

Bethel United Methodist Church

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Laity Sunday

October 16, 2022

Pastor Ralph Wrightstone

Music Director: Travis Oaks

Lectionary Scriptures

This Week: Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119:97-104; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

Next Week: Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65; 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18; Luke 18:9-14

Prelude: "Sing Alleluia to the Lord"

Welcome & Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

Introduce: Manny Arisso

***Hymn:** "Mighty to Save" W&S 3038

***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: Jeremiah 31:27-34

Joys, Concerns, Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Special Music "10,000 Reasons"

Message "First Responder"

Scripture: Luke 18:1-8

***Hymn:** "Majesty" UMH 176

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

**Please stand if able*

Call to Worship

Pastor: Prayer is a wonderful source of strength. But sometimes we become discouraged because we feel God does not hear us.

People: We know God answers prayer in many ways. But some prayers do not seem to get through to God, and we give up.

Pastor: Then our faith needs to be strengthened to believe that, with persistent prayer, God will hear and answer.

People: We want to learn to pray with that kind of confidence and persistence, that God may know we do have faith in his love and providence.

Prayer of Confession: We believe in prayer, Father, but sometimes we pray only half-heartedly, doubtful that you will do anything about our request. Forgive us for our shallow faith which hinders our communion with you. Give us determination in our prayers, that, convinced of your love, our whole being will be involved in our petitions. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Calendar of Events

Today: Laity Sunday, Manny Arisso of Victory for Youth and Share Your Heart

October 20: BWF, Thursday, 9-10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall

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, all of those affected by Hurricane Ian, 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; 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!

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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!**