

Bethel United Methodist Church

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 2026

Pastor: Ellyn R. Fox

Lectionary Scriptures

This Week: Gen 37:1-4; Psalm 105:1-6,16-22,45b; Rom 10:5-15; Matt 14:22-33

Next Week: Gen 45:1-15; Psalm 133; Rom 11:1-2a,29-32; Matt 15:(10-20),21-28

Prelude: “*Call Thou Fount of Every Blessing*”

Welcome, Announcements & Celebrations

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

***Hymn:** “*All Creatures of our God and King*” UMH 62

***Affirmation of Faith** UMH 885

***Gloria Patria** UMH 71

Joys, Concerns, Pastoral Prayer, Lord's Prayer

***Passing of the Peace**

***Hymn:** “*Amazing Grace*” UMH 378

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Scripture: Psalm 105:1-6,16-22,45b (NIV)

Message: Sing, Sing a Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

Doxology UMH 95

Prayer for the Offerings

***Hymn:** “*Sent Forth with God's Blessing*” UMH 664

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

**Please stand if able*

Call to Worship

Leader: Children of God, some of us come today with songs of joy, rejoicing at all God has done for us.

People: We come to remember God's steadfast love and faithfulness.

Leader: Some of us come today with songs of mourning in our hearts, feeling the weight of loss, isolation, and loneliness.

People: We come to remember God's steadfast love and faithfulness.

Leader: Some of us come today with songs of worry and distress, overwhelmed by the troubles and the sufferings of the world.

People: We come to remember God's steadfast love and faithfulness.

Leader: In our joy, our sorrow, our isolation, and our worry, God is faithful!

ALL: We come to sing God's praises, for in all things, God's steadfast love and faithfulness never fail. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Calendar of Events

Today: *Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, Fellowship dinner after the service*

Monday: 5:00 pm; Planning workshop with Sarah Campbell

Next Week: *Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, Council meeting after the service*

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; Caleb Rowe; Don & Pat Singletary; Holly Snelgrove; Willie, 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>

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Facebook page: Bethel UMC TLH

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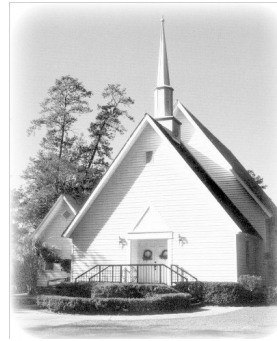
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1940's



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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Established 1834

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