

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! If you have a prayer request, 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. 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.
- **Mondays through 10/27** – Mondays at 1pm in the church library – *Social Principles of the UMC*.
- **Monday** – Nominations Committee Meeting at 5:45 pm in the Upper Room.
- **Wednesdays through 10/29** – Book study at 6:00 pm at the home of Jeff and Randi Venables (1932 Williford Woods Lane, Rock Hill) – *Cost of Discipleship*
- **Wednesday** – Church Council Meeting at 6:30 pm in the Upper Room.
- **Every Wednesday** – AA Meeting in the church library from 7-8 pm.

Upcoming

- **September 28** – 125th Anniversary Celebration with a meal following worship. Please invite family and friends to this special event. There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule for meal side dishes and to volunteer.
- **September 28** – Bethel Youth (Amos 6:1) – 10am-3pm.
- **September 30** – Charge Conference at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary.

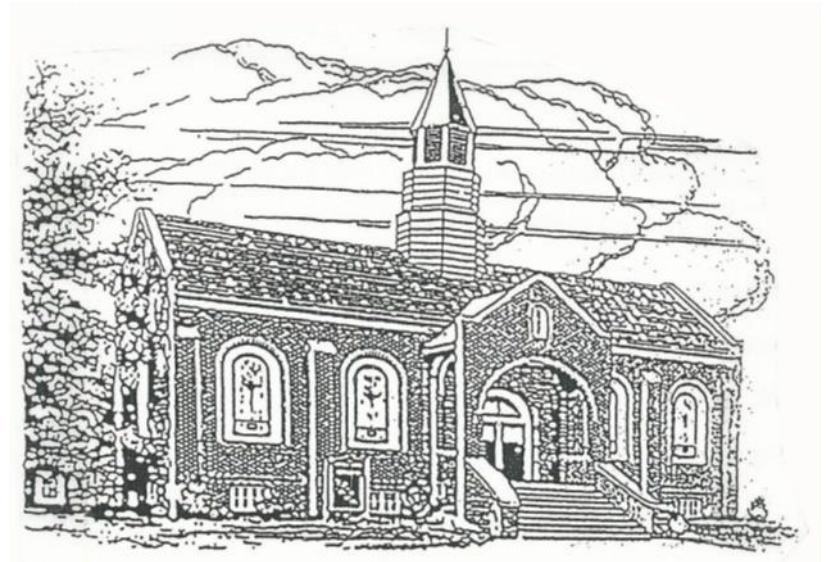
	09/21/25	09/28/25	10/5/25
Liturgist	Gabrial Wade	Isabella Sutton	Will Shelton
Children's Time	Marc Sutton	Emily Sutton	Will Shelton
Nursery	Allyson Reid	Cindy Day	Savannah Shelton
Counter	Donna Hatfield	Debbie Harris	Allyson Reid
Counter	Cindy Day	Margaret McCarter	Malynda Williams
Usher	Donna Hatfield	Debbie Harris	Allyson Reid
Usher	Cindy Day	Margaret McCarter	Malynda Williams
Communion	N/A	Angie Price	N/A

	Month of July	YTD as of July 31
Tithes and Offerings	\$7,824.00	\$66,274.19
Expenses	<u>(16,632.96)</u>	<u>(79,303.67)</u>
	<u>\$ (8,808.96)</u>	<u>\$ (13,029.48)</u>
	September 14	
In-person Attendance	44	
Plate Budget Received	\$875.00	

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Jeremiah reminds us that God calls the desperate, the hopeless, those bearing burdens, and those carrying sorrows to come and gather for worship.

P: In our worship of God, we bring all our questions and our pain. We offer God our doubt and our searching. God, we come seeking your presence and healing touch.

L: We gather believing that God's healing love is present, even in our darkest hours.

P: Come, let us worship the God who meets us in our sorrow and transforms our mourning into dancing.

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious and compassionate God, we gather in this sacred space carrying the weight of a world that often feels broken. Like Jeremiah, we know what it means to have hearts that are sick within us, to witness suffering that seems endless, to ask where you are when pain overwhelms us. Yet we come not in despair, but in faith. We believe that you are indeed the Great Physician, that there is balm in Gilead, that your healing presence moves among us even now. We do not ask you to remove all sorrow from our lives, for we know that love itself requires us to feel deeply the pain of others. Instead, we ask that you help us to be your healing presence in this world. Make us instruments of your peace, agents of your justice, bearers of your hope. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who wept over Jerusalem and who weeps with us still. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN *He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought* UMH# 128

*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 Marc Sutton

SCRIPTURE *Psalms 79:1-9* Gabriel Wade

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

P: Thanks, Be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC *There Is a Balm in Gilead* Chris Wade

SCRIPTURE *Jeremiah 8:18-9:1* Rev. Emily Sutton

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

P: Thanks, Be to God.

SERMON *Vessels: Healing Tears* Rev. Emily Sutton

RESPONSE

*HYMN OF RESPONSE *Amazing Grace* UMH# 378

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 *Potter's Hand Chorus Only (sung twice)* See below

Take me, Mold me

Use me, Fill me

I give my life to the Potter's hand

Hold me, Guide me

Lead me, Walk beside me

I give my life to the Potter's hand

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand as you are able.*