

Updates and Announcements

*Thank you for worshipping with us at Bethel United Methodist Church!  
We are delighted you have chosen to worship with us this morning.*

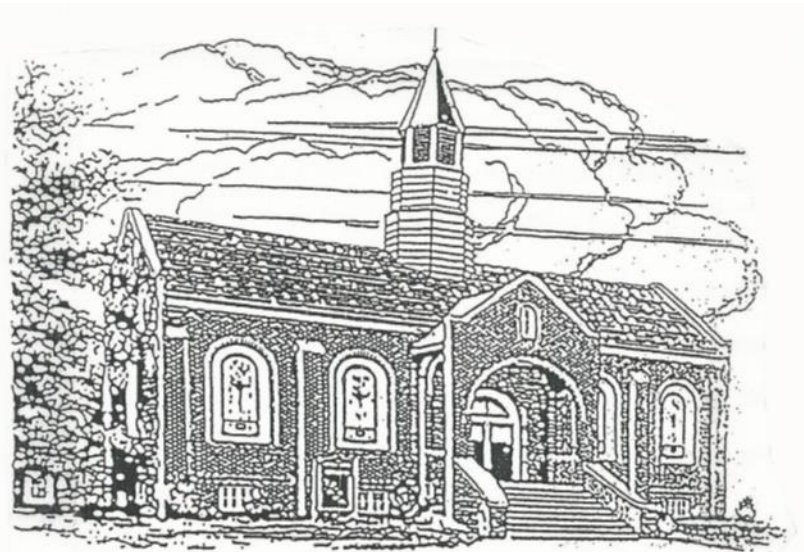
This Week

- **Today** – Children’s Sunday School - 10:15 a.m. in the upstairs classroom.
- **Today** – Bible Study - “*Why*” - 10:15 a.m.
- **Thursday** - Final Thursday of Soup Kitchen – 11:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. in the Gymnasium.

Upcoming

- **March 29** - Church Council Meeting – 6:00 p.m. – Upper Room.
- **April 7** – Good Friday Service – 7:00 p.m.
- **April 8** – Easter Egg Hunt – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- **April 9** – Sunrise Service – 7:00 a.m. Fellowship breakfast following the service.
- **April 29 & 30** – Lay Servant Ministry Spring Classes – A flyer with additional information is available in the vestibule.

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**Through a day of Thinking Outside the Box** - C3 Workshops (Converse, Connect, Collaborate), the Rock Hill Committee of Connectional Ministries hopes to allow churches to share their favorite ministry taking place at their church and have a chance to connect and have conversations with churches of all sizes about what is working and helping to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world! This workshop will take place at Mt. Holly UMC - 1996 Mt. Holly Road, Rock Hill, SC 29730 from 9 am – 12 pm on Saturday, April 15, 2023. Registration is online only.  
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	<b>Mar 19</b>	<b>Mar 26</b>	<b>Apr 2</b>
<b>Liturgist</b>	Darnelle Sweatt	Becky Drawdy	Darnelle Sweatt
<b>Children’s Time</b>	Rev. Emily Sutton	Marc Sutton	Melissa Buddin
<b>Counters</b>	Darnelle Sweatt	Becky Drawdy	Cameron Pike
	Sherl Drawdy	Regina White	Brantley McNinch
<b>Ushers</b>	Sherl Drawdy	Donna Hatfield	Cameron Pike
	Corbin Drawdy	Daryl Dornbush	Chloe McNinch
<b>Communion</b>			Richard Murr

<b>Giving and Attendance</b>	<b>Mar 12</b>
Plate - Budget Received	\$927.00
In Person Attendance	27

# Bethel United Methodist Church

**March 19, 2023**

*Knowing, Loving, Serving God*

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 19, 2023

### GATHERING

#### WORDS OF WELCOME

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Welcome pilgrims on the way to the cross.

**P: We are learning to follow Jesus.**

L: On this Lenten journey, where do we find God's presence among us?

**P: One thing we know: God calls us to witness extraordinary love in ordinary moments.**

L: On this Lenten journey, how does God's presence work among us?

**P: One thing we know: God uses the messy and mundane to heal and restore us to one another.**

L: On this Lenten journey, what does God's presence do in our midst?

**P: One thing we know: God opens us to recognize presence, sustenance, and abundance where the world perceives isolation and lack.**

L: Pilgrims on the way, come let us worship God!

**P: We come to worship God during this holy season of Lent!**

*Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Director of Worship Arts, August 2022*

#### \*OPENING HYMN

*Surely the Presence*

UMH# 328

#### THE CALL TO CONFESSION

*Psalm 5*

UMH 742-743

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Healing God, we have languished in our blindness. We have chosen to hide in darkness in order to avoid reaching out and risking acceptance. We are afraid of the light, and yet we crave it. In your light, there is healing and hope, restoration and transformation. Forgive our lack of faith and our fearfulness, O Lord. Give us the courage to reach out to the light and accept its healing rays. May our lives be transformed by your mercy, for we pray this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

*~ A moment of Silent Confession is observed ~*

#### ASSURANCE AND PARDON

Even though you have lived in darkness, God's light is being poured out for you. Accept the light and love that is freely offered, and be transformed by its healing mercies. AMEN.

#### \*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you

**People: And also with you**

*All may exchange signs of God's peace with one another by exchanging "Peace be with you."*

#### \*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

*This is Where Children Belong*

TFWS# 2233

#### CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Emily Sutton

#### SCRIPTURE

*Romans 12:1-8*

Darnelle Sweatt

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

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

#### HYMN

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

UMH# 140

#### SCRIPTURE

*Colossians 1:3-14*

Rev. Emily Sutton

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

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

#### SERMON

*Why Can't I See God's Will for My Life?*

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

#### \*DOXOLOGY

UMH# 95

### SENDING FORTH

#### \*CLOSING HYMN

*Amazing Grace*

UMH# 378

#### \*BENEDICTION

#### \*POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

Lay Servant Ministry  
Spring Classes

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**APRIL 29 & 30 SAT. 8:30-4:30**  
**SUN 1:30-6:00**

Open to anyone who wants to study Cost:  
\$20. 00 and book

***Cornerstone Rock Hill: Basic;*** study  
God intended Leadership, Spiritual Gifts. Lay  
Servant Ministries  
***Spiritual Gifts:*** Book: 978-142-673-5998.  
\$19.75

***Leading Prayer:*** challenge your assumptions and preconceived ideas.

***Trinity, York:*** Basic

Heritage: theology, witness, organization of UMC church brings to the church universal, history and how applies to today. Book: Living Our Beliefs: The United Methodist Way.

***Polity:*** Overview of the structure and organization of the UM church. Book: Polity, Practice and the Mission of the United Methodist church.

***Leading Worship:*** focus on ministry of the lay servant who either regularly or occasionally leads a group or congregation in worship.

***St. John's Fort Mill:*** Soul Reset: Breakdown, Breakthrough, and the Journey to Wholeness. Lead laity and others into the spiritual power of self-care through the means of grace

***Transforming Evangelism.*** Learn from John Wesley how to practice relational evangelism: not just sharing faith but also welcoming people to help them grow in faith.

***Register online [umcsc.org/rockhill](http://umcsc.org/rockhill) before April 15!***

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