

## Announcements

### Newsletters Available



The latest *Bethel Beacon* was sent electronically last night; Dottie and Gloria have hard copies. Check out info on upcoming events as well as coverage of recent events!



### 2018 Mission Academy



This year's mission academy will be held from April 11 – 14 at the Riverview Retreat Center on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Cost is \$250 and up, depending on the accommodations you choose. See the pastor for more info.



### Have a Heart



The Sunday School children will be preparing the Project Hospitality Shelter meal this coming Sunday (March 11) after church, so if you *had a heart* and pledged to bring in some ingredient for the meal, please bring it in soon.



### Combined Good Friday Service



Members of various South Shore Methodist churches will be meeting here at Bethel on Tuesday night at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary to continue planning a combined Good Friday service (to be held at Rossville AME Zion Church at 7 p.m.). There is also a combined choir practice at St. Paul's on Thursday nights at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome to participate!



### Friendship Dinner at Bethel



On March 18<sup>th</sup> Bethel will be hosting a Staten Island-wide Friendship Dinner from 5 – 8 p.m. Please come and meet some of our neighbors from across the island. The event is sponsored by the Staten Island Inter-Religious Leadership Coalition. More information is on the bulletin board.



### SICOC Awards Dinner



This year, Bethel will be honoring Ken & Shannon Quick at the Staten Island Council of Churches annual Awards Dinner at the Old Bermuda Inn on April 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. See Vicky Rivelli to reserve your seat and congratulate Ken & Shannon.



## **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

**Liturgist:** John Spagnoli & Jason Ciarlante

**Preacher:** Pastor Matt Schaeffer

**Musician:** Bea Jay

### **PRAYER LIST**

Please pray for victims of violence and terrorism, our legislators, the family of Hector Luis Ortiz, Laura Eacenet, Natalia Lupia, Alice & Frank Caldwell, Michael Sullivan, Fay Caputo, Ed Cardona, Peter Dolan, Kate Cameron, Abraham Saraka, Carmen Methany Gaines, Kitt Wessman, John Bauerlein, Donna Bovenizer, Joe DiAndria, Angel Izquerno, Beth Cherrick, Mae Bruckmann, Donna Bergrin, Patricia Sheeran, Tak Tanaka, Dawn Tanaka, Sandra, Sonya and Anna, George Psilakis, Grace Brown, Gadalioda 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, Doug Powell, the people of Haiti, those struggling for human rights, refugees, the homeless, victims of discrimination and terrorism, those in prison, 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](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 March 16<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>Revelation Bible Study</b>	Bethel	March 6 <sup>th</sup> , 10 a.m.
<b>Cooperative Ministry prayer and planning</b>	Bethel	March 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 p.m.
<b>Women's League meeting</b>	Bethel	March 7 <sup>th</sup> , 11:30 a.m.
<b>Revelation Bible Study</b>	The parsonage	March 7 <sup>th</sup> , 7 p.m.
<b>Worship Planning meeting</b>	Bethel	March 8 <sup>th</sup> , 10 a.m.
<b>Classic Movie Night</b>	Bethel	March 10 <sup>th</sup> Worship at 5 p.m. Potluck dinner at 6 p.m. Movie at 7 p.m.
<b>Easter Choir rehearsal</b>	Bethel	March 11 <sup>th</sup> , 10 a.m.
<b>Children prepare PH meal</b>	Bethel	March 11 <sup>th</sup> , 1 p.m.
<b>Nominations Committee</b>	Bethel	March 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2 p.m.
<b>Easter Choir rehearsal</b>	Bethel	March 18 <sup>th</sup> , 10 a.m.
<b>Loving Staten Island Friendship Dinner</b>	Bethel	March 18 <sup>th</sup> , 5 p.m.
<b>Easter Choir rehearsal</b>	Bethel	March 25 <sup>th</sup> , 10 a.m.
<b>Holy Thursday dinner</b>	Bethel	March 29 <sup>th</sup> , 6 p.m.
<b>South Shore Methodist Good Friday Service</b>	Rossville AME Zion Church 584 Bloomingdale Road	March 30 <sup>th</sup> , 7 p.m.
<b>Easter Sunrise Service and Breakfast</b>	Bethel	April 1 <sup>st</sup> , 7 a.m.
<b>Staten Island Council of Churches Award Dinner</b>	The Old Bermuda Inn 2512 Arthur Kill Rd.	April 12 <sup>th</sup> , 6 p.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 March 10<sup>th</sup> &amp; 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Numbers 21:4-9
	<input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
	<input type="checkbox"/> Ephesians 2:1-10
	<input type="checkbox"/> Mark 4:33-34

### Faith Challenge: "Education"

The new life is quite foreign to us, so we need instructions on how to live it. This is why it's important for us to study scripture, take courses in church leadership, and (of course) pray. Jesus taught through stories and took the time to explain their meaning to his disciples. We need to be diligent and prayerful learners in order to be effective teachers so others may become committed disciples.