

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 would like to be added to the Bethel UMC Weekly Emails, please get in touch with the church office at bethelrockhill@gmail.com or 803.327.4881.

Next Sunday We Celebrate Our Mothers and Epworth. Most of the children served by Epworth will not be celebrating Mother's Day with their birth mothers this year. Instead, they will be surrounded by loving staff or foster parents who walk with them daily to provide spiritual, educational, emotional, and physical support. The Mother's Day offering is our opportunity to partner with Epworth to improve the lives of the children and families they serve.

This Week

- **Today** – Children's Sunday School at 10:15 am.
- **Tuesday** – Small group Bible study at 6:30 pm at Rev. Sutton's home. Everything Happens for a Reason by Kate Bowler. Books are available online.
- **Wednesday** – AA Meeting in the church library from 7-8 pm.

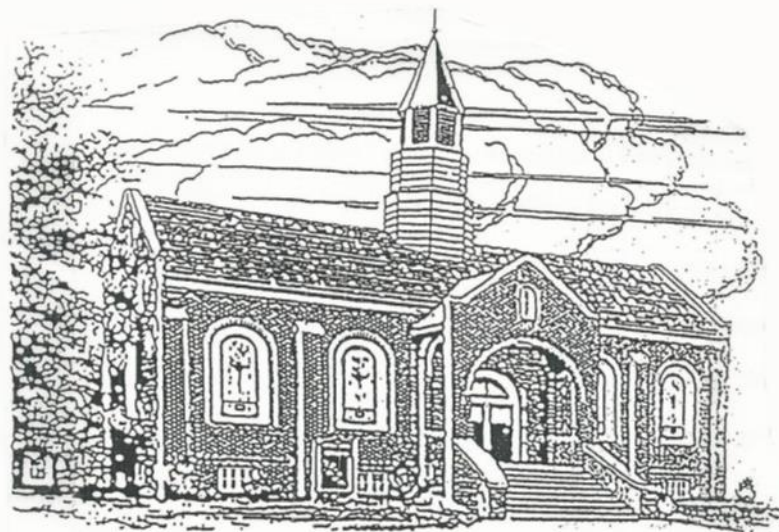
Upcoming

- **5/11** – Annual Epworth Mother's Day offering.
- **5/13** – Small group Bible study at 6:30 pm at Rev. Sutton's home.
- **5/14** – BLT will meet at 11:30 am at Elk Avenue Tavern - 125 Elk Avenue.
- **Wednesdays** – AA Meeting in the church library from 7-8:00 pm.

	5/4/25	5/11/25	5/18/25
Liturgist	Cindy Day	Cynthia Bickel	Isabella Sutton
Children's Time	Will Shelton	Deana Whitehead	Cynthia Bickel
Nursery	Lisa Bobak	Allyson Reid	Savannah Shelton
Counter	Malynda Williams	Margaret McCarter	Allyson Reid
Counter	Sherl Drawdy	Michaela Sanford	Will Shelton
Usher	Malynda Williams	Lisa Bobak	Allyson Reid
Usher	Sherl Drawdy	Michaela Sanford	Will Shelton
Communion	Richard Bickel	N/A	N/A

	Month of March	Year to Date as of March 2025
Tithes and Offerings	\$10,584.57	\$27,219.57
Expenses	<u>7,418.73</u>	<u>28,874.18</u>
	<u>\$3,165.84</u>	<u>(\$1,654.61)</u>
	April 27	
In-person Attendance	36	
Plate Budget Received	\$1,078.00	

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May 4, 2025

Knowing, Loving, Serving God

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Administrative Assistant	Becky Moon
Music Leader	Chris Wade
Pastor	Rev. Emily Sutton

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 4, 2025

GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God, you call us from the corners of the Earth.

P: From the cities and the prairies, from the ghettos and the tables of the wealthy.

L: God, you sing to us from the corners of the universe.

P: In the gentle ocean breeze, in the colors that burst forth from our landscapes, in the faces of children ravaged by war.

L: God, you speak to us from the corners of the Earth.

P: To the east, to the west, to the north and to the south, above us, below us, and within us, your voice rings clear. Send your voice to sing in us, we pray, as we worship this day.

~Written by Sally Johnson, United Methodist Creation Justice Movement

OPENING PRAYER

God of love, we bring our very selves to worship. Our triumphs. Our failures. Our vulnerabilities. Our greatest joys and our deepest sorrows. In this time set apart, may we hear the voice of Jesus urging us to feed and be fed, to love and be loved. Amen. ~ibid

*OPENING HYMN *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* UMH# 340

*APOSTLES' CREED UMH# 881

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And 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, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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 the life everlasting. Amen.**

RESPONSE: *Gloria Patri* UMH# 70

PROCLAMATION

*HYMN *This is Where Children Belong* TFWS# 2233

CHILDREN'S TIME Will Shelton

SCRIPTURE *Revelation 5:11-14* Cindy Day

SPECIAL MUSIC *In This Moment of Remembrance* Chris Wade

SCRIPTURE *John 21:1-19* Rev. Emily Sutton

SERMON *Circling Toward Food Justice* Rev. Emily Sutton

RESPONSE

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

THE EUCHARISTIC FEAST

INVITATION TO THE TABLE UMH# 12

CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE UMH# 12

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING UMH# 13

*HYMN *This Is the Feast of Victory* UMH# 638
Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us UMH# 381
All Who Hunger TFWS# 2126

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN *God of Grace and God of Glory* UMH# 577

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand as you are able*