

Updates and Announcements

Thank you for worshiping with us at Bethel United Methodist Church! Our worship service is broadcast live on Sunday mornings 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.

This Week

- **Today** – Children's Sunday School at 10:15 am.
- **Wednesday** – BLT will meet at 11:30 am at the Flipside Restaurant.
- **Thursday** – Women's Christmas Gathering at 6:00 pm in the home of Malynda Williams, 1536 Blanchard Road, Rock Hill. Please bring an hors d'oeuvre and a wrapped ornament to share.
- **Mondays** – “The First Advent in Palestine” Book Study at 6:30 pm via [Zoom Link](#)
- **Tuesdays** – “The First Advent in Palestine” Book Study, 12:30 pm at the church.
- **Every Wednesday** – AA Meeting in the church library from 7-8 pm.

Bethel UMC Meal Kits

As we seek to live out Matthew 25 and increase our giving of food to the community, Bethel UMC children will be packaging meal kits on Sunday mornings, beginning December 7, 2025. **This week (12/7)**, we would like to ask you to please bring in as many jars of shelf stable **Parmesan Cheese** as you can donate. Next week's (12/14) item is **Cream of Mushroom Soup**.

Upcoming

- **12/14** – Bethel Youth (Luke 1:46B-55) from 10am-3pm.
- **12/14** – Jerusalem Ridge Violin Recital at 1:30 pm and 3pm
- **12/21** – Christmas Caroling in ugly sweaters at 5:30 pm.
- **12/24** – Christmas Eve Service at 5pm.

	12/7	12/14	12/21
Liturgist	Marc Sutton	Michaela Sanford	Richard Bickel
Children's Time	Michaela Sanford	Cynthia Bickel	Marc Sutton
Nursery	Marc Sutton	Allyson Reid	Lisa Bobak
Counter	Chad Williams	Cindy Day	Margaret McCarter
Counter	Sherl Drawdy	Donna Hatfield	Debbie Harris
Usher	Chad Williams	Richard Bickel	Debbie Harris
Usher	Sherl Drawdy	Tim Smith	Angie Price
Communion	Angie Price	N/A	N/A

	Month of October	October YTD
Tithes and Offerings	\$8,164.50	\$94,303.69
Expenses	<u>(12,721.39)</u>	<u>(125,478.07)*</u>
	<u>\$ (4,556.89)</u>	<u>\$(31,174.38)</u>

	November 30
In-person Attendance	30
Plate Budget Received	\$730.00

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



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 7, 2025

GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

ADVENT WREATH

Jake, Lisa, Cole, Henry, and Winston Brown

SUNG RESPONSES TO ADVENT WREATH READINGS

Verse 2

Why lies He in such mean estate,
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.

Chorus

This, this is Christ, the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

OPENING PRAYER

Here, at the nativity of your birth, give us the courage to face this moment with new air in our lungs. Open us to new understandings of the unfolding story of your presence among us. Show us the true meaning of peace on earth, good will for all. We pray in the name of the Child, the Prince of Peace in our hearts and lives. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

UMH# 211

*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

Away in a Manger

UMH #217

CHILDREN'S TIME

Michaela Sanford

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:5-25 and 57-80

Marc Sutton and Rev. Emily Sutton

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

P: Thanks, Be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Emmanuel, God With Us

Chris Wade

SERMON

The Silent Word

Rev. Emily Sutton

RESPONSE

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

THE EUCHARISTIC FEAST

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

See Insert

CONFESSON AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

See Insert

PASSING OF THE PEACE

See Insert

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

See Insert

*HYMN

We Utter Our Cry

UMH# 439

Jesu, Jesu

UMH# 432

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

UMH# 218

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH# 95

SENDING FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN

Let There Be Peace on Earth

UMH# 431

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand as you are able.*