

Updates and Announcements

Thank you for worshiping 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.

This Week

- **Today** – Children's Sunday School at 10:15 am.
- **Today** – Advent begins.
- **Mondays** – “The First Advent in Palestine” Book Study at 6:30 pm via [Zoom Link](#).
- **Tuesdays** – “The First Advent in Palestine” Book Study at 12:30 pm in the church library.
- **Wednesday** – Soup Kitchen meeting at 5:30 pm in the Upper Room.
- **Wednesday** – Church Council Meeting at 6:30 pm in the Upper Room.
- **Every Wednesday** – AA Meeting in the church library from 7-8 pm.
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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 (11/30)**, we would like to ask you to please bring in as many jars of **Canned Mushrooms** as you can donate. Next week's (12/7) item is shelf stable **Parmesan Cheese**.

Upcoming

- **12/10** – BLT will meet at 11:30 am at Flipside Restaurant.
- **12/11** – Women's Christmas Gathering at 6pm at Malynda Williams' home - 1536 Blanchard Road, Rock Hill. Please bring an hors d'oeuvre and a wrapped ornament to share.

11/30/25

Liturgist Sherri Pankratz
Children's Time Rev. Emily Sutton
Nursery Michaela Sanford
Counter Sherri Pankratz
Counter Allyson Reid
Usher Sherri Pankratz
Usher Tom Craig
Communion N/A

12/7/25

Month of September
Tithes and Offerings \$9,554.00
Expenses **(13,098.86)***
 \$(3,544.86)

12/14/25

September YTD
September YTD \$86,139.19
September YTD **\$(112,756.68)***
September YTD **\$(26,617.49)**

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

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 30, 2025

GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

ADVENT WREATH

Will and Savannah Shelton

SUNG RESPONSES TO ADVENT WREATH READINGS

Verse 1

**What Child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?**

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 humility and hope. Open us to new understandings of the unfolding story of your presence among us. Show us the true meaning of the kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. We pray in the name of the Child, the One Who Reigns in our hearts and lives. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* UMH# 154

*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

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

PROCLAMATION

*HYMN

Away in the Manger

UMH# 217

CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Emily Sutton

SCRIPTURE

Lamentations 3:46-57

Sherri Pankratz

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

P: Thanks, Be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Chris Wade

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:1-5

Rev. Emily Sutton

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

P: Thanks, Be to God.

SERMON

King of Kings

Rev. Emily Sutton

RESPONSE

*HYMN

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

UMH# 213

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

Precious Name

UMH# 536

*BENEDICTION

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

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand as you are able.*