

Updates and Announcements

Thank you for worshipping with us at Bethel United Methodist Church! We are delighted you have chosen to worship with us this morning.

We are excited to have Rev. Kristen Richardson-Frick, to lead us in Worship today. We are so glad you can join us!

This Week

- **Today** – Children’s Sunday School - 10:15 a.m. in the upstairs classroom.
- **Tuesday** – Epworth Foster Care Information Session at 6:00 p.m. at First UMC Lancaster located on 200 W Gay Street in the Chapel Room. No registration is required. No childcare will be provided. If you have questions, please call 803.619.5438.
- **Wednesday** – BLT will meet at The Flipside at 11:30 p.m.
- **Thursday** – Soup Kitchen – 11:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. in the Gymnasium.

Upcoming

- **January 18** – Fellowship dinner at Little Café at 5:30 p.m.
- **January 19** - Soup Kitchen – 11:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. in the Gymnasium.
- **January 25** – Church Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Upper Room.
- **January 26** - Soup Kitchen – 11:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. in the Gymnasium.

Lay Servant Training – The last day to register is January 7th and is online only. The registration fee is \$25 and course books must be ordered by the participant. Registration and additional information may be found at <https://www.umcsc.org/lay-servant-training-winter-2023/>. For questions, contact Lynne Tyner, Lay Servant Ministries Director, kassgrandma16@gmail.com, 803-517-6596 or Jerry Newlon, Associate Director, jnewlonjr@gmail.com, 803-370-0965.

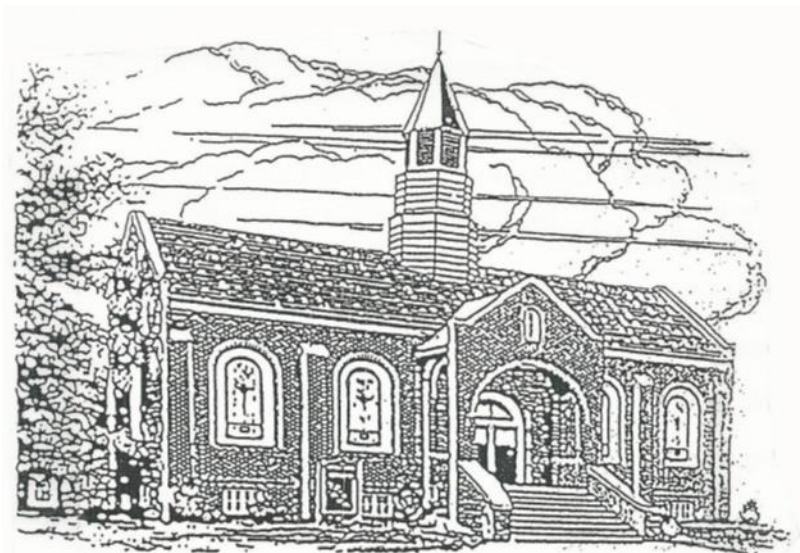
	Jan 8	Jan 15	Jan 22
Liturgist	Margaret McCarter	Becky Drawdy	Angie Price
Children's Time	Olivia Taylor	Melissa Buddin	Emily Sutton
Counters	Allyson Reid	Becky Drawdy	Cindy Day
	Ruth Culp	Elizabeth McNeely	Mallory Jacobs
Ushers	Richard Murr	Isabella Sutton	Sherl Drawdy
	Chloe McNinch	Donna Hatfield	Corbin Drawdy

Giving And Attendance	January 1
Plate - Budget Received	\$2,401.00
Online Giving for December	\$4,089.00
In Person Attendance	31

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 8, 2023

GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Arise! Shine!

Congregation: God's light has come to reveal The Way in this New Year.

Leader: Arise! Shine!

Congregation: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Leader: Arise! Shine!

Congregation: God's light penetrates the darkness that covers the world.

Leader: Arise! Shine!

Congregation: Nations shall come to God's light and kings to the brightness of God's dawn.

ALL: Arise! Shine! For the Glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

OPENING PRAYER

Light of God, illumine the path that leads us to healing, hope, and salvation.

Glory of God, fill this sanctuary and expose the darkness that stalks our souls. The light of God, shines with such brightness that we marvel in awe.

The glory of God, fills each temple of the Holy Spirit present today.

Light of God, Glory of God, we welcome you in this place.

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*OPENING HYMN

We Three Kings

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*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

This is Where Children Belong

TFWS# 2233

CHILDREN'S TIME

Olivia Taylor

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 60:1-6

Margaret McCarter

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Gift of Love

Chris Wade

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:1-12

Rev. Kristen Richardson-Frick

SERMON

Strange Light

Rev. Kristen Richardson-Frick

RESPONSE

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Blessed Assurance

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

SENDING FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN

I Surrender All vs 1-3

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*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand as you are able*