



Announcements



All Hands on Deck!

The Cranberry Festival is less than a month away, and we need your help! ANY time that you can volunteer on Saturday, November 9th would be greatly appreciated. We'll be passing around a sign-up sheet during social hour. ALSO, you can support us by selling and purchasing ads, memorials, and boosters for our journal (check out the insert -) AND we need supplies for the festival (see the most-wanted-list included, also included).



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!



Children's Halloween Party

Join us on October 26th for a children's Halloween Party starting at 6:30 p.m. There will be food, games, spooky music, and a movie! All are invited.



Special Guest October 24th

The Women's League welcomes Jeanie Ziewf of The Community Agency for Senior Citizens to Bethel on Thursday, October 24th at 1:30 p.m. to answer questions and share what resources her agency offers to the public. All are invited to attend!



Bishop's Day with Laity

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, and leaders in particular are encouraged. Information is on the bulletin board in the foyer.



Operation Christmas Child

Please support this campaign to bring Christmas joy to children all around the world. Gloria Shaw has shoeboxes downstairs with instructions on how to fill them. The deadline for collecting the boxes is November 17th. Ask Gloria if you have any questions.



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: Dennis Sheeran

Preacher: Kenneth Quick

Musician: Christopher Clark

Prayer List

Please pray for our first responders and their families, Paul Plust, Iris Rosen, Tom Kasprowitz, Beth Cherrick, Sheryn Taitt-Reid, Tom Harkins, Carole Ciarlante, the family of Walter Osborne, Marge Teixuro, Jeanne Maresca, Ed Josey, Miranda and her 3 girls: Madison, Madeline, Meredith, 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.

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>
Bible Study	Bethel: Sunday School room	October 15 th , 10 a.m.
Stretching and Movement class	Bethel: fellowship hall	October 15 th & 17 th 12 p.m.
123 Precinct Community Council Meeting	Virgin Mary & St. George Coptic Orthodox Church	October 16 th , 7 p.m.
Saturday worship service	Bethel	October 19 th , 5 p.m.
Team Bethel rehearsal	Bethel	October 20 th , 10 a.m.
Church Council meeting	Bethel	October 23 rd , 7 p.m.
Q&A: Community Agency for Senior Citizens	Bethel Fellowship Hall	October 24 th , 1:30 p.m.
Bishop's meeting with laity	St. Paul & St. Andrew 263 West 86 th Street	October 28 th , 6:30 – 9 p.m.
District Charge Conference	White Plains Memorial UMC	November 2 nd , 10 a.m. – 3 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 October 19th & 20th</p>	<p>Isaiah 53:4-5 Psalm 139 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 Matthew 11:2-6</p>
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Faith Challenge: "Upholding Christ"

In a nation where religious freedom is respected and Christianity itself is terribly divided it's all too common for us to avoid talking about Jesus outside of the church. In a culture where we want 8lid answers supported by facts we can sometimes look at the accounts of Jesus in the Bible with a skeptical eye. But we need faith. We need to trust that the same Spirit who affirms Jesus as Lord is working in us make us whole and to invoke the Kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven!