

**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](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.
- **Today** – Bethel Spring Youth ( Exodus 17: 1-7) from 10:00 am – 3 pm.
- **Mondays through March 30** – Book study, Why Did Jesus Have to Die? at 6:45 pm via Zoom.
- **Wednesday** – Book study, Why Did Jesus Have to Die? at 10:30 am in person.
- **Wednesday** – Midweek Lenten service at 12 pm at New Hope UMC, 270 Aspendale Road.
- **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 9:00 am.

**Upcoming**

- **3/18** – Book study, Why Did Jesus Have to Die? at 10:30 am in person.
- **3/18** – Midweek Lenten service at 12 pm at St. John’s Rock Hill.

**Bethel UMC Meal Kits**

This week (3/8), please bring in as many containers of **Canned Great Northern Beans** as you can donate. Next week’s (3/15) item is **Tomatoes and Green Chilis (RO-TEL)**.

	3/8/26	3/15/26	3/22/26
<b>Liturgist</b>	Michaela Sanford	Sherri Pankratz	Tim Smith
<b>Children's Time</b>	Rev. Emily Sutton	Marc Sutton	Will Shelton
<b>Nursery</b>	Lisa Bobak	Michaela Sanford	Marc Sutton
<b>Counter</b>	Allyson Reid	Debbie Harris	Sherri Pankratz
<b>Counter</b>	Donna Hatfield	Tom Craig	Chad Williams
<b>Usher</b>	Allyson Reid	Debbie Harris	Sherri Pankratz
<b>Usher</b>	Donna Hatfield	Tom Craig	Chad Williams
<b>Communion</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A

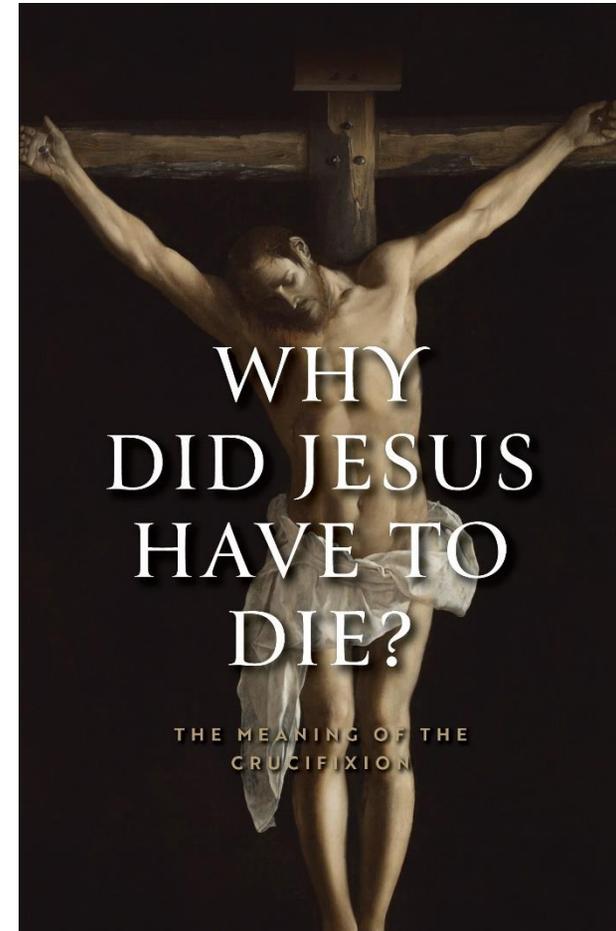
	Month of January	January YTD
<b>Tithes and Offerings</b>	\$ 7,551.00	\$ 7,551.00
<b>Expenses</b>	<u>(16,204.22)</u>	<u>(16,204.22)</u>
	<u>\$ (-8,653.22)</u>	<u>\$ (-8,653.22)</u>

	March 1
<b>In-person Attendance</b>	28
<b>Plate Budget Received</b>	\$1,973.00



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# Bethel United Methodist Church



**March 8, 2026**  
*Knowing, Loving, Serving God*  
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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 8, 2026

### GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

MARCH BIRTHDAY'S

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come, all who carry the weight of sin and guilt.

**P: Christ has taken up the sins of the world.**

L: Come, all who long for mercy and grace.

**P: God's love has nailed our debts to the cross.**

L: Come, all who seek a new beginning.

**P: By Christ's wounds, we are healed.**

**All: Let us worship the God of mercy, love, and forgiveness!**

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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 *Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed* UMH# 294

\*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 *Isaiah 52:13-53:12* Michaela Sanford

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

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

SPECIAL MUSIC Chris Wade

SCRIPTURE *Hebrews 10:10-13* Rev. Emily Sutton

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

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

SERMON *Penal Substitution or Selfless Offering?* Rev. Emily Sutton

### RESPONSE

\*HYMN *O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done* UMH# 287

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 *Give Me a Clean Heart* TFWS# 2133

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand as you are able.*