

The Capsule

**A Monthly Newsletter for Members and Friends of
Bethel United Methodist Church**

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Our Mission is all about Knowing Jesus & Making Jesus Known in the Heart of Bethel

May 2018



Hello Saints,

A few years back, I was asked to preach at a church and then conduct a workshop on the

topic of Vital Congregations. It was a very friendly church and I was received warmly. The people were very attentive to the message which focused quite a bit on the topic of serving.

In between the service and the workshop, the women of the church had put together an incredible pot luck meal with all kinds of choices from salads to fried chicken and of course a dessert table that would make your mouth water.

As I was sitting there finishing up my last dessert, I noticed that many of the people had already left fellowship hall and were making their way back to the sanctuary for the workshop. I observed a very distinguished looking couple who were still there, dressed in their Sunday best, dumping paper plates into large garbage bags.

As I was leaving the hall, I complimented on what they were doing saying "this kind of service is exactly what I was speaking of today in church." They looked at me and said, "Oh this? We call it the garbage detail ministry. We volunteer after every church event in Fellowship Hall."

I was so impressed with not only their ministry but also their attitude. Nothing was beneath them. Most people in the church probably have no idea what they do. Sometimes Christ calls us to serve in places where we labor behind the scenes. Not everyone can do this; there is typically no recognition or reward from others and many seek worldly recognition.

However, God asks us to be willing to serve one another through love, and remember that our true reward is in heaven. I share this story of serving and think of two individuals in our church who have been serving behind the scenes for decades. Most in the church have had no idea of the impact they have had on our beautiful church.

Cleaning here, fixing there, and all being done after hours when the church is empty. Jim and Jackie Kulp are the humble servants that I am speaking about. On Sunday, June 3rd after our 10:00 am service, the church will be celebrating and recognizing their service at a special luncheon to be held in their honor as they retire from their sexton positions at the church.

Please save the date and join us as we offer our thanks and gratitude to this very special couple. In Christ, Pastor John Parille

CHURCH EVENTS

- May 12th - Pasta Dinner
- May 20th -Heifer Sunday
- June 3rd—Retirement Party
for the Kulp's after 10:00am
service
- Mondays -
Brotherhood of Christ
- Wednesdays -
Sisterhood of Christ
- Thursdays-
Bells & Choir



May 6th

Readers & Communion 8:30am: Peter Eckert
Readers & Communion Stewards (set-up and serve): Julien Schaad & Tom Wolff
Communion Stewards (serve and clean-up): Diane Meldon & Richard Gallichio
Counters: Linda Bruce and Betty Lepus
Ushers: Team B: Alan Brown, Art Langer, Tammy Esposito
Greeters: Marty Bishop & Dawn Tomaino
Coffee Hosts: Carol Morey

May 13th

Readers & Communion 8:30am: Paul Young
Readers & Communion Stewards (set-up and serve): Stacie McLaughlin & Steve Temple
Communion Stewards (serve and clean-up): Angela Bassett & Rick Kelly
Counters: Bill Struth & Tom Wolff
Greeters: Linda Bruce and Betty Lepus
Ushers: Team C: Debbie Albin, Krista Mayer, Frank Tomaino
Coffee Hosts: Roy Dwinells

May 20th

Readers & Communion 8:30am: David McClain
Readers & Communion Stewards (set-up and serve): Family Worship
Communion Stewards (serve and clean-up): Family Worship
Counters: Tracy Brown & Krista Mayer
Greeters: Family Worship
Ushers: Team F: Family Worship plus Alan Brown and Tammy Esposito
Coffee Hosts: Angela Bassett

May 27th

Readers & Communion 8:30am: Martha Bishop
Readers & Communion Stewards (set-up and serve): ? & Tracy Brown
Communion Stewards (serve and clean-up): James Wolff & Julien Schaad
Counters: Bill Struth & Dave Albin
Greeters: Deb and Dave Albin
Ushers: Team D: Tracy Brown, Fran Bartholomew, Andrew Serfilippi
Coffee Hosts: Alene Pugliath



If you are on Facebook and have not liked our page, please do so. Here you will find links to our sermons and get a sneak preview of the upcoming sermon. If you are a member of our Facebook page we would ask that you "share" links with your community of friends.



Please join us for our monthly

Family Pasta Dinners

May 12th

Bethel United Methodist Church

Serving 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Adults \$10 Seniors & Students with College ID \$8

Kids \$5 (under 5 eat free)

Family max price \$25 (parents & kids)

Dinner includes:

Salad with homemade dressings

Pasta with marinara or meat sauce

Homemade meatballs .50 ea

Gluten free option available

Desserts

Dinners also available to go! Call BUMC 203.743.6835 the day of dinner to place your order

Opportunity to Volunteer

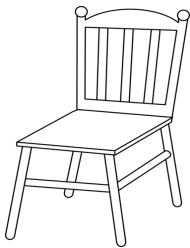
Each month for our Pasta Dinners we need donations of desserts. Please contact Ann McLellan at ann_mc_lellan@sbcglobal.net if you can help out. All donations are greatly appreciated!!!!



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. Most needed at this time is: mustard, ketchup, pickles, mayonnaise, feminine products, diapers (all sizes), cereal, cake mixes, coffee & tea. Thank you in advance.



