

## ***Announcements***

### **Cranberry Journal Ad Forms**



On the table in the fellowship hall are CRANBERRY JOURNAL AD FORMS. Please help our church fund our ministries asking merchants to purchase an ad in our journal to support our ministries. You can also help by purchasing memorials, boosters, and superboosters!



### **Help with Hurricane Relief**



Thanks to your generosity we've raised over \$600 for hurricane relief. You can help by giving a special offering, or by helping assemble cleaning kits and health kits – instructions are on the table in the fellowship hall.



### **Bethel Men's Group and Women's League News**



The Women's League will have their next meeting on October 11<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. at the church. There is also a conference-wide UM Women's meeting in the Bronx on October 7<sup>th</sup>. There is a UM Men's retreat on October 21<sup>st</sup> in Queens (details on bulletin board).



### **Children's Halloween Party**



Come join the fun at our children's Halloween Party on Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. Food, games, and a movie are among the activities planned. For more information, and to help with the planning, see our children's ministry reps, or call the church at 718-984-1277



### **Laity Sunday October 15<sup>th</sup>**



Laity Sunday is an opportunity for us to appreciate the service and witness of lay members of the church as well as a time for laity to lead the worship service. If you would like to help plan or participate in our Laity Sunday worship service, meet with Lil Leary after worship service today!



### **Children's Church October 8<sup>th</sup>**



Next Sunday is Children's Sabbath, and to celebrate we've planned a full, child-friendly worship service. Some of our children will be leading prayers and reading Scripture. Please join us as together we offer God thanks for all children!



## **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: Karen Jensen, Jason Ciarlante, Carol Blankenhorn**

**Preacher: Matt Schaeffer**

**Musician: Bea Jay**

### **PRAYER LIST**

Please pray for John Bauerlein, those affected by recent hurricanes, victims of the earthquake in Mexico, Angel Izquerno, Diane Toth, Beth Cherrick, Diane Toth, the Schweizer family, Donna Bergrin, Ashley Prieto, Nancy Meagher, Dagmar Geidel, Leslie Alleyne, Nancy Mahr, Patricia Sheeran, Dawn Tanaka, the family of Lilian Popp, Sandra, Sonya and Anna, George Psilakis, Grace Brown, Gadalia Reis, Gene Bauvard, 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, 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 November 17<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>
<b>Seeing Gray book study</b>	Bethel	October 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 10 a.m.
<b>Blue Mass</b>	Our Lady Star of the Sea	
<b>Women's League</b>	Bethel	October 11 <sup>th</sup> , 11 a.m.
<b>Contemporary worship service</b>	Bethel	October 14 <sup>th</sup> , 5 p.m.
<b>Friendship Dinner</b>	Temple Israel Reform Congregation	October 15 <sup>th</sup> , 5 p.m.
<b>S/PPRC</b>	Bethel	October 18 <sup>th</sup> , 1 p.m.
<b>Lectionary Bible study</b>	The parsonage	October 18 <sup>th</sup> , 7 p.m.
<b>Worship planning</b>	Bethel	October 19 <sup>th</sup> , 10 a.m.
<b>Children's Halloween Party</b>	Bethel	October 20 <sup>th</sup> , 6 p.m.
<b>Welcome Richard &amp; Barbara Bartels to Bethel</b>	Bethel	October 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 11 a.m.
<b>"The Meaning of America Today"</b>	Jewish Community Center 1466 Manor Road	October 24 <sup>th</sup> , 7:30 p.m.
<b>Celebration of the life of Lilian Popp</b>	Bethel	October 28 <sup>th</sup> , 12:30 p.m.
<b>Confirmation Celebration</b>	Bethel	October 29 <sup>th</sup> , 11 a.m.
<b>SICOC Fall Assembly &amp; Dinner</b>	All Saints Episcopal Church 2329 Victory Blvd.	November 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 6 p.m.
<b>Cranberry Festival</b>	Bethel	November 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Heritage Sunday</b>	Bethel	November 12 <sup>th</sup> , 11 a.m.
<b>Welcome Ralph Borriello to Bethel</b>	Bethel	November 19 <sup>th</sup> , 11 a.m.

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.

<b>Readings for October 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28
	<input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b
	<input type="checkbox"/> Romans 10:5-15
	<input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 14:22-33

### Faith Challenge

Like Peter in our Gospel lesson (Matthew 14:22-33), we often take risks in faith and end up sinking in the mire. But remember that we sink not because God has forsaken us but because we didn't keep our eyes on Jesus. The good news is that can always reach up and find Jesus to lift us out of whatever mess we find ourselves in.