to come! All proceeds raised from the bricks will go to fund our landscaping design project. A sample of the brick is available for viewing in the downstairs area outside the kitchen (Brick will not include the company's name).

We also offer a 4" x 4" replica brick of your order, suitable for indoor display, or use as a coaster! These replicas are offered at \$20 each in addition to your brick order.

Orders can be placed either by a paper order form found in our communications center, or via online at www.polarengraving.com/BethelUnitedMethodist. At the site you can see a sample of your brick with your image and engraving. Orders placed online still need to have a check mailed in - there is no online payment accepted. Deadline is December 10th.

Please contact Lori Mott at 203-300-8516 or zoogirl527@gmail.com with questions. Thanks!

Perennial Plant/ Flower Sale

Thanks to all who purchased plants / flowers this year. We made **\$840.00** and the money will be used to landscape the front of the church come Spring. -Alice

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. Emotions Anonymous: Tuesdays 5:00pm- 6:00pm, Saturdays 6:00pm-7:00pm. 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.

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. 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

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