

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.

Rev. Dr. Anthony Hodge, Rock Hill District Superintendent, is our guest preacher today. Welcome, Rev. Dr. Hodge!

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 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 want to be added to the Bethel UMC Weekly Emails, please contact the church office at bethelrockhill@gmail.com or 803.327.4881.

Transform A Child's Future. Each year, Epworth Children's Home provides care to children in our communities who have experienced abuse, neglect, and loss. Epworth's support breaks the destructive cycle and encourages children to aim higher in life. On Sunday, May 12th, 2024, our congregation will support Epworth by collecting the Annual Epworth Mother's Day Offering.

This Week

- **Today** – Book Study – Chapters 5 and 6 – “Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White” at 10:00 am in the Upper Room.
- **Today** – Children's Sunday School at 10:15 am.
- **Every day through Friday, May 3** - Rev. Sutton will be attending the General Conference. Rev. Steve Holler, pastor of Aldersgate UMC will be the pastor on-call. He may be reached at 865-431-4993.
- **Wednesday** – An Evening with Adam Hamilton – 7:00 p.m. at Myers Park UMC in Jubilee Hall - 1501 Queens Rd, Charlotte, NC.
- **Saturday** - Tutterow and Maggio Wedding – 2:00 pm.

Upcoming

- **5/8** – BLT will meet at 11:30 am at The Roasting Company located at 122 South Oakland Avenue.
- **5/15** -Fellowship Dinner at 5:30 pm at Pier 51 at 3921 Mt Gallant Road.

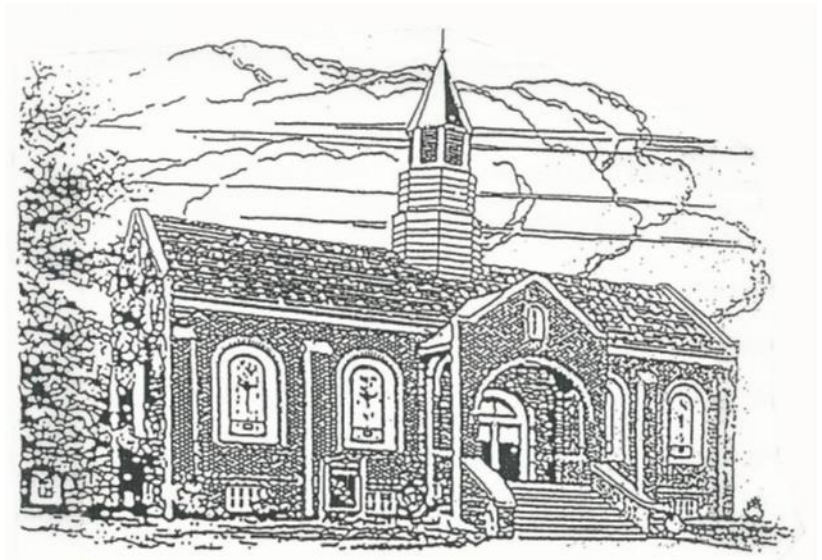
	April 28	May 5	May 12
Liturgist	Michaela Sanford	Angie Price	Becky Drawdy
Children's Time	Olivia Taylor	Marc Sutton	Melissa Buddin
Nursery	Chloe McNinch	Chloe McNinch	Carrie Pike
Counter	Mallory Jacobs	Becky Drawdy	Cindy Day
Counter	Allyson Reid	Brantley McNinch	Cameron Pike
Usher	Bud Smith	Brantley McNinch	Cameron Pike
Usher	Margaret McCarter	Olivia Taylor	Richard Bickel
Communion	N/A	Richard Murr	N/A

	April 21
In-person Attendance	36
Plate Budget Received	\$1,297.00

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 28, 2024

GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come to the vineyard of God.

P: We seek Christ, the vine of great love.

L: Drink from the waters of life.

P: We live in the light of God's grace.

L: Come to the vineyard of God.

P: All are welcome here.

OPENING PRAYER

God of love, plant us in the soil of your grace. Nurture us with the strength of Christ, the vine of everlasting life. Enlighten us with the wisdom of your Spirit, which flows through us today and all days.

Abide in us, that we may abide in you and live in your love.

In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

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*OPENING HYMN

Blessed Assurance

UMH# 369

*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

Olivia Taylor

SCRIPTURE

Psalms 22:25-31

Michaela Sanford

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

P: Thanks, be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Grace Alone

Chris Wade

SCRIPTURE

Acts 8:26-40

Rev. Dr. Anthony Hodge

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

P: Thanks, be to God.

SERMON

The Quest for Understanding

Rev. Dr. Anthony Hodge

RESPONSE

*HYMN

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

UMH# 140

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 Surrender All

UMH# 354

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand as you are able*