

Updates and Announcements

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

Winthrop Wesley Day Is August 30 – We invite everyone to give at least \$10 to Winthrop Wesley between now and August 23. We will present a check to Winthrop Wesley on August 30 during worship.

This Week

- **Today** – Children's Sunday School at 10:15 am.
- **Today** – Joint VBS Volunteer meeting at St. John's at 3pm.
- **Every Wednesday** – AA Meeting in the church library from 7-8 pm.
- **Every Saturday** – AA New Beginnings Group in the church library at 9:00 am.

Upcoming

- **7/19-7/22** – Joint VBS at St. John's Rock Hill from 5:30-8:00pm.
- **7/29** – Church Council Meeting at 6:30 pm in the Upper Room.

	07/12/26	07/19/26	07/26/26
Liturgist	Marc Sutton	Tim Smith	Allie Sutton
Children's Time	Marc Sutton	Cynthia Bickel	Michaela Sanford
Nursery	Michaela Sanford	Allyson Reid	Savannah Shelton
Counter	Sherri Pankratz	Tom Craig	Sherri Pankratz
Counter	Malynda Williams	Will Shelton	Michaela Sanford
Usher	Sherri Pankratz	Tom Craig	Sherri Pankratz
Usher	Richard Bickel	Tim Smith	Phillip Whitehead
Communion	Angie Price	N/A	N/A

	Month of June	June to Date
Tithes and Offerings	\$ 16,357.00	\$ 82,786.88
Expenses	<u>9,221.65</u>	<u>(67,060.66)</u>
Increase / (Decrease)	<u>\$7,135.35</u>	<u>\$15,726.22</u>

	July 5
In-person Attendance	23
Plate Budget Received	\$1,007.00

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 12, 2026

GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

JULY BIRTHDAYS

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: You are the Sower, O God, and we are the seed.

P: Your word is scattered into our lives this day, carrying the promise of new growth.

L: Guide us to good soil, where we may take root and flourish.

P: As we grow, may your love take shape and bloom through each of us.

L: Even now, you are tending what you have planted in us.

All: Root us deep, that we may bear fruit for your kingdom. We celebrate the love growing in each of us! Let us worship the One who is

Sower of all creation. ~Adapted from <https://ministrymatters.com/2019-07-01-july-12-2020-sixth-sunday-after-pentecost-proper-10/>

OPENING PRAYER

Great Sower, cast us like seeds upon the winds of your mercy, that we may grow in fertile ground. Keep our lives from stony pathways, where the heat of life's cares and strife strip our strength and vitality. Protect us from thorny gullies, where the snares of life's worries and fears block the sunshine of your Spirit. Land us safely in rich soil, Master Gardener, and bless us with the kiss of gentle rain, that our faith may increase and our joy may be complete. Amen. ~Ibid.

*OPENING HYMN *For the Beauty of the Earth* UMH#92

*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 *Isaiah 55: 10-13*

Marc Sutton

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

P: Thanks, Be to God. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Chris Wade

SCRIPTURE *Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23*

Rev. Emily Sutton

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

P: Thanks, Be to God. Amen.

SERMON *Scattering*

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, for ever 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

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING UMH# 13

*HYMN *Fill My Cup, Lord* UMH# 641
Amazing Grace UMH# 378
Be Thou My Vision UMH# 451

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High* TFWS# 2088

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

*Please stand as you are able.