

Bethel United Methodist Church

15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2020

Pastor: Ralph Wrightstone

Music Director: Travis Oaks

Lectionary Scriptures

This Week: Exodus 14:19-31; Psalm 114; Rom 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

Next Week: Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6,37-45; Phil 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

Prelude: "Sing Alleluia to the Lord"

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: Psalm 114

Youth Message: "Mercy Me!"

Special Music Judy & Travis

Joys, Concerns, Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Message: Overview of the Book of Revelation, Chpt. 9

***Hymn:** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" UMH 526

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

**Please stand if able*

Call to Worship

Leader: Let us bless the God of mercy!

People: Let us praise the God of grace!

Leader: For to do wrong is human!

People: But to forgive is the way of God! (based on Psalm 19)

Prayer of Confession: God of all compassion, we admit that we find forgiveness in any degree difficult, and unlimited pardon impossible because of our sin and the selfishness that it produces in us. Instead, we take offense easily, cultivate it carefully, and perpetuate it endlessly. Forgive us, we pray, and fill us with your Spirit of mercy and grace, which alone can help us to overcome the obstacles of heart, mind, and spirit that prevent us from exhibiting in even the most trivial situation the kind of forgiveness that Jesus showed to his torturers on Calvary. In his holy name we pray. Amen.

Calendar of Events

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 and families, 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>

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Recordings of sermons or services are available on CD by request

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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