

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.

Today is World Communion Sunday. A special offering will be taken to provide scholarships for graduate and undergraduate students around the world. Please mark your envelopes or checks with "Peace With Justice."

Today we will take up a special love offering for a church member. Please mark your envelopes or checks with "Love Offering."

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** - Children’s Choir at 4:00 p.m.
- **Today** - Confirmation Class – 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Upcoming

- **October 8** – Blessing of the Animals – 3:00 p.m. in the prayer garden.
- **October 11** – BLT will meet at Mario's Pizza at 11:30 a.m.
- **October 10-12** – The church office will be closed.
- **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 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.

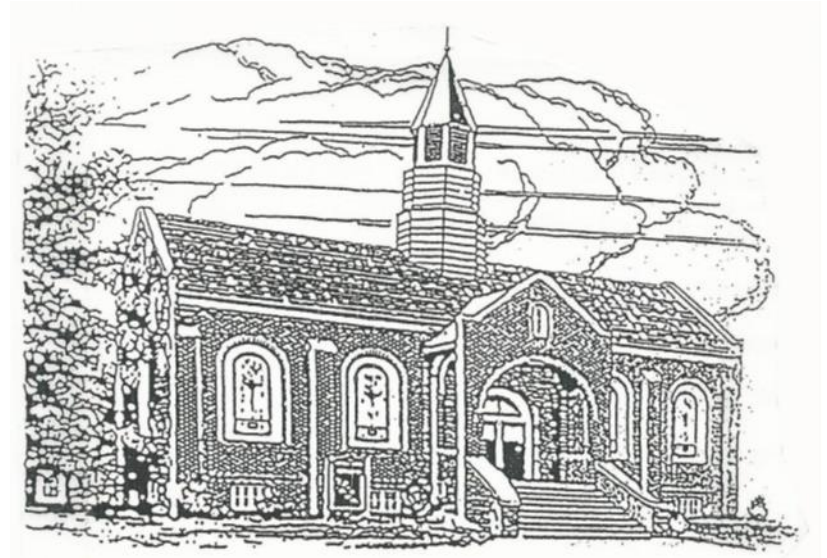
Volunteers	October 1	October 8	October 15
Liturgist	Cindy Day	Ruth Culp	Darnelle Sweatt
Children’s Time	Melissa Buddin	Emily Sutton	Olivia Taylor
Counters	Cindy Day	Sherl Drawdy	Allyson Reid
	Darnelle Sweatt	Mallory Jacobs	Darnelle Sweatt
Ushers	Richard Murr	Richard Murr	Bud Smith
	Shannon Wright	Sherl Drawdy	Cindy Day
Communion	Margaret McCarter		

Giving and Attendance	September 24
In-person Attendance	45
Plate Budget Received	\$2,368.00

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 1, 2023

GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

MISSION MOMENT

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls.

P: Complete our joy as we praise you today.

L: Make us to know your ways, O Lord; teach us your paths.

P: Complete our joy as we empower students and young leaders to follow you.

L: Lead us in your truth, and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation.

P: Complete our joy as we gather around the table of truth and taste and see your salvation.

L: Do not remember the sins of our youth or our transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember us.

P: Complete our joy for your goodness sake, O Lord. To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls and invite you to complete our joy.

OPENING PRAYER

Communal God, thank you for the diversity of your creation and the unity of your church. As we gather around Christ's table, we remember that it is as wide and long as your love for us. Fill our hearts with compassion and move us to be in full accord with one another. Make our joy complete so that it flows into the world. Thank you for the young leaders whom we support through our World Communion Sunday offerings. Bless them with the same mind, love, and accord that you desire for all of your creation. Equip them to be restorers of your joy as they live into their potential and possibility. As we receive the sacrament of Holy Communion, strengthen our sense of unity and bind us in your sacrificial love. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* UMH# 127

*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

Melissa Buddin

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 25:1-7

Cindy Day

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

P: Thanks, Be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

10,000 Reasons

Chris Wade

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 2:1-13

Rev. Emily Sutton

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

P: Thanks, Be to God.

SERMON

God's Promise of Joy

Rev. Emily Sutton

RESPONSE

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

EUCCHARISTIC FEAST

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

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CONFESSION AND PARDON

Insert

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND SHARING OF THE CUP

HYMNS

One Bread, One Body

UMH# 620

Let Us Break Bread Together

UMH# 618

SENDING FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

UMH# 400

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand as you are able*