

# 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***

November 2019



One of my favorite months of the year has arrived... November. I enjoy this month for many reasons; crisp morning air, warm fires in the evening, and of course Thanksgiving! This is my favorite holiday by far. Great food, time with family and friends but not all of the hectic pace that Christmas can sometimes bring.

Thanksgiving is coming a bit late this year and maybe it may seem like it is way off in the distance. However, I would challenge you to start really thinking about how God has blessed your life. It is easy to thank God during the good times, however when we are going through a difficult time, we may not feel all that grateful. Yet, even in periods of suffering, loss and fear, we can still thank God for His plentiful promises and never ending goodness. When we do express our gratitude to God, a wonderful change takes place within us.

Psalm 92:1 says; "It is good to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises to Your name, O Most High." This is great advice to us when we are facing challenges in our lives and all seems to be negative and bleak. Maybe you have felt a shadow come over your spiritual life recently. Or maybe you have things in your life that seem unbearable at the moment.

If so, simply bow your head and thank the Lord for all He has done for you. Tell Him you know He loves you and has not abandoned you. Express your gratitude for your salvation through Christ Jesus. When we take the time to offer thanks to God, you will begin to experience the true blessing of thanksgiving.

May God richly bless you and your loved ones this Thanksgiving!

See you in church,

Pastor John Parille

## Church Events

### November Services

#### South Campus Bethel

8:30am Family Worship Service

10:00am Worship

Sunday School during 10:00am

Family Service 3rd Sunday @ 10:00am

7:00pm Wednesday Night Recharge

#### North Campus Gaylordsville

10:00am Worship

- 1st & 3rd Tuesday Food Pantry
- Monday nights @ 7:00pm Brotherhood & Sisterhood
- Tuesday Nights Financial Peace University
- Thursday Afternoons UMW Bible Study
- Thursday Night CS Lewis Book Study
- Sunday Afternoons 4:00pm-6:00pm Sr & Jr. Youth Groups
- November 2nd Jr. Youth Group to Castle Hill Farm
- November 2nd Off the Streets
- November 3rd All Saints Day
- November 3rd UMW Soup Sale
- November 9th Pasta Dinner
- November 12th UMW Service of Light
- November 15 & 16th Bazaar
- November 17th 10:00am Family Sunday
- November 19th Finance
- November 23rd Telebration
- November 26th Trustees



### November 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### Readers & Communion Stewards

**8:30am:** Peter Eckert

**10:00am: Call to Worship:** Stacie McLaughlin

**Scripture:** Steve Temple

**Counters:** Janette Blackstock & Dave Albin

**Greeters 8:30am:** Marty Bishop

**Greeters 10:00am:** Alan & Debbie Brown

**Ushers:** Team D: Tracy Brown, Fran Bartholomew, Jim & Laurie Fernandez

**Coffee Hosts:** Peter Philip

### November 10<sup>th</sup>

#### Readers & Communion Stewards

**8:30am:** Marty Bishop

**10:00am: Call to Worship:** Chris Barnabo

**Scripture:** Tracy Brown

**Counters:** Linda Bruce & Betty Lepus

**Greeters 8:30am:** Jo Gabriele

**Greeters 10:00am:** Debbie Parks & Dawn Tomanio

**Ushers:** Team B: Alan Brown, Don Olson

**Coffee Hosts:** Dan Dunn

### November 17<sup>th</sup>

#### Readers & Communion Stewards

**8:30am:** Jim Hutchinson

**10:00am: Call to Worship:** Family Worship

**Scripture:** Family Worship

**Counters:** Bill Struth & Tom Wolff

**Greeters 8:30am:** Maureen Raftery

**Greeters 10:00am:** Family Worship

**Ushers:** Family Worship & Alan Brown

**Coffee Hosts:** Debbie Parks

### November 24<sup>th</sup>

#### Readers & Communion Stewards

**8:30am:** Maureen Raftery

**10:00am: Call to Worship:** James Wolff

**Scripture:** Tom Wolff

**Counters:** Tracy Brown & Krista Mayer

**Greeters 8:30am:** Peter Eckert

**Greeters 10:00am:** Bill & Sharon Struth

**Ushers:** Team C: Debbie Albin, Krista Mayer, Frank Tomaino, Andrew Serfilippi

**Coffee Hosts:** Tony Barnett

## Charge Conference

Our annual charge conference with our District Superintendent will be held Sunday, November 10 at 3:00 pm. Please come and join us for fellowship, worship and a brief meeting. We meet with six other local churches but have our own meeting to share the joys we have seen here at BUMC. Any questions, see Pastor John.



