

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 – This is the final Sunday to donate to Winthrop Wesley. We will present a check to Winthrop Wesley on August 30 during worship.

Bethel UMC Meal Kits - This week, please bring **Canned Corn**. Next week (8/30), please bring **Taco Seasoning Packets**.

This Week

- **Today** – Children's Sunday School at 10:15 am.
- **Today** – Please welcome Rev. Kristen Richardson-Frick, our guest pastor today!
- **Monday** – Nominations Committee Meeting at 6:00 pm.
- **Wednesday** – SPRC meeting at 6:30 pm, with Church Council meeting immediately following.
- **Thursday** – Rock Hill District Clergy Meeting - Volunteers and food items are still needed. Please sign up online or on the sign-up sheet in the vestibule.
- **Every Wednesday** – AA Meeting in the church library from 7-8 pm.
- **Every Saturday** – AA New Beginnings Group in the church library at 9 am.

Upcoming

- **8/30** – Winthrop Wesley Day Taco Meal after worship. Please sign up online or on the sign-up sheet in the vestibule.
- **8/30** – Plentiful Harvest Kitchen from 2 – 6 pm. Please sign up to volunteer either online, or on the sign-up sheet in the vestibule.

	8/23/26	8/30/26	09/06/26
Liturgist	Sherri Pankratz	Richie Phillips	Margaret McCarter
Children's Time	Cynthia Bickel	Will Shelton	Marc Sutton
Nursery	Michaela Sandlin	Savannah Shelton	Allyson Reid
Counter	Chad Williams	Margaret McCarter	Allyson Reid
Counter	Allyson Reid	Michaela Sandlin	Deana Whitehead
Usher	Chad Williams	Michaela Sandlin	Richard Bickel
Usher/Closer	Phillip Whitehead	Tom Craig	Angie Price
Communion	N/A	N/A	Malynda Williams

	Month of July	July to Date
Tithes and Offerings	\$ 6,295.98	\$ 89,082.86
Expenses	<u>(14,723.56)</u>	<u>(81,784.22)</u>
Increase / (Decrease)	<u>\$ (8,427.58)</u>	<u>\$ 7,298.64</u>

	August 16
In-person Attendance	34
Plate Budget Received	\$1,565.00



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August 23, 2026

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 23, 2026

GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Life can sometimes be very difficult.

P: We look around and wonder where God is.

L: In the midst of our trials and tribulations, God is with us.

P: God surrounds us with love and courage.

L: Come, let us praise God for God's abiding presence.

P: Lord, thank you for always being with us, even when we don't recognize your loving presence. AMEN.

OPENING PRAYER

We thank you, O Lord, that we are not alone. You watch over us, guide us, and lead us in your righteous pathways. When we stumble and fall, you lift us up and gently place us on that pathway again. When we doubt, you surround us with your mercy and peace, reassuring us of your presence through the love of others and of our savior Jesus Christ. Keep our hearts and minds open and ready to serve you, for we pray these things in Jesus' name. AMEN.

*OPENING HYMN *The Church's One Foundation* UMH #545

*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 Cynthia Bickel

SCRIPTURE *Romans 12:1-8* Sherri Pankratz

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

P: Thanks, Be to God. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC Chris Wade

SCRIPTURE *Matthew 16:13-20* Rev. Richardson-Frick

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

P: Thanks, Be to God. Amen.

SERMON Rev. Kristen Richardson-Frick

RESPONSE

*HYMN *Jesus, Name above All Names* TFWS #2071

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

SENDING FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN *He is Lord* UMH #177

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

*Please stand as you are able.