

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.

GRANDPARENTS DAY CELEBRATION - United Methodists everywhere are being asked to celebrate their grandparents by donating to a local church, posting about it on social media and encouraging others to do the same! Let's participate as a congregation. Offer a gift in honor or memory of your grandparent or important adult figure in your life. Donations of any amount are extremely helpful to our ongoing ministries.

TODAY WE GIVE TO THE EPWORTH WORKDAY OFFERING - Today our church will receive the Annual Epworth Workday Offering to invest in the comprehensive care we are called by God to provide for the children at Epworth Children's Home, our church's ministry to God's children. Please find information about Epworth and the Workday Offering on the bulletin insert. Epworth does not receive apportionment dollars from the United Methodist Conference. This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. Give generously by using the envelope provided for you in the bulletin. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, visit www.epworthchildrenshome.org where you can also choose to make a secure credit card donation.

This Week

- **Wednesday, September 15:**
 - BLT will meet at 11:30 at Old Town Kitchen and Cocktails.
 - Nominations meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.

Upcoming

- **Wednesday, September 22** - Fellowship Dinner at 5:30pm - The Little Café located on 725 Cherry Rd STE 180.

	September 12	September 19	September 26
Lay Liturgist	Margaret McCarter	Cindy Day	Melissa Buddin
Counters	Darnelle Sweatt	Becky Drawdy	Ruth Culp
	Melissa Buddin	Jaye Grayson	Sherl Drawdy
Children's Sermon	Emily Sutton	Richard Murr	Marc Sutton

****GIVING AND ATTENDANCE :**

Plate - Budget Received 9/5/21 - \$912.00

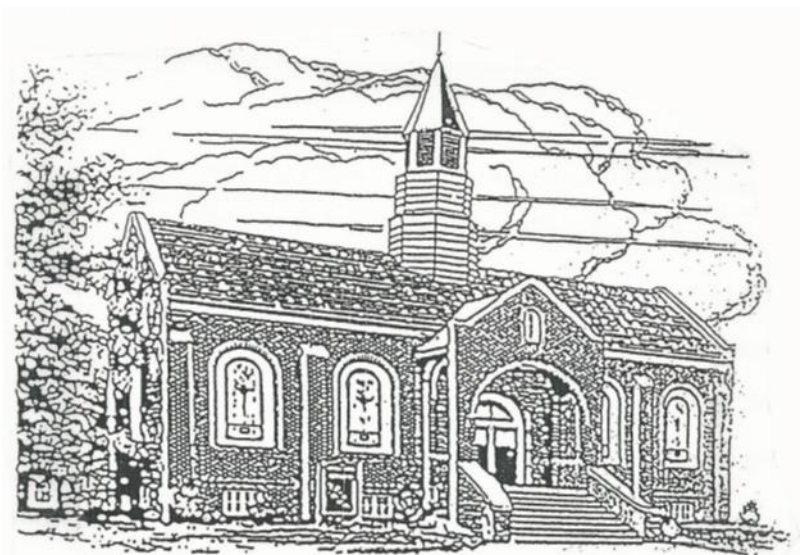
In Person Attendance - 26

Online Budget for the month of August - \$2,148.00

Scan QR code to give electronically.



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 12, 2021

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We come here today not because we are clever, but because God welcomes the slow learners.

P: We come here not because we are wise, but because God loves us in spite of our folly.

L: We come knowing that the greatest persons will be found among those who humbly serve like Jesus did, and that the brightest ideas and the deepest truth will come from those who see themselves as little children in Christ's school.

P: O Lord, open up our mind and our hearts and enable our lives to declare your praise.

~ written by Bruce Prewer, and posted on [Bruce Prewer's Home](http://www.bruceprewer.com/)
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OPENING PRAYER

Loving and caring God, we come this morning seeking wisdom and guidance for our lives. Open us to your words of life and love and truth. May we proclaim with our tongues what we know in our hearts. In this time of worship, help us more fully understand what it means to truly be a disciple, a follower of the way of Jesus, a follower of the path of wisdom. May the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

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HYMN *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* TFWS #2153

*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*

PROCLAMATION

HYMN *This Is Where Children Belong* FWS#2233

TIME WITH CHILDREN Emily Sutton

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 116:1-9 Margaret McCarter

HYMN *My Hope Is Built* UMH #368

SCRIPTURE READING James 3:1-12 Rev. Emily Sutton

SERMON *Taming the Tongue* Rev. Emily Sutton

RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

We are called to listen to the words of wisdom and to respond with our whole lives. Let us give thanks to God with all that we are and all that we have — in word, thought, and action.

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

God, we hear and we respond to your words of wisdom, your words of call and life. May these gifts, not only of our money, but of our very selves—our words, our thoughts, our actions—be acceptable to you, and help spread your words of life and love. Amen.

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DOXOLOGY

SENDING FORTH

HYMN *Just As I Am (vs. 1 and 2)* UMH #357

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE POSTLUDE

* As you are able, please stand for these parts of the liturgy.