



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 25, 2016

Church Person(s) of the Week:

We would like to thank all the cast, soloists and adults who assisted in the Pageant. A special thank you to Erin Volpintesta who was in charge of the music, Tamara Wachnuik who was in charge of the costumes and Rob Jackson who handled the audio.

Today's Worship Assistants:

Readers & Communion Stewards 11:00am (set up & serve): Tom Wolff and Diane Meldon

Communion Stewards (serve and clean up):

Chris Barnabo, Pat Deuschle

Counters: Craig and Kathy Keith

Greeters:

Ushers: Team D: Tracy Brown, Fran Bartholomew, 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.

Quote for the week:

"Once in our world, a stable had something in it that was bigger than our whole world." CS Lewis

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 11:00am December 25th

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Church Conference – January 4th at 7:30pm

This is the most important meeting of our church year & you are invited to attend. Our District Superintendent, Rev. Ken Kieffer, will preside. This is an opportunity to talk about the church's future. We will also elect officers to serve on our various ministries. Please plan on attending as your voice & vote are very important to how we will be the Church of Jesus Christ.

New Choir Director Announcement

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:10

It was not part of my plan to become an active member of a church. It was not part of my plan to join a church choir. It was not part of my plan to learn to play bells. It was not part of my plan to work hand-in-hand with the music director and the pastor as a music coordinator. And now - it was NOT part of my plan to say "yes" and accept the position of choir director at BUMC.

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

This Week's BUMC Calendar:

Sunday	12/25	11:00am Worship No Sunday School
Monday	12/26	
Tuesday	12/27	7:30pm Trustees
Wednesday	12/28	
Thursday	12/29	
Friday	12/30	
Saturday	12/31	
Sunday	01/01	11:00am Worship Service- No Sunday School

Coming Events:

01/04	Charge Conference	7:30 pm
01/08	Sunday Night Live Worship Service	

But MY plans aren't important. God's plans are!

I am excited, hopeful, and yes - a little nervous about becoming your new choir director. I have worked closely with Todd for the many years he's been with us, and hope to seamlessly transition the program that he's built into the future. I pray that God will guide me, and all of our musicians as we begin a new journey together.

Want to know more about me? We'll have a bio up on our website soon!

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have: jessicabardelli@gmail.com. Or you can always find me in the choir room from 7:30-9pm on Thursdays. :-)

Blessings, Jessica Bardelli

Bethel UMC Outreach Opportunities

"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

SAVE THE DATE

Next Bloodmobile Sat. 2/25

Pasta Dinner Sponsorships

We have set a goal this year to have a sponsor for each of the pasta dinners. We currently need 5 more sponsors. 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 Kathy Keith at 203-797-0841 or Dave Morey at 203-744-6345

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!

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.

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

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS-2016

(Plants are labeled so please make sure you take home the one that you ordered.)

Given by:

Stuart and Jeanne Carlsen

The DePoi Family

Donna Jack and family

Ann McLellan & Francis Bartholomew

Diane Meldon

Dale Negri

Sue and Bob White

Paul Young

In Loving Memory of:

Loved Ones

Harold and Janet McHugh, Allen & Athur DePoi,

Julia Glusko, Aunt Junie and Uncle Floyd

Treasured Loved Ones – my wonderful husband and father- David (Duff) Jack, Our special parents and grandparents Betty and Donald Stryker, Ella and Howard Jack Sr.

Our Parents and Grandparents

Arthur and Marjorie Meldon

Charles Bennett, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Knapp

Beloved Parents: Kay & Bill Goetz, Ann and Fred White

Leslie Elizabeth

Given by:

Tim and Martha Bishop

Linda Bruce

Sarah DeShan

Bob & Brooke Freidman

Jackie Kulp

In Honor of:

Our Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren

Todd Gorski - Good Luck!!!!

Karin DeShan

Our family

Jim Kulp's 87th Birthday!!!! (December 26th)