Needed:

People to sponsor the Pasta dinner. A full sponsorship is \$300. or you can do 1/2 sponsorship. Gift cards to Caraluzzi's or other grocery stores in any amount are always appreciated.



### **Volunteers needed for Pasta Dinner**

Contact Dawn Johnston at 203-744-1361 about helping at the pasta dinner.



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 items:

condiments, paper products, cereal, juice & diapers.

They are also collecting empty detergent & dish soap bottles. The Pantry is open the first & third Tuesdays of the month. Their phone number is 203-947-1754



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



### **Save a Suit**

Are you passionate about giving back to the community and veterans? We are currently looking for volunteers! Come help a great cause! We are looking for volunteers to help out in our office, administration, marketing, distribution, help us with veterans and much more!



For more information call us at 860-817-6453 and leave a message.

REMINDER: If you have received a key fob and have not provided your deposit, please do so as soon as possible



## **Pasta Dinner**

**November 9<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL VETERAN STUFF A BUS**

see list

**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, Pasta with marinara or meat sauce, Homemade meatballs .50 ea. Our wonderful Dessert table. (Gluten free option available) Dinners also available to go!**

**Call BUMC 203.743.6835 the day of dinner to place your order**

Desserts needed for our **November 9th** Pasta Dinner. Home made or store bought. All donations appreciated. Email Ann if you can help out or have any questions at [ann\\_mc\\_ellian@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ann_mc_ellian@sbcglobal.net)

Thank You!





## **2019 Holiday Gift Suggestions for Veterans Community Drive**

*Sponsored by Bethel Women's Club, Member of GFWC*

### **Clothing: New Items with Tags Only**

#### **Underwear: (Large, X-large, 2X,3X,4X)**

T-shirts

Boxers/Briefs

#### **Bottoms:** (all sizes: Men's Med to 6X, Women's sm to XXL)

Dockers' style pants

Jeans, Jeans, Jeans

Sweatpants (open leg preferred)

#### **Tops:** (all sizes to 5X)

Dress shirts

Polo/Sport/ Casual

T-shirts (pockets a plus)

Sweaters/Vest (Pullover or Cardigan)

#### **Coats:** (all sizes: men's M to 6X, Women's M to XL)

Winter coats and Jackets

Golf/Light Weight Jackets

Quilted insulated Flannel Jackets

#### **Shoes:** (Men's sizes 7 to 15)

Water shoes (not flip-flops)

Slippers

Sneakers (Velcro closing or tie)

Work boots and winter boots

#### **Accessories:** (All sizes)

Gloves and Hats

Socks (diabetic, crew, tube)

Handkerchiefs

### **Sundries (NO HOTEL SAMPLES)**

Manly or unscented shampoo

Baby/Shower powder

Lotions

Men's Deodorant

Lip Balm

Soft Hairbrushes/Brushes/Combs

Flashlights

Batteries (AA,AAA,C,D)

Postage Stamps

### **Other Popular Items**

Gift Certificates

Electrical Rechargeable Razors

Small Boom Boxes (CD/Radio)

Headsets with soft ear covers

Battery Operated Alarm Clocks

Travel Neck Pillows – (no bean or inflatable)

UConn items

Red Sox, Yankees, Patriots, Giants Items

Portable DVD Players

New CD's, DVD's (no VHS tapes!)

Watches (Large Face a Plus!! Or Talking)

Military Memorabilia (Patches, Caps, etc.)

Rechargeable Toothbrushes

AM/FM Radios/Clock Radios

**NOTE: MEN'S JEANS – SIZE 30 WAIST TO 60 WAIST AND LONG OR SHORT SLEEVED T-SHIRTS AND UNDERWEAR ARE HIGH DEMAND ITEMS**

### **Collection Bins Located at:**

American Pride (Greenwood Ave), True Value Hardware [Dolan Plaza], St. Mary's Church (Route 302), Stony Hill Wine & Spirits (Big Y Plaza), UK Gourmet (Route 6, Newtown), The Willows Massage & Wellness Center (Greenwood Ave.)

