

Today our church will receive the Annual Epworth Work Day Offering to invest in the comprehensive care we are called by God to provide for the children at Epworth Children’s Home, our church’s ministry to God’s children. This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. ***Please make your checks out to Bethel and write Epworth in the memo line.***

We want to lift the spirits of those unable to be in church with us today. Please help by picking up care cards in the sanctuary. The cards are already addressed and stamped – just write a brief note and drop it in the mail. Thank you for extending your prayers and love to our homebound and others in need.

The Trustees of Bethel invite you to participate in a Bethel Beautification Day on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 9am. We will be cleaning the outside of our property to prepare for all our fall activities.

On October 7<sup>th</sup>, from 9 am – 12 pm, we will be hosting a BED BUILDING EVENT that aims to give children without beds a good night’s sleep by providing them with new beds and bedding. We hope that you will join us.

## Prayer Requests

Arthur Cummings  
Mary Cummings  
Libby Davenport  
HJ Fleming  
Mary Hall  
Cathy Hanks  
Art Hartzog

David Holder  
Toni Holder  
Jerry Holland  
Jerry Reitzel  
Maxine Reynolds  
Terry Trnavsky



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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*

Dale Fischer  
*Director of Music*

Jana Mathis  
*Director of Children’s Ministries*

Jennifer Bartless  
*Children’s Ministry Assistant*

Dr. Kristine Lee  
*Organist*



Invite. Grow. Send.

*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!”*

**September 10, 2023**

**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

11:00 AM Worship Service

Prelude

*“Amazing Grace”*

Early American Melody

Trinity Chimes

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Show us your ways, O Lord! Lead us in your truth and teach us.

**Open our eyes, minds, and hearts to know your will and to follow it.**

Reveal your vision for us and keep us focused and faithful to what you would have us do.

**Bring us together to worship and work for your purpose and move us forward**

**into your future. Amen.**

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Hymn

*“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”*

UMH 384

Scripture Reading

Romans 13: 8-14

Offering

Offertory Anthem

*“Come Expecting Jesus”*  
Sanctuary Choir

arr. Bruce Greer

\*Doxology

*“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

UMH 95

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Children’s Time

Prayers of the People

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Scripture Reading

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Matthew 18: 15 -20

Sermon

Rev. Brad Gray

Invitation, Confession, and Pardon

UMH 12

The Great Thanksgiving

UMH 13

Giving the Bread and Cup

\*Hymn

*“The Gift of Love”*

UMH 408

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

*“You Are My All in All”*

Dennis L. Jernigan

*\*Please stand if able*

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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, Mike Woodrum, Andy Cannon & Chris Moore

**Altar Flowers:** The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Nancy Floyd on her birthday by Olga Munn.