

# Bethel United Methodist Church

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Labor Day Weekend

September 6, 2020

Pastor: Ralph Wrightstone

Music Director: Travis Oaks

## Lectionary Scriptures

**This Week:** Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20  
**Next Week:** Exodus 14:19-31,15:1b-11,20-21; Rom 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

**Prelude:** "Sing Alleluia to the Lord"

**Welcome & Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries**

**\*Hymn:** "Sanctuary" TFWS 2164

**\*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:** Psalm 149

**Youth Message:** "Wake Me Up!!"

**Joys, Concerns, Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer**

**Message:** Overview of the Book of Revelation, Chpt. 8

**Holy Communion**

**\*Hymn:** "Open Our Eyes, Lord" TFWS 2086

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

*\*Please stand if able*

## Call to Worship

**Leader:** We are persons with human nature. And therefore we sin against each other from time to time.

**People:** It is difficult to relate to persons when they offend or abuse us.

**Leader:** But our Christian duty is to go to them in love, showing how they have hurt us.

**People:** May God help us to be that honest with one another, giving strength to our Christian fellowship.

**Prayer of Confession:** We are human, Father, and therefore, we hurt when Christian friends offend us. And in our hurt, we become angry toward them, instead of concerned for them. Forgive us when we have not come face to face with them in the conflict, with a desire to restore wholeness in the church. Help us to love one another enough to be honest with each other when sin tries to ruin our fellowship. Grant us your Spirit, both to sinners and to those who are sinned against. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen

## Calendar of Events

**Today:** Communion

**Always:** Be safe and Pray

## 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, Teachers, Students, Pastor Ralph, Lexie Allen, Gina Davis, Sylvia Marsh, William McCloud, Tina & Travis Oaks, Greg Rucker, Don & Pat Singletary, David Trimble, Patsy & Donnie White, Amy Smith Wadsworth, Judy Wrightstone

*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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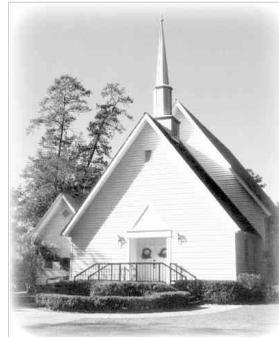
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1940's



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)*



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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