

Bethel United Methodist Church

18th Sunday after Pentecost

World Communion Sunday

October 4, 2020

Pastor: Ralph Wrightstone

Music Director: Travis Oaks

Lectionary Scriptures

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

Next Week: Exodus 32:1-4,7-9,12-20; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

Prelude: "Sing Alleluia to the Lord"

Welcome & Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

***Hymn:** "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations" UMH 569 vs1,3,4

***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: Exodus 20:1-18

Message: "God's Quality Control Crew"

Scripture: Matthew 21:33-46

Joys, Concerns, Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Bible Study: Overview of the Book of Revelation, Chpt. 12

Holy Communion

***Hymn:** "Freely, Freely" UMH 389

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

**Please stand if able*

Call to Worship

Leader: Brothers and sisters, let us renew our faith in God!

People: LET US GIVE OURSELVES TO GOD FROM THE DEPTHS OF OUR HEARTS!

Leader: Let us dedicate our very lives to God's coming Reign!

People: AND LET US VOW TO SACRIFICE ALL TO CLAIM IT AS OUR OWN!

Prayer of Confession: Righteous God, we confess that we do not consistently keep your promised coming Reign before us as our goal, and that we settle all too eagerly for the world as it is, as if there were nothing else to look forward to; and we admit that such complacency and being contented on our part denies your word and weakens our discipleship on behalf of you and your Christ. Forgive us, we pray, and inspire us anew with the parables of Jesus, which tell us of the glorious image of the wonderful future that you have in store for this suffering and sorrowful world. In his name we hope and pray. Amen

Calendar of Events

Today: 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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Recordings of sermons or services are available on CD by request

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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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**"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