

## 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

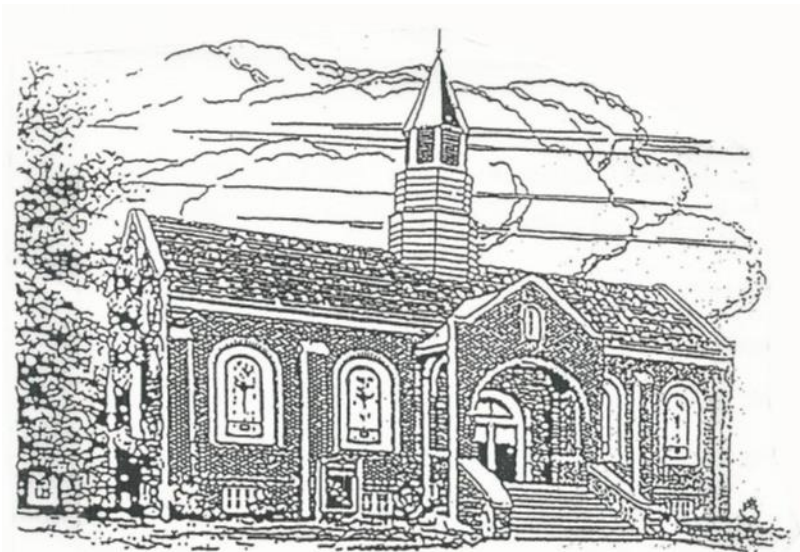
- **Today** - Adult Small Group Study at 10:00 a.m. – Upper Room.
- **Today** - Children’s Sunday School - 10:15 a.m. in the upstairs classroom.
- **Today** – Fall Festival – 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
- **Today** – United Youth at Woodland - 4:00-5:30 p.m.

## Upcoming

- **November 5** – All Saints Sunday with Holy Communion.
- **November 5** – Children’s Choir will begin practicing for the Christmas Pageant from 4:00-5:30 p.m.
- **November 8** – BLT will meet at 11:30 at Legal Remedy.
- **November 10 - 18** – Rev. Sutton will be on vacation. Rev. Kristen Richardson Frick will guest preacher on November 10 and Rev. Robin Griffith from Woodland UMC will be the on-call pastor.
- **November 19** – Celebration of Bethel Sunday with a cookout to follow worship.
- **November 26** – Decorate the sanctuary for Christmas at 5:00 p.m. Pizza will be served afterward.

	<b>October 29</b>	<b>November 5</b>	<b>November 12</b>
<b>Volunteers</b>			
<b>Liturgist</b>	Joyce McElveen	Marc Sutton	Margaret McCarter
<b>Children’s Time</b>	Olivia Taylor	Melissa Buddin	Rev. Emily Sutton
<b>Counters</b>	Brantley McNinch	Cameron Pike	Cindy Day
	Ruth Culp	Margaret McCarter	Olivia Taylor
<b>Ushers</b>	Scott Pike	Margaret McCarter	Richard Bickel
	Olivia Taylor	Shannon Wright	Sherl Drawdy
<b>Communion</b>	N/A	Melissa Buddin	N/A
<b>Giving and Attendance</b>		October 22	
<b>In-person Attendance</b>		42	
<b>Plate Budget Received</b>		977.00	

# Bethel United Methodist Church



**October 29, 2023**

*Knowing, Loving, Serving God*

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<b>Music Leader</b>	<b>Chris Wade</b>
<b>Pastor</b>	<b>Emily Sutton</b>

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 29, 2023

## GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: As we gather to worship today, turn to a neighbor\* and say to each other, "Welcome! I am glad you are here!"

**P: Welcome! I am glad you are here!**

L: Now, turn to another neighbor\* and say to each other, "You are loved by God and by me!"

**P: You are loved by God and by me!**

L: Beloved children of God, how can we love each other today?

**P: By meeting and listening and caring for one another face-to-face.**

L: Beloved children of God, how can we love God today?

**P: By practicing our love for one another and God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.**

L: Let us worship God together today!

**P: We come to worship God by living our love for God and neighbor face-to-face. Amen.**

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

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

*~From The Book of Common Prayer (New York: Church Publishing, Inc., 2006), 235.*

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

\*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 *Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18* Joyce McElveen

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

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

SPECIAL MUSIC *Only By Grace* Chris Wade

SCRIPTURE *Matthew 22:34-46* Rev. Emily Sutton

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

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

SERMON Rev. Emily Sutton

## RESPONSE

PASSING OF THE PEACE

HYMN *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* UMH# 110

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 *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* UMH# 117

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

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*\*Please stand as you are able*