

Bethel United Methodist Church

“To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”



Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.

Bethel United Methodist Church

Pastor Ellyn Fox

October 18, 2026

Prelude.....*"God Will Take Care of You"*

Welcome, Announcements, and Celebrations

Introductory Prayer

*** Call to Worship**.....(next page)

*** Opening Hymn**.....*"Majesty, Worship His Majesty"* (176 UMH)

*** Affirmation of Faith**.....*"A Modern Affirmation"* (885 UMH)

*** Gloria Patri**.....*"Glory Be to the Father"* (71 UMH)

Prayer Concerns and Celebrations.....(next page)

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

*** Passing of the Peace**

*** Hymn**.....*"Now Thank We All Our God"* (102 UMH)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture.....1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10 (NIV)

The Message.....*"Gratitude"* Pastor Ellyn Fox

The Offering

*** and Hymn of Thanksgiving**.....*"Doxology"* (95 UMH)

*** Hymn**.....*"Give Thanks"* (2036 TFWS)

*** Closing Chorus and Benediction**.....*"Bind Us Together"*

** please stand if you are able*

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us sing to the Lord with thanksgiving!

People: How good it is to celebrate God's presence together.

Leader: Enter his gates with thanks and his courts with praise.

People: Rejoice in the Lord always, and again we say, rejoice!

Leader: For the Lord is good, and his steadfast love endures forever. Amen

Prayer Concerns

Our church and the global United Methodist Church,

Our Country, Military Service personnel,

Police, Fire, and EMS First Responders,

Healthcare Professionals and Home Caregivers,

Teachers and Students, the Homeless, Pastor Ellyn Fox, Kathie and Al Adams,

Lexie Allen, Don and Tracey Bitner, Mark Carlson, Norfleet Carter, Kay

Dowden, Lake and Ryan Goreau,

Kaylee, Savannah Lance, Annabelle Pafford, Caleb Rowe, Carol Painter, Todd

Qualls, Darren Plate, Mary Ellen, and Isaiah Bledsoe,

Betty's sister Joyce Fierro, Don and Pat Singletary, Holly Snelgrove, Lawson

Wooley, Lon and Lucy Wright, and Ruth Zody.

Please send Prayer Requests to PrayerRequests@BethelUMCTLH.org.

Devotional Resources

The Upper Room and *Our Daily Bread* are daily devotional booklets that are available in the Narthex. Please take one or both.

A Message from Pastor Ellie...

Grace and peace to you!

In today's Sermon scripture; the apostle Paul writes to the church community found in Thessaloniki. In his letter Paul speaks in gratitude for each of the members found there. These new Christians were doing good work. Work, prompted by love, fueled by endurance, and inspired by the hope found in our Lord Jesus Christ.

As I sit and write to our church community here in Bethel; my thoughts echo that of Paul's. I am filled with gratitude for each of you. I am grateful for the prayers you have said for me. I am grateful for the support you continually give me...and I am overwhelmingly grateful for the example of your lives lived in faith.

Thank you for sharing your love and your example.

Like Paul with the Thessalonians, I can also say that I always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers.

I'm so glad to be among you!

Blessings,

Pastor Ellie

Announcements...

Leadership Team meeting after church.

Investment Committee meeting next Sunday, October 25, after church.

Food Ministry: Please bring shelf-stable donations for Second Harvest.

Bible Study: Please join us for a new Bible Study based on the *Awakened to Grace* devotional series. Groups will meet on Thursdays at 1 and 6 p.m. Starting this week!