

Bethel United Methodist Church

24th Sunday after Pentecost

All Saints' Sunday

November 7, 2021

Pastor Ralph Wrightstone

Music Director: Travis Oaks

Lectionary Scriptures

This Week: Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17; Ps 127; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44

Next Week: 1 Sam 1:4-20; 1 Sam 2:1-10 or Ps 113; Heb 10:11-14, 19-25; Mk 13:1-8

Prelude: "Sing Alleluia to the Lord"

Welcome & Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

***Hymn:** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" UMH 384 1,2,4

***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 127

Joys, Concerns, Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Special "The Gift of Love" Judy Wrightstone

Message: "Sustaining Faith"

Scripture: Mark 12:38-44

Holy Communion

***Hymn:** "Give Thanks" TFWS 2036

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

**Please stand if able*

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us worship in the house of the Lord!

People: We come singing praise and bringing our tithes and offerings.

Leader: Jesus, equal with God, emptied Himself for our sake to give life.

People: What may we give to the Lord in return for this gift of love?

Leader: All that you are or ever will be: your praise, your love and your life.

Prayer of Confession: Lord, so often we try to substitute material gifts for our love. You seek our hearts, yet we would give You only "things," if we give at all. You would give us eternal life, but we would hold on to this life in this moment instead. Forgive us, Lord, and lead us to reach out in faith to follow You and learn to truly love. In Christ we pray. Amen.

Calendar of Events

Today: Communion, All Saints Sunday, Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church

Next Sunday : 25th Sunday after Pentecost

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, 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!

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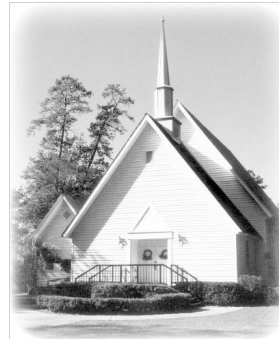
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1940's



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