

Announcements

Altar Flowers



Today's altar flowers are provided by Barbara Fischer in memory of her sisters Marilyn and Ginny. Thank you, Barbara! If you would like to give altar flowers, please arrange payment (\$30) with Vicky Rivelli and sign up on altar flower calendar on the bulletin board in the foyer.



Budget Q & A Today



Our Finance Committee Chair Karen Jensen will be on hand during social hour to answer any questions anyone may have regarding our income and expenses. Please take this opportunity to speak with Karen. We thank you all for your faithful and generous support of the church.



Pasta Dinner at St. Paul's



Saint Paul's UMC (7558 Amboy Road) is holding a Pasta Dinner this afternoon at 3 p.m. (take out pickup: 2:30 p.m.). See the flyers on the bulletin boards downstairs for details and RSVP.



Movie Night on Saturday



Join us next Saturday for worship, dinner, and a movie featuring *Green Book* (nominated for Best Picture at the 2018 Academy Awards), the story of jazz pianist Don Shirley (Mahershala Ali) who hires chauffeur Frank "Tony Lip" Vallelonga (Viggo Mortensen) to drive him on a concert tour of the American South in 1962. Worship starts at 5, potluck dinner at 6, and movie at 7 p.m.



60s Sing-along and Spaghetti Dinner



Keep the date: on April 6th Bethel will be holding a 60s Sing-along and Spaghetti dinner featuring your favorite songs as well as live music! See Lori Catricola for more information. Flyers will be available soon.



Spiritual Gifts Assessment



Pick up a copy of "Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts" and find out how you may be gifted for ministry. Also, stay tuned for Spiritual Gift assessment workshops coming during Lent!



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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

Liturgist: Gregory Adams

Preacher: Pastor Matt Schaeffer

Musician: Chris Clark

Prayer List

Please pray for the family of Ashley Prieto, Richard Rogers, Donna Bergrin, Arjun Jain, Carl Messina, John Wiley, the family of Kevin Gussell, Faith Longstreet, Lenny & Carole Santarsiere, Doug Powell, Kevin Monahan, Dot Calkins, Frank Rotunno, Lee Batson, Barbara O'Shea, Kenneth Davis, Josephine Rosario, Joanne Stropoli, Walter Osborne, Maria & Mark Levine, Mike Vogt, Karen Jensen, the 2019 General Conference of the United Methodist Church, Carol Josey, Madeline Carrera, Butch Servilio, Christine Mortenson, John Spagnoli, Larry Ambrosino, Danielle Weisberg, 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, Mae Bruckmann, Patricia Sheeran, Tak and Dawn Tanaka, Sandra, Sonya and Anna, George Psilakis, Grace Brown, Gedaglia Reis, Gene Baufard, Alice & Eddie, Mildred & Gordon Ekstrand, Dana White, Herb Gruberger, Lewis Pascola, Carol Plumb, Becky Weeks, Kim Thomas, Sal Alaimo, Wally, Gloria, & Ken Eagle, Tom Quinn, Carol Barringer, Dawn Caldwell, Jeanine, Laura Ryan and family, Zack Harrison, Maria & Christopher Gerardi, Phil Chavez, Joyce & Janet, Cristian Perullo, Sarah Hall, Robert Kay, Danielle S., Judy Bradley, Bob Treglia, Jason Braadt, Kari Dalquist, Roy and Barbara Redman, Jean Houston, Don Lee, 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.

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).

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

Like music? Join us for rehearsals on the last two Sundays of the month at 9:45 a.m. Contact the church for more info.

UM Men's Group

Third or fourth Saturday of the month from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the church. Join us for breakfast, fellowship, and prayer.

Worship Services

We have four worship services weekly: Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m., Saturdays at 5 p.m., and Sundays at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.

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 15th. 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>
Budget Q & A	The fellowship hall	Today during social hour
Spaghetti Dinner	St. Paul's UMC	Today at 3 p.m.
Book Study: Methodism	Bethel	February 12 th , 10 a.m.
Book Study: Methodism	The parsonage	February 13 th , 7 p.m.
Worship planning meeting	Bethel	February 14 th , 10 a.m.
Classic Movie Night	Bethel	February 16 th Worship: 5 p.m. Potluck Dinner: 6 p.m. Movie: 7 p.m.
Team Bethel rehearsal	Bethel	February 17 th , 10 a.m.
60s Night Spaghetti dinner	Bethel	April 6 th

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 16 th & 17 th	<input type="checkbox"/> Jeremiah 17:5-10 <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 6:17-26
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Faith Challenge: "The Expectant Crowd"

The passage from Luke's gospel is commonly known as "The Sermon on the Plain." Jesus "came down with them and stood on a level place" (6:17). The location on a level plain suggests that Jesus assumed a vantage point of equality. In this position, he was not above the people. No doubt the crowd who came to see Jesus was not unlike the crowds of people that come to our churches and the crowds that stay away from our churches. This crowd of people came to Jesus with open hearts, open minds, seeking open doors. Deep in their hearts they felt that Jesus would empathize with them. Their minds were open to the possibility that Jesus might lead them through his teaching to a new way of living. Finally, they wanted to be welcomed into the doors of Jesus' ministry. Jesus accepted the people in the crowd just as they were. Are we willing to accept our neighbors who have not yet come to our churches, while ministering to our current congregation?