

**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](mailto:bethelrockhill@gmail.com) or 803.327.4881.

**This Week**

- **Today** – Children’s Sunday School at 10:15 am.
- **Today – Wednesday** – Pastor Sutton is on vacation. Rev. Robin Griffith from Woodland UMC is the on-call pastor and may be reached at 843-870-8991.
- **Wednesday** – AA Meeting in the church library from 7-8:00 pm.

**Upcoming**

- **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.
- **1/8/25** – BLT will meet at The Flipside Restaurant at 11:30 am.

	<b>12/29/24</b>	<b>01/05/25</b>	<b>01/12/25</b>
<b>Liturgist</b>	Margaret McCarter	Cynthia Bickel	Gabrial Wade
<b>Children's Time</b>	Michaela Sanford	Cynthia Bickel	Emily Sutton
<b>Nursery</b>	Allyson Reid	Cindy Day	Savannah Shelton
<b>Counter</b>	Sherl Drawdy	Allyson Reid	Doug Ott
<b>Counter</b>	Doug Ott	Margaret McCarter	Cindy Day
<b>Usher</b>	Lisa Bobak	Bud Smith	Cindy Day
<b>Usher</b>	Jaye Grayson	Isabella Sutton	Marc Sutton
<b>Communion</b>	N/A	Lisa Bobak	N/A

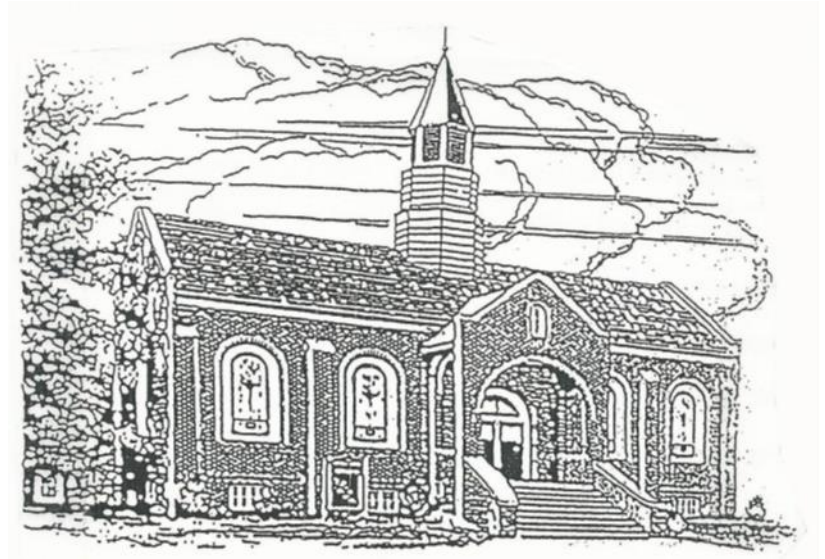
	<b>Month of November 2024</b>	<b>Year-to-Date</b>
<b>Tithes and Offerings</b>	\$8,564.00	\$97,119.29
<b>Expenses</b>	<u>(7,895.28)</u>	<u>(128,002.90)</u>
	<u>\$668.72</u>	<u>(\$30,883.61)</u>

	<b>December 22, 2024</b>
<b>In-person Attendance</b>	50
<b>Plate Budget Received</b>	\$1,880.00

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# Bethel United Methodist Church



**December 29, 2024**

*Knowing, Loving, Serving God*

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Administrative Assistant	Becky Moon
Music Leader	Chris Wade
Pastor	Emily Sutton

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 29, 2024

### GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Children of God, Jesus Christ is born!

**P: God has come to make a home among us!**

L: Yet the story is not over. After birth comes the ordinary and mundane growing, maturing, and discovering, even for the Christ Child.

**P: In the ordinary and mundane, God has come to make a home among us.**

L: And sometimes, in the midst of the everyday, something surprising happens, and we discover anew just what God is up to in our midst.

**P: In the surprising and spectacular, God has come to make a home among us.**

L: Children of God, let us worship the God who dwells with us in all things and all seasons.

**P: We come to make our home with God who makes a home among us. Amen.** ~ *Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, June 2024.*

GATHERING PRAYER

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

\*OPENING HYMN

*Go, Tell It On the Mountain*

UMH #251

\*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

Michaela Sanford

SCRIPTURE

*Ecclesiastes 1:1-9*

Margaret McCarter

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

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

*All Is Well*

Chris Wade

SCRIPTURE

*Luke 2: 25-32*

Will Shelton

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

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

SERMON

Will Shelton

### RESPONSE

HYMN

*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

UMH# 240

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

*Joy to the World*

UMH# 246

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

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*\*Please stand as you are able*