

## Announcements

### Bus Trip to Lancaster



The Staten Island Council of Churches is sponsoring another bus trip to Lancaster, PA to shop, eat, and watch “Miracle of Christmas” at the Sight & Sound Theater on November 11<sup>th</sup>. The price: \$145. For more info, see the flyer on the bulletin board in the foyer.



### Final Weigh-In Next Week



We're glad that so many of you have pledged to help Pastor Matt trim the fat for Haiti. The final weigh-in will be next Sunday, so there's still time to make a pledge (the sign-up sheet is in the fellowship hall downstairs).



### BUMM's Breakfast Next Sunday



The Bethel United Methodist Men's group will be having their monthly prayer breakfast next Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, at 8:30 a.m. Come join us for good food and fellowship.



### Festival on Sandy Ground



The Sandy Ground Historical Society is holding its annual festival, featuring live music, arts and crafts for children, and lots of barbecued food, on Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> from 1-6 p.m. at 1538 Woodrow Road. Hope you can attend!



### Classic Movie Night



Come join us on June 24<sup>th</sup> for Classic Movie Night, starting with worship at 5 p.m., dinner at 6, and movie at 7 pm. This month's feature: High Noon (1952) starring Gary Cooper and Grace Kelly.



### Camping Trip in August



Join us for a family camping trip from August 4-6 at Kittatinny Valley State Park. The cost should be around \$60 per family plus food and other stuff. Should be fun! Please speak to Ken Quick for more info.



### Sunday School End-of-Year Celebration



There will be a Sunday School End-of-Year Celebration on June 25<sup>th</sup>; children and teachers will be recognized and appreciated during the worship service, and the children will be assembling a huge hoagie for us to enjoy during social hour. Please try to bring a covered dish for the event.



## **BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

*A Beacon of Hope*

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**Welcome to all who have come today!**

If you are new to Bethel, please sign the guest book in the back of the sanctuary.  
We hope you can join us in the social hall for fellowship and refreshments.

### **TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:**

**Liturgists:** Carol Blankenhorn

Jason Ciarlante

**Preacher:** Matt Schaeffer

**Musician:** Bea Jay

### **PRAYER LIST**

Please pray for Donna Bergrin, the family of Ashley Prieto, Robbie, Dagmar Geidel, Jason Ciarlante, Leslie Alleyne, Sandra, Sonya and Anna, George Psilakis, Grace Brown, Gadalia Reis, Gene Baufard, Alice & Eddie, Mildred Ekstrand, Dana White, Orville McCarter, Joan Jorgensen, Herb Gruberger, Lewis Pascola, Carol Plumb, Becky Weeks, Kim Thomas, Sal Alaimo, Wally and Gloria Eagle, Ken Eagle, John Higgins, Tom Quinn, Carol Barringer, Beth Cherrick, the Lambertsons, Frank DeJulio, Kevin Monahan, Carol and Don Josey, Tom Metz, Jim Gilligan, Isabella, Lucy Gallo, Rose Braadt, Margaret Beyl, the Konig family, Jenny, Julius Pinto, Tom Cameron, Bill Cameron, Dawn Caldwell, Patty Castellano, Gordon Ekstrand, Laura Ryan and family, Danielle, Zack Harrison, Maria and Christopher Gerardi, Phil Chavez, Joyce and Janet, Cristian Perullo, Sarah Hall, Robert Kay, Danielle S., Judy Bradley, Barbara & Paul Geidel, Bob Treglia, Jason Braadt, Kari Dalquist, Donald & Mae Bruckmann, Roy and Barbara Redman, Jean Houston, Peggy Lee, Don Lee, the people of Haiti, victims of terrorist attacks in Manchester and London, those struggling for human rights, the New York Annual Conference, refugees looking for a home, victims of violence, discrimination, and terrorism, those in prison, our elected officials, those seeking employment, our service members, police officers, veterans, and their families.

*Please contact the pastor if you would like a concern added to our list.*

## EVENTS CALENDAR

### Ongoing Events at Bethel

#### Prayer Chain

If you'd like to join the chain, or if you would like those on the prayer chain to pray for something, call (718- 984-1277) or email ([bumcsi@verizon.net](mailto:bumcsi@verizon.net)) us.

