

Announcements

Altar Flowers



Today's altar flowers have been given by Barbara Fischer to the glory of God. Thank you, Barbara! If you'd like to give flowers, please sign up on the altar flowers calendar on the bulletin board in the foyer and arrange payment (\$30) with Vicky Rivelli.



Children's Easter Party



The **Children's Easter Party** will be held here at the church on the evening of April 13th. The church is supplying all the craft materials and eggs! Please join us for the celebration! call Shannon Quick at 917-806-0786 for more details.



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!



Hats on Parade Tea Party



Faith United Methodist Church is holding a Hats on Parade tea party on Saturday May 18th from noon to 4 p.m. There will be refreshments, games, a DJ, and prizes awarded to the best hats! Info is on the literature table in the fellowship hall and on the bulletin board.



Interfaith Seder



The Building Bridges Coalition is holding an interfaith Seder at Zion Lutheran Church on April 11th at 6:30 p.m. Information and registration forms are on the literature table in the fellowship hall.



Holy Thursday Love Feast



Join us at 7 p.m. on April 18th as we share a meal together and commemorate Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. There is a sign up sheet in the fellowship hall.



Good Friday Service



The South Shore Methodist Council will be holding its annual Good Friday service here at Bethel on April 19th at 7:30 p.m. If you're interested in joining the combined choir, see the pastor



BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A Beacon of Hope

7033 Amboy Road at Bethel Avenue
Staten Island, NY 10307

Website: www.bethelumcsi.com

Email: bumcsi@verizon.net

Pastor's study: (718) 984-1354

Church Office: (718) 984-1277

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: Richard Bartels

Preacher: Pastor Matt Schaeffer

Musician: Chris Clark

Prayer List

Please pray for 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, 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).

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 May 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>
Bible Study: Genesis	Bethel	April 9 th , 10 a.m.
123rd Precinct Community Council meeting	Bethel	April 10 th , 7 p.m.
South Shore Council Worship Planning	Bethel	April 10 th , 3 p.m.
Faith Formation group	Bethel	April 11 th , 1:30 p.m.
Interfaith Seder	Zion Lutheran Church 505 Watchogue Road	April 11 th , 6:30 p.m.
Children's Easter Party	Bethel	April 13 th , 5 p.m.
Holy Thursday Love Feast	Bethel	April 18 th , 7 p.m.
Good Friday Worship service	Bethel	April 19 th , 7:30 p.m.
Sunrise Worship service and breakfast	Bethel	April 21 st , 7 a.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 April 13th & 14th

Luke 19:28-40
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16

Faith Challenge: "Preparing"

In our Gospel lesson, the crowd shouts, "Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven." What about earth? Perhaps Luke is emphasizing that Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, his coming arrest, trial, execution and resurrection will not result in immediate peace in our world; that may be a long time down the road. But we who embrace Jesus as our Savior and Lord prepare our hearts to receive his presence starting now, and as a community of faith we uplift one another and encourage one another to maintain that peace that goes beyond worldly understanding.