Bethel United Methodist Church

"To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."



Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.

Bethel United Methodist Church

Pastor Ellyn Fox — November 1, 2026

Welcome, Announcements, and Celebrations

Introductory Prayer

*** Call to Worship**.....(next page)

*** Opening Hymn**....."*Thy Word Is a Lamp*" (601 UMH)

*** Affirmation of Faith**....."*A Modern Affirmation*" (885 UMH)

*** Gloria Patri**....."*Glory Be to the Father*" (71 UMH)

Prayer Joys and Concerns.....(see insert)

Pastoral Prayer and the **Lord's Prayer**

*** Passing of the Peace**

*** Hymn**....."*For All the Saints*" (711 UMH)

Litany of Remembrance.....(see insert)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture.....1 Thessalonians 2: 9-13 (NIV)

The Message....."*Witness*".....Pastor Ellyn Fox

Communion.....(p.12 UMH)

The Offering

*** and Hymn of Thanksgiving**....."*Doxology*" (95 UMH)

*** Hymn**....."*Because He Lives*" (364 UMH)

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

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* *please stand if you are able*

Prayer Concerns

Our church and the United Methodist Church,

Wisdom for Our Elected Leaders,

Pastor Ellyn Fox, Kathie and Al Adams,

Lake and Ryan Goreau, Darren Plate, Todd Qualls,

Isaiah Bledsoe, David Damron, Carol Painter,
Jesse, Ashley, Jessie Ann, Mary Ellen,

Don and Pat Singletary, Lon and Lucy Wright, and Ruth Zody.

Please consider putting this list in a place where you can be reminded of these concerns.

Please send Prayer Requests to PrayerRequests@BethelUMCTLH.org.

This Weeks Announcements...

Food Ministry: Please bring canned vegetables for the month of November.

Bible Study: Please join us for Bible Study based on the *Awakened to Grace* devotional series, meeting on Thursdays at 1 or 6 p.m.

Church Clean-up Day focusing on our Sunday School rooms, Saturday November 7, 9:30 a.m.

Church Revitalization meeting with Sarah Campbell: Wednesday, November 11, 3:00 p.m.

Craft Day November 21, 1-4 p.m. Bring a craft to work on and fellowship with other 'crafty' people.

Litany of Remembrance

Leader: Living God, our Guide and Guardian, who sits on the throne and delivers us into eternal life, we give you thanks for the saints whose witness has shaped our lives who now rest in the shelter of your embrace. As we remember those saints who have died and entered into glory during the last twelve months, we remember their witness to your love and grace with joy and gratitude.

We bless you for the life and love of these dear saints, and rejoice that they have entered into the fullness of life in your presence. We also remember those saints who we hold in our hearts who have not been with us for some time, yet whose life and witness continue to form and shape us as your disciples. We honor them now by lifting their names aloud or in our hearts.

(people speak names aloud from where they are seated.)

On this All Saints Sunday, we remember that we too are living saints, members of the family of God with all the saints of the past, the present, and the future. And so, we proclaim:

People: We are God's children, witnesses of God's word that is at work in us and in the saints who have gone before.

Today and every day, may we put on Christ and live as saints who tend the poor, comfort the mourners, learn from the meek, affirm those who seek righteousness, offer mercy alongside the merciful, and work for peace with the peacemakers until Christ comes in final victory and we feast as the family of God at Christ's heavenly banquet. Amen.

Call to Worship

Leader: We are chosen children of God, bound together by the Holy Spirit.

People: We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.

Leader: As we gather to remember the saints who formed us in the faith, we give thanks for their living witnesses to God's love, showing us that...

People: We belong to God, and through God, we live as a family in Christ, bound together by Love.

Leader: We give thanks for the influence of the saints in our lives who demonstrated God's love and saving grace, so that we could know in our bones that...

People: We belong to God, and through God, we are saved to love one another.

Leader: Come, let us worship God who blesses us with witnesses to divine love that we may be witnesses of Love with everyone we meet.

People: We come to worship God who chooses us, empowers us, and inspires us to live as witnesses of Love in communion with the saints of every age. Amen.

Devotional Resources

The Upper Room and *Our Daily Bread* are daily devotional booklets that are available in the Narthex. Please take one or both.

A Message from Pastor Ellie...

We are all witnesses to the lives that we've led and to the lives of those that we have known.

Today is All Saints Day. It's an opportunity to witness to the lives that have helped shape our own. It's a day when we take time to share memories. To remember kindnesses. To speak of the generosity, and *often the sacrifices*, of those who have cared for us.

We witness today to the love that we have felt, and the love that we are capable of feeling, thanks to those who first felt for us.

The United Methodist Church considers every faithful Christian to be a saint. We witness to these saints best by reflecting their faith and pausing in gratitude for their example.

Blessings always,

Pastor Ellie

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Send a concern or joy to our Prayer Request list (or ask to join the list) by sending an email to PrayerRequests@BethelUMCTLH.org

Send an email to Ellyn at Pastor@BethelUMCTLH.org or call during office hours (M-R, 9-1) at (850) 576-1454.

And pour through our history at our web site "BethelUMCTLH.org"