

Bethel United Methodist Church

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

June 9, 2024

Pastor: Ralph Wrightstone

Music Director: Travis Oaks

Lectionary Scriptures

This Week: 1 Sam 3:1-10; Ps 139:1-6,13-18; 2 Cor 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35

Next Week: 1 Sam 15:34-16:13; Ps 20 or 72; 1 Cor 5:6-10(11-13); Mark 4:26-34

Prelude: "*Sing Alleluia to the Lord*"

Welcome & Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

***Hymn:** "*Here I Am, Lord*" UMH 593

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

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

***Gloria Patria** UMH 71

Youth Message "*On the Jesus Team*"

Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

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

OT Reading: *Psalm 138*

Joys, Concerns, Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Special Song "*He Touched Me*" *Judy and Travis*

Message: "*Then He Went Home*"

Scripture: *Mark 3:20-35*

***Hymn:** "*As the Deer*" TFWS 2025

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

**Please stand if able*

Call to Worship

Leader: **Let us call upon God most high to fulfill the divine purpose for us, sending us truth and love that never fails.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

King Eternal, Prince of Peace, Royal Spirit, teach us to make the distinction between obedience to your will and the laws of human government. We confess that we are too often content to live by human law and not the higher commands of our Lord Jesus Christ. While we seek to be good citizens of the United States of America, enable us to abide by the even higher standards of your realm of truth and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Calendar of Events

Today: 3rd Sunday after Pentecost; *Fellowship lunch after service*

Friday is *Flag Day, see the online service resource page*

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday after Pentecost, *Father's Day*

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 the storms, 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; Paula Cooksey, Judy Goreau; Ryan Goreau; Savannah Lantz; Nan Lindsey; Tina Rucker; Melanie Worley Sanders; Pat Singletary; Paul Sawyer; Lomax Willis, Lawson Wooley; Lon & Lucy Wright; Howard & Ruth Zody

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)



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

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Established 1834

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