**We will also be holding a special Stuff-a-Van event at the Bethel United Methodist Church (Greenwood Avenue) on November 9<sup>th</sup> during their Pasta Dinner starting at 5:30 p.m.**

This year as well as supporting our hospitalized veterans with the items listed above, we will be fulfilling the wish lists from the Vet House and the Home for Heroes both located in Danbury, so we are gratefully accepting monetary donations to fulfill their needs. Checks may be made payable to: Bethel Women's Club and sent c/o Geier, 15 Andrews Street, Bethel, CT 06801.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS AND GENEROSITY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**



### Sunday school Wish List

Stickers, Annie's animal crackers, glue sticks, markers, crayons, small Dixie cups, small dessert size plates, small bottles of water, Please leave any donations in the church office. Thank you for your donations

We are still looking for volunteers (All kinds of talent is needed)



ed from babysitting in the nursery, teachers, assistants to subs) High school to adults. Please e-mail Wendy Williams at [williamsBUMC@gmail.com](mailto:williamsBUMC@gmail.com)

**The BUMC Nursey: A wonderful place for our youngest children! BUT it needs the help of parents and friends!**

**There are 2 sections to our nursery—one for the babies and the other for children through 2 years old. It needs to be staffed every Sunday except the 3rd Sunday of the month by at least one adult. The second person may be a teenager. Staff should be in the Nursery by 9:45am. If no children are brought there by 10:15am, staff may attend the service. We need staff volunteers please contact Wendy Williams at [williamsBUMC@gmail.com](mailto:williamsBUMC@gmail.com). if you can help. A person to coordinate the volunteers would also be welcome!!**



Bethel United Methodist Women Presents

### ***Tellabration! A Celebration of the Oral Tradition of Storytelling***

*Tellabration!* is a mammoth storytelling event - and that's no Tall Tale! It's a storytelling phenomenon, made up of hundreds of storytelling happenings all over the world. Its purpose is to introduce adults, as well as children, to the pleasures of the oral art of storytelling. It is one of the programs offered by The Connecticut Storytelling Center, based at Connecticut College in New London.

BUMW will host a *Tellabration!* for adults (children are welcome) on Saturday, November 23rd at 7:00 p.m. in Mitchell Hall.

Master of Ceremonies Martha Bishop will be telling stories and introducing other tellers. MizBee maintains that all teachers are storytellers and she has been teaching and telling stories for a long time. Before retiring, Martha was the Media Specialist at Bethel Middle School where she sponsored a storytelling club for students called the *Tangled Web Tellers*. She has been telling stories for local community events for several years. Martha has been active with the Connecticut Storytelling Center since 2004. She also participated in local community theater productions since moving to the area in 1987. Most recently, she worked with *Crime and Merriment Mystery Dinner Theater* and was one of the tellers for the Ghost Walks in Danbury, CT, which were sponsored by C&M.

This presentation will feature stories in songs and stories from the heart as told by local tellers.



## OUTREACH

The games and art materials were delivered by Stacie to the children experiencing long stays at the hospital. Visitations are being made at Bethel Healthcare and Jo Gabriele will let us know when there is a new training session. Pat Deuschle will guide the committee in making cards for the shut-ins for the holidays. Bobbi Jo and the Youth Groups will be participating in Service Saturdays and will craft care packages for college students taking exams. In Dec. they will bake cookies and deliver to local shut-ins. Hospitality [a beverage and a snack] is now being served to clients during the Food Pantry time.

The Giving Tree tags will be displayed on Dec.1st and Dec.8th. All gifts need to be returned by Dec.15th and will be delivered to the social workers soon after that. We keep trying to "shine a light" in as many ways as we can...thanks for your help!

Please remember the basket for food donations for the Bethel Community Food Pantry located right here @ our church. The basket is in our Communications area downstairs outside the kitchen. They also need empty detergent bottles. Thank you in advance.



The UMW collects Boxtops for Education for the Red Bird Mission. Please cut the boxtop symbol off of the product. There is a Red Bird container on the counter in the Information Center.

