



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

December 4, 2016

Church Person(s) of the Week:

Today we'd like to thank Alice Mayer for coordinating the Blood Drive this past Tuesday. There is a shortage of blood every year at this time.

Today's Worship Assistants:

Readers & Communion Stewards 8:30am: Peter Eckert

Readers & Communion Stewards (set-up and serve): Peter Philip, Chris Barnabo

Communion Stewards (serve and clean-up):

Diane Meldon, Tom Wolff

Counters: Tracy Brown and Krista Mayer

Greeters: Marty Bishop

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.

Quote for the week:

Peace cannot be kept by force; it can only be achieved by understanding. Albert Einstein

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.

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

Sunday Morning Ministries for 8:30am & 10:00am December 11th

Readers & Communion Stewards 8:30am: Paul Young **Readers & Communion Stewards (set-up and serve):** Julien Schaad, Jessica Bardelli **Communion Stewards (serve and clean-up):** Tracy Brown, James Wolff **Counters:** Janette Blackstock and Dave Albin **Greeters:** Linda Bruce and Betty Lepus **Ushers:** Team D:

Tracy Brown, Fran Bartholomew, Paul McHugh, Lee Griswold

Family Pasta Dinners

Please join us for our monthly pasta dinner this coming Saturday **December 10th** 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

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	12/04	Second week of Advent 8:30am & 10:00am Worship Sunday School UMW Soup Sale 5pm-6pm Youth Group
Monday	12/05	
Tuesday	12/06	7:00pm Nurture/Membership 7:30pm Finance
Wednesday	12/07	
Thursday	12/08	
Friday	12/09	
Saturday	12/10	8:00am Tres Dias Reunion Group 9:30am-11:00am WSG Advent
Sunday	12/11	8:30am & 10:00am Worship 5pm-6pm Youth Group

Coming Events:

12/18 2:45pm Making of the Greens
4:00pm Hanging of the Greens followed by
potluck

Tres Dias Reunion Group

We will be having a Tres Dias Reunion Group on **December 10th** at 8:00am in the Sanctuary. The group is open to all members of the Tres Dias community. Please contact John Esposito at jtespo@att.net if you have any questions.

Women's Spirituality Advent Study

Our Women's Spirituality Advent Study is Saturday mornings 9:30am-11:00am. Please join us on **December 10th, 17th**.

Fill A Brown Advent Bag For Our Bethel Neighbors

Brown Advent Bags are available to be picked up in the narthex. Please fill the bag with canned goods and return it to Mitchell Hall on Sunday, **December 11th**. All items will be sorted and distributed by Brotherhood-in-Action to those in need in time for Christmas.

UMW Christmas Party

The Christmas Party is **December 12, 2016**, 6:30 pm at Plain Jane's. All BUMC women are invited. Bring a wrapped gift (\$8-10). Dessert is paid for by the UMW.

Bethel UMC Outreach Opportunities

"The Giving Tree" is up in Mitchell Hall today. 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.

"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!

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.

-Your BUMC Outreach Committee

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

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 bmthodistchurch@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!

From the Red Cross President

When you made the commitment to sponsor a blood program and host a winter blood drive, you helped save lives. It can be especially challenging to host a blood drive during the hectic winter holiday season, but your efforts have made a real difference

Note: We registered 27 donors, 23 were able to give and we had 1 first time donor. Thanks to all who helped make this blood drive happen.

Alice

