

Bethel United Methodist Church

5th Sunday after Pentecost

June 23, 2024

Pastor: Ralph Wrightstone

Music Director: Travis Oaks

Lectionary Scriptures

This Week: 1Sam 17:(1a,4-11,19-23)32-49; Ps 9:9-20; 2 Cor 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41

Next Week: 2 Samuel 1:1,17-27; Psalm 130; 2 Cor 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43

Prelude: "Sing Alleluia to the Lord"

Welcome & Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

***Hymn:** "You Are My All in All" W&S 3040

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

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

***Gloria Patria** UMH 71

Youth Message "Be Prepared"

Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

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

OT Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:1-18

Joys, Concerns, Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Special Song "It's My Desire"

Message: "Dancing In the Wind"

Scripture: Mark 4:35-41

***Hymn:** "O How He Loves You and Me" TFWS 2108

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

**Please stand if able*

Call to Worship

Leader: Let us come together and worship, all children of the living God.

People: In Christ, we are adopted into the family of God.

Leader: And the Holy Spirit goes with us, bearing witness of God's love.

People: Through the storms and through the good times, God is there.

Leader: Let us proclaim for all the world to hear God's love in Christ!

All: Blessed be the name of the Lord!

Prayer Of Confession: Lord, we often tend to forget that You made it possible for us to be in Your family, a gift we did not merit. It was You who came to us first, and not we who came to You. So often, Lord, in our blindness, we also forget You loved us even while we were yet sinners. Forgive us, Lord, and open our hearts to loving others freely as You have loved us.

In Christ we pray. Amen.

Calendar of Events

Today: 5th Sunday after Pentecost;

Friday: John Wesley's Birthday

Next Sunday: 6th Sunday after Pentecost

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; Family & friends of 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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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!**