

# Bethel United Methodist Church

## Updates and Announcements

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

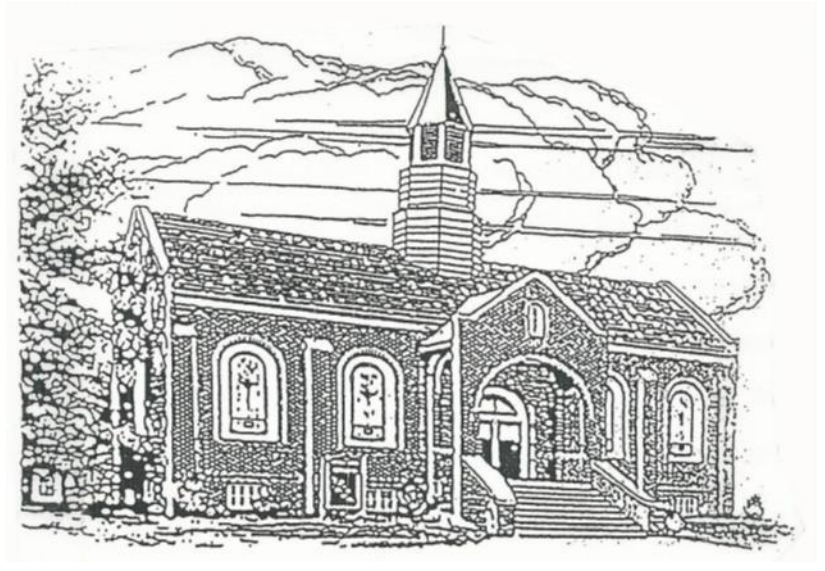
*Allyson Reid and others from the Rock Hill District UMVIM will be on a mission trip to Panama from February 25 through March 5. Please hold them in prayer.*

### This Week

- **Today** – Children’s Sunday School - 10:15 a.m. in the upstairs classroom.
- **Today** – Bible Study - “*Why*” - 10:15 a.m.
- **Today** – Fundraiser lunch to support Bethel Shelters - Northside Baptist Church beginning at 12:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday – Thursday** – The church office will be closed.
- **Wednesday** - Church Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Upper Room.
- **Thursday** - Soup Kitchen – 11:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. in the Gymnasium.

### Upcoming

- **March 8** – BLT – 11:30 a.m. at Burgers and Barley – 111 Cherry Road.
- **March 9** - Soup Kitchen – 11:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. in the Gymnasium.



|                        | <b>Feb 26</b>   | <b>Mar 5</b>      | <b>Mar 12</b>   |
|------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Liturgist</b>       | Cynthia Bickel  | Regina White      | Isabella Sutton |
| <b>Children’s Time</b> | Marc Sutton     | Melissa Buddin    | Olivia Taylor   |
| <b>Counters</b>        | Olivia Taylor   | Margaret McCarter | Alyson Reid     |
|                        | Mallory Jacobs  | Darnelle Sweatt   | Cindy Day       |
| <b>Ushers</b>          | Richard Bickel  | Daryl Dornbush    | Daryl Dornbush  |
|                        | Isabella Sutton | Shannon Wright    | Bud Smith       |
| <b>Communion</b>       |                 | Regina White      |                 |

**Giving and Attendance      February 21**  
 Plate - Budget Received      \$2,273.00  
 In Person Attendance      37

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**February 26, 2023**

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|--------------------------|--------------|
| Pianist                  | Dena Wade    |
| Administrative Assistant | Becky Moon   |
| Music Leader             | Chris Wade   |
| Pastor                   | Emily Sutton |

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 26, 2023

### GATHERING

#### WORDS OF WELCOME

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Welcome pilgrims on the way to the cross.

**People: We are learning to follow Jesus.**

Leader: For those who feel Christ near,

**People: May we not turn away from the discomfort of the journey ahead.**

Leader: For those who feel as far from Christ as the desert is from the ocean,

**People: May we find Christ in the wilderness with us.**

Leader: For all of us who stumble and fall in our silence, indifference, and lack of generosity,

**People: May we reach for the hand of Christ, who raises us up to continue on the journey.**

Leader: Pilgrims on the way, come let us worship God!

**People: We come to worship God during this holy season of Lent!**

*Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Director of Worship Arts, August 2022.*

\*OPENING HYMN *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus* UMH# 277

THE CALL TO CONFESSION *Psalm 32* UMH# 766

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Have mercy on us, O God, according to your loving kindness. According to the multitude of your tender mercies, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities, and cleanse us from our sins. For we acknowledge our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Create another clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us: through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*~ A moment of Silent Confession is observed ~*

#### ASSURANCE AND PARDON

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. May the almighty and merciful Lord grant us remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*The United Methodist Book of Worship #475*

#### \*THE PASSING UP THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you

**People: And also with you**

*All may exchange signs of God's peace with one another by exchanging "Peace be with you."*

#### \*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 Marc Sutton

SCRIPTURE *Matthew 4:1-11* Cynthia Bickel

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

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

SPECIAL MUSIC *Lamb of God* Chris Wade

SCRIPTURE *Genesis 1:26-32 and 2:16-17* Rev. Emily Sutton

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

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

SERMON *God and Suffering: Part 1* Rev. Emily Sutton

### RESPONSE

HYMN OF RESPONSE *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, forever and ever. Amen.**

#### OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY UMH# 95

### SENDING FORTH

\*CLOSING HYMN *I Surrender All* UMH# 354

#### \*BENEDICTION

#### \*POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand as you are able.*