

Updates and Announcements

Thank you for worshipping with us at Bethel United Methodist Church! Our worship service is broadcast via live stream on our Facebook page.

Please sign and pass the attendance pads located at the end of your pew. If you are a guest today, please leave your contact information so we can extend a fuller welcome! If you have a prayer request, please place a prayer card in the offering plate or contact the church office. Prayer requests will remain on the weekly emailed prayer list for 3 weeks. If you want to subscribe to the Bethel UMC Weekly Emails, please contact the church office at bethelrockhill@gmail.com or 803.327.4881.

This Week

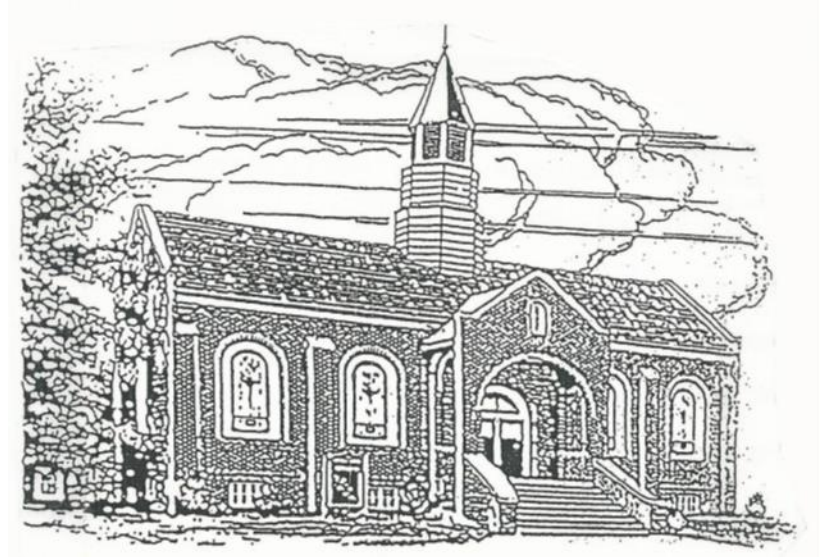
- **Today** – Children’s Sunday School at 10:15 am.
- **Today** – “Making Sense of the Bible” - 10:00 am in the Upper Room.
- **Monday** – The Nominations Committee will meet at 6 p.m. in the Upper Room. Please be in prayer for our Nominations Committee.
- **Wednesday** – Church Council Meeting at 6:30 pm in the Upper Room.
- **Wednesday** – AA Meeting in the church library from 7-8:00 pm.

Upcoming

- **9/4, 11, 18, 25** – AA Meeting in the church library from 7-8:00 pm.
- **9/9** – The Nominations Committee will meet at 6 p.m. in the Upper Room.
- **9/11** – BLT will meet at 11:30 am at The Flipside Restaurant.

OPEN DOORS FOR CHILDREN IN NEED. Epworth Children’s Home goes beyond providing food and shelter for children who have experienced a rough start in life. It provides children with tutoring, counseling, health care, recreation, and the spiritual formation they need to heal and gain a sense of belonging. Through the ministry of Epworth Children’s Home, we open our doors to these children, surround them with comprehensive care and provide them with the opportunity to transform their lives. Bethel will participate in the annual Workday Offering on Sunday, September 8th, to benefit the children and families served by Epworth. Please prayerfully consider what God is calling you to give to this valuable and life-changing ministry.

Bethel United Methodist Church



| | 8/25/2024 | 9/1/2024 | 9/8/2024 |
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| Liturgist | Michaela Sanford | Shannon Wright | Richard Bickel |
| Children's Time | Will Shelton | Michaela Sanford | Emily Sutton |
| Nursery | Allyson Reid | Savannah Shelton | Allyson Reid |
| Counter | Margaret McCarter | Will Shelton | Becky Drawdy |
| Counter | Cindy Day | Michaela Sanford | Margaret McCarter |
| Usher | Margaret McCarter | Michaela Sanford | Cindy Day |
| Usher | Richard Bickel | Isabella Sutton | Shannon Wright |
| Communion | N/A | Will Shelton | N/A |

August 25, 2024

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| Pianist | Dena Wade |
| Administrative Assistant | Becky Moon |
| Music Leader | Chris Wade |
| Pastor | Emily Sutton |

August 18
In-person Attendance 36
Plate Budget Received \$1,121.00
Scan the QR code to give electronically.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 25, 2024

GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP *O How He Loves You and Me* TFWS# 2108

*OPENING PRAYER

Holy One of mystery and power, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below, keeping covenant and steadfast love with all who walk before you with pure and upright hearts. Fill our lives with your glory, as you filled the temple with cloud when Solomon first brought the ark into your holy dwelling place. Give us the strength and the power to withstand the forces of evil at work in our lives and in our world. Amen.

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*OPENING HYMN *Surely the Presence of the Lord* UMH# 328

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended to the dead.
On the third day, He rose again; He ascended into Heaven.
Is seated at the right hand of the Father,
And will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy catholic church,
The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the
Resurrection of the body, and of life everlasting. AMEN**

*RESPONSE *Gloria Patri* UMH #70

PROCLAMATION

HYMN *Where Children Belong* TFWS# 2233

CHILDREN'S TIME Will Shelton

SCRIPTURE *Psalm 84* Michaela Sanford

L: This is the word of God for the people of God.

P: Thanks, Be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Holy Ground* Chris Wade

SCRIPTURE *1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14* Rev. Emily Sutton

L: This is the word of God for the people of God.

P: Thanks, Be to God.

MESSAGE *Sent Forth* Rev. Emily Sutton

RESPONSE

*HYMN *As the Deer* TFWS# 2025

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Lord in your mercy,

P: Hear our prayers.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH# 95

SENDING FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN *Blessed Assurance* UMH# 369

*BENEDICTION

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand as you are able*