

Bethel United Methodist Church

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

January 30, 2022

Pastor Ralph Wrightstone

Music Director: Travis Oaks

Lectionary Scriptures

This Week: Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30

Next Week: Isaiah 6:1-8(9-13); Psalm 138; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

Prelude: "Sing Alleluia to the Lord"

Welcome & Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

***Hymn:** "I Am Thine O Lord" UMH 419

***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: Jeremiah 1:4-10

Joys, Concerns, Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Congregation Praise Song "I Have Been Redeemed"

Message: "Provoked"

Scripture: Luke 4:21-30

***Hymn:** "He Is Exalted" TFWS 2070

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

**Please stand if able*

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, all who would hear the call to proclaim the Word of the Lord!

People: We are called to take God's Word into a world burdened with despair.

Leader: And we are called to share hope in lives that seem hopeless and lost.

People: Let us share God's love with all we meet so all might have hope again.

Leader: Let us proclaim the Gospel of Christ in every nation and every land.

All: Blessed be the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Confession: Lord, so often we have allowed the demands of daily life to be so important to us that we have forgotten to share Your Word with others. We have even been so busy that we have not come to You ourselves and we have let the hopelessness of the world drain away the hope You gave us.

Forgive us, Lord, and give us the courage to speak out boldly of Your love. In Christ we pray. Amen.

Calendar of Events

Today: 4th Sunday after Epiphany

Next Sunday: Communion

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, Police, Fire, EMS first responders, Healthcare professionals and home caregivers, Teachers, Students, Pastor Ralph & Judy Wrightstone, Kathie & Al Adams, Lexie Allen, Sarah Brown, Gina Davis, Ellanore Goater, Ryan Gorean Family, Kendall Hall, Robyn Keeler, Carol Koski, Nan Lindsey, Family & friends of Sylvia Marsh, Michael, Donna & Michael jr., William McCloud, Fred & Cindy Moore, 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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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.

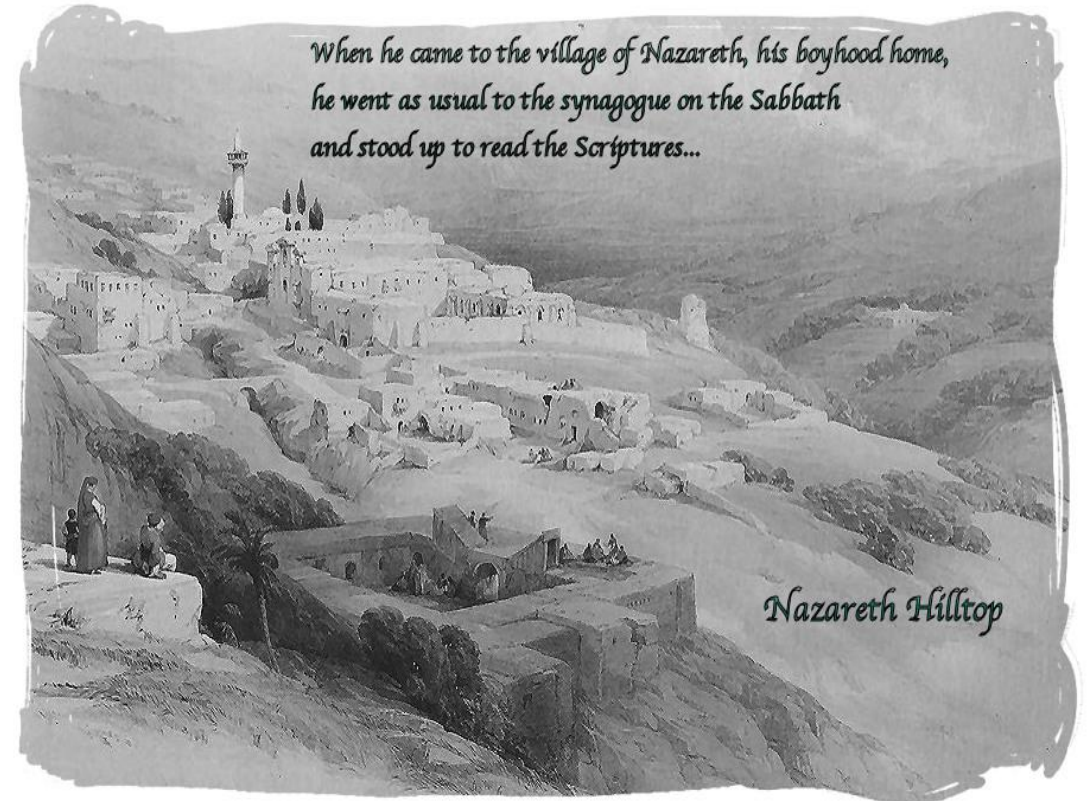
The furniture in the Church constitutes one of the most interesting parts of its history. The Pulpit was used by Bishop Joshua Soule on February 6, 1845 when he convened the first Florida Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in Trinity Methodist Church, Tallahassee, Florida. Trinity gave the 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)



"Surely the Lord is in this place! This is none other than the house of God" Genesis 28:16

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When he came to the village of Nazareth, his boyhood home, he went as usual to the synagogue on the Sabbath and stood up to read the Scriptures...

Nazareth Hilltop

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**"Seeking The Life In Grace As The Way of Life"
Welcome home!**