

Bethel United Methodist Church

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

June 14, 2020

Pastor: Ralph Wrightstone

Music Director: Travis Oaks

Lectionary Scriptures

This Week: Gen 18:1-15; Ps 116:1-2,12-19; Rom 5:1-8; Matt 9:35-10:8
Next Week: Gen 21:8-21; Ps 87:1-10,16-17; Rom 6:1b-11; Matt 10:24-39

Welcome & Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

***Hymn:** "He Has Made Me Glad" TFWS 2270

***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

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 18:1-15

Special Music "Just a Closer Walk With Thee"

Youth Message: "Sometimes All You Can Do is Laugh"

Joys, Concerns, Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Message: "Overview of the Book of 2nd Peter"

***Hymn:** "Holy Ground" TFWS 2272

***Closing Chorus & Benediction** "Bind Us Together"

**Please stand if able*

Call to Worship

Leader: Let us come together and proclaim God's love to the world!

People: Wherever we go let us boldly share the Gospel of Christ with others.

Leader: We proclaim for all to hear that our stand is with the Lord.

People: Neither the rages of battle nor the lure of peace will sway our hearts.

Leader: Then let our voices ring out in praise to our almighty God!

Prayer of Confession: Lord, so often when the times to stand and be counted have come, we, like Your disciple Peter, have denied You. And so many times when our holding firm to Your teachings might have done so much to bring change in the world, we found safer things to do. Forgive us, Lord, and help us to be bold in our witness wherever You would have us go. In Christ we pray. Amen.

Calendar of Events

Next Sunday: *Father's Day*

Worship, Educational and Outreach Opportunities

Today: *Interactive Online Service thru link on Bethel Web Site, Service page*

Wednesday: Midweek Worship service is temporarily suspended

Prayer Concerns

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



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Established 1834

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

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