There are Boxtops on over 250 products! To see what products have the labels go to <https://www.boxtops4education.com>



**BUMC**  
*Helping Hands*

BUMC Helping Hands Ministry. Our mission is to extend our unique services out into the BUMC community. Our primary goal is to make sure our Veterans, elderly, and those potentially experiencing a financial hardship have all the proper home repairs and maintenance that they may need. Please see Ken Parks, Max Mulligan or Victor Hollomakoff for more information.

### All Saints' Day to be Observed

We will be observing All Saints' Sunday on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. On that day we will be calling the roll of our saints who have passed away in the past year. Please give Cheryl the names of any of your loved ones who have gone on to glory in the past year if you would like them to be remembered at that service. Contact her at 203-743-6835 or [bmethodistchurch@snet.net](mailto:bmethodistchurch@snet.net). There will be an opportunity to add names at the service.



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.

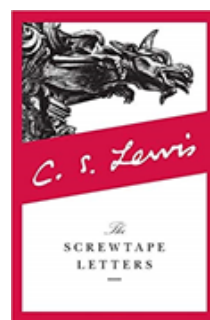


## OUTREACH UPDATES

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## C. S. Lewis Book study "The Screwtape Letters"

Please join Rick Kelly and Bill Struth for a dive into the "Screwtape Letters" by CS Lewis. This powerful easy read book is a satirical look at the struggles in the spiritual world and how a demon in training is trying to tempt a young man throughout his life. The demon is guided by his evil intentioned Uncle Screwtape, in a series of 31 "letters" that we will be reading. This will provide an amazing insight into the powerful forces of good and evil all around us. Discussion is optional but greatly appreciated. Study continues on Thursdays at 7:30 pm at the church and run weekly until about early December. Please see Bill or Rick for more information.



ADVENT BIBLE STUDY— 2 WEEKS

Open to All.

Join us on December 5th & 12th

from 2:00pm-3:30pm

"Awaiting the Christ Child"



Our Next Meeting is **November 12th**

**A Service of Light @ 7:00pm**

Come join us as we remember past  
UMW women who have  
impacted our lives.



## Community Bible Study Evening Class

Our local CBS (Community Bible Study) class is beginning...at the beginning...We are studying Genesis this year!

CBS is an international, interdenominational ministry. CBS classes meet in local host churches throughout the world, and Ridgefield Baptist Church (325 Danbury Road) has graciously welcomed our local evening class to use its facility. Approximately sixty men and women attend the class on Monday evenings, from 7:30 to 9:00, September through April. Anyone interested in looking into the Bible in a friendly, caring atmosphere is invited to visit or become a member of the class. Beginners, as well as more experienced Bible students, are always welcome.

The book of Genesis is all about relationships. We will learn how much He cares for His people. God wants to have a relationship with you

This class will be especially relevant for all of you baseball fans out there since we're learning together about the Big Inning!

For more information about CBS go to <http://RidgefieldEve.cbsclass.org> <<http://ridgefieldeve.cbsclass.org/>> or call (203) 431-9491. If anyone has any questions about this Bible Study opportunity, please also feel free to call Peter Eckert of BUMC who has been involved with CBS for about 20 years.



**Off the Streets** is an 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 offs are **November 2nd & December 7th**. For more information, go to [www.offthestreetsnow.com](http://www.offthestreetsnow.com) or call 203-733-5880.

Youth group is headed to Castle Hill Farm in Newtown for their Flashlight Corn Maze on Saturday Nov 2nd. We wanted to

invite all youth and their families to this fun event. Not only will there be the corn maze but also food trucks, a bonfire, and a band. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for kids. The event runs from 6-9p. If you family is going to attend, then we will meet you there. If you are coming solo then please meet at The First Congregational Church by 5:45p. Please RSVP to Bobbi Jo- [Bobbijobeers@comcast.net](mailto:Bobbijobeers@comcast.net) or Ashley- [fccbyouth@firstchurchbethel.org](mailto:fccbyouth@firstchurchbethel.org). Don't forget your flashlight!



