

# Bethel United Methodist Church

## Updates and Announcements

Thank you for worshipping with us at Bethel United Methodist Church! Our worship service is broadcast via live stream on Facebook and Youtube. 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](mailto:bethelrockhill@gmail.com).

During the season of Lent, as a reminder of the penitential nature of the season and to encourage a deeper spiritual awareness, the cross above the choir loft will not be lit. The cross will be lit on Easter Sunday as a part of our resurrection celebration.

## This Week

- **Today** – Children’s Sunday School at 10:15 am.
- **Mondays through March 30** – Book study, Why Did Jesus Have to Die? at 6:45 pm via Zoom.
- **Tuesdays through March 30** – Book study, Why Did Jesus Have to Die? at 10:30 am in person.
- **Wednesday** – Midweek Lenten service at 12 pm at Woodland UMC.
- **Wednesday** – Church Council Meeting at 6:30 pm in the Upper Room.
- **Every Wednesday** – AA Meeting in the church library from 7-8 pm.
- **Thursday** – Final Soup Kitchen from 11 am – 1pm.
- **Friday through Sunday** – Bethel Youth – Revolution.
- **Every Saturday** – AA New Beginnings Group in the church library at 9:00 am.

## Upcoming

- **3/29** – This year’s Palm Sunday Service will begin with the gathering on the steps or in the Narthex for a special Palm Sunday processional with the entire congregation. Please plan to arrive early for worship on Palm Sunday to join in the procession.

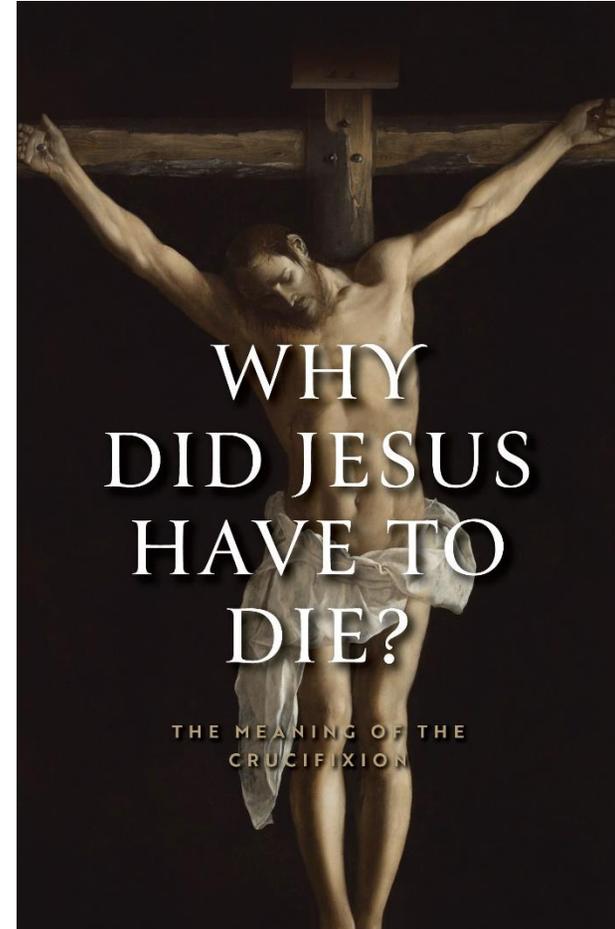
## Bethel UMC Meal Kits

This week (3/22), please bring in as many containers of **White Chicken Chile Seasoning** as you can donate. Next week’s (3/29) item is **Canned Chicken**.

	3/22/26	03/29/26	04/05/26
Liturgist	Tim Smith	Marc Sutton	Michaela Sanford
Children's Time	Will Shelton	Cynthia Bickel	Marc Sutton
Nursery	Marc Sutton	Marc Sutton	Lisa Bobak
Counter	Tom Craig	Sherl Drawdy	Margaret McCarter
Counter	Chad Williams	Cynthia Bickel	Allyson Reid
Usher	Tom Craig	Sherl Drawdy	Allyson Reid
Usher	Chad Williams	Cynthia Bickel	Tom Craig
Communion	N/A	N/A	Malynda Williams

	Month of January	January YTD
Tithes and Offerings	\$ 7,551.00	\$ 7,551.00
Expenses	<u>(16,204.22)</u>	<u>(16,204.22)</u>
	<u>\$ (-8,653.22)</u>	<u>\$ (-8,653.22)</u>
	<b>March 15</b>	
In-person Attendance	29	
Plate Budget Received	\$125.00	

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**March 22, 2026**

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 22, 2026

## GATHERING

### WORDS OF WELCOME

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Jesus calls us to follow him.

**P: We come to learn the way of self-giving love.**

L: Christ gave himself for us, a fragrant offering to God.

**P: We come to walk in his steps—to serve, to love, to forgive.**

L: Let us take up our cross and follow him.

**All: For in the way of the cross, we find the way of life.**

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#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: Merciful God, we confess that we have chosen selfishness over selflessness, darkness over light, and fear over trust. Too often we have ignored the message of the cross, forgetting that Jesus came not only to forgive our sins, but to save us from them. Forgive us, Lord. Turn our hearts again toward your wondrous love, and reshape us by the example of Christ, who gave himself for us all. Amen.** *~Ibid*

*During a moment of silence you are invited to pray a personal prayer of confession.*

#### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

L: Hear the good news: God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners, Christ died for us. This is love: not that we first loved God, but that God first loved us and sent his Son as the sacrifice for our sins. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**P: In the name of Jesus you are forgiven. Amen.** *~Ibid*

#### \*OPENING HYMN

*Jesu, Jesu*

UMH# 432

#### \*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

*Ephesians 5:3, Matthew 16:24*

Tim Smith

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

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

#### SPECIAL MUSIC

Chris Wade

#### SCRIPTURE

*Luke 10:25-37*

Rev. Emily Sutton

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

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

#### SERMON

*Selfishness or Selflessness?*

Rev. Emily Sutton

## RESPONSE

#### \*HYMN

*Were You There*

UMH# 288

#### 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

*Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service*

UMH# 581

#### \*BENEDICTION

#### \*POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand as you are able.*