

## *Announcements*

### Dine Out Against Hunger



Help Project Hospitality by dining out on **April 12<sup>th</sup> (North Shore), 19<sup>th</sup> (Mid-Island), or 26<sup>th</sup> (South Shore)**. Participating restaurants will donate 20% of your food tab to Project Hospitality. For a list of participating restaurants, go to <https://www.projecthospitality.org/dineout/>



### Staten Island Lay Servant School



This year's Staten Island Lay Servant School will be held at St. Paul's UMC (7558 Amboy Road) on April 21<sup>st</sup> and May 5<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Registration is \$35 and includes the required texts, continental breakfast, and lunch. The deadline to register is April 12<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the pastor if you'd like to attend!



### Bethel's Spring Fair



Join us on May 12<sup>th</sup> for our annual Spring Fair! Come by and enjoy breakfast and lunch, pick up some baked goods, flowers, and Mother's Day gifts from the Women's League's gift table or one of the many vendors. We could also use your help if you can donate some time!



### Wanted: New and Unused Items



The Women's League is collecting new items that we can use on our gift table for the Spring Fair. Keep in mind we have Mother's Day, Father's Day, and graduations coming up - anything geared toward these would be appropriate. Great time to recycle gifts you may have gotten - Get a jump on your spring cleaning and donate to our gift table. Please no used items. You can bring items to the church. Due April 15<sup>th</sup>.



### Council of Churches Awards Dinner



Great news: there is still time to reserve a seat at the Staten Island Council of Churches' Awards Dinner on April 12<sup>th</sup> starting at 6 p.m. This year Bethel is honoring Ken & Shannon Quick. The dinner is \$55 for adults, \$30 for children 12 and under. See Vicky Rivelli TODAY!



## **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 that you are inspired through worshiping with us and that you can join us in the social hall for fellowship and refreshments.

### TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

**Liturgists: Richard Bartels, Barbara Bartels,  
and Carol Blankenhorn**

**Acolyte: Julianne Quick,**

**Preacher: Pastor Matt Schaeffer**

**Musician: Christopher Clark**

### **PRAYER LIST**

Please pray for victims of violence and terrorism, our legislators, Danielle Weisberg, John Higgins, 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, Tom Quinn, Carol Barringer, the Lambertsons, Frank DeJulio, Kevin Monahan, Carol and Don Josey, Tom Metz, Isabella, Rose Braadt, Margaret Beyl, 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, 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 May 18<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	April 10 <sup>th</sup> , 10 a.m.
<b>Cooperative ministry meeting</b>	Bethel	April 10 <sup>th</sup> , 7 p.m.
<b>Women's League meeting</b>	Bethel	April 11 <sup>th</sup> , 11 a.m.
<b>Revelation Bible Study</b>	The parsonage	April 11 <sup>th</sup> , 7 p.m.
<b>Worship Planning meeting</b>	Bethel	April 12 <sup>th</sup> , 10 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.
<b>Saturday worship service</b>	Bethel	April 14 <sup>th</sup> , 5 p.m.
<b>Team Bethel rehearsals</b>	Bethel	April 15 <sup>th</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 10 a.m.
<b>Native American Ministries Sunday</b>	Bethel	April 15 <sup>th</sup> , 11 a.m.
<b>Lay Servant School</b>	St. Paul's UMC 7558 Amboy Rd.	April 21 <sup>st</sup> and May 5 <sup>th</sup> 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
<b>Classic movie night</b>	Bethel	April 22 <sup>nd</sup> , beginning at 5 p.m.
<b>Spaghetti Dinner</b>	St. Paul's UMC 7558 Amboy Rd.	April 28 <sup>th</sup> , 5 p.m.
<b>Hymn Sing</b>	Bethel	April 29 <sup>th</sup> , 11 a.m.
<b>Bethel Spring Fair</b>	Bethel	May 12 <sup>th</sup> from 8 to 4

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 April 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Acts 2:14-41
	<input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 116
	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Peter 1:17-23
	<input type="checkbox"/> Luke 24:36-49

### Faith Challenge: "Risen to Heal the World"

Is it more important to be healthy physically or spiritually? Most people would affirm the latter, yet how many people choose to live with the wrong priorities, stuck in sin and refusing to forgive themselves or others. In our gospel lesson Jesus appears to his disciples, the men who abandoned him when he was arrested and locked themselves in a room for fear of their own arrest. Then he commissions them to proclaim repentance and forgiveness of sins, refusing to dwell on their own sins. If Jesus is able to look past our sins, forgiving those who sinned against him, what gets in the way of us forgiving ourselves and forgiving others?