

Announcements

Altar Flowers



Today's altar flowers are given by Barbara Fischer in memory of her mother, Marie Malone. If you would like to adorn our altar with flowers in honor or in memory of someone, please sign up on the altar flowers calendar on the bulletin board in the foyer and remit payment (\$30) to Vicky Rivelli.



Thank You!



A big THANK YOU to everyone who worked for and supported the Spring Fair and Plant Sale. Thanks to you Bethel is able to serve as a Beacon of Hope for our community.



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 bulletin board



MIND Spring Meeting



Methodists in New Directions is holding a spring meeting at Park Slope United Methodist Church on May 19th at 3 p.m. Pastor Matt will be attending and would be glad to offer rides. Let him know if you're interested in attending.



Classic Movie Night



Join us on May 25th for for worship, dinner, and "Amadeus," winner of the 1984 Academy award for best movie, starring F. Murray Abraham, Tom Hulce, and Elizabeth Berridge. Worship starts at 5, potluck dinner at 6, and movie at 7!



SICOC Spiritual Retreat



The Staten Island Council of Churches is holding its annual spiritual retreat from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at St. Joseph's Retreat Center (850 Hylan Blvd). The cost is \$35 and includes continental breakfast and lunch. Call the council office at 718-761-6782 to RSVP.



BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A Beacon of Hope

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Welcome to all who have come today!

We are a faith community who assert the lordship of Jesus Christ, celebrate the salvation he has wrought, and strive to serve him by loving God, loving neighbor, and loving self. We welcome and uphold the dignity of all people regardless of race, age, gender, gender identity, ability, social status, or sexual orientation.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Liturgists: Richard Bartels

Preacher: Pastor Matt Schaeffer

Musician: Chris Clark

Prayer List

Please pray for Eric Lambertson, Betty Sardinelli, Richard Rogers, the Bergrin family, Dagmar Geidel, Ron Dalquist, 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, Danielle Weisberg, Laura Eacenet, Natalia Lupia, Alice & Frank Caldwell, Michael Sullivan, Fay Caputo, Ed Cardona, Peter Dolan, Kate Cameron, Abraham Saraka, John Bauerlein, Kitt Wessman, 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, 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

One Saturday each month from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the church.

Join us for breakfast, fellowship, and prayer. Call the church for info.

Worship Services

We have three worship services weekly: 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>
Faith United Methodist Church Hats on Parade Tea Party	Faith UMC 221 Heberton Ave	May 18 th , noon to 4 p.m.
MIND Spring Meeting	Park Slope UMC	May 19 th , 3-5 p.m.
Church Council meeting	Bethel	May 22 nd , 7 p.m.
Classic Movie Night	Bethel	May 25 th Worship at 5 p.m. Dinner at 6 p.m. Movie at 7 p.m.
Memorial Day Barbecue	Bethel	May 26 th , after worship
SICOC Spiritual Retreat	St. Joseph's Retreat Center 850 Hylan Blvd.	June 1 st , 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
New York Annual Conference	Hofstra University Hempstead, NY	June 6 th – 9 th
Pentecost: Hymn Sing	Bethel	June 9 th , 11 a.m.
Sunday School Promotion	Bethel	June 23 rd , 11 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.

<p>Readings for May 18th & 19th</p>	<p>Matthew 25:31-46 Psalm 100 Ezekiel 34:11-24 Ephesians 1:15-23</p>
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Faith Challenge: "Heritage Sunday"

Next Sunday is Heritage Sunday, and we are reminded of our Christian calling – to make disciples of all nations, and in order to *make* disciples we must *be* disciples. Being a disciple is not about a doctrine but rather the way we live in relation to one another. It's about loving others in a radical way. Do we see Jesus in the faces of those we consider "the least"? Do we love them as we love him?