

Bethel United Methodist Church

10th Sunday after Pentecost

August 1, 2021

Pastor: Ralph Wrightstone

Music Director: Travis Oaks

Lectionary Scriptures

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

Next Week: 2 Sam 18:5-9,15,31-33; Psalm 130; Eph 4:25-5:2; John 6:35,41-51

Prelude: "Sing Alleluia to the Lord"

Welcome & Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

***Hymn:** "Blessed Assurance" UMH 369

***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

OT Scripture Reading: Psalm 51:1-12

Joys, Concerns, Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Message: "Feasting on Love"

Scripture: John 6:22-35

Holy Communion

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

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

**Please stand if able*

Call to Worship

Leader: We are only beginning to sense the dimensions of physical hunger in the world.

People: It is difficult for people in a wealthy nation to understand the reality and scope of starvation in the world.

Leader: As tragic and alarming as that kind of hunger is, there is another equally insidious and fatal kind of hunger.

People: It is spiritual hunger, and it affects us all. Until we find and feed upon the living bread, Jesus Christ.

Prayer of Confession: Forgiving God, we confess that we often partake of the wrong kind of spiritual food, and eat to our detriment and damnation. Forgive us, we pray. Lead us to the feast that you have set before us, coax us to feed of the living bread that you most graciously have provided, and fill us until we want no more. Then dismiss us from your table so that we may invite others to the banquet. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Calendar of Events

Today: 10th Sunday after Pentecost, Communion

Next Sunday: 11th 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, 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>

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Recordings of sermons or services are available on CD by request

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Contact: Church phone: 850 576-1454

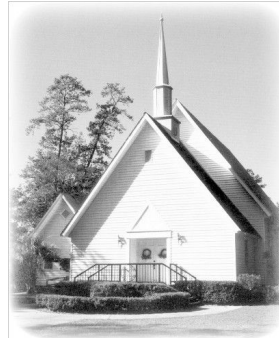
Pastor phone: 591-9785;



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)



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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