ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Ushers: Blair Mathis, Mike Woodrum, Chris Moore & Gene Foust

Altar Flowers: The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving to all of the Bethel family for their faithful love and support for the children of Sidewalk Hope.

The Special Education Christmas program is next Sunday, December 10th, during Sunday school in the Fellowship Hall.

PRAYER list

Arthur Cummings
Mary Cummings
Libby Davenport
HJ Fleming
Mary Hall
Cathy Hanks
Art Hartzog
David Holder
Toni Holder
Jerry Reitzel
Maxine Reynolds
Jake Sawyer

Scan to visit our website

Church Office Hours
Monday – Thursday: 8:30 am – 4:00 pm
Friday: 8:30 am – 2:00 pm

Brad Gray
Executive Pastor

Dale Fischer
Director of Music

Megan Gray
Pastor of Discipleship & Belonging

Jana Mathis
Director of Children's Ministries

Dr. Kristine Lee
Organist

Chad Deetz
Youth Minister

Jennifer Bartless
Children's Ministry Assistant

BETHEL
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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!"

December 3, 2023 **1st Sunday of Advent**

11:00 AM Worship Service

Prelude *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"* Robert Lau

Trinity Chimes

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship
We gather again at the end of the year to wait for the Christ child anew.
We wait in the shocking hope of the coming of the Messiah.
We wait, and we remember the astounding things God has done to save God's people.
We wait in the shocking hope of the coming of the Messiah.
We wait, and we pay attention for signs of God's justice and mercy turning the world upside down.
We wait in the shocking hope of the coming of the Messiah.
We wait, and in our waiting, we learn to live as people of God's promise.
Let us worship in the shocking hope of Jesus Christ, the coming Messiah. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

*Hymn *"People Look East"* UMH 202

Advent Candle Lighting Steve & Amelia Smith

Response
We wait as people surprised again and again by God who shakes us out of our complacency and wakes us up to the work of the kin-dom all around us.

Offering

Offertory *"O Little Town of Bethlehem"* David Cherwien

*Doxology *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* UMH 95

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People
Leader: The Lord be with you.
Response: **And also with you.**
Leader: Let us pray.

Children's Musical Program

*Closing Song *"Joy to the World"* UMH 246

*Benediction

*Postlude *"Preparation for the King"* arr. James Mansfield

**Please stand if able*

The Music Ministry of Bethel United Methodist Church
Presents
The Children's Choir
In
"Counting Down to Christmas"
By Ali Carlson

MUSICAL NUMBERS
*It All Adds Up (*Entrance Music)
Countdown
What Sense Does a Census Make?
Treegonometry
He Can Count on Me
It All Adds Up with Joy to the World

THE SINGERS
Mrs. Marlin – Blaine Gray
Peyton – Bailey Overbay
Dylan – Jax Spears
Cayleigh – Aubrey Shealy
Victoria – Madi Moore
Ashley – Corrine Fischer
Henry – Henry Cooper
Haley – Elise Timmons

Set/Costumes – Jana Mathis and Jennifer Bartless
Sound/Video – Jim and Becky Griffith
Director – Dale Fischer

The musical this morning is sung to the glory of God and in honor of "Miss" Jana Mathis in appreciation of her years of service to the children of Bethel.