



*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 11, 2016

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

Thank you to all who donated the many coats, hats, scarfs and mittens. Our first "Warm Bodies Sunday" collection was a success!!!!

### Today's Worship Assistants:

**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

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.

**Nursery Care:** The nursery (for ages 3 and under)

### Quote for the week:

"if God took the trouble to tell us eight hundred times to be glad and rejoice, He must want us to do it—SOME."  
 – Eleanor H. Porter, Pollyanna

**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](mailto:arstejskal@aol.com)**

### Sunday Morning Ministries for 8:30am & 10:00am December 18<sup>th</sup>

**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:** Craig and Kathy Keith **Greeters:** Family Worship **Ushers:** Team F: Family Worship plus Alan Brown and Tammy Esposito

### 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.

is located in the Education wing just before the bathrooms on the right!

### **This Week's BUMC Calendar:**

Sunday	12/11	Third week of Advent 8:30am & 10:00am Worship Sunday School 5pm-6pm Youth Group
Monday	12/12	6:30pm UMW Christmas Party
Tuesday	12/13	
Wednesday	12/14	
Thursday	12/15	
Friday	12/16	
Saturday	12/17	8:00am Breakfast with Santa 9:30am-11:00am WSG Advent
Sunday	12/18	8:30am Worship 10:00am Family Worship with Christmas Pageant 2:45pm Making of the Greens 4:00pm Hanging of the Greens followed by potluck

### **Coming Events:**

12/24 5:00pm & 9:00pm Christmas Eve Service  
 12/25 11:00am Christmas Day Worship Service

### **Women's Spirituality Advent Study**

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

### **Christmas Pageant next week, December 18<sup>th</sup>**

Sunday School Children need to be in church by 9:30am to get into costumes.

### **Bethel UMC Outreach Opportunities**

"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!

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](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.

### **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

### **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!

**The Bethel business community was extremely generous donating to our Bazaar. When you visit these businesses, who donated to us please take a moment to thank them for their support of our Bazaar. They need to receive this very important feedback directly from you! And they will remember your appreciation when you return next year to help solicit their donation for 2017!**

Alice's Flower Shop	Hollandia	Paul Morton Jewelers
A New Beginning	Integrated Pain and Stress Relief	Peachwave
Armando's	Jacqueline's	Pizzaria Lauretano
At Home Again	Joe Brenner	Plain Jane's Restaurant
Bethel Music Center	John Fulton Jewelers	Quality Gem
Bethel Food Market	La Mitad del Mundo	Rizzutos
Bethel Garden Club	La Zingara	Sandy Hook Diner
Bethel Pizza House	Littlest Angel	Savings Bank of Danbury
Big Y	Mazzo	Silver Touch
Biksbees	Molten Java	Spa at Grassy Plain
Billy's BBQ	Music Guild	Stop and Shop
Blue Jay Orchards	My Place	Sycamore
Brushworks Salon	O'Neil's	Tail Waggers
Byrd's Books	Old Heidelberg	The Gift Cottage
COPAS	Olive's Amoire	The Toy Room
Cream and Sugar	Ortegas	Toe Toe Nails
Danbury Westerners	Outback Steakhouse	UK Gourmet
English Apothecary	New Fairfield Press	Union Savings Bank
Famous Pizza	Pancho's Tacos Mexican Restaurant	Yoga Space
Grassy Plain Pizza		

