

### 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](mailto:bethelrockhill@gmail.com).

### This Week

- **Today** – Children's Sunday School at 10:15 am.
- **Today** – Youth 10am – 3pm.
- **Thursday** – Soup Kitchen from 11am – 1:00 pm.
- **Every Wednesday** – AA Meeting in the church library from 7-8 pm.

### Upcoming

- **1/25** – Recognition of Church Leadership.
- **1/28** – Church Council Meeting at 6:30 pm in the Upper Room.
- **1/29** – Bishop Leonard Fairley will be visiting the Soup Kitchen.
- **1/30 – 2/1** – Bethel Youth at Revolution.
- **2/9** – Bethel UMC will serve soup, sandwiches and dessert to Winthrop Wesley students. We need volunteers to help serve and provide dessert. Food needs to be at Winthrop Wesley at 6:15 pm.
- **Thursdays through March 26** – Soup Kitchen from 11am – 1:00 pm.

### Bethel UMC Meal Kits

As we seek to live out Matthew 25 and increase our food giving to the community, Bethel UMC children will be packaging meal kits. **This week (1/18)**, we would like to ask you to please bring in as many cans of **Great Northern Beans** as you can donate. Next week's (1/25) item is **Tomatoes and Green Chilis (Ro-Tel)**.

	1/18/26	1/25/26	02/1/26
<b>Liturgist</b>	Marc Sutton	Margaret McCarter	Richard Bickel
<b>Children's Time</b>	Emily Sutton	Marc Sutton	TBA
<b>Nursery</b>	Cindy Day	Lisa Bobak	Marc Sutton
<b>Counter</b>	Michaela Sanford	Cindy Day	Sherl Drawdy
<b>Counter</b>	Sherri Pankratz	Donna Hatfield	Tom Craig
<b>Usher</b>	Michaela Sanford	Cindy Day	Sherl Drawdy
<b>Usher</b>	Sherri Pankratz	Donna Hatfield	Tom Craig
<b>Communion</b>	N/A	N/A	Angie Price

	Month of December	December YTD
<b>Tithes and Offerings</b>	\$ 26,946.00	\$ 136,980.69
<b>Expenses</b>	<u>(14,076.65)</u>	<u>(148,473.49)*</u>
	<u>\$ 12,869.35</u>	<u>\$ (-11,492.80)</u>

	<b>January 11, 2026</b>
<b>In-person Attendance</b>	34
<b>Plate Budget Received</b>	\$3,904.00

\*These expenses include the final cost of roof repairs not covered by insurance.

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**January 18, 2026**

*Knowing, Loving, Serving God*

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**Becky Moon**  
**Chris Wade**  
**Rev. Emily Sutton**

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 18, 2026

### GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Children of God, who has God called you to be?

**P: A light to all the nations!**

L: When confusion, disunity, and misinformation threaten to undo us, who are you called to be?

**P: A light to all the nations!**

L: When wars and rumors of wars in our communities and around the world overwhelm us, who are you called to be?

**P: A light to all the nations!**

L: When the vulnerable are left without care or hope for flourishing, who are you called to be?

**P: A light to all the nations!**

L: Come! Let us worship God, who gives us as a light of good news to all the nations!

**P: We come to worship God, who calls us and equips us to reflect God's glory and abundant life into all the world. Amen.**

*Written by Kwasi Kena, The Africana Worship Book Year A (Nashville: Discipleship Resources, 2006), 84.*

OPENING PRAYER

**Guide our feet, Lord. Show us the light of grace when we would judge others too harshly. Warm our hearts with the glow of your love when we would spew icy words of spite. Illumine our souls with joyful delight when sadness tries to take over the day. Shine brightly on us today, Lord, until we reflect your glory as a witness to this world. Amen.** ~Ibid.

\*OPENING HYMN

*I Love to Tell the Story*

UMH# 156

\*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

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

### PROCLAMATION

\*HYMN

*This is Where Children Belong*

TFWS# 2233

CHILDREN'S TIME

Emily Sutton

SCRIPTURE

*Isaiah 49*

Marc Sutton

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

**P: Thanks, Be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

*How Great Thou Art*

Chris Wade

SCRIPTURE

*John 1:29-42*

Rev. Emily Sutton

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

**P: Thanks, Be to God.**

SERMON

*Light*

Rev. Emily Sutton

### RESPONSE

\*HYMN

*This Little Light of Mine*

UMH# 585

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

*Spirit Song*

UMH# 347

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand as you are able.*