

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 today, please leave your contact information so we can extend a fuller welcome! If you have a prayer request, please 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 or 803.327.4881.

Epworth Is Our Ministry! Last year Epworth Children's Home served over 1,400 children and families through their statewide programs. These children had this opportunity because of churches in South Carolina that embrace and provide for this ministry. On Sunday, May 12th, 2024, we will participate in the annual Mother's Day Offering. Please be in prayerful consideration of what God is calling you to give to this valuable and life-changing ministry.

This Week

- **Today** – Book Study – “Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White” at 10:00 am in the Upper Room.
- **Today** – Children's Sunday School at 10:15 am.
- **Tuesday, April 23 – Friday, May 3** - Rev. Sutton will be attending the General Conference. Rev. Steve Holler, pastor of Aldersgate UMC will be the pastor on-call. He may be reached at 865-431-4993.
- **Wednesday** – Church Council meeting at 6:30 pm in the Upper Room.

Upcoming

- **4/28** – Rev. Dr. Anthony Hodge, Rock Hill District Superintendent, will be our guest preacher while Rev. Emily Sutton is at the General Conference. Please make plans to attend worship and meet our District Superintendent.
- **5/8** – BLT will meet at 11:30 am at The Roasting Company located at 122 South Oakland Avenue.

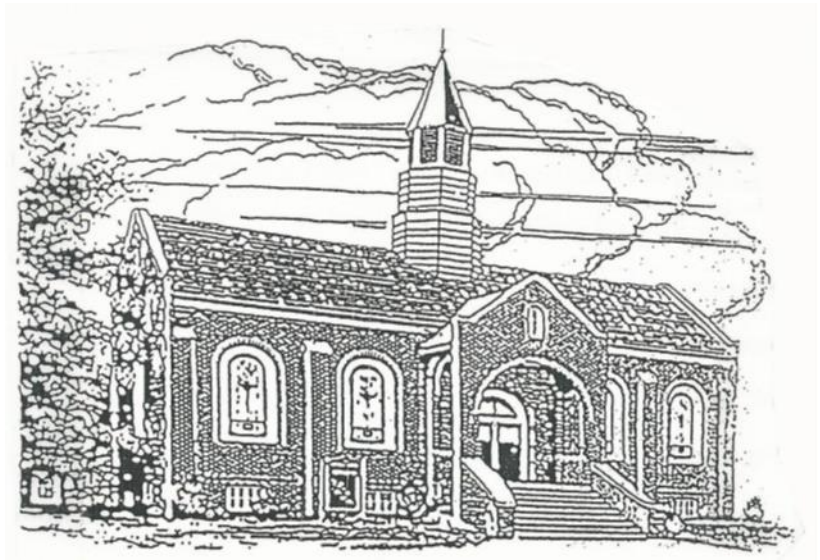
	April 21	April 28	May 5
Liturgist	Shannon Wright	Michaela Sanford	Angie Price
Children's Time	Cynthia Bickel	Olivia Taylor	Marc Sutton
Nursery	Allyson Reid	Melissa Buddin	Carrie Pike
Counter	Margaret McCarter	Mallory Jacobs	Becky Drawdy
Counter	Becky Drawdy	Allyson Reid	Cameron Pike
Usher	Donna Hatfield	Bud Smith	Cameron Pike
Usher	Shannon Wright	Margaret McCarter	Olivia Taylor
Communion	N/A	N/A	Richard Murr

	April 14
In-person Attendance	36
Plate Budget Received	\$1,270.00



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 21, 2024

GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength.

P: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside the still waters.

L: They shall mount up with wings like eagles. He restores my soul.

P: He leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

L: They shall run and not be weary.

P: Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I shall fear no evil, for thou art with me.

L: They shall walk and not faint.

P: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

OPENING PRAYER

Shepherding God, you bring us into your presence and shower us with your love. You lead us beside the still waters and restore our souls.

Touch our hearts and minds, that we may live your love and abide in your grace. Amen.

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*OPENING HYMN *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* UMH# 158

*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 Cynthia Bickel

SCRIPTURE *Psalm 23* Shannon Wright

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

P: Thanks, be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* Chris Wade

SCRIPTURE *John 10:11-18* Rev. Emily Sutton

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

P: Thanks, be to God.

SERMON *Good Shepherd Sunday* Rev. Emily Sutton

RESPONSE

*HYMN *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* UMH# 381

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 *Where He Leads Me* UMH# 338

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand as you are able*