

# Bethel United Methodist Church

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

Christ the King Sunday

Thanksgiving Sunday

November 22, 2020

Pastor: Ralph Wrightstone

Music Director: Travis Oaks

## Lectionary Scriptures

**This Week:** Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

**Next Week:** Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7,17-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

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

**Welcome & Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries**

**\*Hymn:** "We Gather Together" UMH 131

**\*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

**Special Music** "Let There Be Peace on Earth" Judy Wrightstone

**Old Testament Reading:** Psalm 100

**Message:** "Good and Bad"

Scripture: Matthew 25:31-46

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

**Bible Study:** Overview of the Book of Revelation, Chpt. 19

**\*Hymn:** "Freely, Freely" UMH 389

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

*\*Please stand if able*

## Call to Worship

**Leader:** God is aware that his people often feel lost like sheep who have no shepherd.

**People:** We cannot live without divine guidance to lead us through life.

**Leader:** God loves all his people and promises to lead us like a shepherd who loves his sheep.

**People:** We trust in God to keep us under his protective love!

**Prayer of Confession:** We want to be led through life in safety, Father, but we allow ourselves to be misguided by all kinds of sinful detours.

**Forgive us when we let ourselves be led astray by sinful desires which are contrary to your will. Make us aware of your presence, your love, and your guidance; that we may find the joy of Christian living.**

**In our Savior's name we pray. Amen.**

## Calendar of Events

**Thursday:** Thanksgiving Day

**Next Sunday:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent, Chrismon Service

**Always:** *Be safe and Pray*

## Worship, Educational and Outreach Opportunities

**Today:** *Interactive Online Service thru link on Bethel's 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, Sarah Brown, Gina Davis, Albert Goater, Mary Hall, Sylvia Marsh, William McCloud, Tina & Travis Oaks and families, Greg Rucker, Don & Pat Singletary, Debbie Tompkinson, David Trimble, Eddie White, 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 and online*

**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