

Bethel United Methodist Church

First Sunday after Epiphany

January 10, 2021

Pastor: Ralph Wrightstone

Music Director: Travis Oaks

Lectionary Scriptures

This Week: Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11

Next Week: 1 Samuel 3:1-10; Psalm 62:5-12; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51

Prelude: "Sing Alleluia to the Lord"

Welcome & Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

***Hymn:** "I Love to Tell the Story" UMH 156

***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: Genesis 1:1-5

Joys, Concerns, Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Message: "The Sign of Noah"

Scripture: Mark 1:4-11

***Hymn:** "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" UMH 334

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

**Please stand if able*

Call to Worship

Leader: As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well-pleased."

Congregation: We are therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

Leader: Repent and be baptized, everyone of you, in the name of Jesus Christ so that our sins may be forgiven. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

All: Father, may we claim this gift whole heartedly when we are baptized, and every day following. Make us ever mindful of the Spirit's leading so that our service is acceptable in your sight.

Calendar of Events

Today: *First Sunday after Epiphany*

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 & Judy Wrightstone, Lexie Allen, Sarah Brown, Gina Davis, Albert Goater, Mary Hall, Sylvia Marsh, Family & friends of Rev. Richard Jones, William McCloud, Tina & Travis Oaks and families, Tina & Greg Rucker, Don & Pat Singletary, Debbie Tompkinson, David Trimble, Eddie White, Patsy & Donnie White, Amy Smith Wadsworth, wife Kathy family & friends of Phillip Worley

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!

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)



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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