

Announcements

Altar Flowers



Today's altar flowers were given by Richard & Barbara Bartels in honor of Peggy Lee's 100th birthday! Congratulations Peggy! And thank you, Richard and Barbara.



Volunteer for VBS



We're looking for folks who can help us out in any way with Vacation Bible School (August 7-9, 14-16). No experience necessary; just a heart that loves children and wants to be part of the ministry. If interested, please contact the pastor or Lay Leader.



Honor Our Heroes



The Beauvais Hudson Post of the American Legion will be at Bethel on Sunday May 20th at 10:15 for the Memorial Day Service. Please come to honor those who have given their lives for our nation!



Loving Staten Island Friendship Dinner



The Staten Island Inter-Religious Leadership is holding yet another friendship dinner, this time at Muslim American Society, 80 Burgher Ave. on May 20th from 6-8:30 p.m. Information is on the bulletin board in the foyer downstairs.



New Bible Study Starting This Month



Starting May 22nd and 23rd we will study some of the writings discovered in a cave near Nag Hamadi, Egypt in 1945 to learn what some early Christians believed and how those beliefs compare with those we hold today. Elaine Pagels' *The Gnostic Gospels* will serve as a source of background information for the study. Please contact Pastor Matt if you'd like to participate!



Men's Prayer Breakfast



The BUMMs (Bethel United Methodist Men) will hold their monthly prayer breakfast on May 26th at 8:30 a.m. here at the church. Please join us for food, fellowship, and discussion.



Classic Movie Night



Join us on Saturday, May 26th for our monthly Classic Movie Night featuring "Walk the Line" (2005). Reese Witherspoon received an Academy Award (Best Actress) for her portrayal of June Carter Cash. Worship starts at 5, potluck dinner at 6, and movie at 7 p.m.



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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: Shannon Quick, Ken Quick
& Greg Adams**

Speaker: Pastor Matt Schaeffer

Musician: Bea Jay

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for victims of violence and terrorism, our legislators, Butch Servilio, Christine Mortenson, John Spagnoli, Larry Ambrosino, 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 and 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, 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, those struggling for human rights, the homeless, 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.

EVENTS CALENDAR

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 May 18th. 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.

<i>WHAT'S HAPPENING?</i>	<i>WHERE?</i>	<i>WHEN?</i>
Church Council meeting	Bethel	May 16 th , 7:30 p.m.
Hats on Parade Tea Party	Faith UMC 221 Heberton Ave.	May 19 th , 12 – 4 p.m.
UM Men's Annual Bishop's Luncheon	Westbury UMC 265 E Asbury Avenue	May 19 th , 12-4 p.m.
Children's Movie Night	Bethel	May 19 th Children's Church at 5 p.m. Dinner at 6 p.m. Movie starts at 6:30 p.m.
Loving Staten Island Friendship Dinner	Muslim American Society 80 Burgher Ave.	May 20 th , 6 – 8:30 p.m.
New Study: "The Gnostic Gospels"	Bethel	May 22 nd , 10 a.m.
Youth Summit planning meeting	Reformed Church of Huguenot Park 5474 Amboy Road	May 22 nd , 6:30 p.m.
New Study: "The Gnostic Gospels"	Bethel	May 23 rd , 7 p.m.
BUMM's prayer breakfast	Bethel	May 26 th , 8:30 a.m.
Classic Movie Night	Bethel	May 26 th Worship at 5 p.m. Dinner at 6 p.m. Movie at 7 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 May 19th & 20th	<input type="checkbox"/> Acts 2:1-21
	<input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 104:24-35
	<input type="checkbox"/> Romans 8:22-27
	<input type="checkbox"/> John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Faith Challenge: Pentecost

Pentecost is about the moment the church was born. It is about what the church of Jesus Christ is supposed to be. It is about the Holy Spirit bringing people together as one in spite of their differences: different cultures, different languages, different traditions, different beliefs, different interpretations, different theologies. Pentecost is about being unified in words, and in a salvation that is for all people. As we come to the end of the season of Easter with the celebration of the church's beginning, we go forth rejoicing with great hope, proclaiming salvation for all people!