

# Bethel United Methodist Church

## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

### Independence Day

July 4, 2021

Pastor: Ralph Wrightstone

Music Director: Travis Oaks

#### Lectionary Scriptures

**This Week:** 2 Samuel 5:1-5,9-10; Psalm 48; 2 Cor 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13

**Next Week:** 2 Samuel 6:1-5,12b-19; Psalm 24; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29

**Prelude:** "Sing Alleluia to the Lord"

#### Welcome & Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

**\*Hymn:** "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" UMH 717

**\*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

#### OT Scripture Reading: Psalm 48

#### Joys, Concerns, Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

**Special Music** "America the Beautiful" Travis Oaks

**Message:** "When We Are Weak"

**Scripture:** 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

#### Holy Communion

**\*Hymn:** "Open Our Eyes" TFWS 2086

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

*\*Please stand if able*

#### Call to Worship

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Come to worship in simplicity and sincerity.

**People: We vow to serve God in our daily life as we say our prayers in this company.**

**Prayer of Confession: God our Provider, we confess that we sometimes doubt your provision for us. When we start scraping the bottom of the barrel, we cut back our sharing with others who have already run out and are hungry or in need. Forgive selfishness and independence that prevents interdependence and working together to solve problems in the use of the resources of your good earth, through your compassionate Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

#### Calendar of Events

**Today:** *July 4, Independence Day, Communion*

**Next Sunday:** *7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

**Always:** *Be safe and Pray*

#### Worship, Educational and Outreach Opportunities

**Today:** *Interactive Online Service thru link on Bethel's Web Site, Service page*

#### Prayer Concerns

*Bethel UMC, The UMC, Our Country, Those in Military Service, Teachers, Students, Pastor Ralph & Judy Wrightstone, Kathie & Al Adams, Lexie Allen, Mark Barineau, Sarah Brown, Gina Davis, Brian Goff, Mary Hall, Robyn Keeler, Sylvia Marsh, William McCloud, Tina & Travis Oaks & families, David Plate, Tom Plate & family, Tina & Greg Rucker, Don & Pat Singletary, David Trimble, Amy Smith Wadsworth, Cindy Westmark, Eddie White, Lon & Lucy Wright*

*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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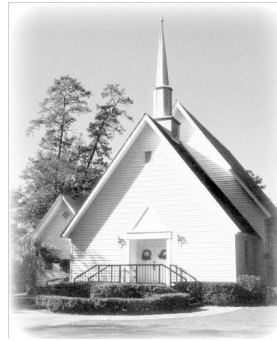




1940's



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)*



*"Surely the Lord is in this place! This is none other than the house of God"* Genesis 28:16

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LORD liveth,  
in truth,  
in judgement,  
and in  
righteousness;  
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