

Bethel United Methodist Church

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

August 7, 2022

Pastor Ralph Wrightstone

Music Director: Travis Oaks

Lectionary Scriptures

This Week: Isaiah 1:1,10-20; Psalm 50:1-8,22-23; Heb 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:32-40

Next Week: Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:1-2,8-19; Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56

Prelude: "Sing Alleluia to the Lord"

Welcome & Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

***Hymn:** "Here I Am to Worship" W&S 3176

***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: Isaiah 1:1,10-20

Joys, Concerns, Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Message: "All Dressed Up"

Scripture: Luke 12:32-40

Holy Communion

***Hymn:** "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" UMH 462

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

**Please stand if able*

Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is coming! Are you ready?

People: We are ready for whatever comes; we are dressed for action.

Leader: There's a knock at the door. You answer and see it is a man who is hungry, a woman who is sick, a person who is lost.

People: We will open the door at once and let Christ come in!

Leader: Come, let us worship the Christ who is coming!

Prayer Of Confession: O God, we get tired of waiting for you to come, and we relax our watchfulness. We know that while we are sleeping you come and we do not recognize you. You knock and we do not hear. Forgive us, we pray, and by your Holy Spirit enable us to keep alert that we may always be ready for your coming. Amen.

Calendar of Events

Today: 9th Sunday After Pentecost, Communion

Sept 11: Sunday; Fellowship Dinner after service

2:00 pm, Charge Conference here with the D.S.

Sept 16: Friday, 7:00 pm, special service here with John Reilly as invited speaker

All Week: Keep Safe and Pray

Worship, Educational and Outreach Opportunities

There will be no Interactive Online Service on Bethel Web Site until August 7

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; Lori Cisne & family; 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

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Established 1834

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