

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



September 2019

I pray you had an enjoyable, relaxing, and peaceful summer. The season of autumn is quickly approaching which means that our church will move on from the quite days of summer and into a very busy season here at BUMC.

With each season comes change, and that is what I wanted to write about for this Capsule article. Specifically, I wanted to talk about change in our church. One of the topics that our leadership wrestles with is change. We hear "I want to see our church grow, but I don't want anything to change!"

Whenever I hear statements like this, my heart begins to beat a little faster! This is a continuing challenge for us as a leadership team and as for me as the pastor. As your pastor, one of my responsibilities is to keep the church moving forward. I'm blessed with a wonderful group of people here at BUMC in the form of a leadership team, otherwise known as church council.

These are individuals you have elected and approved to make larger decisions on the overall management of our church. We meet monthly to discuss, debate, and make changes in policy, procedures and others items which have a direct effect on the church. I can tell you that I make no decisions or changes in the church without council approval. Also, pretty much all of our votes are unanimous.

One of my roles as pastor is to cast the vision of where we are going. I tend to be the person bringing new ideas and yes, changes to our church. That is what God calls me to do; keep adjusting, tweaking, and making changes so that our church will not only be here in 20 years, but also that we reach folks that don't know Jesus today!

We are about to make a change to one of our services. In October, we will be changing our 8:30 service to a new format. The only real change you may notice is the music. This service will be marketed as a "family" service, which is intended to reach families who are tied up with sports and other activities on Sundays. We are trying to create a service that has a more relaxed, less traditional feel to it. It will have its own set of songs that will have a more folk style feel to them.

Most of these songs will still be hymns that you are familiar with, however, they will be led by a guitar and the piano. This is NOT a contemporary service like our Wednesday night recharge. It will be listed as a "blended style worship service", a little less traditional than our 10:00 am service. This new format will still have most of the components as our current service. The target length will be about 45 minutes, which is about what it typically is now.

The goal here, as I shared earlier, is to reach new families who are unchurched due to other commitments on a Sunday morning. We believe that this new, relaxed, and blended service format will be very inviting to younger families. My hope is that families come with their kids in their sports uniforms and cleats and be blessed before they embark on their day. continued........

Once we have a few weeks under our belt and work out any kinks, we will then embark on a print/mail marketing campaign to let folks know in the Bethel area that we have this service available to them. Our hope of course is to reach more people for Jesus!

I hope you embrace this new and exciting direction that we are heading in. We have seen God move in powerful and unexpected ways the past 3 years here at BUMC. We have also seen many changes as well. I would also encourage you to stop by in October and experience this new blended format. Please keep all of us in prayer as we embark on this new adventure.

See you in church, Pastor John Parille

Church Events

September Services

South Campus Bethel

8:30am & 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
- September 3rd Church Council
- September 7th Off the Streets
- September 7th Bazaar Organizational Meeting
- September 8th Choir Concert
- September 14th Pasta Dinner
- September 15th Worship in the Park
- September 17th Financial Peace University
- September 17th Finance
- September 24th Trustees
- September 25th Prayer Shawl
- September 26th Blood Drive
- September 29th ASP Informational Meeting

Parish News

Sharon Struth's mom passed away on June 15, 2019. Joyce Shafer was 83 years old. Sharon's mailing address is 5 Fox Den Rd, Bethel CT 06801

Violet Hudder a longtime church member passed away on June 13th at the age of 97. She had been living with her daughter Debra Slotnick of Simsbury prior to her death.

Maria Parille's father passed away on July 1, 2019 at age 90. Pastor and Maria's mailing address is 29 Beaver Bog Rd New Fairfield CT 06812

David & Michelle McClain welcomed a new baby girl Ella Joy on July 3rd. Their new address is 9 Dogwood Ln, Brookfield CT 06804

Jennifer Palmer's mother passed away in England on Jun 11th. Jennifer's address is 4 East Brook Court, Bethel



Our annual Worship in the Park will be Sunday September 15th during our 10:00am service at Bennett Memorial Park. There will be a picnic immediately following the service. All food (but dessert) will be provided. Sign ups for set-up, clean-up, grilling desserts and food prep on Friday the 13th are in Mitchell Hall.

