

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 get in touch with the church office at bethelrockhill@gmail.com or 803.327.4881.

We welcome Jeff and Randi Venables and Piper Gatto as they join Bethel UMC today!

This Week

- **Today** – Sunrise Service – 7:00 a.m. Fellowship breakfast following the service.
- **Today** – Easter Worship Service with Holy Communion at 11:00 am.
- **Monday through Saturday** – Rev. Sutton will be on vacation. Rev. Mallory Nickerson will be the pastor on call. She may be reached at 843-834-3765.
- **Wednesday** – AA Meeting in the church library from 7-8 pm.

Upcoming

- **April 29** – Small group Bible study at 6:30 pm at Rev. Sutton’s home. Everything Happens for a Reason by Kate Bowler. Books are available online.
- **April 30** – VBS Planning Meeting at 6:00.
- **April 30** – Church Council meeting at 6:30 pm in the Upper Room.
- **May 11** – We will participate in the annual Mother’s Day Offering to benefit the children who call Epworth home, and each child and family touched by Epworth’s ministries.
- **Wednesdays** – AA Meeting in the church library from 7-8:00 pm.

| | 4/20/25 | 4/27/25 | 5/4/25 |
|------------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Liturgist | Michaela Sanford | Gabrial Wade | Cindy Day |
| Children’s Time | Marc Sutton | Michaela Sanford | Will Shelton |
| Nursery | Allyson Reid | Savannah Shelton | Lisa Bobak |
| Counter | Michaela Sanford | Will Shelton | Malynda Williams |
| Counter | Margaret McCarter | Chad Williams | Sherl Drawdy |
| Usher | Allyson Reid | Donna Hatfield | Malynda Williams |
| Usher | Richard Bickel | Chad Williams | Sherl Drawdy |
| Communion | Angie Price | N/A | Richard Bickel |

| | Month of March | Year to Date |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Tithes and Offerings | \$10,584.57 | \$ 27,219.57 |
| Expenses | <u>(7,418.73)</u> | <u>(28,874.18)</u> |
| | <u>\$ 3,165.84</u> | <u>\$ (1,654.61)</u> |

| | April 13 |
|------------------------------|------------|
| In-person Attendance | 29 |
| Plate Budget Received | \$1,270.00 |

Bethel United Methodist Church



“He is not here; he has risen!” Luke 24:6

**Easter Sunday
April 20, 2025**

Knowing, Loving, Serving God

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 20, 2025

GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

EASTER PROCLAMATION

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Christ the Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!

OPENING PRAYER

Dear God, this past week has been one of mixed emotions; of faith struggling to understand. We have greeted you with palm branches; we have sat at table with you to share a farewell meal. We have witnessed your death on a simple wooden cross. Yet on the third day, you come to us again in victory. By this, we know that death is not the final word. As the sun boldly rises to meet a new day, rise in our lives this Easter morning, for you are our hope, our life, and our joy. We have come to celebrate, help us encounter you, the Risen Christ, here in our midst this Easter Day! Amen!

*Adapted from the prayer written by Karen C.H. Sorenson, **Flames of the Spirit**, Ruth Duck, Ed, (Pilgrim Press, 1985), 41.*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

*OPENING HYMN *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

UMH #302

*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

Marc Sutton

SCRIPTURE

Acts 10:34-43

Michaela Sanford

ANTHEM

Jesus is Alive

Bethel UMC Choir

SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:1-12

Rev. Emily Sutton

SERMON

I believe in the Resurrection

Rev. Emily Sutton

RESPONSE

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Crown Him with Many Crowns

UMH #327

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

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

EUCCHARISTIC FEAST

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

See Insert

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

See Insert

GREAT THANKSGIVING

See Insert

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND SHARING OF THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN

Lift High the Cross

UMH #159

*BENEDICTION

**Please stand as you are able.*