

### 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, please list your contact information so we can extend a fuller welcome! If you have a prayer request, 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. To be added to the Bethel UMC Weekly Emails, contact the church office at 803.327.4881 or [bethelrockhill@gmail.com](mailto:bethelrockhill@gmail.com).

### This Week

- **Today** – Children's Sunday School at 10:15 am.
- **Rev. Sutton is on vacation until June 3.** The pastor on call is Robin Griffeth and she may be reached at 843-870-8991.
- **Tuesday** – Small group Bible study at 6:30 pm at Rev. Sutton's home - 1087 Mallard Drive, Rock Hill.
- **Wednesday** – AA Meeting in the church library from 7-8 pm.
- **Thursday** – Choir practice at 7 pm.

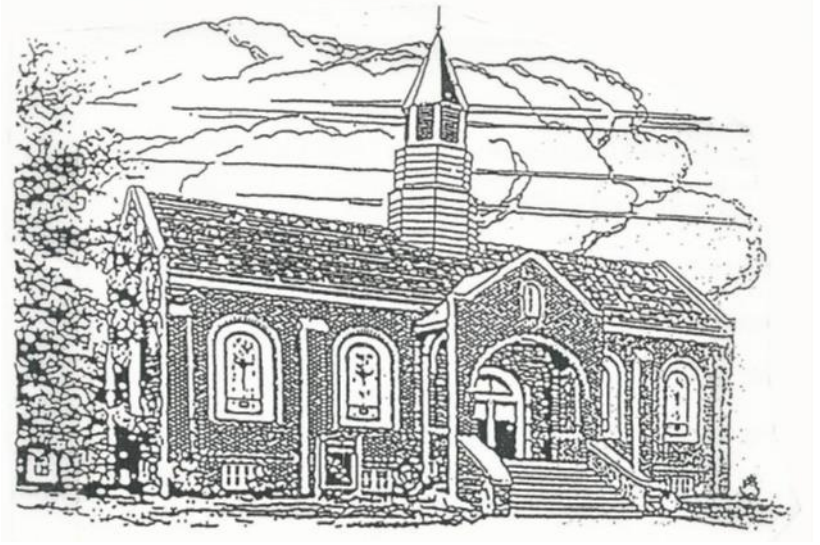
### Upcoming

- **June 8** – Pentecost Sunday – Don't forget to wear red.
- **June 8-11** – Annual conference in Greenville, SC.
- **June 22** – Parents Meeting for rising 6-8 graders immediately following worship. Come and get more information on our new middle school youth ministry.
- **June 22** – Rising 9-12 graders, join us immediately following worship to explore an Intergenerational Youth Ministry.
- **Wednesdays** – AA Meeting in the church library from 7-8 pm.
- **Thursdays** – Choir practice at 7 pm.

	06/01/25	06/08/25	06/15/25
Liturgist	Margaret McCarter	Richard Bickel	Isabella Sutton
Children's Time	Deana Whitehead	Will Shelton	Emily Sutton
Nursery	Cindy Day	Cindy Day	Allyson Reid
Counter	Allyson Reid	Donna Hatfield	Margaret McCarter
Counter	Michaela Sanford	Will Shelton	Debbie Harris
Usher	Allyson Reid	Shannon Wright	Savannah Shelton
Usher	Michaela Sanford	Angie Price	Richard Bickel
Communion	N/A	Shannon Wright	N/A

	Month of April	YTD as of April
Tithes and Offerings	\$11,772.61	\$38,992.18
Expenses	<u>( 17,064.50)</u>	<u>(45,938.68)</u>
	<u>\$ (5,291.89)</u>	<u>(\$6,946.50)</u>
	May 25	
In-person Attendance	18	
Plate Budget Received	\$ 850.00	

# Bethel United Methodist Church



**June 1, 2025**

*Knowing, Loving, Serving God*

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Pianist	Dena Wade
Administrative Assistant	Becky Moon
Music Leader	Chris Wade
Pastor	Rev. Emily Sutton

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 1, 2025

### GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The roots of the Tree of Life run deep into the sacred soil.

**P: The limbs of the Tree of Life reach out to embrace the goodness of all creation.**

L: The trunk of the Tree of Life stands strong in the face of hatred and malice toward the least, the lonely, the left out.

**P: The branches of the Tree of Life struggle toward the heavens, hoping to bring about God's reign of justice and love for all.**

L: The winds of the Spirit breathe through the Tree of Life, bringing renewal and hope.

**P: May our worship this day be a worthy offering that supports the Tree of Life and brings the goodness of the Sacred to our world.**

~Written by Sally Johnson, United Methodist Creation Justice Movement

OPENING PRAYER

**Gracious Creator, you invite us into relationship with every breath. Settle us, center us, and calm us to the ever-moving flowing of your Spirit, calling us to become one with you. We pray in humility and hope of grace. Amen.** ~Ibid

\*OPENING HYMN *Blessed Assurance* UMH# 369

\*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 Deana Whitehead

SCRIPTURE *1 Samuel 17: 43-49* Margaret McCarter

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

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

SPECIAL MUSIC *Potter's Hand* Chris Wade

SCRIPTURE *John 15: 12-15* Will Shelton

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

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

SERMON Will Shelton

### RESPONSE

\*HYMN *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* UMH# 557

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 *Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling* UMH# 348

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

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*\*Please stand as you are able*