Or email jackiepenyak@me.com.

September 1st

Readers & Communion Stewards

8:30am: Peter Eckert

10:00am: Call to Worship: Tracy Brown

Scripture: Chris Barnabo
Counters: Tracy Brown & Krista Mayer
Greeters 8:300am: Peter Eckert

10:00am: Call to Worship:

Scripture:

Greeters 10:00am: Marty Bishop

Ushers: Team C: Debbie Albin, Krista Mayer,

Frank Tomaino, Andrew Serfilippi Coffee Hosts: Marty Bishop

Food Clean Up: Steve & Claudia Temple

September 8th

Readers & Communion Stewards

8:30am: Maureen Raftery

10:00am: Call to Worship: Julien Schaad

Scripture: James Wolff

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: Steve Ippolito

Food Clean Up: Victor & Wendy Holomakoff

September 15th

Readers & Communion Stewards

8:30am: Marty Bishop

10:00am: Call to Worship: Family Worship

Scripture: Family Worship

September 15th

Counters: Tracy Brown & Krista Mayer

Greeters 8:30am: Jo Gabriele **Greeters 10:00am:** Family Worship

Ushers: Team F: Alan Brown & Family Worship

Coffee Hosts: September 22nd

Readers & Communion Stewards

8:30am: Jim Hutchinson

10:00am: Call to Worship: Diane Meldon

Scripture: Tom Wolff
Counters: Bill Struth & Tom Wolff
Greeters 8:30am: Maureen Raftery

Greeters 10:00am: Debbie Parks & Dawn Tomanio **Ushers:** Team B: Alan Brown, Art Langer, Don Olson

Coffee Hosts:

September 29th

Readers & Communion Stewards

8:30am: Peter Eckert

10:00am: Call to Worship: Bill Struth
Scripture: Lisa Gallichio
Counters: Linda Bruce & Betty Lepus

Greeters 8:30am: Peter Eckert

Greeters 10:00am: Bill & Sharon Struth **Ushers:** Team C: Debbie Albin, Krista Mayer,

Frank Tomaino, Andrew Serfilippi

Coffee Hosts:



September 14th

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





Teachers needed!!!

Please contact Wendy Williams at williamsBUMC@gmail.com if you can volunteer for our Sunday School program . She will be working to put together teams of volunteers to help out.

The Sunday School needs items for the Incentive Store. Each Sunday

children earn stickers during class and can "spend' them after church on Family Sunday. We like religious themed items as well as others, but no logo items. Stuffed animals, small games, items for teens are welcome as well. Please no activity books as we have many. Thank you in advance—Education Committee.

The Sunday School needs the following supplies: school scissors and glue sticks. These donations can be left in the church office.



Sunday School News

It is with great excitement to announce that Julian Schaad will be joining the staff of BUMC as the new Sunday School Assistant Director! Julian will be assisting Director Wendy Williams, who is starting her 2nd year with BUMC with families and children in our BLAST program. Give Julian a word of encouragement when you see him in church!



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

There are 2 sections to our nursery—one for the babies and the other for play. 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. During the school year the Nursery



Nursery

is for children up to 2 years old. During the summer the age limit is extended to PreK. We need staff volunteers for the summer months please contact Ann McLellan at 203-744-2421 or ann_mclellan@sbcglobal.net if you can help. A person to coordinate the volunteers would also be welcome!!

HEIFER PROJECT UPDATE:

Our Heifer Project made over \$1700! That is quite a few pigs and chicks for Cambodia! Thank you to all the children and adults who participated in this project. The Cambodian Craftsmen jewelry should be delivered late August.



BUMC recognized the following graduates at the June 9th service.





High School Graduates

Brett Anderson

Graduating from Bethel High School and will be attending Sierra Nevada College in Incline Village, NV in the fall studying Ski Resort Management.

Evan Barnabo

Graduating from Henry Abbott Technical High School with a trade specialty of precision machining. After graduation, Evan intends to enter the workforce in his trade. He is also remaining active in Boy Scouts, having just being elected to a leadership position in the Order of the Arrow, BSA's service-oriented honor society.

