



Announcements



The 29th Annual Cranberry Festival



The festival dates are set: November 8th and 9th and we need your help. If you know of any merchants / businesses that would like to support us by purchasing a digital ad, forms are in the fellowship hall. You can also support the church by purchasing memorials, boosters, or your own digital ad.



Stretching & Movement Class



Hyesun Schaeffer is conducting a stretching and movement class for women on Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon to 1 p.m. It's free and open to all. Come and enjoy!



Church to Church Mission in Manhattan



Pastor Matt will be going to Manhattan on September 13th to help with repairs on the First Spanish United Methodist Church. It's part of a new "Church to Church" mission effort. You can register for this mission online. See Pastor Matt for more info.



Bishop's Day with Laity



Due to the uncertainty regarding the future of the United Methodist Church following the decisions made at the last General Conference, Bishop Bickerton will be holding "a day of conversation" with laity on the evening of October 28th at the Church of St. Paul & St. Andrew in Manhattan. All are welcome to attend.



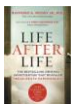
UMC Market



Would you like to help the church in an easy way? Go to www.umcmarket.org, click on "how it works," sign up, and download the app. Whenever you're shopping online with a participating retailer, a percentage of your cost is given to the church (at no cost to you!). For more info talk to Pastor Matt.



New Book Study



By request we'll begin a new Wednesday night book study starting September 4th (7 p.m. at the parsonage). *Life After Life* is a bestseller by Dr. Raymond Moody that examines accounts of near-death experiences from 100 people. Speak to the pastor or Greg Adams if you'd like to join the study.



BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A Beacon of Hope

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Welcome to all who have come today!

We 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

Liturgist: Ralph Borriello

Preacher: Rev. Matt Schaeffer

Musician: Christopher Clark

Prayer List

Please pray for our first responders and their families, Iris Rosen, Beth Cherrick, Tom Harkins, the family of Kelly Bauerlein, the family of Walter Osborne, Marge Teixeira, Jeanne Maresca, Ed Josey, Debra Cutler, Emma White, Richard Rogers, the Bergrin family, Dagmar Geidel, Lynn Cartier, Ron Dalquist, Steven Syriacs, Arjun Jain, Nancy and Dave Todd, Carl Messina, Tom Lambertson, John Wiley, Faith Longstreet, Lenny & Carole Santarsiere, Doug Powell, Kevin Monahan, Dot Calkins, Frank Rotundo, Lee Batson, Kenneth Davis, Josephine Rosario, Joanne Stropoli, 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, Becky Weeks, Kim Thomas, Sal Alaimo, Wally, Gloria, & Ken Eagle, Tom Quinn, Carol Barringer, Dawn Caldwell, Jeanine, 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, Bob Barringer, those struggling for human rights, those seeking employment, the homeless, those in prison, our service members, veterans, and their families.

Please contact the pastor if you would like a concern added to our list.

Would you like to get involved in our church community?

Here are some of the opportunities we have at Bethel:

Prayer Wheel: Do you have a heart geared to the needs of others? If you'd like to be on the prayer wheel, contact Arlene Schweikert (718-948-1350).

Bible Study: We usually hold two Bible Studies per week. *We can even teleconference!* If you'd like to participate, please contact Greg Adams (646-377-5164), or simply show up!

Sunday School: Are you interested in teaching God's amazing love to our children? We'd love to talk with you! Call Arlene Schweikert at 718-948-1350.

Children's Ministry: Help us organize parties, movie nights, game nights, camping trips, retreats, Christmas caroling, and more. Contact Shannon Quick (917-806-0786) for info.

Music Team: Join our praise team! We welcome your participation in any of our worship services (5 p.m. Saturday, 8 a.m. Sunday 11 a.m. Sunday). For information call Karen Jensen (718-967-9127) or Richard Bartels (718-966-0818).

Worship Team: Would you like to help with any aspect of worship, from planning to participating to preparing the sanctuary? Contact Lil Leary (718-967-0318) to learn how.

