

Bethel United Methodist Church

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

October 2, 2022

Pastor Ralph Wrightstone

Music Director: Travis Oaks

Lectionary Scriptures

This Week: Lamentations 1:1-6; Psalm 137; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

Next Week: Jeremiah 29:4-7; Psalm 66:1-12; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

Prelude: "Sing Alleluia to the Lord"

Welcome & Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

***Hymn:** "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" TFWS 2088

***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: Lamentations 3:19-27

Joys, Concerns, Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Special Music

Message "Life of Piety" Tina Oaks

Holy Communion

***Hymn:** "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" TFWS 2158

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

**Please stand if able*

Call to Worship

Pastor: The Christian way of living is the best way to live, and is God's gift to society.

People: **We believe it is the best way to live, but it certainly is not the easiest!**

Pastor: It is not easy, because it is not natural for us to forgive, to have strong faith without proof, and to live as servants instead of volunteers. But society is at its best when we live that way.

People: **We know that is God's will for all people. May he help us prove our discipleship through our lifestyle.**

Prayer of Confession: **You ask us to be forgiving, Father, and we hold grudges. You challenge us with strong faith, and we stumble over our doubts. You call us to be servants, and we prefer to be volunteers so we can quit if the demands become too great. Forgive us for our cautious commitment and undisciplined discipleship. Guide us into faithful living, that we may be the disciples you have called us to be. In our Savior's name we pray. Amen !**

Calendar of Events

Today: World Communion Sunday

Next Sunday: *Homecoming*, covered dish dinner following the service

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, all of those affected by Hurricane Ian, 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; Terry Bubner; Mark Carlson; Lori Cisne & family; 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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World Communion Sunday

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