

# Bethel United Methodist Church

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Reformation Sunday, Halloween

October 31, 2021

Pastor Ralph Wrightstone

Music Director: Travis Oaks

## Lectionary Scriptures

**This Week:** Ruth 1:1-18; Psalm 146; Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34

**Next Week:** Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 24; Rev. 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44

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

**Welcome & Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries**

**\*Hymn:** "They'll Know We Are Christians " TFWS 2223

**\*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:** Ruth 1:1-18

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

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

**Message:** "To Love"

Scripture: Mark 12:28-34

**\*Hymn:** "Spirti of the Living God" UMH 393

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

*\*Please stand if able*

## Call to Worship

**Leader:** Let us come together, all whose lives would proclaim God's glory!

**People:** We open our hearts this day to the Lord's presence and power.

**Leader:** In prayer we lift all that we are or will be before the Lord.

**People:** With courage we will go and share God's love with all the world.

**Leader:** Let our voices be raised in praise and song to the glory of God!

**Prayer of Confession:** Lord, we have often tried to make faith only a matter of rules, and laws. We have often forgotten the love You came to show us and meant for us to live by. And especially we have forgotten that You meant for us to share Your blessings with others. Forgive us, Lord, and strengthen us that we might reach out and love our neighbors. In Christ we pray. Amen.

## Calendar of Events

**Today:** Reformation Sunday, Halloween, Trunk-O-Treat 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm

**Next Sunday :** Communion, All Saints Sunday, Turn Clocks back 1 hr

**All Week:** Keep Safe and Pray

## Worship, Educational and Outreach Opportunities

**Today:** Interactive Online Service thru link on Bethel 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, Sarah Brown, Gina Davis, Ellanore Goater, Kendall Hall, Robyn Keeler, Family & friends of Clyde Malloy, Sylvia Marsh, William McCloud, Fred & Cindy Moore, Travis & Tina Oaks, Carol Painter, David Plate, Tom Plate & family, Tina & Greg Rucker, David Trimble, 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*

**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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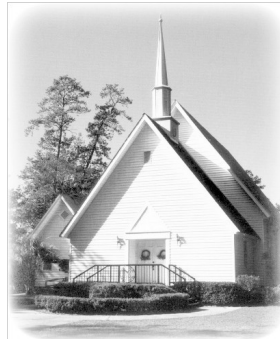
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1940's



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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*Grace alone,  
Faith alone,  
Scripture alone*

*Information  
6-8-6  
Ephesians 2:8-9*



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