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

After Children's Time, preschool through 5th grade is invited to **Children's Church** in the Children's Wing.

Altar Flowers: The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Amber Fortson by the Special Education Sunday School Class.

The Hub City Spartanburgers are welcoming United Methodists to the upstate by hosting a United Methodist Church night at their game on June 10 at 6:35 pm as they face the Blue Rocks. To purchase tickets, go to gofevo.com/event/Bethelunited2. The ticket purchase deadline is June 7.

Kairos Prison Ministry for the Tyger River Correctional Institution has put out a request for homemade cookies (no nuts, peanut butter, fruit, or M&Ms please) for their next walk on May 1st-4th. Bethel will be collecting cookies, praying over them, and packing them on Sunday, April 27th at 4pm. If you are interested in contributing cookies, contact Bethel's office at (864) 585-4801 to find out more information. To learn more about Kairos check out kairosprisonministry.org.

Prayer REQUESTS

Beth Brewer	Patti Moran
Gary Brewer	Tracie Powell-Wilkin
Aaron Cohen	Beverly Rakestraw
Judy Eaker	Jerry Reitzel
Cathy Hanks	Maxine Reynolds
David Holder	Linda Seifert
Toni Holder	Shelley Winkler

Week of April 13

Worship Attendance	166
Gifts to Budget	$10,843
Goal per Week	$15,883
Year-to-date Budget Goal	$238,250
Year-to-date Budget Received	$139,179

Scan to give online

Church Office Hours
Monday – Thursday: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Friday: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Brad Gray
Pastor

Chad Deetz
Youth Minister

Dale Fischer
Director of Music

Jennifer Bartless
Coordinator of Children's Ministry

Dr. Kristine Lee
Organist

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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!"

April 20, 2025 **Easter Sunday**

11:00 AM Worship Service

Prelude *"Low in the Grave"* Lani Smith

Trinity Chimes

Welcome & Announcements

*Call to Worship
Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
Our Savior is risen!
Our Savior is risen indeed! Alleluia!
Steadfast Love is risen!
Steadfast Love is risen indeed! Alleluia!
This is the day that God has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad! Alleluia!

*Passing of the Peace

*Hymn *"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"* (v. 1-4) UMH 302
Alex Henderson, trumpet

*Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed* UMH 881

*Gloria Patri UMH 71

New Testament Reading Acts 10: 34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, 35but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. 36You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. 37That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 38how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. 39We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; 40but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, 41not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. 43All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Offering

Offertory Anthem *"Awake a Joyful Song"* Michael Ware
Sanctuary Choir

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

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Children's Time

Hymn of Preparation *"He Lives"* UMH 310
During the hymn, you are invited to the altar to join the pastor in assuming a posture of prayer. All are welcome.

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

Anthem *"This Is the Day"* Jay Althouse
Sanctuary Choir
Alex Henderson, trumpet

Scripture Reading Luke 24: 1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. 2They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3but when they went in, they did not find the body. 4While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. 5The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. 6Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, 7that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." 8Then they remembered his words, 9and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. 10Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. 11But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. 12But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Sermon *"They Remembered"* Rev. Brad Gray

*Hymn *"Up from the Grave He Arose"* UMH 322

*Benediction

*Postlude *Postlude on "Easter Hymn"* Gordon Young

**Please stand as able*