

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. 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** – Bethel Youth are at Asbury Hills Camp.
- **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 (11/16) we are requesting that you bring in as many boxes of **Spaghetti Noodles** as you can donate. Next week's (11/23) item is **Spaghetti Sauce**. Thank you for helping us with this project.

Upcoming

- **11/23** – We will decorate the sanctuary for Christmas immediately following worship and pizza will be served.
- **11/30** – Advent begins.
- **12/1** – Advent Book Study at 6:30 pm via Zoom.
- **12/2** – Advent Book Study at 12:30 pm in the church library.
- **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.

	11/16/25	11/23/25	11/30/25
Liturgist	Sherri Pankratz	Isabella Sutton	Gabrial Wade
Children's Time	Will Shelton	Deana Whitehead	Emily Sutton
Nursery	Allyson Reid	Marc Sutton	Michaela Sanford
Counter	Will Shelton	Tom Craig	Sherri Pankratz
Counter	Margaret McCarter	Michaela Sanford	Allyson Reid
Usher	Tim Smith	Tom Craig	Sherri Pankratz
Usher	Richard Bickel	Angie Price	Tom Craig
Communion	N/A	N/A	N/A

	Month of October	October YTD
Tithes and Offerings	\$9,653.59	\$95,792.78
Expenses	<u>(12,721.39)*</u>	<u>(125,478.07)*</u>
	<u>\$ (3,067.80)</u>	<u>\$ (29,685.29)</u>
	November 9	
In-person Attendance	33	
Plate Budget Received	\$899.00	

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

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God has called us here, not by our own merit, but by grace.

P: We gather as recipients of God's generous love.

L: Today, we remember how the Holy Spirit is poured out on all people, breaking down every barrier.

P: We come together as people from various backgrounds, families, and customs to offer our whole selves in gratitude to God's grace and generous love.

L: Let us worship the God who welcomes all and calls us to faithful stewardship.

All: We gather to praise God, who is the Lord of all people. We gather this day in thanksgiving and praise!

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious and generous God, you have opened the doors of your kingdom wide, welcoming all who would come. Just as you gave Peter a vision of your expansive love, open our eyes today to see your work in unexpected places and among unexpected people. Help us to be faithful stewards of all you have entrusted to us. May we hold loosely what is yours, sharing generously as you have shared with us. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us now. Transform our hearts, enlarge our vision, and empower us to be your hands and feet in the world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who gave everything for us. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* UMH#139

*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 Will Shelton

SCRIPTURE *Psalms 148* Sherri Pankratz

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

P: Thanks, Be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Purify My Heart* Chris Wade

SCRIPTURE *Acts 11:1-18* Rev. Emily Sutton

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

P: Thanks, Be to God.

SERMON *The Way of Necessity* Rev. Emily Sutton

RESPONSE

*HYMN *Shout to the Lord* TFWS# 2074

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

**Please stand as you are able.*