

Announcements

Help Wanted



The church is currently seeking a new part-time custodian to start in March. Duties include general cleaning upstairs and down four to five hours per week. If you know anyone who's interested have them contact the church.



Altar Flowers



If you'd like to honor someone by way of altar flowers, just enter the information on the bulletin board in the foyer and remit payment (\$30) to Vicky Rivelli.



Ash Wednesday Service



The season of Lent is just around the corner, and Pastor Matt will be in the sanctuary to administer ashes to anyone who'd like to come and pray on February 14th from 6 – 8 a.m., 1-3 p.m., and 5-6 p.m.



Thursday Prayer & Share



In response to last Thursday's cooperative ministry meeting with St. Paul's UMC, Bethel will host a prayer and share time on Thursday night at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. All are welcome to join in prayer and dialogue.



Men's Fellowship Breakfast



Come join us at the church on Saturday, February 24th at 8:30 for our monthly Men's Fellowship Breakfast. Please contact John Spagnoli (bumm924@gmail.com / 718-887-5155) for more information.



SICOC Lenten Worship Service



The Staten Island Council of Churches is holding an ecumenical Lenten Worship Service on February 25th at 4 p.m. at Christ Episcopal Church (76 Franklin Ave.) Please join us and meet your Christian neighbors from around the island.



BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A Beacon of Hope

7033 Amboy Road at Bethel Avenue
Staten Island, NY 10307

Website: www.bethelumcsi.com

Email: bumcsi@verizon.net

Pastor's study: (718) 984-1354

Church Office: (718) 984-1277

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, Carol Blankenhorn
Jason Ciarlante, Gregory Adams

Preacher: Pastor Matt Schaeffer

Musician: Chris Clark

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for Natalia Lupia, Alice & Frank Caldwell, Michael Sullivan, Fay Caputo, Ed Cardona, Peter Dolan, Kate Cameron, Abraham Saraka, Detective Lisa Bergen, Carmen Methany Gaines, Kitt Wessman, John Bauerlein, Donna Bovenizer, Joe DiAndria, Angel Izquerno, Beth Cherrick, Mae Bruckmann, Donna Bergin, Patricia Sheeran, Tak Tanaka, Dawn Tanaka, Sandra, Sonya and Anna, George Psilakis, Grace Brown, Gadalia Reis, Gene Baufard, Alice & Eddie, Mildred & Gordon Ekstrand, Dana White, Joan Jorgensen, Herb Gruberger, Lewis Pascola, Carol Plumb, Becky Weeks, Kim Thomas, Sal Alaimo, Wally, Gloria, & 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, Laura Ryan and family, Danielle, Zack Harrison, Maria & Christopher Gerardi, Phil Chavez, Joyce and Janet, Cristian Perullo, Sarah Hall, Robert Kay, Danielle S., Judy Bradley, Barbara Geidel and family, Bob Treglia, Jason Braadt, Kari Dalquist, Roy and Barbara Redman, Jean Houston, Peggy Lee, Don Lee, the people of Haiti, those struggling for human rights, refugees, the homeless, victims of violence, discrimination, and terrorism, those in prison, our elected officials, our service members, those seeking employment, 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) 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 March 16th. 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>
Trustees meeting	Bethel	Today, after social hour
Bible Study	Bethel	February 13 th , 10 a.m.
Ash Wednesday prayer services	Bethel	February 14 th , 6-8 a.m., 1-3 p.m., 5-6 p.m.
Bible Study	The parsonage	February 14 th , 7 p.m.
Prayer & Share	Bethel	February 15 th , 7 p.m.
Saturday worship service	Bethel	February 17 th , 5 p.m.
Team Bethel rehearsal	Bethel	February 18 th , 10 a.m.
Friendship Dinner	Unitarian Church of Staten Island 312 Fillmore Street	February 18 th , 5 p.m.
Bible Study	Bethel	February 20 th , 10 a.m.
Bible Study	The parsonage	February 21 st , 7 p.m.
Worship planning meeting	Bethel	February 22 nd , 10 a.m.
Men's fellowship breakfast	Bethel	February 24 th , 8:30 a.m.
Classic Movie Night	Bethel	February 24 th Worship at 5 p.m. Potluck dinner at 6 p.m. Movie at 7 p.m.
SICOC Lenten Service	Christ Episcopal Church 76 Franklin Ave.	February 25 th , 4 p.m.

For further information about these events, visit the church website at 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 February 17th & 18th	<input type="checkbox"/> Genesis 9:8-17
	<input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 25:1-10
	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Peter 3:18-22
	<input type="checkbox"/> Mark 1:9-15

Faith Challenge: "Preparation"

Once we are aware of God's love and grace we are immediately led by the Holy Spirit into our new life, but this new life will have challenges because we are so used to the trappings of the old life (the temptations of wealth and power and fame that Jesus confronts in the wilderness). Throughout our new life in Christ we will need to spend time in prayer and in fasting to sustain our faith in the God who loves us and claims us.