

Bethel United Methodist Church

21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 25, 2020

Pastor: Ralph Wrightstone

Music Director: Travis Oaks

Lectionary Scriptures

This Week: Deut 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6,13-17; 1 Thess 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46

Next Week: Joshua 3:7-17; Psalm 107:1-7,33-37; 1 Thess 2:9-13; Matthew 23:1-12

Prelude: "Sing Alleluia to the Lord"

Welcome & Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

***Hymn:** "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" TFWS 2158

***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: Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Message: "Faith For Today"

Scripture: Matthew 22:34-46

Joys, Concerns, Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Bible Study: Overview of the Book of Revelation, Chpt. 15

***Hymn:** "Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling" UMH 348

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

**Please stand if able*

Call to Worship

Leader: Let us love God with our hearts and souls!

People: LET US LOVE GOD WITH OUR MINDS AND STRENGTH!

Leader: Let us love our neighbors as ourselves!

People: FOR THIS IS THE WILL OF GOD AND THE GREATEST OF GOD'S COMMANDMENTS.

Prayer of Confession: God of the ages, we confess that we are far better at talking about love and declaring love than at actualizing love and living love; and that much of the love we profess for you never quite finds expression in our attitudes and actions towards our fellow human beings. Forgive us, we pray, and convince us that the two kinds of love taught by Jesus were not independent options from which we may choose, but equally binding and mutually reinforcing expectations for which we are responsible as disciples of the Christ.

In his name we pray. Amen.

Calendar of Events

Next Sunday: Communion, All Saint's Day

Tomorrow: Charge Conference (by Zoom)

Saturday: Halloween, Reformation Day

Always: Be safe and Pray

Worship, Educational and Outreach Opportunities

Today: Interactive Online Service thru link on Bethel's 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, Sarah Brown, 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 and online

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