

Bethel United Methodist Church

2nd Sunday of Lent

March 8, 2020

Lectionary Scriptures

This Week: Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5,13-17; John 3:1-17

Next Week: Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

Prelude Sing Alleluia to the Lord

Welcome

Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries and Fellowship

Reception of New Members

***Hymn:** "What a Mighty God We Serve" W&S 3016

***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 Reading: Psalm 122:1-9 Tina Rucker

Youth Message "From Enemies to Friends"

Joys, Concerns, Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

(Young people leave for service in fellowship hall at this time)

Message: "Overview of 1st & 2nd Corinthians"

***Hymn:** "Love Lifted Me" W&S 3101

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

**Please stand if able*

Call to Worship

Leader: Let us come together, all who are brothers and sisters in Christ.

People: For Christ died that we might have eternal salvation.

Leader: Then let us live in the ways the Lord taught us to live.

People: And let us set our hearts to choose the ways of Christ each day.

Leader: For the true followers of Christ Judgment Day will bring glory.

Prayer of Confession: Lord, so often in the everyday matters of living we have allowed ourselves to slip little by little and day by day away from the paths You have called us to walk. Forgive us, God, and open our spiritual eyes that we might again see where we have fallen short, and help us to recommit all that we are to being the best servants we can be. In Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

Calendar of Events

Today: Fellowship Dinner after worship service

Admin Council meeting after dinner

Worship, Educational and Outreach Opportunities

Today: Youth Service at 11:20 in the Youth Room

Wednesday: 6:30 pm, Midweek worship & Bible study in Proverbs

Prayer Concerns

Bethel UMC, The UMC, Our Country, Those in Military Service, Pastor Ralph, Lexi Allen, Family of Dorothy Carr, Sylvia Marsh, Tina & Travis Oaks, Pam Plate, Pat Singletary, David Trimble, Benny Will

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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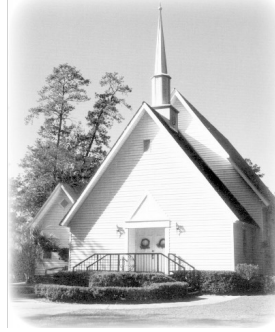
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1940's



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!**