

Bethel United Methodist Church

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

Pastor: Ralph Wrightstone

Music Director: Travis Oaks

Lectionary Scriptures

This Week: Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

Next Week: Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

Prelude: *"Sing Alleluia to the Lord"*

Welcome & Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

***Hymn:** *"Come, Now is the Time to Worship"* W&S 3176

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

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

***Gloria Patria** UMH 71

Youth Message *"Who is the Good Shepherd?"*

Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

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

OT Reading: Psalm 23

Joys, Concerns, Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Special Song

Message: *"The Big Bad Wolf"*

Scripture: John 10:11-18

***Hymn:** *"Sanctuary"* TFWS 2074

***Benediction and Closing Chorus:** "Bind Us Together"

**Please stand if able*

Call to Worship

Leader: Lift up your hearts to the risen Lord who keeps and sustains us!

People: Our Lord, who cares for us and watches over our every heartbeat.

Leader: Let us bow and be thankful for the very breath of life.

People: For the Lord has cared for us through all the days of our lives.

Leader: Sing joyful praise to the Lord for God's loving kindness!

Prayer Of Confession: Lord, truly like sheep, each one of us has gone our own way. So often each of us has chosen to wander off into the wildernesses of life and away from You. And in our pride, we have chosen to try to face the dangers of life alone. Forgive us, Lord, and open our hearts that we might hear You calling us home into the safety of Your care. In Christ we pray. Amen.

Calendar of Events

Today: *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

Next Sunday: *Heritage Sunday, service and dinner at Bethel pond*

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 the storms, 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; Judy Goreau; Savannah Lantz; Nan Lindsey; Tina Rucker; Melanie Worley Sanders; Pat Singletary; Lomax Willis, Lawson Wooley; Lon & Lucy Wright; Howard & Ruth Zody;

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!

Bethel Website: <http://www.bethelumctlh.org>

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Recordings of sermons or services are available on CD by request

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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!**