

Updates and Announcements

Thank you for worshipping with us at Bethel United Methodist Church! Our worship service is broadcast via live stream and may be viewed on our Facebook page.

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! If you have a prayer request, you may place a prayer card in the offering plate or contact the church office. Prayer requests will remain on the weekly emailed prayer list for 3 weeks. If you would like to be added to the Bethel UMC Weekly Emails, please contact the church office at bethelrockhill@gmail.com or 803.327.4881.

This Week

- **Today** - Adult Small Group Study at 10:00 a.m. – Upper Room.
- **Today** - Children’s Sunday School - 10:15 a.m. in the upstairs classroom.
- **Today** - Blessing of the Animals – 3:00 p.m. in the prayer garden.
- **Today** - Children’s Choir at 4:00 p.m.
- **Today** - Confirmation Class – 4:00-5:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday** - BLT will meet at Mario's Pizza at 11:30 a.m.
- **Tuesday – Thursday** - The church office will be closed.

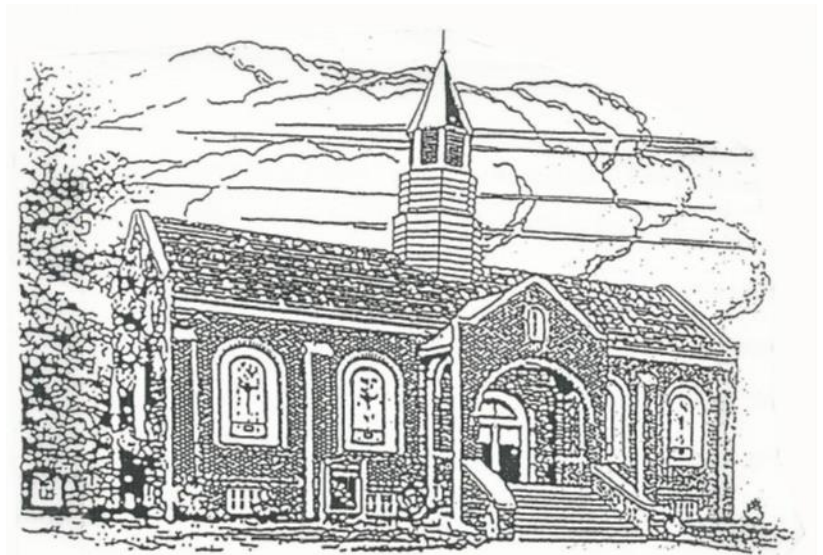
Upcoming

- **October 15** – Laity Sunday. Laity will lead the worship service. Please let Melissa Buddin or Rev. Sutton know if you are interested in participating.
- **October 15** - Children’s Choir at 4:00 p.m.
- **October 15** - Confirmation Class – 4:00-5:30 p.m.
- **October 18** - Fellowship Dinner at 5:30 p.m. at The Little Café.
- **October 22** – Children’s Sunday. Children will lead the worship service.
- **October 25** – Church Council Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
- **October 29** – Fall Festival – 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
- **October 29** – United Youth at Woodland - 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Volunteers	October 8	October 15	October 22
Liturgist	Ruth Culp	Darnelle Sweatt	Isabella Sutton
Children’s Time	Emily Sutton	Olivia Taylor	Marc Sutton
Counters	Sherl Drawdy	Allyson Reid	Becky Drawdy
	Mallory Jacobs	Darnelle Sweatt	Darnelle Sweatt
Ushers	Richard Murr	TBA	Chloe McNinch
	Sherl Drawdy	TBA	Donna Hatfield
Communion	N/A	N/A	N/A

Giving and Attendance	October 1
In-person Attendance	44
Plate Budget Received	\$749.00
Online Giving for the Month of September	\$3,827.00

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Music Leader	Chris Wade
Pastor	Emily Sutton

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 8, 2023

GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come! Now is the time to worship!

P: We come to worship God who guides us.

L: After delivering the Israelites out of bondage, God continued to guide them, giving them commandments to shape and form their life with God and one another.

P: God guides us as we learn to pattern our lives after the rhythms of God's grace.

L: Jesus tells a story of a vineyard owner and his tenants who choose violence instead of giving the owner the fruits of the harvest, challenging us to choose—will we reject the Cornerstone or find in Jesus our sure foundation?

P: God guides us as we learn to pattern our lives after the rhythms of God's grace.

L: Too often we fall back into the pattern of rejecting what is good for us, forgetting that the life of faith is always about following God who provides for us and loves us.

P: When we follow God's guidance, we learn to live God's new pattern of life described in the commandments and demonstrated by Christ.

L: Come! Now is the time to worship!

P: We come to worship God who guides us for the long haul.

~Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, April 2023.

OPENING PRAYER

Liberating God, you give us commandments not as a burden to bear but as an invitation to live the life you have for us. Grant us open hearts ready to accept your invitation, that we might become a people who bear the fruit of the freedom and new life you give us. Amen. ~Ibid

*OPENING HYMN

My Hope Is Built

UMH# 368

*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

Where Children Belong

TFWS# 2233

CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Emily Sutton

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Ruth Culp

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

P: Thanks, Be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Lord of the Dance

Chris Wade

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 21:33-46

Rev. Emily Sutton

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

P: Thanks, Be to God.

SERMON

Fruit of the Kingdom

Rev. Emily Sutton

RESPONSE

*HYMN

Grace Alone

TFWS# 216

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'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

TFWS# 2153

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand as you are able*