

## 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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**\*\*\* We extend a warm welcome to Sandy Sindell, our guest preacher today. \*\*\***

### This Week

- **Today** - Children's Sunday School - 10:15 a.m. in the upstairs classroom.
- **Today** - Children's Choir 4-5:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday** - UMVIM Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.
- **Wednesday** - Fellowship Dinner at 5:30 p.m. at The Little Café.
- **Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> through Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup>** - Rev. Sutton will be on vacation. Rev. Robin Griffeth from Woodland UMC will be the on-call pastor at 843-870-8991.

### Upcoming

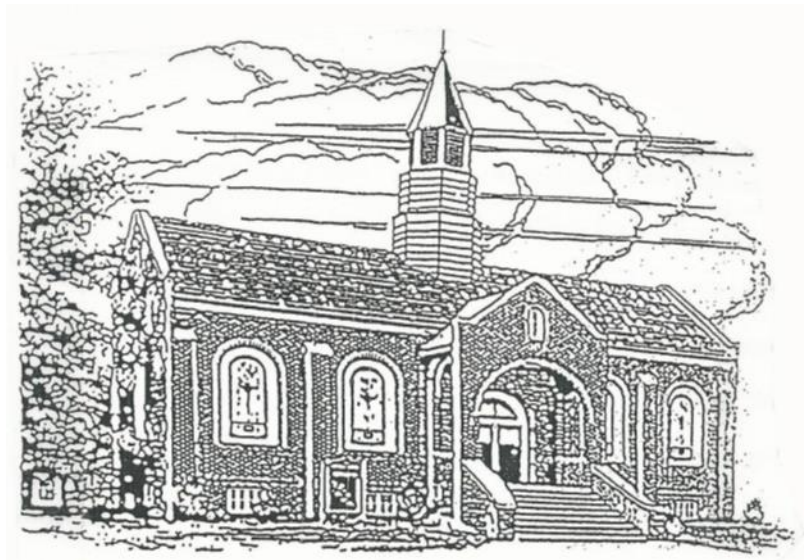
- **November 19 – December 24** – Advent Bible Study for Adults in the Upper Room on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. The books are in the vestibule.
- **November 19** – Celebration of Bethel Sunday with a cookout to follow worship. **The church will provide the hamburgers.** Please sign up to attend and bring a side dish. There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule.
- **November 19** – Children's Choir 4-5:30 p.m.
- **November 26** – Decorate the sanctuary for Christmas at 5:00 p.m. Pizza will be served afterward.
- **December 6** – Church Council Meeting for November and December at 6:00 p.m.
- **December 12** – Women's Christmas Party - Rev. Emily Sutton's home at 6:00 p.m.

Volunteers	November 12	November 19
Liturgist	Margaret McCarter	Melissa Buddin
Children's Time	Melissa Buddin	Cynthia Bickel
Nursery Volunteer	Brantley McNinch	Allyson Reid
Counters	Cindy Day Olivia Taylor	Mallory Jacobs Darnelle Sweatt
Ushers	Richard Bickel Sherl Drawdy	Richard Murr Cameron Pike
Communion	N/A	N/A
Giving and Attendance	November 5	
In-person Attendance	62	
Plate Budget Received	1183	

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# Bethel United Methodist Church



**November 12, 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

November 12, 2023

## GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God is great, and greatly to be praised!

**P: We thank you, God, for families and friends. We thank you for the warmth of kitchens, quilts, and good neighbors.**

L: God, how great is your name throughout the earth!

**P: We thank you, God, for newborn kittens and faithful dogs, for pine trees and sunlight and crisp, clean air.**

L: Blessed be God, the rock of our salvation!

**P: We thank you, God, for the sound of laughter and the touch of love, for brand new mornings, and dreams held close.**

L: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise with songs of praise.

**P: Come! Let us worship God.**

*~Written by Janice Jean Springer, found in Touch Holiness: Resources for Worship, Updated, eds. Ruth C. Duck and Maren C. Tirabassi (Cleveland, OH: Pilgrim Press, 2012), 103-104.*

OPENING PRAYER

**Creator God, who claims us as your own, we bring our full selves to worship today. Our happiness and our sorrow, our singing and our crying, our strengths, and our failures—we carry it all. Teach us to trust that your faithfulness endures in all the seasons and circumstances of our lives. Help us know that all we are is bound to you and teach us to rest on your steadfast love as the source of our gratitude and joy as we, your sheep, follow you wherever you lead. Amen.**

*~Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, May 2023.*

\*OPENING HYMN

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

UMH# 381

\*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 106:1-6*

Margaret McCarter

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

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

*I Love You Lord*

Chris Wade

SCRIPTURE

*Matthew 22:1-14*

Sandy Sindell

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

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

SERMON

*The Invitation*

Sandy Sindell

## RESPONSE

HYMN

*My Hope is Built*

UMH# 368

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

*Open My Eyes, That I May See*

UMH# 454

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

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*\*Please stand as you are able*