

Updates and Announcements

Thank you for worshipping with us at Bethel United Methodist Church! Our worship service is broadcast live on Sunday mornings 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.

New Member - Welcome, Marinn Pierce to our church family!

Thank you, Malynda Williams, for hosting the Women's Christmas Gathering.

This Week

- **Today** – Children's Sunday School at 10:15 am.
- **Today** – Bethel Youth (Luke 1:46B-55) from 10am-3pm.
- **Today** – Jerusalem Ridge Violin Recital at 1:30 pm and 3pm
- **Mondays** – "The First Advent in Palestine" Book Study at 6:30 pm via [Zoom Link](#)
- **Tuesdays** – "The First Advent in Palestine" Book Study, 12:30 pm at the church.
- **Every Wednesday** – AA Meeting in the church library from 7-8 pm.

Bethel UMC Meal Kits

As we seek to live out Matthew 25 and increase our giving of food to the community, Bethel UMC children will be packaging meal kits on Sunday mornings, beginning December 7, 2025. **This week (12/14)**, we would like to ask you to please bring in as many cans of **Cream of Mushroom Soup** as you can donate. Next week's (12/21) item is **Canned Chicken**.

Upcoming

- **12/21** – Christmas Caroling in ugly sweaters at 5:30 pm.
- **12/24** – Christmas Eve Service at 5pm.

	12/14	12/21	12/28/25
Liturgist	Michaela Sanford	Richard Bickel	Isabella Sutton
Children's Time	Cynthia Bickel	Marc Sutton	Michaela Sanford
Nursery	Allyson Reid	Lisa Bobak	Allyson Reid
Counter	Michaela Sanford	Margaret McCarter	Tom Craig
Counter	Donna Hatfield	Debbie Harris	Allyson Reid
Usher	Richard Bickel	Debbie Harris	Sherri Pankratz
Usher	Tim Smith	Angie Price	Tom Craig
Communion	N/A	N/A	N/A

	Month of November	November YTD
Tithes and Offerings	\$ 15,731.00	\$ 110,034.69
Expenses	(8,918.77)	(134,396.84)*
	<u>\$ (6,812.23)</u> 6,812.23)	<u>\$(-24,362.15)</u>
	December 7	
In-person Attendance	31	
Plate Budget Received	\$3,000.00	

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

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 14, 2025

GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

ADVENT WREATH

Jeff and Randi Venables

SUNG RESPONSES TO ADVENT WREATH READINGS

Verse 1

What Child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?

Chorus

This, this is Christ, the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

OPENING PRAYER

Here, at the nativity of your birth, give us the courage to face this moment with an uncanny joy. Open us to new understandings of the unfolding story of your presence among us. Show us how to praise you even when songs and carols feel empty. We pray in the name of the Child, the One Who Uplifts our hearts and lives. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

Guide My Feet

TFWS# 2208

*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

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

PROCLAMATION

*HYMN

Away in a Manger

UMH #217

CHILDREN'S TIME

Cynthia Bickel

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:26-56

Michaela Sanford

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

P: Thanks, Be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Sing Joy!

Chris Wade

SERMON

Son of Mary

Rev. Emily Sutton

RESPONSE

*HYMN

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

UMH# 38

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

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

UMH# 224

*BENEDICTION

This, this is Christ, the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand as you are able.*