

## Updates and Announcements

Thank you for worshipping with us at Bethel United Methodist Church! We are delighted you have chosen to worship with us this morning. We want to wish all the mothers a Happy Mother's Day!

Please sign and pass the attendance pads located at the end of your pew. If you are a guest today, please leave your contact information so that we can extend a fuller welcome!

**Welcome Mallory Jacobs! We are so excited to have you speak to us about the ministry of Epworth Children's Home today!**

### This Week

- **Today** – Children's Sunday School - 10:15 a.m. in the upstairs classroom.
- **Today** – Small Group Study Beginning at 10:15 a.m. – *Half Truths* by Adam Hamilton. Books are available in the vestibule.
- **Today** – Epworth Mother's Day Offering
- **Wednesday** – Fellowship Dinner – Little Café at 5:30 p.m.

### Upcoming

- **May 24** – Church Council Meeting – 6:00 p.m. – Upper Room
- **June 4 – 7** – SC UMC Annual Conference – Florence, SC
- **June 25 – 28** – Bethel UMC VBS 5:30 – 8:00 pm

THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the Bethel UMC Workday on Saturday.

**TODAY WE GIVE OUR EPWORTH MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING!** Today our church will receive the Annual Epworth Mother's Day Offering. The offering will be used to provide loving care, safety, and services for the children at Epworth Children's Home. Epworth does not receive apportionments from the United Methodist Conference. This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. Give generously by using the envelope provided in the bulletin, or online using the QR code below. For more information, please visit Epworth online at [www.epworthchildrenshome.org](http://www.epworthchildrenshome.org).

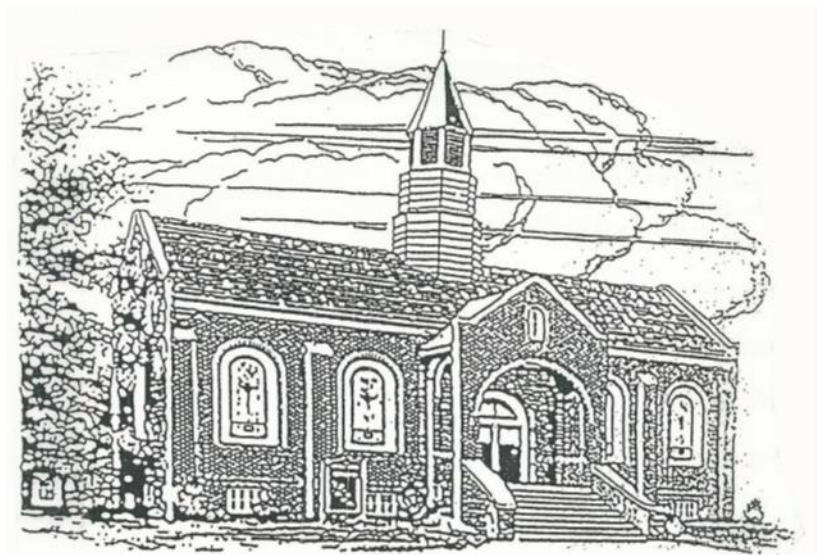
	May 14	May 21	May 28
Liturgist	Michaela Sanford	Becky Drawdy	Cameron Pike
Children's Time	Marc Sutton	Olivia Taylor	Melissa Buddin
Counters	Brantley McNinch	Becky Drawdy	Allyson Reid
	Mallory Jacobs	Margaret McCarter	Darnelle Sweatt
Ushers	Bud Smith	Cameron Pike	Chloe McNinch
	Chloe McNinch	Cindy Day	Donna Hatfield

Giving and Attendance	May 7
Plate Budget Received	\$991.00
In-person attendance	31



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May 14, 2023

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Pianist	Dena Wade
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Music Leader	Chris Wade
Pastor	Emily Sutton

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 14, 2023

### GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Transforming God, you have taken the world's darkness and re-created a world filled with the joy of light and hope.

**P: Come and hear the good news of God's love for all creation.**

L: Restoring God, you have turned defeat into sudden victory, and re-created a world filled with the joy of peace and shalom.

**P: Come and hear the good news of God's awesome powers.**

L: Renewing God, we respond to your mighty deeds with songs of praise, worship, and thankful prayers. You alone are God!

**P: Come and hear the good news of God's blessings on us all. Glory and honor, power and dominion belong to God alone.**

**Amen.**

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OPENING PRAYER

**Source of all creation, maker of the world and everything in it, you are never far from each one of us. We come into your house seeking you, O giver of life and breath. Reveal yourself to us; dwell with us; and abide in us. We live because of you. We hope because of you. In the name of Jesus Christ in whom we live, and the Spirit of Truth who abides in us, Amen.**

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OPENING HYMN *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* UMH# 158

\*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 *Psalms 66:8-20* Michaela Sanford

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

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

SPECIAL MUSIC *His Eye Is on the Sparrow* Chris Wade

SCRIPTURE *1 Peter 3:13-22* Rev. Emily Sutton

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

**P: Thanks, Be to God**

SERMON *Always Be Ready* Rev. Emily Sutton

### RESPONSE

BAPTISM OF VERA RAY PIKE UMH# 39

HYMN *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise* UMH# 611

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 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* UMH # 452

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

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*\*Please stand as you are able*