

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 Facebook and Youtube. 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.

During the season of Lent, as a reminder of the penitential nature of the season and to encourage a deeper spiritual awareness, the cross above the choir loft will not be lit. The cross will be lit on Easter Sunday as a part of our resurrection celebration.

This Week

- **Today** – Children’s Sunday School at 10:15 am.
- **Mondays through March 30** – Book study, Why Did Jesus Have to Die? at 6:45 pm via Zoom.
- **Wednesday** – Book study, Why Did Jesus Have to Die? at 10:30 am in person.
- **Wednesday** – Midweek Lenten service at 12 pm at St. John’s Rock Hill.
- **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 9:00 am.

Upcoming

- **3/25** – Midweek Lenten service at 12 pm at Woodland UMC.
- **3/25** – Church Council Meeting at 6:30 pm in the Upper Room.
- **3/29** – This year’s Palm Sunday Service will begin with the gathering on the steps or in the Narthex for a special Palm Sunday processional with the entire congregation. Please plan to arrive early for worship on Palm Sunday to join in the procession.

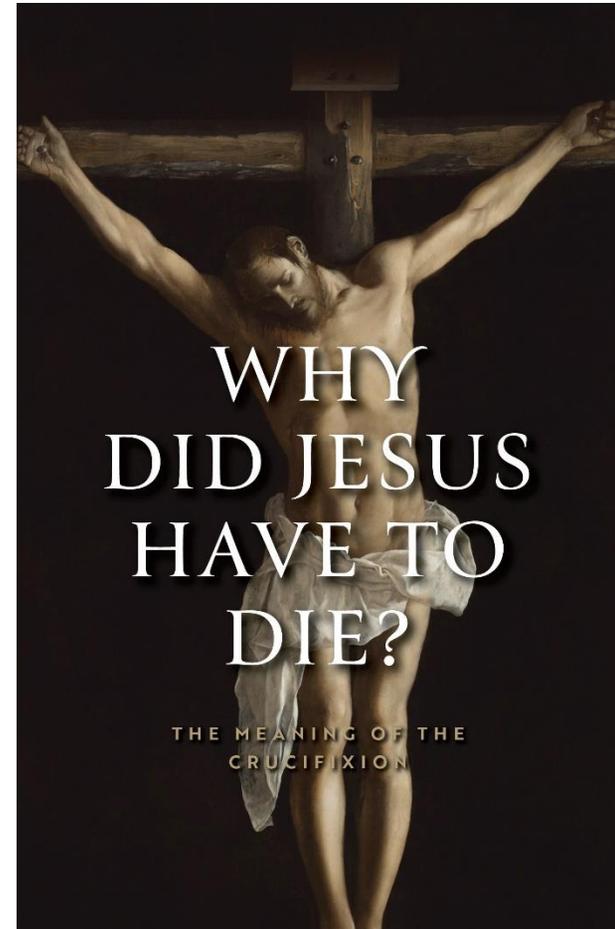
Bethel UMC Meal Kits

This week (3/15), please bring in as many containers of **Tomatoes and Green Chilis (RO-TEL)** as you can donate. Next week’s (3/22) item is **White Chicken Chile Seasoning**.

	3/15/26	3/22/26	03/29/26
Liturgist	Sherri Pankratz	Tim Smith	Marc Sutton
Children's Time	Marc Sutton	Will Shelton	Cynthia Bickel
Nursery	Michaela Sanford	Marc Sutton	Lisa Bobak
Counter	Debbie Harris	Sherri Pankratz	Sherl Drawdy
Counter	Tom Craig	Chad Williams	Malynda Williams
Usher	Debbie Harris	Sherri Pankratz	Sherl Drawdy
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Communion	N/A	N/A	N/A

	Month of January	January YTD
Tithes and Offerings	\$ 7,551.00	\$ 7,551.00
Expenses	<u>(16,204.22)</u>	<u>(16,204.22)</u>
	<u>\$ (-8,653.22)</u>	<u>\$ (-8,653.22)</u>
	March 8	
In-person Attendance	21	
Plate Budget Received	\$637.50	

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 15, 2026

GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

P: Therefore, let us keep the feast with joy!

L: The Lamb who was slain is worthy.

P: By his blood we are redeemed, from every tribe and nation.

All: Blessing and honor and glory be to Christ, our Redeemer and King!

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: 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*

During a moment of silence you are invited to pray a personal prayer of confession.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

L: 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, you are forgiven!

P: In the name of Jesus you are forgiven. Amen. *~Ibid*

*OPENING HYMN

Lamb of God

TFWS# 2113

*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

Marc Sutton

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 12:21-28

Sherri Pankratz

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

P: Thanks, Be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Chris Wade

SCRIPTURE

Luke 22:14-20

Rev. Emily Sutton

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

P: Thanks, Be to God.

SERMON

Passover, Covenant, and Redemption

Rev. Emily Sutton

RESPONSE

*HYMN

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

UMH# 298

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

This Is a Day of New Beginnings

UMH# 383

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand as you are able.*