

## Updates and Announcements

Thank you for worshiping 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, 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](mailto:bethelrockhill@gmail.com).

## This Week

- **Today** – Children's Sunday School at 10:15 am.
- **Today** – We will decorate the sanctuary for Christmas immediately following worship and pizza will be served.
- **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 our community, Bethel UMC children will be packaging meal kits on Sunday mornings beginning 12/7/25. This week (11/23) we are requesting that you bring in as many jars of **Spaghetti Sauce** as you can donate. Next week's (11/30) item is **Canned Mushrooms**. Thank you for helping us with this project.

## Upcoming

- **11/30** – Advent begins.
- **12/1** – “The First Advent in Palestine” Book Study at 6:30 pm via this [Zoom Link](#). Please read the introduction and chapter 1.
- **12/2** – “The First Advent in Palestine” Book Study at 12:30 pm in the church library. Please read the introduction and chapter 1.
- **12/3** – Soup Kitchen meeting at 5:30 pm in the Upper Room.
- **12/3** – Church Council Meeting at 6:30 pm in the Upper Room.
- **12/10** – BLT will meet at 11:30 pm at Flipside Restaurant.

	<b>11/23/25</b>	<b>11/30/25</b>	<b>12/07/25</b>
<b>Liturgist</b>	Isabella Sutton	Sherri Pankratz	Marc Sutton
<b>Children's Time</b>	Deana Whitehead	Emily Sutton	Michaela Sanford
<b>Nursery</b>	Marc Sutton	Michaela Sanford	Marc Sutton
<b>Counter</b>	Tom Craig	Sherri Pankratz	Chad Williams
<b>Counter</b>	Michaela Sanford	Allyson Reid	Sherl Drawdy
<b>Usher</b>	Tom Craig	Sherri Pankratz	Chad Williams
<b>Usher</b>	Angie Price	Tom Craig	Sherl Drawdy
<b>Communion</b>	N/A	N/A	Angie Price

	<b>Month of October</b>	<b>October YTD</b>
<b>Tithes and Offerings</b>	\$9,653.59	\$95,792.78
<b>Expenses</b>	<u><b>(12,721.39)</b></u>	<u><b>(125,478.07)*</b></u>
	<u><b>\$(-3,067.80)</b></u>	<u><b>\$(-29,685.29)</b></u>
	<b>November 16</b>	

<b>In-person Attendance</b>	20
<b>Plate Budget Received</b>	\$1,534.00

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

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# Bethel United Methodist Church



**November 23, 2025**

***Knowing, Loving, Serving God***

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**Chris Wade**

**Pastor**

**Rev. Emily Sutton**

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 23, 2025

### GATHERING

#### WORDS OF WELCOME

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

L: "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."

**P: Blessing and honor and glory and might be unto the Lamb!**

L: Worthy is Christ who has ransomed us by his blood from every tribe and tongue and nation, and made his people a kingdom, and priests to our God.

**P: Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!** ~ Hickman et al., *Handbook of the Christian Year*, (Abingdon Press, 1986) 253.

#### OPENING PRAYER

**All-powerful God, your only Son came to earth in the form of a slave and is now enthroned at your right hand, where he rules in glory. As he reigns as King in our hearts, may we rejoice in his peace, glory in his justice, and live in his love. For with you and the Holy Spirit, he rules now and forever. Amen.** ~*Ibid*

\*OPENING HYMN

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

UMH# 297

\*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

### PROCLAMATION

\*HYMN

*This is Where Children Belong*

TFWS# 2233

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE

*Colossians 1:11-20*

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

*Luke 23:33-43*

Rev. Emily Sutton

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

**P: Thanks, Be to God.**

SERMON

*Reign of Christ*

Rev. Emily Sutton

### RESPONSE

\*HYMN

*His Name Is Wonderful*

UMH# 174

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've Got Peace Like a River*

TFWS# 2145

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

\*Please stand as you are able.