

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! If you have a prayer request, place a prayer card in the offering plate or contact the church office. Prayer requests will remain on the weekly emailed prayer list for 3 weeks. To be added to the Bethel UMC Weekly Emails, contact the church office at 803.327.4881 or bethelrockhill@gmail.com.

This Week

- **Today** – Children's Sunday School at 10:15 am.
- **Today** – Bethel Youth from 10 am-3 pm (Isaiah 58:9B-14).
- **Saturday** – Bethel Shelters Love Our Neighbor Events begin today and end next Saturday with a BBQ Sale.
- **Every Wednesday** – AA Meeting in the church library from 7-8 pm.

Upcoming

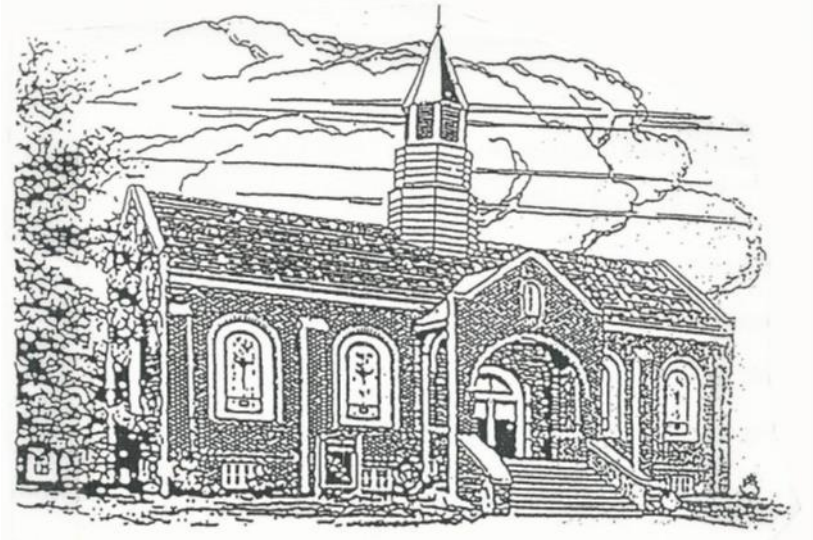
- **9/10** – BLT will meet at 11:30 am at the Roasting Company – 122 S. Oakland Ave.
- **9/10 through 10/29** – Wednesdays at 6:00 pm at the home of Jeff and Randi Venables (1932 Williford Woods Lane, Rock Hill) – *Cost of Discipleship*.
- **9/13** – Love Our Neighbor BBQ Sale.
- **9/15 through 10/27** – Mondays at 1:00pm in the church library – *Social Principles of the UMC*.
- **September 28** – 125th Anniversary Celebration with a meal following worship. Please invite family and friends to this special event. There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule for meal side dishes and to volunteer.
- **September 30** – Charge Conference at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary.

	8/31/25	9/7/25	9/14/25
Liturgist	Will Shelton	Michaela Sanford	Margaret McCarter
Children's Time	Will Shelton	Cynthia Bickel	Deana Whitehead
Nursery	Marc Sutton	Cindy Day	Savannah Shelton
Counter	Allyson Reid	Michaela Sanford	Chad Williams
Counter	Sherl Drawdy	Cindy Day	Michaela Sanford
Usher	Allyson Reid	Michaela Sanford	Chad Williams
Usher	Sherl Drawdy	Angie Price	Michaela Sanford
Communion	N/A	Angie Price	N/A

	Month of July	YTD as of July
Tithes and Offerings	\$7,824.00	\$66,274.19
Expenses	<u>(16,632.96)</u>	<u>(79,303.67)</u>
	<u>\$(8,808.96)</u>	<u>\$(13,029.48)</u>

	August 24
In-person Attendance	37
Plate Budget Received	\$825.00

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Music Leader	Chris Wade
Pastor	Rev. Emily Sutton

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WORDS OF WELCOME

P: Let us worship the God who is our spring of hope, our well of salvation; the Fountain of Living Water!

Gracious God, fountain of living water, we gather this morning acknowledging our need for You. Too often we have been like our ancestors, turning away from Your life-giving presence to dig our own cisterns – cracked vessels that cannot hold the water we desperately need. Forgive us, O God, for trusting in our own strength rather than in Your unfailing love. Fill us now with Your living water. Let it flow through us like streams in the desert, bringing life to the dry and weary places within us. We pray this in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

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.

PROCLAMATION

*HYMN *This is Where Children Belong* TFWS# 2233

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.

Take me, Mold me
Use me, Fill me
I give my life to the Potter's hand
Hold me, Guide me
Lead me, Walk beside me
I give my life to the Potter's hand

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand as you are able.*