

Bethel United Methodist Church

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2026

Pastor: Ellyn R. Fox

Lectionary Scriptures

This Week: Gen 25:19-34; Ps 119:105-112 or Ps 25; Rom 8:1-11; Matt 13:1-9,18-23

Next Week: Gen 28:10-19a; Psalm 139:1-2,23-24; Rom 8:12-25; Matt 13:12-25

Prelude: “Softly and Tenderly”

Welcome & Announcements

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

***Hymn:** “Breathe on Me Breath of God” UMH 420

***Affirmation of Faith** UMH 882

***Gloria Patria** UMH 71

Pastoral Prayer/Prayer for the People/Lord's Prayer

*Passing of the Peace

***Hymn:** “Blest Be the Tie that Binds” UMH 557

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Scripture: Romans 8:1-11

Message: Choices, Choices

Tithes and Offerings

Prayer for the Offerings

Doxology..... UMH 95

***Hymn:** “Be Thou My Vision” UMH 451

***Benediction and Closing Chorus:** “Bind Us Together”

**Please stand if able*

Call to Worship

Leader: Beloved in Christ, hear the good news: there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

People: The law of the Spirit has set us free from darkness and despair.

Leader: Come, let us leave behind those things that lead to pain and sorrow.

People: For to set the mind on the Spirit is joy and peace!

Leader: If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He will also give life to your mortal bodies.

People: Thanks be to God, who gives us new life through His Spirit living within us!

Leader: Let us worship the Lord

Calendar of Events

Today: *Seventh Sunday After Pentecost, board meeting after service*

Next Week: *Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*

All Week: *Keep Safe and Pray*

Worship, Educational and Outreach Opportunities

Sunday: *11:00 am worship service*

Prayer Concerns

Bethel UMC, The UMC, Our Country, those in Military Service, Police, Fire, EMS first responders, Healthcare professionals and home caregivers, Teachers, Students; the Homeless, Pastor Ellyn Fox; Kathie & Al Adams; Lexie Allen; Don & Tracey Bitner, Mark Carlson, Lake Goreau, Ryan Goreau; Kaylee; Savannah Lantz; Annabelle Pafford; Darren Plate; Don & Pat Singletary; Holly Snelgrove; Lawson Wooley; Lon & Lucy Wright

Prayer requests can be submitted to: PrayerRequests@BethelUMCTLH.org

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.

Contact: Church phone: (850) 576-1454 ;

Church Office hours: 9am-1pm, Mon-Thurs

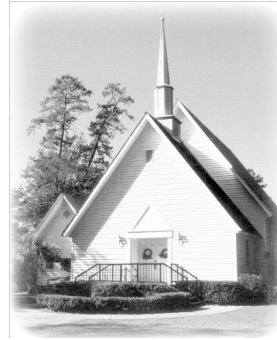
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1940's



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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Established 1834

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