Men's Group: Once a month we meet for breakfast and prayer, work around the church, plan fundraisers, and support one another as brothers in Christ. Call John Spagnoli (718-887-5155) for more info.

Women's Group: Meets twice monthly to support the church, the community, and each other in prayer, fellowship, and other projects. For more info or join, call Lorraine at (718) 915-5504.

Reconciling Ministry: We welcome and affirm all people regardless of race, age, gender, gender identity, ability, social status, or sexual orientation. If you would like to be part of our reconciling team, contact Lil Leary (718-967-0318).

Social Hour: We welcome your help with providing food, setting up, or cleaning up after worship. If you'd like to help contact Dottie Baker (718-948-7664) or Arlene Schweikert (718-948-1350)

Ministry to Seniors: Senior loneliness is a serious issue. If you would like to be part of a program that involves visiting senior citizens contact John Spagnoli (718-887-5155).

Hospitality Ministry: On Friday nights we provide snacks and a movie to the men who stay at our church at night. To learn more about this ministry call Greg Adams (646-377-5164).

On the third Friday of every other month we prepare a meal for the folks at Project Hospitality's intake center. If you'd like to help, call Debbie ForLizzi (718-356-1249).

Food Pantry Ministry: Every Tuesday from 1 – 2:30 p.m., Project Hospitality's mobile pantry comes and distributes food to whoever needs it. We also have a bin for donations just inside the front door of the church. Bring your non-perishables, or if you need food, help yourself!

Classic Movie Night: One Saturday a month we show a classic film which is preceded by a potluck dinner (6 p.m.) which is preceded by our worship service (5 p.m.). For more info, or to suggest a film, call the church.

Penny Fund: Do you see that quaint little model church at the back of our sanctuary? Insert your pennies and spare change into the slot above the front door and help us purchase equipment we need to support our ministries.

Communications: Help us with our website or newsletter! Call the pastor at 718-984-1354.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

<i>WHAT'S HAPPENING?</i>	<i>WHERE?</i>	<i>WHEN</i>
Wake for Kelly Bauerlein	Casey McCallum Rice Funeral Home 30 Nelson Ave	September 8 th , 2-4 & 7-9 p.m.
Bible Study: The Afterlife	Bethel: Sunday School room	September 10 th , 10 a.m.
Stretching and Movement class	Bethel: fellowship hall	September 10 th & 12 th , 12 p.m.
Worship Planning meeting	Bethel	September 12 th , 10:30 a.m.
Women's League meeting	Bethel	September 12 th , 1 p.m.
Church to Church ERT mission	First Spanish UMC 163 E 111 th Street	September 13 th , all day
Bethel's annual barbecue	The Quick's home	September 15 th after worship
Interfaith / Intercultural talent show	Temple Emanu-El 984 Post Road	September 15 th , 7 p.m.
UM Women's annual prayer breakfast	New Rochelle UMC 1200 North Avenue	September 28 th , 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Baptism of Casey Kasprowitz	Bethel	September 29 th , 11 a.m.
Bishop's meeting with laity	Church of St. Paul & St. Andrew 263 West 86 th Street	October 28 th , 6:30 – 9 p.m.
A Dialogue on Belief, Practice, and Faith	JCC 1466 Manor Road	November 5 th , 7:30 p.m.
The 29th Annual Cranberry Festival	Bethel	November 8 th & 9 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.

<p>Readings for September 14th & 15th</p>	<p>Isaiah 6:1-13 Psalms 8 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 5:1-11</p>
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Faith Challenge: "The Big Step"

Someone once told me, "I'm not good enough to go to church." Neither am I, and the Bible is full of accounts of people who felt that *they* were not good enough to go to church. But we are invited nonetheless, and if we accept Jesus' gracious invitation we can be freed from all the things that make us feel like we're not good enough to go to church. Do you want to take a big step toward positive change in your life? Go to church.