

# Bethel United Methodist Church

## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2020

Pastor: Ralph Wrightstone

Music Director: Travis Oaks

### Lectionary Scriptures

This Week: Gen 25:19-34; Ps 119:105-112; Rom 8:1-11; Matt 13:1-9, 18-23

Next Week: Gen 28:10-19a; Ps 139:1-12, 23-24; Rom 8:12-25; Matt 13:24-30, 36-43

**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

**Old Testament Reading:** Psalm 119:105-112

**Special Music** "All My Hope is in Jesus" Travis Oaks

**Youth Message:** "The Word of God as Seeds"

**Joys, Concerns, Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer**

**Message:** Overview of the Book of Jude

**\*Hymn:** "His Name is Wonderful" UMH 174

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

*\*Please stand if able*

### Call to Worship

Leader: Sin is always at work to counteract the good news of Christ.

**People:** But thanks be to God, the church is always at work, too! And we are glad to be a part of it.

Leader: Amen! No matter how ineffective our efforts may seem, there is always fertile soil which bears fruit for our labors.

**People:** We will continue to sow the seed of faith, convinced that many will be receptive and come into our Lord's kingdom.

**Prayer of Confession:** We are easily discouraged, Father, when we look back a few years and see how the church used to be the center of community life. We feel the church today is on the other edge of existence for many people, and defeat haunts our aspirations. Forgive us for submitting to such hopelessness, when Christ has assured us of victory. Lead us through our barren valley of depression to the fertile soil where hearts are waiting to be won to Christ our Savior through whom we pray. Amen.

### Calendar of Events

*Always: be safe and pray*

### 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, Don & 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)*



*"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!**