

# Bethel United Methodist Church

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Laity Sunday

October 24, 2021

Pastor Ralph Wrightstone

Music Director: Travis Oaks

## Lectionary Scriptures

**This Week:** Job 42:1-6,10-17; Ps 34:1-8 (19-22); Heb 7:23-28; Mk 10:46-52

**Next Week:** Ruth 1:1-18; Psalm 146; Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34

**Prelude:** "Sing Alleluia to the Lord"

**Welcome & Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries**

**\*Hymn:** "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart" TFWS 2140

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

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

**\*Gloria Patri**.....UMH 71

**Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings**

**\*Doxology**.....UMH 95

**OT Scripture Reading:** Psalm 34:1-8

**Joys, Concerns, Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer**

**Special Music** "Bring it All to the Table" Travi Oaks

**Message:** "Cry Out for Jesus"

Scripture: Mark 10:45-52

**\*Hymn:** "Blessed Assurance" UMH 369

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

*\*Please stand if able*

## Call to Worship

Leader: Lord as we enter your house, we pray that you will open our eyes to see all your wonder.

**People: Help us to overcome all obstacles of blindness: those of fear, lack of concern, worry and exhaustion.**

Leader: Like Bartimaeus, allow us to recognize our need for healing grace as we seek Jesus with persistent faith.

**People: Let us respond to all we meet with a servant's heart; always showing mercy and goodness.**

**Prayer of Confession: Lord, may we never fail to recognize our need for your presence in our daily walk. We cry out to you for our individual healing. Forgive us for being spiritually blind and for not taking advantage of opportunities to spread the good news of your mercy and love.**

## Calendar of Events

**Today:** Laity Sunday

**Next Sunday:** Reformation Sunday, Halloween, Trunk-O-Treat

**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, Teachers, Students, Pastor Ralph & Judy Wrightstone, Kathie & Al Adams, Lexie Allen, Sarah Brown, Gina Davis, Ellanore Goater, Kendall Hall, Robyn Keeler, Family & friends of Clyde Malloy, Sylvia Marsh, William McCloud, Fred & Cindy Moore, family & friends of Julie Morgan, Travis & Tina Oaks, Carol Painter, David Plate, Tom Plate & family, Tina & Greg Rucker, David Trimble, Cindy Westmark, Eddie White, Lon & Lucy Wright

*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>

Recordings of recent sermons are available on the web site

Recordings of sermons or services are available on CD by request

**Heifer Fund:** "Youth Message" offering goes to support Heifer International

**Contact:** Church phone: 850 576-1454

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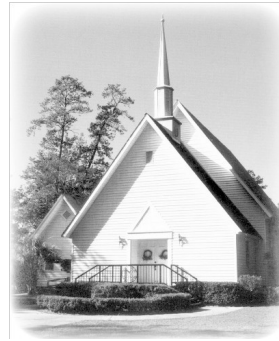
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1940's



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