

Bethel United Methodist Church

8th Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 2020

Pastor: Ralph Wrightstone

Music Director: Travis Oaks

Lectionary Scriptures

This Week: Gen 29:15-28; Ps 105:1-11,45b; Rom 8:26-39; Matt 13:31-33,44-52

Next Week: Gen 32:22-31; Ps 17:1-7,15; Rom 9:1-5; Matt 14:13-21

Prelude: "Sing Alleluia to the Lord"

Welcome & Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

***Hymn:** "Mighty to Save" W&S 3038

***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 128

Youth Message: "The Old, Old Story"

Joys, Concerns, Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Message: Overview of the Book of Revelation, Ch 2

***Hymn:** "Oh, How He Loves You and Me" TFWS 2108

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

**Please stand if able*

Call to Worship

Leader: Let us come together all who would serve the God of Abraham and Moses.

People: And by what name did Abraham or Moses serve?

Leader: The Great I AM, the Almighty God, Creator of all the Universe!

People: And are we, who are so small, known by the Creator of the Universe?

Leader: Hear the word Christ came to bring:

God knows us and loves us each one.

Prayer of Confession: Lord, so often as we toil at the tasks of daily life we tend to forget You are indeed the Creator of the Universe. So often as we seek to understand the world around us we tend to make You, like us, a part of the world instead of the Creator. Forgive us, Lord, and help us to have the courage when we hear Your call not to think so small. In Christ we pray. Amen.

Calendar of Events

Next Sunday: Communion

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, Amy Smith Wadsworth

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)



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Established 1834

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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