

Bethel United Methodist Church

19th Sunday after Pentecost

World Communion Sunday

October 3, 2021

Pastor Ralph Wrightstone

Music Director: Travis Oaks

Lectionary Scriptures

This Week: Job 1:1; 2:1-10; Ps 26 or 25; Heb 1:1-4; 2:5-12; Mk 10:2-16

Next Week: Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Ps 22:1-15; Heb 4:12-16; Mk 10:17-31

Prelude: "Sing Alleluia to the Lord"

Welcome & Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

***Hymn:** "I'm so Glad, Jesus Lifted Me" TFWS 2151

***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 26

Joys, Concerns, Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Message: "Empowering the Powerless"

Scripture: Mark 10:2-16

Holy Communion

***Hymn:** "Surely the Presence" UMH 328

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

**Please stand if able*

Call to Worship

Leader: Let all God's children come together in the house of the Lord!

People: We are each sisters and brothers in Christ, beloved by Almighty God.

Leader: And God has blessed us abundantly so we might pass those blessings along.

People: Then let us remember in all we do that we are indeed children of God.

Leader: And let us proclaim for all to hear of God's adopting love.

Prayer of Confession: Lord, sometimes it is so hard for us to step back from the independent roles that we cling to in our culture. It is hard for us to accept that we are Your dependent children. We want so much to be in control and to have power that we often lose sight that You are the only true source of power in the universe. Forgive us, Lord, and help us to be Your children. In Christ we pray. Amen.

Calendar of Events

Today: 19th Sunday after Pentecost, *World Communion Sunday*

Next Sunday : *Homecoming, celebrating 187 years of service in this community*
Charge Conference – by zoom

All Week: Keep Safe and Pray

Worship, Educational and Outreach Opportunities

Today: *Interactive Online Service thru link on Bethel 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, Sarah Brown, Gina Davis, Ellanore Goater, Robyn Keeler, Clyde Malloy, Sylvia Marsh, William McCloud, Fred & Cindy Moore, Julie Morgan, Travis & Tina Oaks, Carol Painter, David Plate, Tom Plate & family, Tina & Greg Rucker, 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

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!

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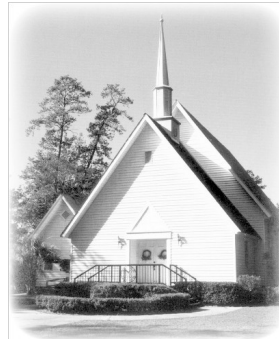
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1940's



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