

Updates and Announcements

Thank you for worshipping with us at Bethel United Methodist Church! Our worship service is broadcast via live stream 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, please 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 get in touch with the church office at bethelrockhill@gmail.com or 803.327.4881.

Please pick up some Easter eggs from the vestibule and return them filled with candy no later than March 24, 2024.

Next Sunday, March 10th we Spring Forward, so don't forget to set your clocks ahead on Saturday night!

This Week

- **Today** – Lenten Study “The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life.” at 10:00 am in the Upper Room.
- **Today** – Children’s Sunday School at 10:15 am.
- **Thursday** – Soup Kitchen 11-1 pm.
- **Friday, March 1 – Saturday, March 9** – Rev. Emily Sutton will be a part of the UMVIM group serving in Cuba. Rev. Steve Holler, pastor of Aldersgate UMC will be the on-call pastor and may be reached at 865-431-4993.

Upcoming

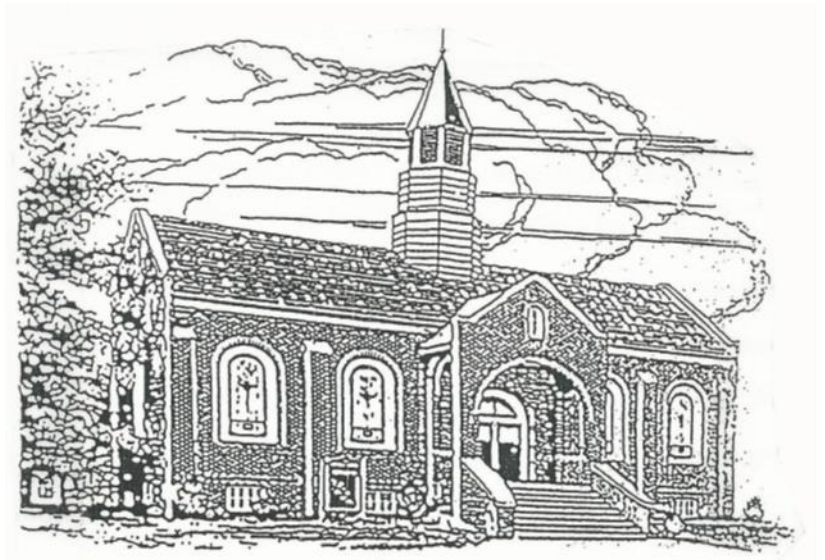
- **3/13** – BLT will meet at 11:30 pm at Rock Taco, 122 E Main Street.
- **3/14** – Soup Kitchen 11-1 pm.
- **3/16** – Bethel Shelters Donor and Volunteer Appreciation Event from 10 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the Gym. We appreciate Bethel UMC and all the ways you support Bethel Shelters!

	March 3	March 10	March 17
Liturgist	Margaret McCarter	Marc Sutton	Melissa Buddin
Children's Time	Melissa Buddin	Marc Sutton	Olivia Taylor
Nursery	Allyson Reid	Carrie Pike	Chloe McNinch
Counter	Brantley McNinch	Cameron Pike	Cindy Day
Counter	Margaret McCarter	Olivia Taylor	Sherl Drawdy
Usher	Cindy Day	Scott Pike	Bud Smith
Usher	Richard Bickel	Richard Murr	Shannon Wright
Communion	N/A	N/A	N/A

February 25

In-person Attendance	42
Plate Budget Received	\$2,337.00

Bethel United Methodist Church



March 3, 2024

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 3, 2024

GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Lenten travelers, why are you here?

P: We gather to do the work of worship.

L: Lenten travelers, what happens when we gather to worship?

P: We listen and proclaim. We sing and pray. We repent and encourage.

L: Lenten travelers, how do we do the work of worship?

P: We bring all that we are to be present to God and one another.

L: Lenten travelers, what work does God do in worship?

P: God raises us up so that we can delight in life together with God and one another.

L: Lenten travelers, come, let us worship God together!

P: Come, let us worship God together! Amen.

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

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, we come to you this day with so many things laying claim to our lives, our hearts, and our spirits. Open our ears and our hearts to hear your words of healing love. Prepare us to be faithful disciples for you. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

*OPENING HYMN *Surely the Presence of the Lord* UMH# 328

*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 147:1-11* Margaret McCarter

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

P: Thanks, be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Lamb of God* Chris Wade

SCRIPTURE *Matthew 20:20-28* Melissa Buddin

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

P: Thanks, be to God.

SERMON Melissa Buddin

RESPONSE

*HYMN *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* UMH# 117

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 *Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior* UMH# 351

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand as you are able*