

## Announcements

### Mobile Pantry Here on Tuesdays



Bethel has teamed up with Project Hospitality to serve as a host site for their Mobile Pantry which comes to the church to distribute food and other materials on Tuesdays between 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. Please spread the word!



### Sunday at Ocean Grove



Next Sunday (August 13<sup>th</sup>) we'll be driving down to Ocean Grove where we'll enjoy a late lunch with the Bartels, a stroll through the quaint and historic village and along the beach, and an evening worship service in the Great Auditorium featuring guest speaker Rev. Dr. Timothy Tennant, President of Asbury Theological Seminary.



### Church Barbecue at the Quick's



Ken and Shannon are once again hosting our annual church barbecue on August 20<sup>th</sup> after the morning worship service. There is a sign-up sheet on the literature table downstairs for anyone who would like to bring a dish. Directions and rides are available. Please plan to join us, and bring your bathing suit!



### Classic Movie Night



August 26<sup>th</sup> is Classic Movie Night at Bethel, beginning with worship at 5 p.m., then a potluck dinner at 6 p.m. and movie at 7 p.m. If there's a movie that you're interested in seeing, email your suggestion to the church! We'll announce our monthly feature next week!



### Volunteer Opportunities



As disciples of Jesus Christ we serve others, particularly “the least of these.” If you would like to help our community by feeding the hungry, reaching out to the incarcerated, visiting the home-bound, or teaching children to read, opportunities are available. Information is on the literature table.



### Let Your Voice Be Heard!



How blessed we are to live in a country where our voices are heard by those in power! As Christians we are called to “do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with (our) God” (Micah 6:8). Put your faith into action by sharing your concerns with our elected leaders: Call 844-872-0234.



## 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: Lil Leary &**

**Preacher: Rev. Matt Schaeffer**

**Musicians: Team Bethel**

### **PRAYER LIST**

Please pray for Jason & Oliver Radmacher, Beth Cherrick, Donna Bergrin, Ashley Prieto, Dagmar Geidel, Jason Ciarlante, Leslie Alleyne, Sandra, Sonya and Anna, George Psilakis, Grace Brown, Gadalia Reis, Gene Baufard, Alice & Eddie, Mildred Ekstrand, Dana White, 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, the Lambertsons, Frank DeJulio, Kevin Monahan, Carol and Don Josey, Tom Metz, Isabella, Rose Braadt, Margaret Beyl, Jenny, Julius Pinto, Tom Cameron, Bill Cameron, Dawn Caldwell, Jeanine, 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, Jon Schaeffer, the people of Haiti, 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.*

## 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 September 15<sup>th</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.

## EVENTS CALENDAR

<i>WHAT'S HAPPENING?</i>	<i>WHERE?</i>	<i>WHEN?</i>
Vacation Bible School	Bethel	August 8-10 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
S/PPRC	Bethel	August 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2 p.m.
Lectionary Bible Study	The parsonage	August 9 <sup>th</sup> , 7 p.m.
Trip to Ocean Grove	Leave from Bethel	August 13 <sup>th</sup> , 1 p.m.
Seeing Gray book study	Bethel	August 15 <sup>th</sup> , 10 a.m.
Lectionary Bible study	The parsonage	August 16 <sup>th</sup> , 7 p.m.
Worship planning meeting	Bethel	August 17 <sup>th</sup> , 10 a.m.
Team Bethel rehearsal	Bethel	August 20 <sup>th</sup> , 9:45 a.m.
Bethel Barbecue	The Quick's house	August 20 <sup>th</sup>
		August 26 <sup>th</sup> , Worship at 5 p.m. Dinner at 6 p.m. Movie at 7 p.m.
Team Bethel rehearsal	Bethel	August 27 <sup>th</sup> , 9:45 a.m.
Camp Olmstead benefit	Riverside Church 490 Riverside Drive	September 7 <sup>th</sup> , 7:30 p.m.
Baptism of Jack Lee	Bethel	September 24 <sup>th</sup> , 11 a.m.
Creative Worship conference	New Paltz UMC 1 Grove St., New Paltz, NY	October 21 <sup>st</sup>
Laity Convocation	Stamford Hilton Stamford, CT	November 11 <sup>th</sup>

For further information about these events, visit the church website at [www.bethelumcsi.com](http://www.bethelumcsi.com), or call 718-984-1277. If you would like to include an announcement about an upcoming event, please contact the pastor.

### Readings for August 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>

- Amos 7:7-17
- Psalm 82
- 2 Corinthians 3:5-8
- Luke 10:25-37

### Faith Challenge: "Spiritual Maturity"

Most people are not interested in faith; what they want instead is *certainty*. But about most things is unattainable. The best we can have is faith, and the greater our faith the better we are at dealing with the many uncertainties in life. The reason many churches split has to do with people forgetting what is important and feeling too certain about what is uncertain. Spiritual maturity means that we are able to deal with complexity and differing views in a humble way and not letting our differences distract us from serving God and others.