

# Bethel United Methodist Church

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

July 25, 2021

Pastor: Ralph Wrightstone

Music Director: Travis Oaks

### Lectionary Scriptures

**This Week:** 2 Samuel 11:1-15; Psalm 14; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21

**Next Week:** 2 Samuel 11:26-12,13a; Psalm 51:1-12; Eph 4:1-16; John 6:24-35

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

**Welcome & Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries**

**\*Hymn:** "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" UMH 133

**\*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 14

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

**Message:** "The Gospel Ship"

**Scripture:** John 6:1-21

**\*Hymn:** "His Name is Wonderful" UMH 174

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

*\*Please stand if able*

### Call to Worship

Leader: All who wait upon the Lord shall be fed and cared for!

**People:** But the crops are small and the rivers are almost dry.

Leader: Let your eyes see the truth: we do not live by bread alone.

**People:** Then what will sustain us and keep us from surely perishing?

Leader: The Living Bread given to us through the cross and the love of Christ.

**All:** Blessed be the name of the Lord!

**Prayer of Confession:** Lord, how often in our blindness we have failed to see Your love. How many times we have looked past the wonders You have made and seen only problems and faults around us. How often we have missed the very blessings you meant for us to receive so that our lives in turn might be blessings. Forgive us, Lord. In Christ we pray. Amen

### Calendar of Events

**Today:** 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**Next Sunday:** 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Communion

**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, Ellanore Goater, Brian Goff, Mary Hall, Robyn Keeler, Clyde Malloy, Sylvia Marsh, William McCloud, Julie Morgan, Travis & Tina Oaks & families, David Plate, Tom Plate & family, Tina & Greg Rucker, Don & Pat Singletary, David Trimble, Family & friends of 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

**Contact:** Church phone: 850 576-1454

Pastor phone: 591-9785;



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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**Established 1834**

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**"Seeking The Life In Grace As The Way of Life"  
Welcome home!**