

Bethel United Methodist Church

11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 8, 2021

Pastor: Ralph Wrightstone

Music Director: Travis Oaks

Lectionary Scriptures

This Week: 2 Sam 18:5-9,15,31-33; Psalm 130; Eph 4:25-5:2; John 6:35,41-51

Next Week: 1 Kings 2:10-12,3:3-14; Psalm 111; Eph 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

Prelude: "Sing Alleluia to the Lord"

Welcome & Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

***Hymn:** "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" UMH 474

***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 Scripture Reading: Psalm 130

Joys, Concerns, Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Message: "Seeing With Eyes Closed"

Scripture: John 6:35, 41-51

***Hymn:** "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" UMH 672 vs 1

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

**Please stand if able*

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us gather together all who seek true life eternal.

People: For the ways of the world are so temporary and are not true life.

Leader: The material world and the ways of fame and glory are so fleeting.

People: But the ways of God are forever. Only God's reign is eternal.

Leader: Then let all that we are or ever will be rest on our faith in God.

All: Blessed be the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Confession: Lord, so often we have let the world lure us into a false sense of security based on things or power or glory. Too often, O God, we have allowed ourselves to become attached to what is temporary, letting our faith be in what will not last, and we have turned our backs on Your will for our lives and refused to accept the eternal life You have for us. Forgive us, O Lord. In Christ we pray. Amen.

Calendar of Events

Today: 11th Sunday after Pentecost, Communion

Next Sunday: 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Always: *Be safe and Pray*

Worship, Educational and Outreach Opportunities

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

Prayer Concerns

Bethel UMC, The UMC, Our Country, Those in Military Service, Teachers, Students, Pastor Ralph & Judy Wrightstone, Kathie & Al Adams, Lexie Allen, Mark Barineau, Sarah Brown, Gina Davis, Ellanore Goater, Brian Goff, Mary Hall, Robyn Keeler, Clyde Malloy, Sylvia Marsh, William McCloud, Julie Morgan, Travis & Tina Oaks & families, Carol Painter, David Plate, Tom Plate & family, Tina & Greg Rucker, Don & Pat Singletary, David Trimble, Cindy Westmark, Eddie White, Lon & Lucy Wright

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>

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Recordings of sermons or services are available on CD by request

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Contact: Church phone: 850 576-1454

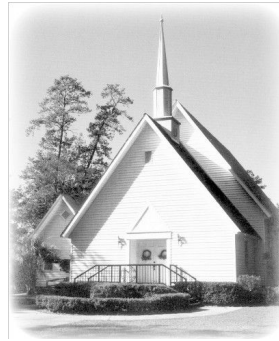
Pastor phone: 591-9785;



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