

A nursery is available on the First Floor for infants and children under 3 years.

After Children's Time, preschool and kindergarten are invited to **Wee Church** in the Children's Wing.

Ushers: Blair Mathis, John Hiltgen, Kevin Bobo & Mark Mahaffey

Altar Flowers: The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Edith Mueller by Doug Mueller.

Prayer Requests

Art Hartzog
Eric Robertson
Marion Robertson
Mike White
Richard Strawhorn
Curtis Anderson
Beth Brewer
Cathy Hanks
David Holder
Ignacio Rivera
Nancy White
Don O'Dell
Carolyn O'Dell
Charlie Hudson
Martha Hill
Betty Cannon
Dot Robuck



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Church Office Hours

Monday – Thursday: 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

Friday: 8:30 am – 2:00 pm

Brad Gray
*Executive
Pastor*

Megan Gray
*Pastor of Discipleship
& Belonging*

Chad Deetz
Youth Minister

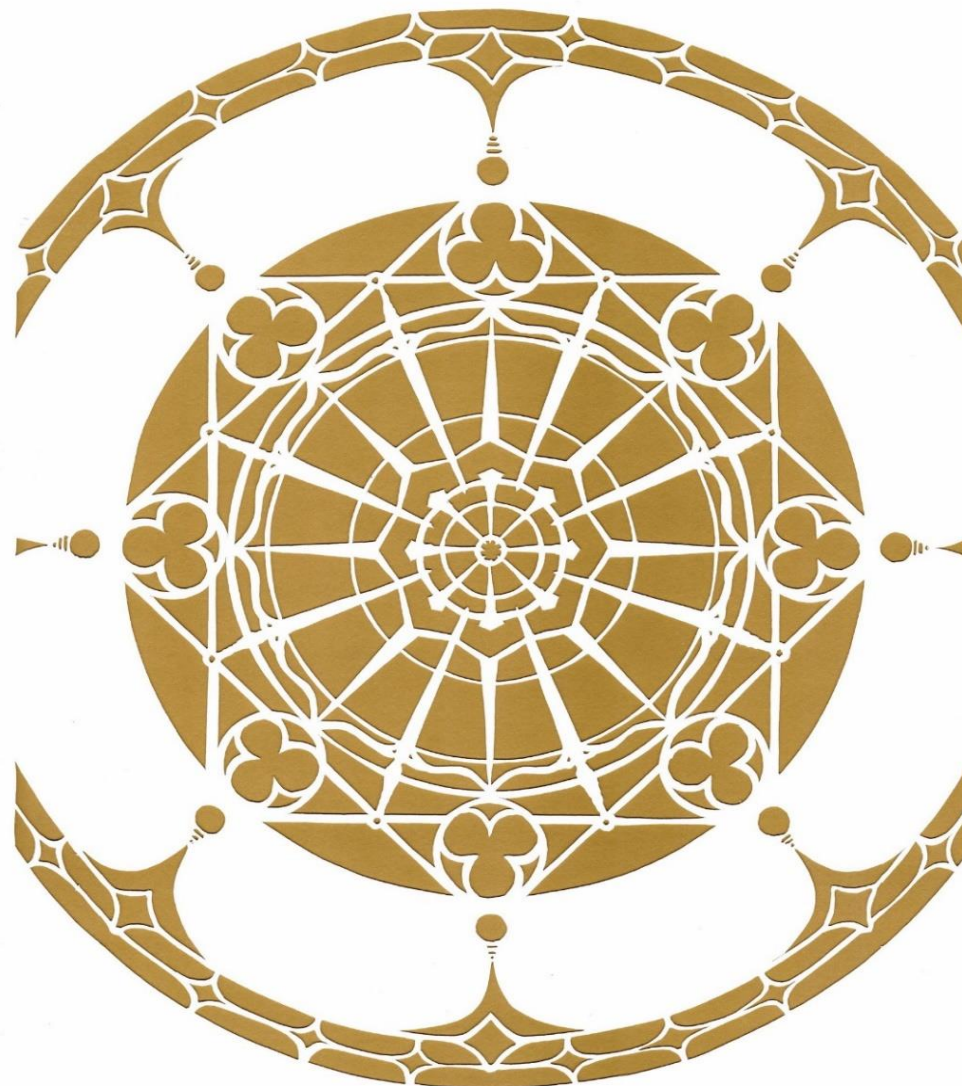
Adam Rollins
*Youth Ministry
Assistant*

Dale Fischer
*Director of
Music*

Jana Mathis
*Director of Children's
Ministries*

Jennifer Bartless
*Children's Ministries
Assistant*

Kristine Lee
Organist



"Temptations" | Inspired by Luke 4: 1-13
By Hannah Garrity

To all who are weary and need rest; To all who are burdened and need relief; To all who are lonely and need friends; To all who are looking for something that only God can provide; To all who sin and need a Savior; To whosoever will come, Bethel UMC, the House of God, opens her doors, and in the name of Jesus Christ says, "Welcome!"

March 6, 2022

1st Sunday in Lent

10:00 AM Worship Service

Prelude

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

W.B. Bradbury

Trinity Chimes

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Jesus went to the mountaintop to pray.

Jesus went into the city to heal.

Jesus walked to Samaria to extend love.

Jesus went to the water's edge to teach.

Jesus went to places of peace and connection,
but Jesus also went to the wilderness.

There is nowhere we can go that God does not walk with us.

We are in God's house.

Let us worship Holy God.

*Hymn

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

UMH 127

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

UMH 881

Offering

Offertory Anthem

"We Remember You"
Sanctuary Choir

arr. Douglas Nolan

*Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH 95

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Children's Time

*Hymn

"O Love, How Deep" (verses 1-3)

UMH 267

During the final verse of the hymn, you are invited to the altar rail to join the pastor in assuming a posture of prayer as we move to a time of prayer. All are welcome.

Pastoral Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Luke 4: 1-13

Sermon

"Even in the Desert"

Rev. Megan Gray

Invitation, Confession and Pardon

Holy God, when we think that expansive life is about power -

Teach us a new way.

Gracious Creator, when we think that expansive life is about material wealth -

Teach us a new way.

Gracious Author, when we think that expansive life is about control -

Teach us a new way.

Teach us to live as you live. **Teach us to love as you love.**

Forgive us when we don't.

Gratefully we pray, Amen.

Siblings in Christ, no matter how many times we mess up, no matter how far we wander, no matter how lost we feel, God's grace is full to the brim. It overflows in desert places. It finds us where we are and it covers us in mercy. Hear and believe this good news –

God's love is overflowing. We are drenched in mercy. Thanks be to God, Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

UMH 13

Giving the Bread and Cup

*Hymn

"Now Let Us from This Table Rise"

UMH 634

As we close out our worship service in song, know that the altar rail is always open for you to come and pray, offering a word for someone else, re-committing your heart to God, or to come for the first time to accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. Come as you feel led.

Benediction

Postlude

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

Rick Founds