

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, please list your contact information so we can extend a fuller welcome! To be added to the Bethel UMC Weekly Emails, contact the church office at 803.327.4881 or bethelrockhill@gmail.com.

This Week

- **Today** – Children's Sunday School at 10:15 am.
- **Today** – Financial Policies Meeting at 12:30 pm in the Upper Room.
- **Monday** – Bethel UMC will be serving a spaghetti meal to Winthrop Wesley at 6:00 pm.
- **Mondays through 10/27** – Mondays at 1:00pm in the church library – *Social Principles of the UMC*.
- **Wednesdays through 10/29** – Wednesdays at 6:00 pm at the home of Jeff and Randi Venables (1932 Williford Woods Lane, Rock Hill) – *Cost of Discipleship*.
- **Every Wednesday** – AA Meeting in the church library from 7-8 pm.

Upcoming

- **10/26** – Bethel Youth (Joel 2:23-32) 10 am – 2 pm.
- **10/29** – Church Council Meeting at 6:30 pm in the Upper Room.
- **11/2** – All Saints Sunday.
- **11/2** – Baby Shower for Will and Savannah Shelton immediately following worship.

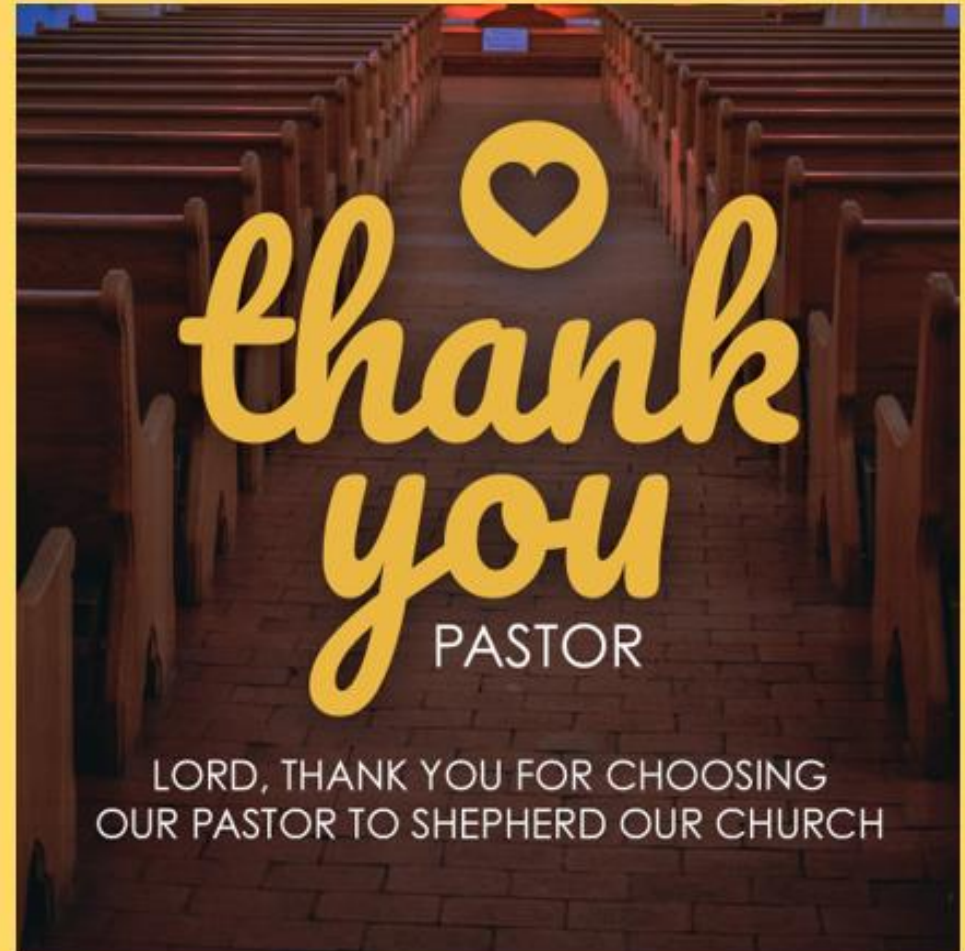
	10/19/25	10/26/25	11/2/25
Liturgist	Isabella Sutton	Gabrial Wade	Margaret McCarter
Children's Time	Marc Sutton	Deana Whitehead	Emily Sutton
Nursery	Michaela Sanford	Savannah Shelton	Michaela Sanford
Counter	Michaela Sanford	Will Shelton	Margaret McCarter
Counter	Donna Hatfield	Malynda Williams	Debbie Harris
Usher	Michaela Sanford	Will Shelton	Margaret McCarter
Usher	Donna Hatfield	Malynda Williams	Debbie Harris
Communion	N/A	N/A	Marc Sutton

	Month of September	September YTD
Tithes and Offerings	\$9,554.00	\$86,139.19
Expenses	<u>(13,098.86)</u>	<u>(112,756.68)</u>
	<u>\$(3,554.86)</u>	<u>\$(26,617.49)</u>
	October 5	
In-person Attendance	32	
Plate Budget Received	1,528.50	

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 19, 2025

GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We have gathered once again, Lord of all and Lord of us.

P: We come to lift our prayers, and to sing your praises once again.

L: We come to ask and hope and long to see your justice in the land.

P: We worship in that hope and will work in that Spirit.

Written by Derek Weber, March 2025 and published on umcdiscipleship.org

OPENING PRAYER

God of Justice, we know that in this world there are judges who neither fear God nor respect their fellow men. But you call us to remember the woman who gave one a hard time, crying out to him day and night, until he changed his mind. Today we gather in worship to celebrate all those, women and men, who persist in the cause of right; who will not keep quiet; who insist on raising the issues, again and again; who campaign for unpopular causes, write letters, send emails, sign petitions: people round the world who pick up their pens or take to the streets - and young girls determined to go to school. We celebrate them: steadfast, down-to-earth, blessed with both stubbornness and courage, to change the world. Amen.

Written by Jan Sutch Pickard, and posted on the Monthly Prayers page of the Christian Aid website. <http://www.christianaid.org.uk/>. Reposted: <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2016/10/prayer-luke-18-1-8.html>.

*OPENING HYMN *Sweet Hour of Prayer* UMH# 496

*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 Marc Sutton

SCRIPTURE *Psalm 119:97-104* Isabella Sutton

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

P: Thanks, Be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Great is Thy Faithfulness* Chris Wade

SCRIPTURE *Luke 18:1-8* Rev. Emily Sutton

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

P: Thanks, Be to God.

MESSAGE *Persistent Faith* Rev. Emily Sutton

RESPONSE

*HYMN *Faith of Our Fathers* UMH# 710

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 *To God Be the Glory* UMH# 98

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand as you are able.*