#### Bible Study

Lectionary Bible Study on Wednesdays from 7–8:30 P.M. at the parsonage (241 Bethel Ave.). Book study on Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m. at the church

#### Prayer Services

Join us in the sanctuary weekday mornings at 6 a.m. as together we bring our praises and concerns before God.

#### Team Bethel

Speak to Karen Jensen or the pastor if you would like to be part of the music team. We rehearse three Sundays each month from 9:45 – 10:30 a.m.

#### UM Men's Group

Fourth Saturday of the month from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the church. Join us for breakfast, fellowship, and prayer.

#### Saturday Worship

Worship God at our contemporary service at 5 p.m.  
Fellowship and refreshments after the service.

#### Bethel United Methodist Women's League

The ladies meet the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 11 a.m. at the church. For more info, call the church.

#### Social Hour

Join us after worship for coffee and snacks. You can support us by bringing a treat or placing a donation in the basket on the snack table.

#### Project Hospitality

Help in preparing / serving a meal for the clients of Project Hospitality. Our next event is July 21<sup>st</sup>. Please call the church if you'd like to help.

#### Saint Paul's Food Pantry

Please bring your non-perishable gifts to the church and deposit them in the box near the front door. Many families need our support!

#### Support Our Penny Fund

Please note the quaint little model church at the back of our sanctuary. Support our ongoing ministries by offering us some spare change.

#### Dinner and Movie Night

Each month we have a Children's Movie Night and a Classic Movie Night on Saturdays, starting at 5 p.m. with worship and a potluck dinner at 6 p.m.

<i>WHAT'S HAPPENING?</i>	<i>WHERE?</i>	<i>WHEN?</i>
<b>Loving Staten Island Friendship Dinner</b>	Pride Center of Staten Island 25 Victory Blvd.	June 18 <sup>th</sup> , 5 – 7:30 p.m.
<b>123<sup>rd</sup> Precinct Community Council meeting</b>	St. Paul's UMC 7558 Amboy Rd.	June 20 <sup>th</sup> , 7:30 p.m.
<b>Men's breakfast</b>	Bethel	June 24 <sup>th</sup> , 8:30 a.m.
<b>Sandy Ground annual festival</b>	1538 Woodrow Road	June 24 <sup>th</sup> , 1-6 p.m.
<b>Classic movie night</b>	Bethel	June 24 <sup>th</sup> starting with worship at 5 p.m., dinner at 6, and movie at 7 p.m.
<b>Team Bethel rehearsal</b>	Bethel	June 25 <sup>th</sup> , 9:45 a.m.
<b>Pastor on Mission Trip</b>	Haiti	July 3 – 10
<b>Hymn Sing</b>	Bethel	July 9 <sup>th</sup> , 11 a.m.
<b>Trip to Washington D.C.</b>	Leaving/returning to Metropark Station, Iselin, NJ	July 21 <sup>st</sup> , departing 6:30 a.m., returning at around 10 p.m.
<b>Vacation Bible School</b>	Bethel	August 1-3, 8-10 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
<b>Family Camping Trip</b>	Swartswood State Park in New Jersey	August 4-6
<b>Bethel Barbecue</b>	The Quick's house	August 20 <sup>th</sup>

For further information about these events, see the flyers located on the bulletin board, visit the church website at [www.bethelumcsi.com](http://www.bethelumcsi.com), or call the pastor at 718-984-1354. If you would like to include an announcement about an upcoming event, please contact the pastor.

#### **Readings for June 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>**

- Genesis 25:19-34
- Psalm 20
- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
- Matthew 6:1-21

#### **Faith Challenge: "In all things, pray"**

Paul writes, "Pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17). Most of us pray only when we're driven to our knees, when our situation has become so desperate that we *have to* rely upon God to rescue us. Once we feel that we are no longer in need of God's assistance, we cease praying and go about our lives as if God no longer matters. But those who "pray without ceasing" learn that God is a constant presence, and that presence brings peace and clarity in the day-to-day decisions that we make. Praying is including God in your life. Prayer instills faith. Prayer brings us hope when our circumstances are dire. Prayer gets us through anything. As our church works to discern mission, prayer is essential to that process. So pray without ceasing, that you may know God's will and God's peace.