The Youth Group at Congregational Church invites you to come to their meetings every Sunday from 4:00pm-6:00pm. All Middle and High School youth are welcome. If you have any questions please contact Ashley Adams at [fccbyouth@firstchurchbethel.org](mailto:fccbyouth@firstchurchbethel.org)



### Support Meetings / Groups Held at BUMC

AA Meetings are held  
Sunday @ 7:30pm  
Thursday @ 7:30 pm  
Friday @ 7:30 pm  
Saturday @ 8:00 pm.



*Support Groups*

Additional Support Group:

"Over-eaters Anonymous" contact Chris at 203-942-3986 for more information.

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.

**SMALL**  
**groups**

change happens in circles, not rows

**Have you still not tried out  
Brotherhood or Sisterhood of  
Christ?**

Come join us one Monday night at 7:00 pm. Ladies meet in Wesley Lounge, men meet in Fellowship Hall. This is a group of Christian Men & Women sharing a devotional, scripture and answering some pointed questions. No one is ever forced to speak/read or even share. If you just want to sit back and listen that is perfectly acceptable.

We are here to support all on their journey and walk with Christ regardless if you are new to faith, searching or a seasoned Christian. We can all learn from each other. 7pm we meet. Done by 8:15. Hope to see you there.

Wednesday Night Live

**RECHARGE**

Contemporary Worship Service 7 PM



## Bethel United Methodist Church

### 50<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL COUNTRY BAZAAR

Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 5pm-8pm

Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 9am-3pm

The Bazaar's success depends on your continued support!

#### Ways That You Can Help!

1. Donate a new/unused item or service for the Silent Auction (do you own a time share or property you could contribute? Do you have a skill, talent/hobby you could share?)
2. Donate handmade/new crafts (pillows, blankets, wood crafts, card making, doll making, knitting, crocheting, and felting) for Calico Corners
3. Donate Christmas crafts, ornaments, wreaths, or candles for Holly Hearth
4. Donate small, new/unused prizes for the Kiss Tree (hit the Christmas Tree Shop and visit those clearance bins when you are out shopping). We need prizes for adults and children.
5. Donate plants and pots (or other containers), jewelry or small antiques for the Plants etc Booth
6. Bake (cookies, loaves, breads, pies...) or prepare jam, fudge or candy for the Country Store
7. Donate a basket for the Theme Baskets Table (cooking, baking, coffee/tea lovers, pet, fishing, games, teddy bears, candles, movie night, sports....)
8. Donate your White Elephants— those wonderful things that serve no useful purpose in your home.
9. Donate your time to help at the Bazaar (setup the day of the 14th (Thursday) run a booth, help in the kitchen or serve breakfast/lunch in the BUMC Café)
10. Donate used books, puzzles and games for the Book Sale
11. Donate specific grocery items, cash or gift cards to Caraluzzi's or Costco. For the lunchroom Please see the sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall to donate groceries. If you would like to donate cash or a gift card please contact Judy Serfilippi @ jserfilippi@synapsemail.com.

**Please contribute in whatever way you can!  
Contact us with any questions, suggestions, offers of donation etc.**

**Thank you for your support!** Ann McLellan—chair

# 50<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL COUNTRY BAZAAR

#### Leaders for 2019 BUMC Country Bazaar

**Kitchen Team:** , Greg & Dawn Johnston,  
Judy Serfilippi, Bob Greene

**Holly Hearth:** Tamara Wachnuik

**Book Nook:** Sharon Struth, Caren Rabjohn

**Theme Baskets:** Nancy O'Halloran, Alan Brown

**Silent Bid:** Mary Jane Strasser, Krista Mayer

**Calico Crafts:** Alice Mayer

**Plants/Jewelry:** Connie Brescia, Cheryl DePoi

**Country Store:** Sandy & Ken Bardelli, Debbie Parks

**White Elephant Attic:** OPEN

**Santa:** Ed Chapman, Patty Deuschle

**Kiss Tree:** Sandra Bonagura, Aislyn Wachnuik

**Kid's Craft Room:** Audrey Stejskal

**Finance:** Dave Morey

Advertising: Maureen & Bob Raftery

More are welcome!

Want a place on our leadership team? Speak right up—There is room!

Looking for a Chairperson

for our new

White

Elephant Attic!

See Ann!





Our Pre-School & Daycare year is in full swing! Thank you all for your continued support of our school community. Registration is still on going for the 2019-2020 preschool year. Forms are available in the school office and on our website at [www.villagepreschool.org](http://www.villagepreschool.org).

