

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.

This Week

- **Today** – Children's Sunday School at 10:15 am.
- **Today** – Baptism of the Lord baptism tags and remembering our baptisms.
- **Wednesday** – BLT will meet at Mary's Café at 11:30 am.
- **Thursday** – Soup Kitchen from 11am – 1:00 pm.
- **Every Wednesday** – AA Meeting in the church library from 7-8 pm.

Upcoming

- **1/25** – Recognition of Church Leadership.
- **1/28** – Church Council Meeting at 6:30 pm in the Upper Room.
- **1/29** – Bishop Leonard Fairley will be visiting the Soup Kitchen.
- **2/9** – Bethel UMC will serve soup, sandwiches and dessert to Winthrop Wesley students. We need volunteers to help serve and provide dessert. Food needs to be at Winthrop Wesley at 6:15 pm.
- **Thursdays through March 16** – Soup Kitchen from 11am – 1:00 pm. For volunteer opportunities, including providing desserts, please contact Lisa Bobak at venicegranny@gmail.com or 315-868-0485.

	01/11/26	1/18/26	1/25/26
Liturgist	Gabrial Wade	Marc Sutton	Margaret McCarter
Children's Time	Cynthia Bickel	Emily Sutton	Marc Sutton
Nursery	Allyson Reid	Cindy Day	Lisa Bobak
Counter	Margaret McCarter	Michaela Sanford	Cindy Day
Counter	Debbie Harris	Sherri Pankratz	Donna Hatfield
Usher	Debbie Harris	Michaela Sanford	Cindy Day
Usher	Tim Smith	Sherri Pankratz	Donna Hatfield
Communion	N/A	N/A	N/A

	Month of November	November YTD
Tithes and Offerings	\$ 15,731.00	\$ 110,034.69
Expenses	<u><u>(8,918.77)</u></u>	<u><u>(134,396.84)*</u></u>
	<u><u>\$ 6,812.23</u></u>	<u><u>\$(-24,362.15)</u></u>

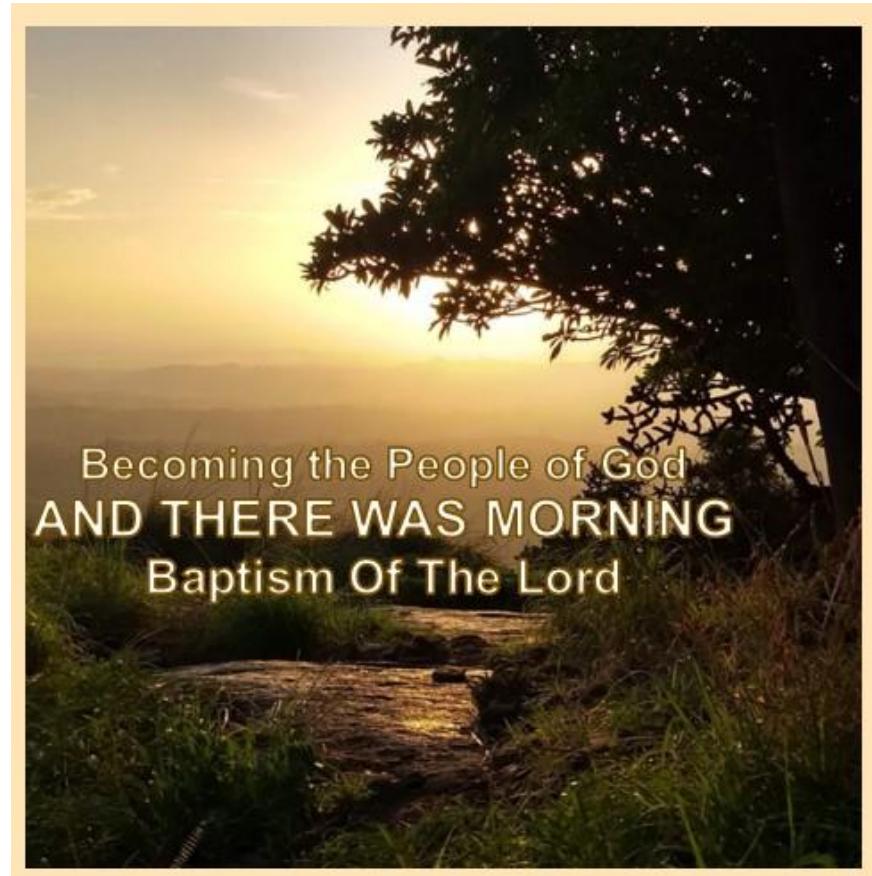
	January 4, 2026
In-person Attendance	19
Plate Budget Received	\$802.00

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

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 11, 2026

GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

JANUARY BIRTHDAY'S

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come! Let us follow Jesus to the edge of the Jordan River to be baptized. We come to be cleansed and made whole.

P: Come! Let us witness John's confusion and Jesus' insistence that John baptize God Incarnate.

We come to join Jesus in choosing life in the kingdom of God.

L: Come! Let us hear God declare the truth of Jesus' identity and the truth of our identity as baptized people.

We come to remember and embody who we are as beloved children of God.

P: Come! Let us worship God who leads us into the baptismal waters and salvation life.

We come to worship God who empowers us through divine presence to live together as the family of God.

~Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, July 2025.

OPENING PRAYER

Eternal God, at the baptism of Jesus, you revealed him to be your Son, and anointed him with the Holy Spirit, Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful to their calling as your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

~Posted on the Church of Scotland's Starters for Sunday website, <https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/home>. Re-posted on the re:Worship blog at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2014/01/collect-baptism-of-our-lord.html>.

*OPENING HYMN

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

UMH# 605

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

PROCLAMATION

*HYMN

This is Where Children Belong

TFWS# 2233

CHILDREN'S TIME

Cynthia Bickel

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 29

Gabrial Wade

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

P: Thanks, Be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Deep River

Chris Wade

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 3:13-17

Rev. Emily Sutton

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

P: Thanks, Be to God.

SERMON

Baptism of the Lord

Rev. Emily Sutton

RESPONSE

REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

UMH# 50-52

*HYMN

Water, River, Spirit, Grace

TFWS# 2253

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

Wade in the Water

TFWS# 2107

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand as you are able.*