

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 want to subscribe to the Bethel UMC Weekly Emails, please contact the church office at bethelrockhill@gmail.com or 803.327.4881.

This Week

- **Today** – Children’s Sunday School at 10:15 am.
- **Today** – “Making Sense of the Bible” - 10:00 am in the Upper Room.
- **Wednesday** – AA Meeting in the church library from 7-8:00 pm.

Upcoming

- **9/11, 18, 25** – AA Meeting in the church library from 7-8:00 pm.
- **9/11** – BLT will meet at 11:30 am at The Flipside Restaurant.
- **9/18** – Fellowship Dinner at Mary’s Café at 5:30 pm.

Next Sunday is the Annual Workday offering for Epworth Children’s Home. This tradition dates back decades when Methodists were challenged to “Give a Day’s Pay” to the children at Epworth. While the emphasis has shifted a bit over the years, it is still important that we come together to provide spiritual, educational, emotional, and physical support for the children at Epworth. As you consider what God is calling you to give to support our church’s ministry to children, remember Christ’s command to let the little children come to him. He embraces them, welcomes them, loves them, and teaches them. Please prayerfully consider what God is calling you to give to this valuable and life-changing ministry.

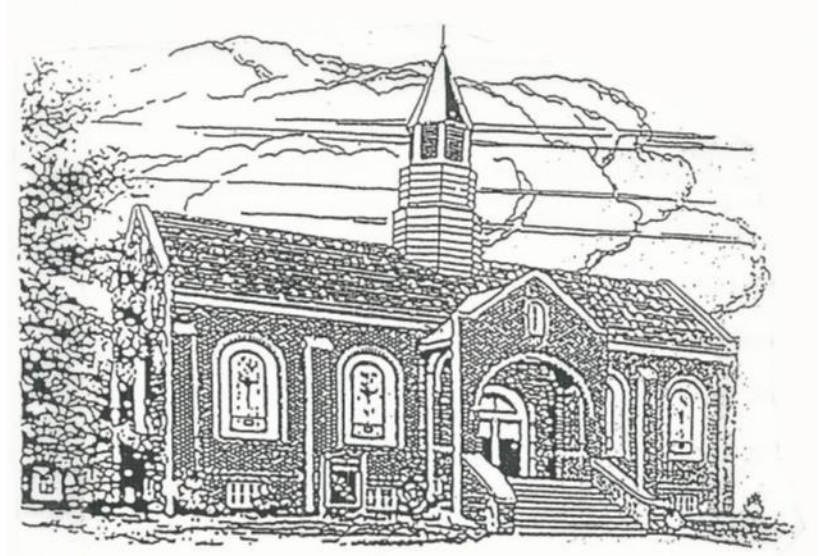
	9/1/2024	9/8/2024	09/15/24
Liturgist	Shannon Wright	Richard Bickel	Gabrial Wade
Children's Time	Michaela Sanford	Emily Sutton	Marc Sutton
Nursery	Savannah Shelton	Allyson Reid	Savannah Shelton
Counter	Will Shelton	Doug Ott	Allyson Reid
Counter	Michaela Sanford	Margaret McCarter	Cindy Day
Usher	Michaela Sanford	Cindy Day	Bud Smith
Usher	Isabella Sutton	Shannon Wright	Sherl Drawdy
Communion	N/A	Will Shelton	N/A

August 25
In-person Attendance 40
Plate Budget Received \$1,050.00

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September 1, 2024

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Music Leader	Chris Wade
Pastor	Emily Sutton

ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 1, 2024

GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP *O How He Loves You and Me* TFWS# 2108

*OPENING PRAYER

Creating God, you are the source of summer's splendor— the beauty and fragrance of delicate flowers, and the sweet sound of birdsong. We come to you this morning with delight and gladness, grateful for all of your wonders. As the fields produce their harvest, may your love grow within us, so that we too may produce a harvest of love, hope, and joy. Amen.

~Written by Mary Petrina Boyd <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3026/worship-elements-september-1-2024>

*OPENING HYMN *Spirit of the Living God* UMH# 393

*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 Michaela Sanford

SCRIPTURE *Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9* Michaela Sanford

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

P: Thanks, Be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Lord I Want to be a Christian* Chris Wade

SCRIPTURE *James 1:17-27* Rev. Emily Sutton

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

P: Thanks, Be to God.

MESSAGE *Just Do It!* Rev. Emily Sutton

RESPONSE

*HYMN *Seek Ye First* UMH# 405

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 *Amazing Grace* UMH# 378

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand as you are able*