

**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)

**Epworth is our ministry! How can we help?** Epworth provides care for children and families in our community who have experienced trauma through abuse, neglect, and loss. This care helps to break the destructive cycle and sets them on a better path. On Sunday, May 10th, our congregation will support Epworth by collecting the Annual Epworth Mother’s Day Offering.

**Graduation Sunday is May 24<sup>th</sup>.** Please call or email the church office if you have a participating graduate so we can celebrate them.

**This Week**

- **Today** – Children’s Sunday School at 10:15 am.
- **Wednesday** – Church Council Meeting at 6:30 pm in the Upper Room.
- **Saturday** – Winthrop Wesley Workday from 8 am – 12 pm. RSVP to Pastor Laurel at [laurel@winwes.org](mailto:laurel@winwes.org) or (515)-554-2786.
- **Every Wednesday** – AA Meeting in the church library from 7-8 pm.
- **Every Saturday** – AA New Beginnings Group in the church library at 9:00 am.

**Upcoming**

- **May 3** – Wedding Shower for Michaela Sanford and Aaron Sandlin immediately following worship.
- **May 6** – Taize Worship Service - 7 pm at The Mercantile, 153 E. White St., Unit B.
- **May 8** – Northside Elementary School Teacher Appreciation Event. Please sign up in the vestibule or online to provide cookies or brownies for this event.

	04/26/26	05/03/26	05/10/26
<b>Liturgist</b>	Margaret McCarter	Richard Bickel	Sherri Pankratz
<b>Children’s Time</b>	Emily Sutton	Cynthia Bickel	Marc Sutton
<b>Nursery</b>	Marc Sutton	Allyson Reid	Michaela Sanford
<b>Counter</b>	Will Shelton	Margaret McCarter	Michaela Sanford
<b>Counter</b>	Michaela Sanford	Debbie Harris	Sherl Drawdy
<b>Usher</b>	Will Shelton	Debbie Harris	Michaela Sanford
<b>Usher</b>	Michaela Sanford	Tim Smith	Sherl Drawdy
<b>Communion</b>	N/A	Cynthia Bickel	N/A

	Month of March	March to Date
<b>Tithes and Offerings</b>	\$11,982.43	\$27,151.43
<b>Expenses</b>	<u>(12,267.04)</u>	<u>(34,390.81)</u>
<b>Increase / (Decrease)</b>	<u>(\$284.61)</u>	<u>(\$7,239.38)</u>
	<b>April 19</b>	
<b>In-person Attendance</b>	28	
<b>Plate Budget Received</b>	\$980.00	

# Bethel United Methodist Church



**April 26, 2026**

***Knowing, Loving, Serving God***

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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

April 26, 2026

**GATHERING**

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Family of God, who are you?

**P: We are disciples formed in the image of Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit.**

L: Family of God, how does Jesus form you?

**P: By loving us and showing us how to love.**

L: Family of God, how does the Holy Spirit empower you?

**P: By loving us and inspiring us to love others as Christ loves us.**

L: Family of God, on this journey of faith, we are not alone—God is with us!

**All: We come to worship God, who shows us how to love and calls us to boldly love God and neighbor, that we may be disciples of Jesus Christ who transform the world. Amen.**

*~Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, January 2026.*

OPENING PRAYER

**Almighty, all-merciful God, through Christ Jesus, you have taught us to love one another, to love our neighbors as ourselves, and even to love our enemies. As we gather for worship and as we are sent from this place, let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts. Help us to encounter each person in light of the love and grace you have shown us in Christ. Establish among us a future where peace reigns, justice is done with mercy, and all are reconciled. We ask these things in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*~Adapted from PCUSA, "Prayers for Times of Crisis," via re:Worship, 2013.*

\*OPENING HYMN                      *O How I Love Jesus*                      UMH# 170

\*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                      Rev. Emily Sutton

SCRIPTURE                      *Leviticus 19:9-18*                      Margaret McCarter

SCRIPTURE                      *Mark 12:28-34*                      Rev. Emily Sutton

SERMON                      *Love Boldly*                      Rev. Emily Sutton

**RESPONSE**

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE                      *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*                      UMH# 402

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY                      UMH# 95

**SENDING FORTH**

\*CLOSING HYMN                      *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*                      UMH# 384

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

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*\*Please stand as you are able.*