

Bethel United Methodist Church

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany Valentine's Day and Transfiguration Sunday

February 14, 2021

Pastor: Ralph Wrightstone

Music Director: Travis Oaks

Lectionary Scriptures

This Week: 2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

Next Week: Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

Prelude: "Sing Alleluia to the Lord"

Welcome & Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

***Hymn:** "Open the Eyes of My Heart" W&S 3008

***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

Joys, Concerns, Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Special Music Travis Oaks

Message: "My Stinky Closet" Tina Oaks

Scripture: Ephesians 3:14-19

***Hymn:** "Change My Heart O God" TFWS 2152

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

**Please stand if able*

Call to Worship

Leader: Good Morning! I'm glad we're together again! The busy-ness of Christmas and New Year are behind us. But I see Valentine's Day is here and Ash Wednesday is right around the corner.

People: All the holidays remind us that life is good.

Leader: That's true – for all the rituals that hold time and the challenges of living.

People: We are grounded in faith, in the teachings of Jesus, and we are happy people.

Leader: Or as the psalmist said, "We are happy because we are planted by streams of living water!"

People: Yes!

Call to Confession: The past is done; the present is now. Now is the moment to be freed from haunting memories and sin. Now is the moment to receive fresh direction for our days and nights. Let's pray in unison and then make our personal commitments to God. **AMEN!**

Calendar of Events

TODAY: Valentine's Day

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday, beginning of Lent

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, family & friends of Tom Moore

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>

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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