Julien Schaad

Graduating from Bethel High School. He will be attending Naugatuck Valley Community College full time in the fall. He will be going to ASP, directing Vacation Bible School and will be babysitting over the summer.

Laurel Stejskal

Graduating from Bethel High School. She will attend Naugatuck Valley Community College for 2 years to earn an Associate's degree in Forensic Science. She plans to transfer to a 4-year university to continue her education in Forensic Science and Psychology.

Madelyn (Maddie) Wachnuik

Graduating from Bethel High School. She will attend Stony Brook University as a biology major on a Pre-med track, where she will pursue the field of Genetics. In the future, she will be both working as an EMT and working towards her goal of being a medical doctor.

College Graduates

Lori Robertson

Graduated from Western Connecticut University with a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education She is working this summer as a center director for ASP in Scott county, Tennessee. Come August, she will be looking for a job as an elementary teacher here in Connecticut.

Katherine Katie Wolff

Graduated summa cum laude from Hartt School of Music at University of Hartford, earning a bachelor's of Fine Arts in Musical Theatre. This summer she will be in Lincoln NH for summer theater.

Post Graduate Degrees

Stephanie Robertson

Stephanie graduated from Boston University with a master's degree in Criminal Justice. She is living in California and will be looking for a job within the juvenile probation department.

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**

OUTREACH

The BUMC Outreach Committee is developing a partnership with Bethel Health Care to provide volunteers who can provide various services, i.e. friendly visitor, pastoral visits, help with recreational activities. There are no minimum hours required and all are welcome. Anyone interested in joining this new initiative, please contact



Bible

Study

Jo Gabriele at 475-329-2834 or jogabs@yahoo.com

Women's Bible Study Starting this Fall



When: Thursdays starting 10/03 from 2:00pm-3:30pm

Where: The Family Room in the Narthex

Leaders: Fern Blair & Ann McLellan

We will be reading "Psalm 40, Crying out to the God who

Delights Us" by Sarah Mae.

If interested in attending let Ann McLellan know (ann_mc_lellan@sbcglobal.net).



Please cut the boxtop symbol off of the product. There is a Red Bird container on the counter in the Information Center.







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.

2020 ASP sign up meeting in the BUMC Sanctuary on September 29th at 12.





The Pre-School year has come to a close. We enjoyed a wonderful year of learning, exploration, and friends. 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.

Our Daycare program currently has several openings:

1 Baby spot

3 Toddler spots

Pre-school spots

You can find out about our program by visiting /www.sandboxdaycares.com or calling 203-748-6708

The following teachers & volunteers were recognized during our June 9th service.

Thank you very much to the following dedicated caring people who contributed their time and talents and volunteered and helped run a wonderful Sunday school program for the children this year.

<u>Teachers</u>	Youth Assistants
Ann McLellan	Rosie Volpinstesta
Stew Doenias	Maddy Wachnuik
Bob Greene	Julien Schaad
Rob Jackson	<u>Nursery</u>
Connie Brescia	Vicky Wolff
John Robertson	Claudia Schaefer
Sandra Bonagura	Dawn Johnson
Martha Bishop	Suzanne McCloskey

Dawn Johnson



Our next church sponsored blood drive will be Thursday 9/26 1:00-6:00 pm Sign up to give blood at redcrossblood.org



Blood Mobile

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



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



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 off is **September 7th**. For more information, go to www.offthestreetsnow.com or call 203-733-5880.

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



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.

Additional Support Group:



Support Groups

"Over-eaters Anony-mous" 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.



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.

2019 Country Bazaar

-Organizational Meeting 9/07

Bazaar Needs

Does anyone knit mittens and/or gloves? We need them for the Calico booth. We didn't have them last year and people asked for them. — Alice (amayer@snet.net)

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.



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 in formation call us at 860-817-6453 and leave a message.



TRUSTEE UPDATE: Due to safety concerns the driveway entrance from Greenwood Ave will be closed during the week after services. It will be open on Sunday mornings for services.