Our Daycare program currently has a few openings:

- 1 Baby spot
- 2 Toddler spots
- 2 Pre—school spots

You can find out about our program by visiting [/www.sandboxdaycares.com](http://www.sandboxdaycares.com) or calling 203-748-6708



It's that time of year again! Our annual Butter Braid Pastry Fund-raiser is here! We will begin taking orders on Wednesday, November 13, 2019. The deadline for ordering is Wednesday, December 4, 2019. Deliveries will be made to the school on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 in plenty of time for the holidays! Order forms will be left in the Information Center outside the Kitchen. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call the school at (203) 743-9497.

## 8:30 Family Service

We have launched our new 8:30 Family Service. This is a blended worship format which means the music falls between traditional and contemporary. You will see some minor changes in the format of how the service runs, all of this to help keep the service within 45-50 minutes.

Our goal here is to connect with families who have children in sports or other commitments. This service provides an opportunity for these families to still have Sunday morning worship and then be able to arrive on the ball fields or basketball courts in time. Stop by and meet Ted Hartlett who is leading our worship. You will be blessed!



# YOU can serve YOUR church and serve GOD!

Here are places that YOU can serve YOUR church and serve GOD! See the leader for more information.

**Ushers:** Serve once per month or be a backup. Arrive 15 minutes before start of service. Assist folks in finding seats, restrooms, classrooms, etc. Collect offering. Clean up sanctuary after service. **Leader: Alan Brown**

**Greeters:** Serve once per month or be a backup. Arrive 15 minutes before start of service. Greet guests and congregation members as they arrive for worship. Provide bulletins. **Leader: Alan Brown**

**Safety Committee:** This committee is a sub-committee of the Trustee board. This committee works with the Trustee board to evaluate, create and help implement plans to make our sanctuary as safe as possible. This includes plan of response to emergencies, evacuations and safety protocols. **Leader: Victor Holomakoff**

**Communion Stewards:** Serve once per month or be a backup. Arrive 15 minutes before start of service. Help serve communion and then clean up after service. **Leader: Pastor John**

**Readers:** Serve once per month or be a backup. Arrive 15 minutes before start of service. Read Call to Worship or Scripture for message. Can also serve communion if desired. **Leader: Pastor John**

**Trustees:** Meetings are once per month on a Tuesday night. Meetings are typically 90 minutes. Trustees major charge is to make decisions that impact the use and upkeep of our church buildings. **Leader: Deb Albin**

**Recycling Committee:** This committee is a sub-committee of the Trustee board. Meetings are held after church on Sundays as needed. This committee works with the Trustee board to offer suggestions on how we can make our church more environmentally friendly. **Leader: Alan Durnin**

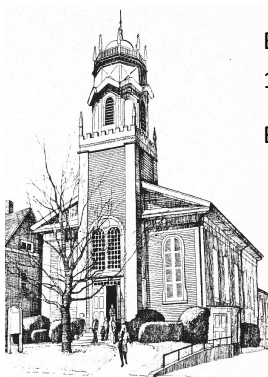
**Finance:** Meetings are once per month on a Tuesday night. Meetings are typically 90 minutes. Finance major charge is to make decisions that impact the funds that are donated and generated from rental incomes and fundraisers. Finance also handles our annual stewardship campaign. **Leader: Dave Morey**

**Outreach:** Meetings are typically every other month. Meetings are typically 90 minutes. Outreach major charge is to create, plan and execute any Outreach activities we have in our community. These include backpacks for children and gifts for families during the holidays. Outreach job is to help spread the gospel of Christ outside of the church. **Leader: Carol Morey**

**Music Ministry:** This includes, Choir, Bell Choir and Praise Team. The Music Ministry provides music for our worship services and other events as needed. Time requirements vary upon position. **Leader: Jessica Bardelli**

**Education:** Meetings are quarterly and when needed. Meetings are typically 60 minutes. This includes oversight of Sunday School, Youth Programming and Adult Education. A Youth Coordinator and Adult Coordinator are needed, as well as others to make decisions concerning Christian Education. **Leader: Ann McLellan**

**Helping Hands:** A ministry of men and women who help the elderly and veterans with small home repairs. **Leader: Ken Parks**



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