

## 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 want to subscribe to the Bethel UMC Weekly Emails, please contact the church office at bethelrockhill@gmail.com or 803.327.4881.

## Star Words

Today following the sermon each person will receive a star word. This gift is given as a reminder that God always gives first, and then we are invited to respond with our gifts and ourselves. Over the coming year, reflect on the word you receive. Ponder the significance of this word in your life, and how God might speak to you through this simple message.

## This Week

- **Today** – Children’s Sunday School at 10:15 am.
- **Wednesday** – BLT will meet at The Flipside Restaurant at 11:30 am.
- **Wednesday** – AA Meeting in the church library from 7-8:00 pm.
- **Thursday** – Bethel Soup Kitchen 11 am – 1 pm.

## Upcoming

- **1/15/25** – Fellowship Dinner at 5:50 pm at Mary’s Café.
- **Wednesdays** – AA Meeting in the church library from 7-8:00 pm.
- **Thursdays 1/9/25 - 3/27/25** – Bethel Soup Kitchen 11 am – 1 pm.

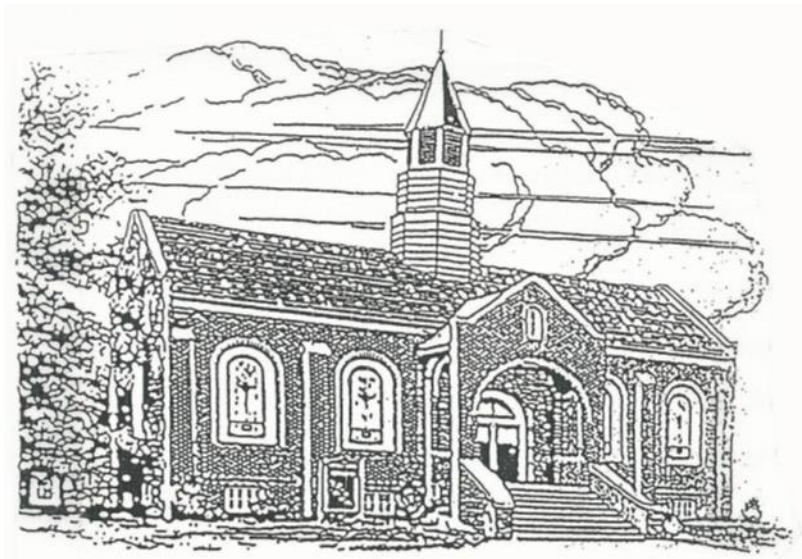
	<b>01/05/25</b>	<b>01/12/25</b>	<b>01/19/25</b>
<b>Liturgist</b>	Cynthia Bickel	Gabrial Wade	Richard Bickel
<b>Children's Time</b>	Cynthia Bickel	Emily Sutton	Marc Sutton
<b>Nursery</b>	Cindy Day	Savannah Shelton	Lisa Bobak
<b>Counter</b>	Allyson Reid	Doug Ott	Will Shelton
<b>Counter</b>	Margaret McCarter	Cindy Day	Michaela Sanford
<b>Usher</b>	Bud Smith	Cindy Day	Donna Hatfield
<b>Usher</b>	Isabella Sutton	Marc Sutton	Jaye Grayson
<b>Communion</b>	Lisa Bobak	N/A	N/A

	<b>Month of November 2024</b>	<b>Year-to-Date</b>
<b>Tithes and Offerings</b>	\$8,564.00	\$97,119.29
<b>Expenses</b>	<u>(7,895.28)</u>	<u>(128,002.90)</u>
	<u>\$668.72</u>	<u>(\$30,883.61)</u>

### **December 29, 2024**

<b>In-person Attendance</b>	23
<b>Plate Budget Received</b>	\$3,850.00

# Bethel United Methodist Church



**January 5, 2025**

*Knowing, Loving, Serving God*

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<b>Pastor</b>	<b>Emily Sutton</b>

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 5, 2025

### GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Children of God, we enter the new year as we ended the last: gathered together for worship!

**P: We gather to seek, find, and follow the Light.**

L: The prophet Isaiah calls to us from deep in the past: "Arise, shine; for your light has come."

**P: We gather to seek, find, and follow the Light.**

L: The magi followed a star to find a small child who is the Light of the world.

**P: We gather to seek, find, and follow the Light.**

L: So, let us receive the call of Isaiah and follow the example of the magi as we begin this new year turning our faces to God whose glory shows up among us as a vulnerable child, a poor carpenter, and a foot-washing servant who is the salvation of the world.

**P: We gather to seek, find, and follow the Light today and every day.**

*Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, July 2024.*

GATHERING PRAYER

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

\*OPENING HYMN

*We Three Kings*

UMH #254

\*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

Cynthia Bickel

SCRIPTURE

*Isaiah 60:1-6*

Cynthia Bickel

L: The Word of God for the people of God.

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Christmas Angels*

Chris Wade

SCRIPTURE

*Matthew 2:1-12*

Rev. Emily Sutton

L: The Word of God for the people of God.

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

SERMON

*Noticing the Stars*

Rev. Emily Sutton

### RESPONSE

STAR WORDS

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

### THE EUCHARISTIC FEAST

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

See Insert

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

See Insert

\*HYMN

*"There's a Song in the Air"*

UMH# 249

*"In the Bleak Midwinter"*

UMH# 221

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### SENDING FORTH

\*CLOSING HYMN

*Alleluia*

UMH# 186

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

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*\*Please stand as you are able*