

# Announcements

## Special General Conference



Well, the special General Conference is over, but there is a lot to unpack. Pastor Matt will spend time with anyone who is interested in learning about the decisions that were made and how those decisions may impact our church during social hour on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Feel free to share your questions or concerns at any time. Pastor Matt will update you regularly.



## Ash Wednesday Service / Faith Formation



Bethel will be open on Ash Wednesday (March 6<sup>th</sup>) from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. and from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. for prayer and administration of ashes. During Lent the pastor will be leading small faith formation groups in prayer and discussion on the Scripture passages used during our Lenten worship series, "With All Your Heart" (days and hours TBD). There is a sign-up sheet in the social hall.



## SICOC Lenten Service / Combined Choir



The Staten Island Council of Churches will be holding its annual Lenten worship service on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. at St. Paul's United Methodist Church (7558 Amboy Road). For anyone interested in joining a combined choir, there will be a rehearsal at St. Paul's on March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. Pastor Matt has the music if you'd like to work on it in advance.



## Children's Events



Parents mark your calendars: March 30<sup>th</sup> will be a **Children's Night Out** to the movies (theater & movie TBD: call Shannon Quick at 917-806-0786 for more details. Also, the **Children's Easter Party** will be held here at the church on the evening of April 13<sup>th</sup>



## 60s Sing-along and Pasta Dinner



On April 6<sup>th</sup> Bethel will be holding a 60s Sing-along and pasta dinner featuring your favorite songs as well as live music! Info is on the flyers downstairs. Call Barbara Bartels (718-966-0818) to RSVP.



## Interfaith Seder



The Building Bridges Coalition will be holding their 16<sup>th</sup> annual Interfaith Seder at Zion Lutheran Church on April 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Information is on the flyer in the foyer.



# 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 worshipping with us and that you can join us in the social hall for fellowship and refreshments.

## TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

**Liturgist:** Greg Adams

**Preacher:** Pastor Matt Schaeffer

**Musicians:** Team Bethel

## *Prayer List*

Please pray for the United Methodist Church, the people of Haiti, Richard Rogers, Donna Bergrin, Arjun Jain, Carl Messina, John Wiley, 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, 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 and Jim Sheeran, Tak and Dawn Tanaka, Sandra, Sonya and Anna, George Psilakis, Grace Brown, Gedaglia Reis, Gene Bauvard, 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](mailto: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 15<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

<u>WHAT'S HAPPENING?</u>	<u>WHERE?</u>	<u>WHEN?</u>
<b>Funeral Service for Roy Redman</b>	Woodrow Church	March 4 <sup>th</sup> , 11 a.m.
<b>Book Study: Methodism</b>	Bethel	March 5 <sup>th</sup> , 10 a.m.
<b>Ash Wednesday prayers &amp; administration of ashes</b>	Bethel	March 6 <sup>th</sup> , 6 – 9 a.m. 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.
<b>Book Study: Methodism</b>	The parsonage	March 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 p.m.
<b>Worship planning meeting</b>	Bethel	March 7 <sup>th</sup> , 10 a.m.
<b>SICOC Combined Choir rehearsal</b>	St. Paul's UMC 7558 Amboy Road	March 7 <sup>th</sup> , 7 p.m.
<b>Mental Health Forum</b>	Christ Church 76 Franklin Ave	March 9 <sup>th</sup> , 8:30 a.m. – noon
<b>SICOC Lenten Worship service</b>	St. Paul's UMC 7558 Amboy Road	March 10 <sup>th</sup> , 4 p.m.
<b>St. Patrick's Day Fellowship Lunch</b>	Bethel	March 17 <sup>th</sup> , during social hour
<b>Children's Movie Night Out</b>	TBD	March 30 <sup>th</sup>
<b>60s Night &amp; Pasta Dinner</b>	Bethel	April 6 <sup>th</sup> , 6 – 10 p.m.
<b>Interfaith Seder</b>	Zion Lutheran Church 505 Watchogue Road	April 11 <sup>th</sup> , 6:30 p.m.
<b>Children's Easter Party</b>	Bethel	April 13 <sup>th</sup>

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.

Readings for March 9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup>	Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 Romans 10:8b-13 Luke 4:1-13
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### **Faith Challenge: "God's Generous Heart"**

As we begin our journey into the wildness of Lent where our parched souls are dry and weary, we are reminded that though we are asked to wander these 40 days, our journey is not aimless. Our "promised land" lies in our rising with Christ. We would do well to remember that as we explore the wilderness inside our own hearts, we will need God's "mighty hand and outstretched arm" to give direction to our sojourn. We will need to be reminded over and again who we are and to whom we belong. During these 40 days, we will need to rehearse the story of our faith and find our grounded-ness in the very heart of God.