

# Bethel United Methodist Church

## 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).

**Now Brewing Coffee Every Sunday!** Arrive a few minutes early to our 11:00 am Sunday service and enjoy some fellowship, a cup of coffee and a snack! Please bring your own mug and help us reduce waste; but don't worry, we have extras if you forget.

## This Week

- **Today** – Children's Sunday School at 10:15 am.
- **Wednesday** – Midweek Lenten service at 12 pm at Aldersgate UMC, 2115 Celanese Road.
- **Mondays through March 30** – Book study, Why Did Jesus Have to Die? at 6:45 pm via Zoom.
- **Tuesdays through March 31** – Book study, Why Did Jesus Have to Die? at 10:30 am in person.
- **Every Wednesday** – AA Meeting in the church library from 7-8 pm.
- **Every Thursday through March 26** – Soup Kitchen from 11 am – 1pm.
- **Every Saturday** – AA New Beginnings Group in the church library at 10:00 am.

## Upcoming

- 3/4 – Midweek Lenten service at 12 pm at Cornerstone UMC – 2697 Heckle Blvd,
- 3/8 – Bethel Spring Youth ( Exodus 17: 1-7) from 10:00 am – 3 pm.

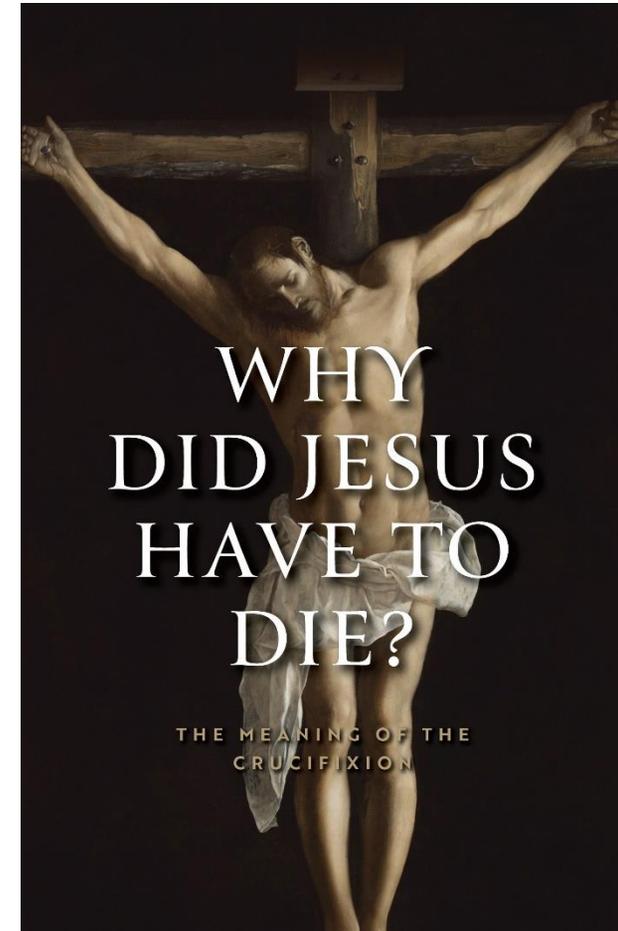
## Bethel UMC Meal Kits

This week (2/22), we would like to ask you to please bring in as many cans of **Green Beans** as you can donate. Next week's (3/1) item is **Onion Powder**.

	2/22/26	3/1/26	3/8/26
<b>Liturgist</b>	Gabrial Wade	Tim Smith	Michaela Sanford
<b>Children's Time</b>	Cynthia Bickel	Michaela Sanford	Rev. Emily Sutton
<b>Nursery</b>	Michaela Sanford	Marc Sutton	Lisa Bobak
<b>Counter</b>	Margaret McCarter	Malynda Williams	Allyson Reid
<b>Counter</b>	Allyson Reid	Margaret McCarter	Donna Hatfield
<b>Usher</b>	Tim Smith	Malynda Williams	Allyson Reid
<b>Usher</b>	Allyson Reid	Tim Smith	Donna Hatfield
<b>Communion</b>	N/A	Richard Bickel	N/A

	Month of January	January YTD
<b>Tithes and Offerings</b>	\$ 7,551.00	\$ 7,551.00
<b>Expenses</b>	(16,204.22)	(16,204.22)
	<u>\$ (-8,653.22)</u>	<u>\$ (-8,653.22)</u>
	<b>February 15</b>	
<b>In-person Attendance</b>	27	
<b>Plate Budget Received</b>	\$556.00	

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**February 22, 2026**

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**Chris Wade**  
**Rev. Emily Sutton**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 22, 2026

## GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We come, seeking to understand a mystery.

**P: A love so deep it chose the cross.**

L: We come, not with all the answers,

**P: But with open hearts and willing spirits.**

L: In the shadow of suffering, we look for grace.

**P: In the face of Christ, we see God's mercy revealed.**

L: Come, let us worship the One who turns pain into purpose,

**P: And death into life everlasting.**

*~Why Did Jesus Have to Die? | Copyright 2025 Abingdon Press*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess that we have chosen selfishness over selflessness, darkness over light, and fear over trust. Too often we have ignored the message of the cross, forgetting that Jesus came not only to forgive our sins, but to save us from them. Forgive us, Lord. Turn our hearts again toward your wondrous love, and reshape us by the example of Christ, who gave himself for us all. Amen.** *~Ibid*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news: God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners, Christ died for us. This is love: not that we first loved God, but that God first loved us and sent his Son as the sacrifice for our sins. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! *~Ibid*

\*OPENING HYMN *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* UMH# 384

\*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 *Mark 8:31-37* Gabriel Wade

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

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

SPECIAL MUSIC Chris Wade

SCRIPTURE *1 Corinthians 1:18-25* Rev. Emily Sutton

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

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

SERMON *The Mystery and Meaning of the Cross* Rev. Emily Sutton

## RESPONSE

\*HYMN *O How He Loves You and Me* TFWS# 2108

RECOGNITION OF CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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 *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* UMH# 297

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand as you are able.*