CT District Basic Lay Servant Ministry Course for 2019



The Methodist Church is offering a free Lay Servant Ministry Course this September. The course will be on September 14th & 21st from 9:00am to 3:30pm and is being offered in Torrington. Forms and more information are available on the table in the Narthex. If you have any questions please see Pastor John.



Julien is officially retired from bottles. He would like to thank everyone for their contributions over the years. He was able to retain about \$5000 In the last 5 years. That is 100,000 BOTTLES RETURNED!

This is his last year as a Youth on ASP and it's turned into a big production! Which is of course GREAT. He was able to pay for his trip every year with collections and left the rest at the centers or put it back into the communities that are suffering as well.



Did you know that 89% of the people in a typical American congregation don't have a financial safety net?

It's time to stop worrying about money! The ninelesson *Financial Peace University* (FPU) course is the proven plan to help you keep a budget, beat debt, and build wealth! Dave Ramsey and his team of financial experts teaches every lesson with biblical wisdom, and you'll get support and encouragement along the way. FPU includes your workbook and a free year of Financial Peace Membership, an online tool kit to support your journey. Contact Patricia Hutchinson at Patricia.Hutchinson928@gmail.com for more info. We will meet here at BUMC starting on Tuesday, September 17th and it ends November 12th — The course consists of 9 weekly sessions of about 90 minutes each, starting at 7:00pm Class materials cost \$109 per family. Just imagine

Class materials cost \$109 per family. Just imagine the impact we could have on the community if we were all debt-free! Marriages and families would be strengthened. People would be freed up to be outrageously generous. This kind of hope will ignite change in our entire community!

OUTREACH

We did it! We supplied backpacks and school supplies to 14 Bethel kindergarten students. Think how proud and excited they will be to start their first year of school with everything they need! The Wellmore Agency provided us with a list of 16 Danbury area students of various ages. The list of supplies that most of them needed was HUGE but our BUMC Family stepped up and provided every item on those lists. Some of you took 3-5 tags! Others of you brought in a few boxes and bags of general school supplies. Most of those additional supplies were shared with the Wellmore students in Waterbury who have extreme needs and no additional community support. We made a wonderful, important difference in the lives of these young people. Thank you so much!



Bethel United Methodist Church 50th ANNUAL COUNTRY BAZAAR

Friday, November 15th, 2019, 5pm-8pm Saturday, November 16th, 2019, 9am-3pm

It's time to start thinking of what you can donated to make our Country Bazaar a success. The following items are needed:

- 1. For the Silent Auction: do you have a new/unused item or service (a time share or property you could contribute? Do you have a skill, talent/hobby you could share?)
- 2. For the Calico Corner: handmade crafts items
- 3. For Holly Hearth: Christmas crafts, including wreaths, ornaments, etc.
- 4. For Christmas Attic: store bought Christmas items & heirlooms
- **5 For Kiss Tree:** items suitable for prizes for adults & children.
- 6. For Plants, Et cetera: plants in decorative pots, pots, jewelry and small antiques.
- 7. For Country Store: baked items, homemade jam, candy and any homemade tasty items.
- 8. For the Book Nook: books, puzzles and games in good condition.
- 9. For Theme Baskets: fill a basket with specific theme of your choosing, itemize the contents.
- 10. For the luncheon: requests will be made for groceries or gift certificates to Caraluzzi's or Costco.

And plan on donating your TIME!!! Set up on Thursday November 14th, sign up to work a shift on a booth, help in the kitchen or wait staff. Help with breaking down after the Bazaar.

With everyone's participation, however small, the Bazaar will be a big success!!!!



Bethel United Methodist Church presents



Song and Service

A Celebration of the Liturgical Year in Hymns

Featuring

The Bethel United Methodist Church Chancel Choir and

The Bethel United Methodist Church Handbell Choir

September 8, 2019 4:00pm

Bethel United Methodist Church 141 Greenwood Ave. Bethel, CT 06801

Doors open at 3:30pm

Free-will donations will be accepted at the door to support the BUMC Helping Hands Ministry.

For more information please visit www.bethelmethodist.net

Questions? Contact our music director, Jessica: jessicabardelli@gmail.com



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