

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.

This Week

- **Today** – Children's Sunday School at 10:15 am.
- **Today through 10/11** – Rev. Sutton will be on vacation. Will Shelton will deliver the message today. The pastor on call will be Rev. Cam Treece of St John's UMC, Rock Hill. He may be reached at (864) 593-0235.
- **Monday** – We will not meet this week to study *Social Principles of the UMC*. We will resume studying next week.
- **Wednesday** – BLT will meet at 11:30 at the Roasting Company (122 S Oakland Avenue).
- **Every Wednesday** – AA Meeting in the church library from 7-8 pm.

Upcoming

- **10/12** – Pastor Appreciation Day.
- **10/12** – Blessing of the Animals at 3pm in the prayer garden.
- **10/18** – Special Called Annual Conference Zoom meeting.
- **Mondays through 10/27** – Mondays at 1:00pm in the church library – *Social Principles of the UMC*.
- **Wednesdays 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*.

	10/5/25	10/12/25	10/19/25
Liturgist	Margaret McCarter	Michaela Sanford	Isabella Sutton
Children's Time	Michaela Sanford	Will Shelton	Marc Sutton
Nursery	Savannah Shelton	Allyson Reid	Michaela Sanford
Counter	Allyson Reid	Will Shelton	Michaela Sanford
Counter	Malynda Williams	Margaret McCarter	Donna Hatfield
Usher	Allyson Reid	Will Shelton	Michaela Sanford
Usher	Malynda Williams	Margaret McCarter	Donna Hatfield
Communion	N/A	N/A	N/A

	Month of August	August YTD
Tithes and Offerings	\$8,858.00	\$75,132.19
Expenses	(20,354.15)*	(99,657.82)*
	<u>\$(11,496.15)</u>	<u>\$(24,525.63)</u>
In-person Attendance	September 28	
Plate Budget Received	72	
	\$1,536.00	

*These expenses include the final cost of roof repairs not covered by insurance.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: When the storms of life surround us, when the waves threaten to overwhelm,

P: We remember God's words to us: "Do not fear, I will help you."

Leader: Even when our faith wavers, even when we feel like fear has overwhelmed us.

P: We are reminded today that Jesus reaches out to catch us.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who holds our right hand,

All: The God who says to us, "Do not fear, I will help you."

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious and loving God, we gather in your presence this day, knowing that you have called us by name and claimed us as your own. You are the God who walks with us through every storm and calms every troubled water. As we worship you today, open our hearts to hear your voice above the noise of our anxious thoughts. Help us to trust you completely, to step out in faith when you call, and to keep our eyes fixed on you. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who walks toward us even in the midst of our storms, and who invites us to come. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN *I Love to Tell the Story* UMH# 156

*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 Michaela Sanford

SCRIPTURE *Isaiah 41:8-13* Margaret McCarter

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

P: Thanks, Be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC *10,000 Reasons* Chris Wade

SCRIPTURE *Matthew 14:22-31* Will Shelton

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

P: Thanks, Be to God.

MESSAGE *Bigger than Godzilla* Will Shelton

RESPONSE

*HYMN OF RESPONSE *Blessed Assurance* UMH# 369

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 *I Surrender All* UMH# 354

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand as you are able.*