

Bethel United Methodist Church

17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 2020

Pastor: Ralph Wrightstone

Music Director: Travis Oaks

Lectionary Scriptures

This Week: Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4,12-16; Phil 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

Next Week: Exodus 20:1-14,7-9,12-20; Psalm 19; Phil 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

Prelude: "Sing Alleluia to the Lord"

Welcome & Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

***Hymn:** "Shine, Jesus, Shine" TFWS 2173

***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: Exodus 17:1-7

Message: "The Politics of True Faith"

Joys, Concerns, Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Bible Study: Overview of the Book of Revelation, Chpt. 11

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

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

**Please stand if able*

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, Let all who would serve the Lord gather now for worship.

People: But there are some who would silence the message of God's love.

Leader: Even Jesus faced those who would keep God's love from the Temple.

People: Then let us walk with Christ and share God's love with all we see.

Leader: For the Gospel of Christ cannot be stopped once in a believer's heart.

Prayer of Confession: Lord, so often like rebellious children we have given You our word that we would serve You only to walk off and deliberately continue doing exactly as we wish. Forgive us, Lord, and extend to us again the chance to walk with You and serve in our daily life. Lead us to be aware of all those around us who need our help and who need to learn about You. In Christ we pray. Amen.

Calendar of Events

Next Week: Communion (World Communion Sunday)

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, Teachers, Students, Pastor Ralph, Lexie Allen, Gina Davis, Sylvia Marsh, William McCloud, Tina & Travis Oaks and families, Greg Rucker Don & Pat Singletary, David Trimble, Patsy & Donnie White, Amy Smith Wadsworth, Judy Wrightstone

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