

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](mailto:bethelrockhill@gmail.com) or 803.327.4881.

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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** - Laity Sunday. Laity will lead the worship service.
- **Today** - Children’s Choir at 4:00 p.m.
- **Today** - Confirmation Class – 4:00-5:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday** - Fellowship Dinner at 5:30 p.m. at The Little Café.

Upcoming

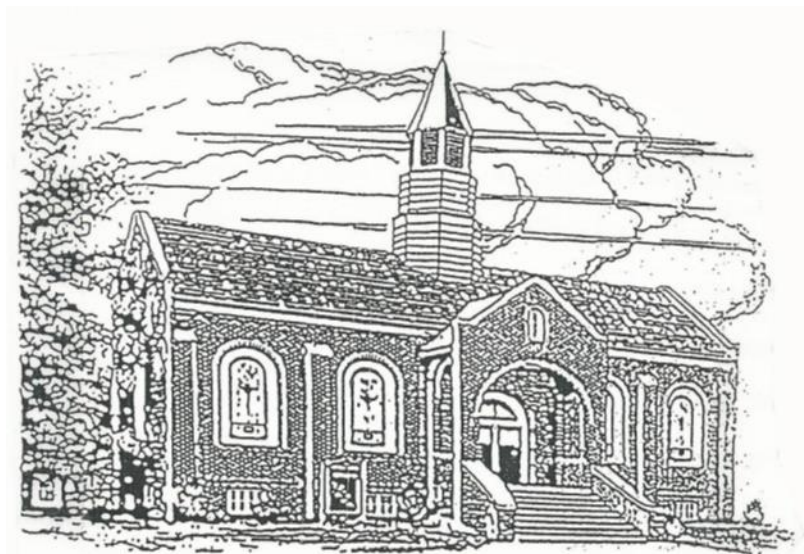
- **October 22** – Children’s Sunday. Children will lead the worship service.
- **October 25** – PPRC Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
- **October 25** – Church Council Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
- **October 29** – Fall Festival – 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
- **October 29** – United Youth at Woodland - 4:00-5:30 p.m.
- **November 5** – All Saints Sunday with Holy Communion.
- **November 19** – Celebration of Bethel Sunday with a cookout to follow worship.

Volunteers	October 15	October 22	October 29
Liturgist	Darnelle Sweatt	Gabriel Wade	Joyce McElveen
Children’s Time	Olivia Taylor	Chloe McNinch	Olivia Taylor
Counters	Allyson Reid	Becky Drawdy	Brantley McNinch
	Darnelle Sweatt	Darnelle Sweatt	Ruth Culp
Ushers	Brinley Collins	Chloe McNinch	Scott Pike
	Shannon Wright	TBD	Olivia Taylor
Communion	N/A	N/A	N/A

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# Bethel United Methodist Church



**October 15, 2023**

*Knowing, Loving, Serving God*

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Pianist	Dena Wade
Administrative Assistant	Becky Moon
Music Leader	Chris Wade
Pastor	Emily Sutton

ORDER OF WORSHIP  
October 15, 2023

**GATHERING**

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**P: And also with you.**

L: O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name.

**P: In perfect faithfulness, you have done marvelous things,**

L: You have been a refuge for the poor, a refuge for the needy in their distress. You are a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat.

**P: O Lord, you are my God. I will exalt you and praise your name forever.** ~ written by Rev. Richard J. Fairchild

OPENING PRAYER

**Almighty God, as we gather to praise you and exalt your holy name, we give you thanks for the gifts of all the laity of Bethel United Methodist Church. We thank you for the many caring, committed laity, who share their faith, labor in love, and offer your hope in our community and world. May our worship bring glory, honor, and praise to your holy name. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN

*Give Thanks*

TFWS# 2036

\*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

*Isaiah 25:1-9*

Darnelle Sweatt

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

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Chris Wade

SCRIPTURE

*Galatians 6:1-10*

Melissa Buddin

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

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

SERMON

Melissa Buddin

**RESPONSE**

HYMN

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

UMH# 526

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

*Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling*

UMH# 348

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

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*\*Please stand as you are able*