

# Bethel United Methodist Church

## Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 25, 2022

Pastor Ralph Wrightstone

Music Director: Travis Oaks

### Lectionary Scriptures

**This Week:** Jer 32:1-3a,6-15; Psalm 91:1-6,14-16; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16,19-31

**Next Week:** Lamentations 1:1-6; Psalm 137; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

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

### Welcome & Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

**\*Hymn:** "All Hail King Jesus" TFWS 2069

**\*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 91

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

**Special Music** "I Will Give You All" Travis Oaks

**Message:** "Truth and Consequences"

Scripture: Luke 16:19-31

**\*Hymn:** "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling" UMH 348

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

*\*Please stand if able*

### Call to Worship

Pastor: Important as it is to be a church member, it is also a potential hindrance to being a Christian.

**People:** If we are careless with our faith, church membership can become a poor substitute for Christian discipleship.

Pastor: Being a Christian is a new life in which we live in the awareness that God is our Father, and all persons are our brothers and sisters.

**People:** We want our faith to be strong enough to lead us into a new life, without letting our church membership excuse us from our Christian responsibility to God and one another.

**Prayer of Confession:** We are your children, Father, but it is so easy for us to let our nominal attachment to your church be the extent of our discipleship. And when we do get active, we become more concerned with maintaining buildings than ministering to human lives. Forgive us for what we have done with your church, when you desire just the opposite. Renew us to a vital faith that will make us your living church at work in our world. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

### Calendar of Events

**Today:** Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**Next Sunday:** World Communion Sunday

**Homecoming:** October 9, covered dish dinner following the service

**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, Police, Fire, EMS first responders, Healthcare professionals and home caregivers, Teachers, Students; Pastor Ralph & Judy Wrightstone; Kathie & Al Adams; Lexie Allen; Georgia Bubner; Terry Bubner; Mark Carlson; Lori Cisne & family; Family & Friends of Jimmie Crowder; Gina Davis; Ellanore Goater; Kendall Hall; Jimmy- a friend; Bud Keeler; Robyn Keeler; Carol Koski; Nan Lindsey; William McCloud; Fred & Cindy Moore; Travis & Tina Oaks; Annabelle Pafford; Carol Painter; Darren Plate; David Plate; Tom Plate & family; Tina & Greg Rucker; Pat Singletary; 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

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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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*For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first.*

*Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.*  
- 1<sup>st</sup> Th 4:16-17

**Established 1834**

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