

## 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.

We are excited to have Will Shelton as the guest preacher today!

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 contact the church office at [bethelrockhill@gmail.com](mailto:bethelrockhill@gmail.com) or 803.327.4881.

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### This Week

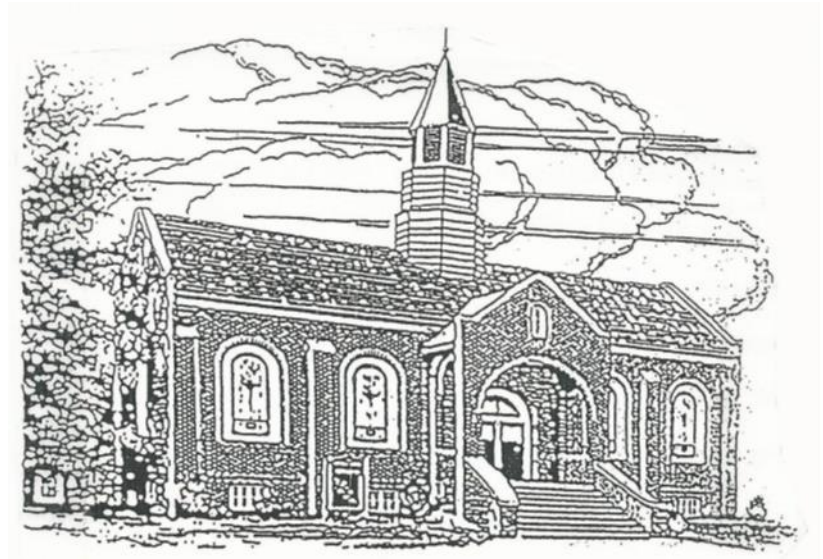
- **Today** – Book Study – “Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White” at 10:00 am in the Upper Room.
- **Today** – Children’s Sunday School at 10:15 am.
- **Today** – Rev. Sutton will be on vacation. The pastor on call is Rev. Michael Jarrell. He may be reached at (859) 475-8800 or via email at [lmjarrell@umcsc.org](mailto:lmjarrell@umcsc.org).
- **Wednesday** – BLT at 11:30 am at Friendly Billiards on 1037 Camden Avenue.
- **Thursday – Saturday** – Rev. Sutton will be away from the office. Rev. Steve Holler, pastor of Aldersgate UMC will be the on-call pastor and may be reached at 865-431-4993.

### Upcoming

- 4/17 – Fellowship Dinner at 5:30 pm at Mary’s Café.

	April 7	April 14	April 21
<b>Liturgist</b>	Richard Murr	Ruth Culp	Shannon Wright
<b>Children's Time</b>	Melissa Buddin	Olivia Taylor	Cynthia Bickel
<b>Nursery</b>	Olivia Taylor	Brantley McNinch	Allyson Reid Margaret
<b>Counter</b>	Ruth Culp	Olivia Taylor	McCarter
<b>Counter</b>	Brantley McNinch	Cindy Day	Becky Drawdy
<b>Usher</b>	Cindy Day	Scott Pike	Donna Hatfield
<b>Usher</b>	Richard Bickel	Richard Murr	Shannon Wright
<b>Communion</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A

# Bethel United Methodist Church



**April 7, 2024**

*Knowing, Loving, Serving God*

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 7, 2024

## GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We gather in the name of the risen Lord.

**P: Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

L: We gather as sisters and brothers of the resurrected one.

**P: Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

L: We gather to share our faith and to worship God.

**P: Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

L: We gather to proclaim the good news of Easter!

**P: Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

OPENING PRAYER

**God of the resurrection, we gather this morning as a community of believers. We come with joy to greet one another and to tell again and again the amazing news: Christ is risen! Love is victorious over death! You have given us new life in the name of your Son! May our singing, praying, listening, and proclaiming be a testimony to the power of your love to make us a new creation as a community of faith. We pray in the name of the risen Christ. Amen.**

*~Written by Laura Jquith Bartleet and published at [www.ministrymatters.com](http://www.ministrymatters.com)*

\*OPENING HYMN

*I Love to Tell the Story*

UMH# 156

\*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

Olivia Taylor

SCRIPTURE

*Ezra 3:10-13*

Richard Murr

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

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

*His Eye is On the Sparrow*

Chris Wade

SCRIPTURE

*Acts 4:32-35*

Will Shelton

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

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

SERMON

Will Shelton

## RESPONSE

\*HYMN

*My Jesus, I Love Thee*

UMH# 172

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

*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

UMH# 402

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

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*\*Please stand as you are able*