

Bethel United Methodist Church

3rd Sunday of Lent

March 15, 2020

Lectionary Scriptures

This Week: Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42
Next Week: 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 8:6-11; John 9:1-41

Prelude Sing Alleluia to the Lord
Welcome
Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries and Fellowship
Reception of New Members
***Hymn:** "Standing on the Promises" UMH 374
***Responsive Call to Worship:** *on opposite page*
***Affirmation of Faith** (Apostle's Creed).....UMH 881
***Gloria Patri**.....UMH 71
Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings
***Doxology**.....UMH 95
OT Reading: Psalm 95 Tina Rucker
Youth Message "The Secret of His Success"
Joys, Concerns, Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer
(Young people leave for service in fellowship hall at this time)
Message: "Overview of the Book of Galatians"
***Hymn:** "Blessed Assurance" UMH 369
***Closing Chorus & Benediction:** "Bind Us Together"

**Please stand if able*

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let all whose faith is in Christ gather now for worship!

People: We begin each day only by God's wonderful mercy and grace.

Leader: And our labors are dedicated to the Lord, who has saved us from sin.

People: We come to the end of each day with the Lord, who has walked with us.

Leader: We have true life and joy only in Christ and the love of our God!

Prayer of Confession: Lord, it has often been difficult for us to move beyond what we can see and touch and to step out in faith to be about the things You would have us do in Your name. Too often, Lord, we allow ourselves to be enchanted by the comforts of life, as we fail to remember that we must walk in faith to know Your eternity. Forgive us, Lord, and call us again to serve You. In Christ we pray. Amen.

Calendar of Events

Tuesday: St. Patrick's Day
No BWF on Sat. this month

Worship, Educational and Outreach Opportunities

Today: Youth Service at 11:20 in the Youth Room

Wednesday: 6:30 pm, Midweek worship & Bible study in Proverbs

Prayer Concerns

Bethel UMC, The UMC, Our Country, Those in Military Service, Pastor Ralph, Lexi Allen, Family of Dorothy Carr, Sylvia Marsh, Tina & Travis Oaks, Pam Plate, Pat Singletary, David Trimble, Benny Will

Please use a prayer request form, in the narthex, to submit requests for adding to the Prayer Concerns in the worship bulletin

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

Bethel Website: <http://www.bethelumctlh.org>

Recordings of recent sermons are available on the web site

Recordings of sermons or services are available on CD by request

Heifer Fund: "Youth Message" offering goes to support Heifer International

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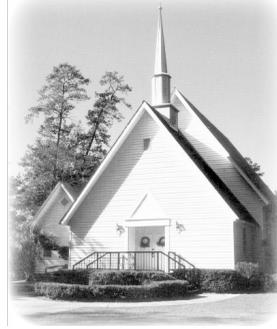
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1940's



1960's



Today

The History of Bethel UMC

The earliest historical record of Bethel Methodist Church is that in August of 1834, a campmeeting was held on the banks of Bethel Pond. Church meetings were held in neighborhood homes following this. In good weather brush arbors provided meeting places for these early worshippers. Later, services were held in a small log schoolhouse about a mile north of the present church.

On March 17, 1847, Joseph and Thirza Hale deeded two acres of land to the Methodist Episcopal Church with the provision that Bethel Meeting House be built in the center of the two acres. A small frame church with wooden shutters was built where our Sunday School rooms are today.

In 1909 the congregation started building the present sanctuary. The church building was originally roofed with wooden shingles. The windows contain the original panes with the imperfections of early glass. The interior of the church was not completed until 1947. The narthex was added in 1970 and the steeple in 1972.

The furniture in the Church constitutes one of the most interesting parts of its history. The Pulpit was used by Bishop Joshua Soule on February 6, 1845 when he convened the first Florida Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in Trinity Methodist Church, Tallahassee, Florida. Trinity gave the pulpit to Bethel Church circa 1895. The chancel rail, communion table and two of the pulpit chairs were part of Trinity Church during the 1800's and were given to Bethel in 1946. The larger pulpit chair was a gift of John Sullivan, friend of our Church.

(history prepared for bulletin cover by Thelma Royce, church historian)



"Surely the Lord is in this place! This is none other than the house of God" Genesis 28:16

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Established 1834

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**"Seeking The Life In Grace As The Way of Life"
Welcome home!**