

Bethel United Methodist Church

5th Sunday after Pentecost

Independence Day Weekend

July 5, 2020

Pastor: Ralph Wrightstone

Music Director: Travis Oaks

Lectionary Scriptures

This Week: Gen 24:34-38,42-49;58-67; Ps 72; Rom 7: 15-25a; Matt 11:16-19,25-30

Next Week: Gen 25:19-34; Ps119:105-112; Rom 8:1-11; Matt 13:1-9,18-23

Welcome & Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

***Hymn:** "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" UMH 717

***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

Old Testament Reading: Song of Solomon 2:8-13

Youth Message: "A Human Reaction!"

Joys, Concerns, Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Message: Overview of the Book of 3rd John

Holy Communion

***Hymn:** "My Tribute" UMH 99

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

**Please stand if able*

Call to Worship

Leader: Wait upon the Lord; be strong and let your hearts take courage!

People: We do wait upon God's promise and healing power in the world today.

Leader: Wait upon the Lord; be strong and let your hearts take courage!

People: Teach us Your ways, O Lord, and lead us to follow Your paths.

Leader: Wait upon the Lord; be strong and let your hearts sing praise!

Prayer of Confession: Lord, as we continue our journey toward Your soon return!, forgive us when we let the world distract us from Your Love or from sharing it with others. Help us focus our hearts on the Blessed Hope we have in your gift of eternal life! Amen.

Calendar of Events

Today: *Communion*

Worship, Educational and Outreach Opportunities

Today: *Interactive Online Service thru link on Bethel Web Site, Service page*

Wednesday: Midweek Worship service is temporarily suspended

Prayer Concerns

Bethel UMC, The UMC, Our Country, Those in Military Service, Pastor Ralph, Lexi Allen, Sylvia Marsh, William McCloud, Tina & Travis Oaks, Pat Singletary, Patsy & Donnie White

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)



The
LORD liveth,
in truth,
in judgement,
and in
righteousness;
and the
nations shall
bless themselves
in him,
and in him
shall they
glory

"Surely the Lord is in this place! This is none other than the house of God" Genesis 28:16