

Bethel United Methodist Church

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Independence Weekend

July 3, 2022

Pastor Ralph Wrightstone

Music Director: Travis Oaks

Lectionary Scriptures

This Week: 2 Kings 5:1-4; Psalm 30; Galatians 6:(1-6),7-16; Luke 10:1-11,16-20

Next Week: Amos 7:7-17; Psalm 82; Collosians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37

Prelude: "Sing Alleluia to the Lord"

Welcome & Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

Viewing of movie "The House I Live In"

***Hymn:** "Battle Hymn of the Republic" UMH 717(1,4,5)

***Responsive Call to Worship:** *on opposite page*

***Affirmation of Faith** (Apostle's Creed).....UMH 881

***Gloria Patria**.....UMH 71

Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

***Doxology**.....UMH 95

OT Scripture Reading: Psalm 30_

Joys, Concerns, Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Message: "Brush it Off"

Scripture: Luke 10:1-11,16-20

***Holy Communion**

***Hymn:** "Shalom" UMH 666

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

**Please stand if able*

Call to Worship

Pastor: Christ commissions his followers to tell others about him.

People: The harvest is small because the laborers are few. But where people have shared the news of Christ, there is rejoicing over the harvest.

Pastor: Each generation reaps a sufficient harvest to keep the Church alive. But the church still makes too little impact in society.

People: May God help us accept Christ's Commission to interpret his good news to our neighbors.

Prayer of Confession: We have been too passive, our Father, when it comes to telling others about Christ. We have felt that responsibility belonged to someone else. Forgive us for using the excuse of not knowing how, when too often the real reason has been lack of interest. Show us how we can use our personalities, even without a gift of speech, to share our faith with others. We pray through Christ our Lord, who is sending us on his behalf. Amen.

Calendar of Events

Today: 4th Sunday After Pentecost, Independence Weekend, Communion

Next Sunday: 5th Sunday after Pentecost

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, Georgia Bubner, Mark Carlson, Family & Friends of Jimmie Crowder; Gina Davis, Ellanore Goater, Kendall Hall, Jimmy- a friend, Bud Keeler, Robyn Keeler, Carol Koski, Nan Lindsey, William McCloud, Fred & Cindy Moore, Travis & Tina Oaks, Annabelle Pafford, Carol Painter, Darren Plate, David Plate, Tom Plate & family, Tina & Greg Rucker, 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

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

