

## *Announcements*

### St. Patrick's Day Meal Today!

Join us after the service for a good ol' Irish meal of corned beef and cabbage to celebrate St. Patrick's Day! Everything's free, but donations are accepted and will be used to support our children's ministries here at Bethel.



### Faith Formation

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" on Wednesdays and Thursdays (see Events Calendar). All are welcome to attend!



### Lots Going On Next Saturday

Next Saturday we'll have the BUMMs breakfast at 8:30 a.m. and Classic Movie Night (featuring *Green Book*). The movie starts at 7 p.m. Worship is at 5 p.m. and a potluck dinner starts at 6 p.m.



### Lay Servant School

Lay servant school will be held on March 30<sup>th</sup> and April 6<sup>th</sup> at Faith United Methodist Church (221 Heberton Ave). Registration forms are in the fellowship hall.



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

### TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

**Liturgist:** Lillian Leary  
**Preacher:** Pastor Matt Schaeffer  
**Musician:** Chris Clark

### *Prayer List*

Please pray for the United Methodist Church, the people of Haiti, Betty Sardinelli, Richard Rogers, the Bergrin family, Steven Syriacs, 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 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](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

<i>WHAT'S HAPPENING?</i>	<i>WHERE?</i>	<i>WHEN?</i>
<b>St. Patrick's Day Lunch</b>	Bethel	Today after church
<b>Book Study on Methodism</b>	Bethel	March 19 <sup>th</sup> , 10 a.m.
<b>Church Council Meeting</b>	Bethel	March 20 <sup>th</sup> , 7 p.m.
<b>Faith Formation group</b>	Bethel	March 21 <sup>st</sup> , 1:30 p.m.
<b>Worship Planning meeting</b>	Bethel	March 21 <sup>st</sup> , 3 p.m.
<b>BUMMs Breakfast</b>	Bethel	March 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 8:30 a.m.
<b>Classic Movie Night</b>	Bethel	March 23 <sup>rd</sup>
<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.

<p><b>Readings for March 23<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 24<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p><b>Isaiah 55:1-9</b>  <b>Psalm 63:1-8 (UMH 766)</b>  <b>1 Corinthians 10:1-13</b>  <b>Luke 13:1-9</b></p>
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### Faith Challenge: "God's Generous Heart"

Tradition compels us to think of Lent as a time of self-denial and intense introspection and contemplation. This season sets itself apart as a time of fasting from the luxurious and indulgent. A boisterous feast at God's table is the last thing that we would expect to see embodied in the words of our lectionary Scripture for this week. Yet here we are all the same, duty-bound to come to God's table, no matter the state of our wallets or the state of our hearts. Preachers have led our people through two weeks of Lent. They have found themselves grounded in offering the first fruits of the harvest and uplifted by the promises suspended like stars in the night sky. This week, we ask you to leave your chosen pathways, repent, and turn back to a God who always has "plenty good room" at the Table for us.