The Pantry is open the first & third Tuesdays of the month. Their phone number is 203-947-1754



Off the Streets is all all-volunteer run organization which works to get homeless people into housing. If a homeless person has a source of income, Off the Streets will provide a security deposit and basic furniture and household goods. Off the Streets collects furniture and household goods from 10am to 12noon on the first Saturday of each month behind the Bethel United Methodist Church. Items most in demand are dressers, small kitchen tables with chairs, end tables, nightstands and lamps. The next drop off date is **May 5th**. For more information, go to www.offthestreetsnow.com or call 203-733-5880.

Opportunity to Volunteer

Holly Hearth Crafters meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month starting at 7:00pm. All are welcome! We will be sharing Christian fellowship and crafting for next year's Bazaar. Our next meeting is **May 8th**.



Please consider saving your nickel deposit bottles and cans for our bottle/can drive the 2nd Saturday of every month. Our next drive is **May 12th**. You can bring them to the parking lot between the hours of 11:00am – 1:00pm. This year the benefits go to Julien Schaad's ASP tuition.

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



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 5:00pm-6:00pm. 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: \$15.50 hr , non-pledging members \$25.00 per hour



News

A HUGE THANKYOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED WITH THE UMW TAG SALE!!!!!!!

- Those who set up coat racks & tables, racked chairs & carried boxes
- The donators & bakers who gave us quality goods to sell.
- The publicity people who brought customers in.
- The sign makers & sign hangers.
- Those who came to carry boxes, cart to Good Will, etc. and return Mitchell Hall to It's usual set up.
- And especially to all the women who spent their waking hours for up to 3 days sorting, pricing, cleaning, selling & packing up!

WE MADE



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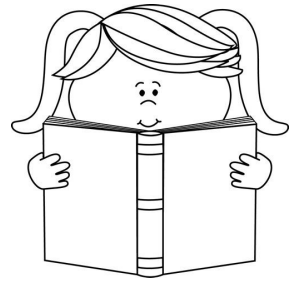
Red Bird Mission

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.



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 will be a box in Mitchell Hall to drop these books off. You can also make a monetary donation so our Library Coordinator can purchase a book or two. Any questions please leave a note in the box or contact Uta Robertson.



2018 ASP Fundraiser - Team Sponsors:

We are actively recruiting team sponsors for the 2018 Appalachia Service Project (ASP) trip. We usually send seven to eight teams to make the ASP journey.

Every team requires dedicated, passionate people as well as a vehicle, fuel, supplies, equipment, material, and as much money as we can raise to help with special projects for families in need. Last year with your help, we raised over \$5,000.00 dollars with our sponsorship program. There are several categories which everyone can choose from to participate:

Corporate Sponsor	\$150.00	(Please include a business card)	
Platinum Sponsor	\$100.00	Gold Sponsor	\$ 75.00
Silver Sponsor	\$ 50.00	Bronze Sponsor	\$ 25.00
Helping Friends	(Any amount)		

We ask everyone to approach the companies you work for to donate a corporate sponsorship. Please make all checks out to Bethel United Methodist Church and write ASP Fundraiser in the memo section. Contact Chuck and Laura Murad for any additional information 203-798-0428. Thank you for your support, and may God bless you.



**Vacation Bible
School News –
“Shipwrecked”
Aug 6th – 10th,
9:00 am – 12:15
pm**

Location: First Congregational Church of Bethel

Cost is \$25/person, \$50 max per family.

Pre-register/volunteer: To pre-register children Pre-K through 5th grade or volunteer as an adult or Crew worker, please go to the website vbspro.events/p/fccbumc or to the link on the BUMC website. We need Crew Leaders (9th-12th grade) and Crew Assistants (6th-8th grade). There will be a mandatory training session for Crews prior to VBS week.

Adults are needed to run various stations and to help as food preparers and registrars. Please consider giving even one morning's time to help. Preparations: Please start gathering items for decorations: underwater, jungle, beach and bamboo things. Also we need shells, large cardboard tubes (carpet) and paper towel tubes. If you have something to give or donate please call the office 203-743-6835 and let us know.

The Prayer Shawl group meets at 7 pm on the 4th Wednesday of the month. All who like or want to learn crochet or knitting are welcome. We meet in the Johnson Alcove. See Linda Bruce for information.



**SMALL
GROUPS**
connect | encourage | grow



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



**Sunday School Heifer
Project:**

Buy a Goat! (\$120.00)

Goats are adorable, hilarious and they can help end hunger and poverty for struggling families around the world. Banks have been given out to the children. The Heifer Celebration will be Sunday May 20th. We will have live goats for the kids to pet.

Banks are available in the Narthex.

Help our Heifer Project buy Goats

by buying Connecticut made
Goat Soap!!!!!!!

Goatboy Soaps are handcrafted In
New Milford, Connecticut and made in small batches
using natural

Ingredients, goat's milk, saponified oils, essential oils
or all natural fragrance. You will find the soap a personal
experience. Just enough to enjoy in your bath or
shower, not overpowering.

The bars are only \$5.00 each! They will be for sale after
our 10:00am service starting this Sunday. Come see and
smell all the different varieties. (They would make a
perfect Mother's or Father's Day gift.)



Purchase a Memorial Brick

Brick orders are still being processed.

PLEASE CONTACT LORI MOTT RIGHT AWAY
TO PLACE A NEW ORDER OR PAY FOR
YOUR EXISTING ORDER.

There is still time to order a brick – contact Lori
Mott!

The bricks 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 of-
fered 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 charac-
ters 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 sam-
ple of the brick is available for viewing in the
downstairs area outside the kitchen (Brick will
not include the company's name).

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