

Bethel United Methodist Church

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Father's Day

June 21, 2020

Pastor: Ralph Wrightstone

Music Director: Travis Oaks

Lectionary Scriptures

This Week: Gen 21:8-21; Ps 87:1-10,16-17; Rom 6:1b-11; Matt 10:24-39

Next Week: Gen 22:1-14; Psalm 13; Rom 6:12-23; Matt 10:40-42

Welcome & Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

***Hymn:** "His Eye is on the Sparrow" TFWS 2146

***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

Old Testament Reading: Proverbs 1:1-10

Special Music "I Have a Father" Travis Oaks

Youth Message: "A Father's Wise Teaching"

Joys, Concerns, Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Message: "Overview of the Book of 1st John"

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

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

**Please stand if able*

Call to Worship

Leader: As the family of God, the Lord welcomes you to His house. Greetings, all children, all mothers, and fathers.

People: Peace be unto this house in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy spirit.

Leader: We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing upon our fathers whose labors and care cannot be measured in words and acts of praise.

People: In our worship experience today we will commit ourselves to a more genuine appreciation of our fathers on earth and a deeper love for our Father who is in Heaven.

Prayer: Our Father in Heaven, descend anew to our earth, yes, into this place of worship. Empower us with a faith that lives, a grace that heals, and a love that shares. Keep us alive to the beauties of your world and to the joys in our world of human relationships through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Calendar of Events

Today: *Father's Day*

Worship, Educational and Outreach Opportunities

Today: *Interactive Online Service thru link on Bethel Web Site, Service page*

Wednesday: Midweek Worship service is temporarily suspended

Prayer Concerns

Bethel UMC, The UMC, Our Country, Those in Military Service, Pastor Ralph, Lexi Allen, Sylvia Marsh, William McCloud, Tina & Travis Oaks, Pat Singletary, Patsy & Donnie White

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>

Recordings of recent sermons are available on the web site

Recordings of sermons or services are available on CD by request

Heifer Fund: "Youth Message" offering goes to support Heifer International

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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)



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*He will turn the
hearts of the fathers
to their children, and
the hearts of the children
to their fathers.♥*

MALACHI 4:6

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

"Surely the Lord is in this place! This is none other than the house of God" Genesis 28:16