

# Bethel

Sunday, November 4, 2018

## TODAY IS MISSIONS SUNDAY

## ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE



Once again, Bethel is partnering with Island Harvest to feed the hungry on Long Island. This year's food drive will run through next Sunday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>.

Food receptacles are located in the church lobby. Please bring canned meats, fish, fruit, vegetables, soups, sauces, pasta, cereal, dry milk, almond or soy milk, baby formula, spices, coffee, tea, personal care items, and nutritional drinks.

(Ex: Boost, Ensure) Do not bring perishable food items.

This is a great opportunity to teach your children the important values of compassion and generosity. Teach them by your example that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

If you prefer to make a monetary donation instead, please place it in a church envelope and write "Island Harvest" on it. Make checks payable to Bethel. At the conclusion of our food drive, Bethel will make one check to Island Harvest for all monetary donations that were given.

*In everything  
give Thanks.*  
1 Thessalonians 5:18

Married & Engaged Couples

# THANKSGIVING FEAST

**Saturday Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 PM**

*Sign up in the lobby*

THE BETHEL CONCERT CHOIR PRESENTS

# LAMB of GOD

**6 DATES – 8 PERFORMANCES**

## TICKET RESERVATIONS OPEN NOW

Go to the Bethel website, the Bethel Facebook page,  
or the Eventbrite website.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **MEN'S PRAYER (in the Refuge)**  
Tomorrow Evening – 7:45 PM
- **MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY**  
This Thursday – 7:45 PM  
Classes for children, youth, and adults
- **PURPOSE INSTITUTE**  
This Week: November 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>  
For Registered Students only
- **MARRIEDS & ENGAGED COUPLES  
THANKSGIVING FEAST**  
This Sat. Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 PM (Annex)  
Info & Sign-up in Lobby
- **CHRISTMAS CHOIR REHEARSALS**  
Next Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup> – 9 AM  
Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> – 2 PM  
(Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal – 10:45 AM)
- **ISLAND HARVEST CAMPAIGN**  
Runs thru next Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>
- **FRIENDSHIP BOX CAMPAIGN**  
November 11<sup>th</sup> through December 2<sup>nd</sup>  
(See Insert for details)

- **WOMEN'S PRAYER**  
Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 AM  
In the Multipurpose Room
- **BTS THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION**  
Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 PM  
In the Refuge
- **CARE GROUPS**  
Meet at various locations  
Call the church office for information

Events are listed in the online calendar at  
[www.BethelUPC.org](http://www.BethelUPC.org).

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# gratitude month

*Express your thanks!*

# Friendship Boxes

Each year at this time, the children of Bethel learn firsthand about giving to others as they wrap over 100 Friendship Boxes for under-privileged children. We encourage you to join their efforts by helping them to create a Friendship Box.

Friendship Boxes are shoeboxes that are filled with small items that many of our own children probably take for granted. These boxes are distributed to children in neighboring towns who might not be as fortunate as we are.



The boxes can be filled with items such as really cool Band-Aids, sparkle toothpaste, fun shampoo, children's books, and even small games or toys such as a ball or yo-yo. Even if you are unable to fill a complete box, please donate whatever items you can and we will combine them together with other donated items to make a complete box.

Please do NOT include any type of food items, candy, or gum products to avoid allergic reactions. All items MUST fit in a shoebox so that the lid can be easily closed. We ask that you label each box for either a girl or a boy.

The BYG and KidsChurch children and additional staff will be wrapping all the boxes that are collected. Please do NOT gift wrap your shoebox - leave that for us!

Donations of giftwrap paper and clear tape are also appreciated. If you would like to donate wrapping paper, please choose designs that reflect the spiritual meaning of Christmas instead of Santa or reindeer.

Friendship Boxes should be placed in the large container in the church lobby marked for this project. Donation deadline is Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

We hope to teach our children how blessed they are and help them learn the principle that they have been blessed to be a blessing to others. If you have children, you may want to encourage them to use some of their own money or even earn some money through chores to enable them to purchase items for a Friendship Box.

The greatest gift we have received is Jesus Christ and we want to pass Him on to all those around us! Thank you in advance for your help and generosity! May you enjoy all the wonders of the season knowing you made a difference in the life of a child.

Yours In Christ,

**Bethel Children's Ministries Staff**