

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.

Now Brewing Coffee Every Sunday! Arrive a few minutes early to our 11:00 am Sunday service and enjoy some fellowship, a cup of coffee and a snack! Please bring your own mug and help us reduce waste; but don't worry, we have extras if you forget.

This Week

- **Today** – Children's Sunday School at 10:15 am.
- **Today** – Bethel Youth from 10 am – 3 pm. (Matthew 17:1-9).
- **Wednesday** – Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 pm.
- **Every Wednesday** – AA Meeting in the church library from 7-8 pm.
- **Every Thursday through March 26** – Soup Kitchen from 11 am – 1pm.
- **Every Saturday** – AA New Beginnings Group in the church library at 10:00 am.

Upcoming

- **2/23** – Book study, Why Did Jesus Have to Die? at 6:45 pm via Zoom.
- **2/24** – Book study, Why Did Jesus Have to Die? at 10:30 am in person.
- **2/25** – Midweek Lenter service at 12 pm at Aldersgate UMC, 2115 Celanese Road.

Bethel UMC Meal Kits

As we seek to live out Matthew 25 and increase our food giving to the community, Bethel UMC children will be packaging meal kits. **This week (2/15)**, we would like to ask you to please bring in as many cans of **White Chili Chicken Seasoning** as you can donate. Next week's (2/22) item is **Canned Chicken**.

	2/15/26	2/22/26	3/1/26
Liturgist	Sherri Pankratz	Gabrial Wade	Tim Smith
Children's Time	Michaela Sanford	Cynthia Bickel	Michaela Sanford
Nursery	Lisa Bobak	Michaela Sanford	Marc Sutton
Counter	Sherl Drawdy	Margaret McCarter	Malynda Williams
Counter	Malynda Williams	Allyson Reid	Margaret McCarter
Usher	Sherl Drawdy	Tim Smith	Malynda Williams
Usher	Malynda Williams	Allyson Reid	Tim Smith
Communion	N/A	N/A	N/A

	Month of December	December YTD
Tithes and Offerings	\$ 26,946.00	\$ 136,980.69
Expenses	(14,076.65)	(148,473.49)*
	<u>\$ 12,869.35</u>	<u>\$ (-11,492.80)</u>
	February 8	
In-person Attendance	24	
Plate Budget Received	\$2,477.00	

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

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Music Leader	Chris Wade
Pastor	Rev. Emily Sutton

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: People of God, why are you here?

P: We gather to worship with our hearts and our lives.

L: People of God, who do you worship?

P: We worship God, who loves us and teaches us to love.

L: People of God, how do you worship?

P: We worship God by breaking the bonds of injustice and freeing the oppressed.

L: People of God, come, let us worship God, whose glory surrounds us!

P: May our worship demonstrate God's glory in our neighborhood, community, and the whole earth.

~Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, July 2025.

OPENING PRAYER

God of compassion and justice, the worship you choose for us is to loose the bonds of injustice, to let the oppressed go free, to share bread with the hungry, to shelter the homeless. So, in praise and wonder, we come to worship you not just with our words but with our hearts and our lives. Glory and honour be to you, O God, Creator of a new heaven and a new earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

~Written by Rev. Iona MacLean, First Presbyterian Church, Pictou, Nova Scotia, in Change is Happening, <https://presbyterian.ca/pwsd/>. Re-posted on the re:Worship blog at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2014/01/opening-prayer-worshipping-with-our-lives.html>.

*OPENING HYMN *The Church's One Foundation* vs.1, 3-5 UMH# 545

*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 Michaela Sanford

SCRIPTURE *Isaiah 58:1-12* Sherri Pancratz

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

P: Thanks, Be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC Chris Wade

SCRIPTURE *Matthew 5: 13-20* Rev. Emily Sutton

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

P: Thanks, Be to God.

SERMON *Salt and Light* Rev. Emily Sutton

RESPONSE

*HYMN *Thy Word Is a Lamp* UMH# 601

CELEBRATION OF CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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 *Here I Am, Lord* UMH# 593

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand as you are able.*