

Bethel United Methodist Church

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

All-Saints Sunday

November 2, 2025

Pastor: Ralph Wrightstone

Lectionary Scriptures

This Week: Hab 1:1-4,2:1-4; Ps 119:137-144; 2 Thes 1:1-4,11-12; Luke 19:1-10

Next Week: Hab 1:15b-2:9; Ps 145:1-5,17-21; 2 Thes 2:1-5,13-17; Luke 20:27-38

Welcome & Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

***Hymn:** "Morning Has Broken" UMH 145

***Responsive Call to Worship:** *on opposite page*

***Affirmation of Faith** (Apostle's Creed) UMH 881

*Gloria Patri UMH 71

Offerings of Praise, Thanksgiving

*Doxology.....UMH 95

OT Scripture: Proverbs 12:15-28

Joys, Concerns, Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

***Hymn of Preparation:** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" UMH 526,v1

Message: "Jesus is Your Unchanging Friend"

Scripture: Colossians 1:15-23

Holy Communion

***Hymn:** "Take Our Bread" UMH 640

***Benediction and Closing Chorus:** "Bind Us Together"

**Please stand if able*

Call to Worship

Leader: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning. Great is your faithfulness, O God! Come, let us worship the God of love and mercy.

Prayer Of Confession:

Lord, we must confess that we have not always been faithful. There have been times when the path we travel seems dark, and our faith and trust in you has been shaken. We gather this morning to strengthen the foundation of our hope and pray that through your Holy Spirit we will find the power we need to remain steadfast in our loyalty to you under all circumstances. Amen.

Calendar of Events

Today: 21st Sunday after Pentecost, All-Saints Sunday, Communion
CarePortal speaker Emma Bauldree

Next Sunday: *Visiting speaker: Rich Wilson*

Pastor Ralph is at Grey Memorial 60th Homecoming,

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, Police, Fire, EMS first responders, Healthcare professionals and home caregivers, Teachers, Students; FSU Family; Pastor Ralph & Judy Wrightstone; Kathie & Al Adams; Lexie Allen; Ryan Goreau; Kaylee; Savannah Lantz; Annabelle Pafford; Don & Pat Singletary; Holly Snelgrove; Heidi Wagnon; Lawson Wooley; Lon & Lucy Wright; Howard and Ruth Zody

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>

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Recordings of sermons or services are available on CD by request.

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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.

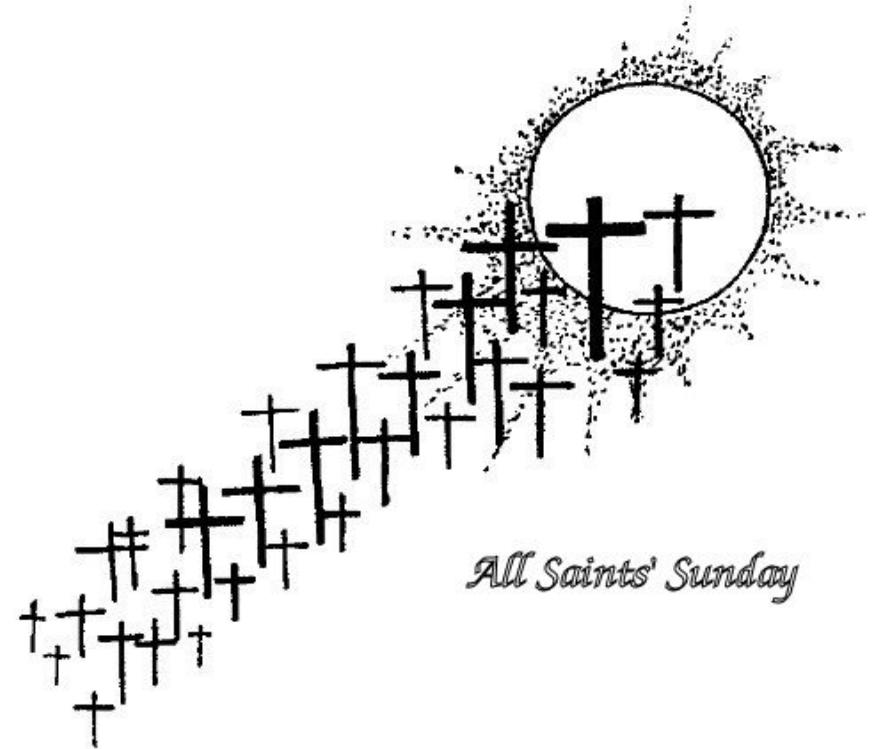
The furniture in the Church constitutes one of the most interesting parts of its history. The Pulpit was used by Bishop Joshua Soule on February 6, 1845 when he convened the first Florida Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in Trinity Methodist Church, Tallahassee, Florida. Trinity gave the 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!**