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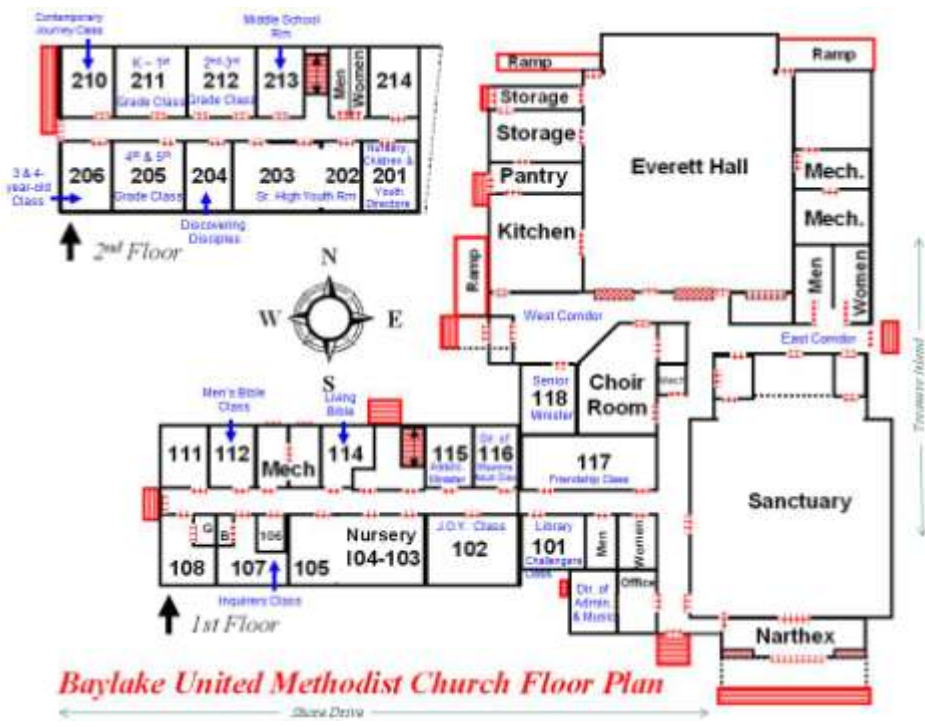
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*The mission of Baylake United Methodist Church  
is to make disciples of Jesus Christ  
by sharing the good news of God's grace  
and by living Jesus' command to love God and neighbor.*



**Baylake United Methodist Church Floor Plan**



## SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

9:00 AM	TRADITIONAL WORSHIP	SANCTUARY
9:00 AM	WATER'S EDGE (CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP)	EVERETT HALL
11:00 AM	TRADITIONAL WORSHIP	SANCTUARY

## SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL ... 10:10 - 10:55 AM

CHALLENGERS CLASS members meet in the church library, room 101. This winter and spring the group is studying *The Power of a Whisper* by Bill Hybels, *Faith Lessons* by Ray Vander Laan, *The New Testament* and *The Life You Always Wanted*. Contact Alice Leggett for more information (460-3218).

CONTEMPORARY JOURNEY CLASS is an adult class/discussion group that meets in room 210. During the summer months, the class is using the *Faith-links* study guides, which focus on current event topics. Each lesson is separate and does not build on topics from the week before. They Contact Michele Anderson (490-7513) or Shari Beasley (464-0170) for more information.

DISCOVERING DISCIPLES CLASS is made up of singles and couples of varying ages. They meet in room 204 and also get together for various social events and mission projects throughout the year. The studies promote group participation, using a discussion-type format. The summer study is *Colossians* and the point of contact is Chris Safrit (464-5253).

FRIENDSHIP CLASS has a mature membership, averaging 45 in attendance each Sunday. There are six teachers who bring a variety of interpretations to the *Adult International Education* series, in a lecture presentation. The class meets in room 117. Contact Alice Eadie (460-3228) for more information.

INQUIRERS CLASS has a membership of middle-aged and senior adults. They meet in room 107. This summer's study is *Sharper Than a Two-Edged Sword* by Andrew Wommack. It is a summary of 16 powerful messages that have changed the lives of thousands. Contact Bob Briner (464-4850) for information.

J.O.Y. CLASS (Jesus, Others, Yourself) is a group of middle and senior ladies, that meet in room 102. Four teachers provide leadership as the class studies the *International lesson series* - augmented by lecture, discussion, and video presentations. This summer's curriculum includes Joshua, Judges, Ruth. All are welcome to enjoy warm fellowship and lively discussion. The contact person is Jackie Pontifex (464-4204).

LIVING BIBLE CLASS is a discussion class, focusing on *First & Second Peter* during the summer months. The class meets in room 114. Each member is encouraged to participate in the discussions led by Jim Bergdoll (474-1029) and other class members.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS meets in room 112. Jon Groff (412-4214) is the contact person and primary teacher. All men are welcome! The group is studying *Wisdom Books of the Old Testament* by Mickey Efirid.

### YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL ... 10:10 AM

MIDDLE-SCHOOLERS and SENIOR HIGH YOUTH gather to fellowship, to explore God's Word and to pray. They meet for Sunday morning Sunday school at 10:10 am and from 5:30 - 7:30 pm Sunday evenings. B.U.M.Y. (Baylake United Methodist Youth) enjoy fellowship time and discuss contemporary youth issues in light of God's Word. Numerous,



sometimes spur of the moment, activities add to the fun and excitement of youth ministries at Baylake, under the leadership of Jon Johnson. Summer events include Wednesday BEACH DAYS from 1:00 - 4:00 pm.



A major focus for our youth is the 30-HOUR FAMINE... where students learn about hunger and then they do something about it... raise funds and experience hunger for themselves. This spring youth built a vegetable garden to raise vegetables for the foodbank.

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL ... 10:10 AM

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL classes meet on the second floor for children ages 3 through grade 5. The theme for the summer is *Kid's Travel Guide to the Armor of God*.

### **CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES**

#### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (JUNE 27 – JULY 1, 9:00 AM - NOON)

Plans are underway for this year's exciting Vacation Bible School. Children, ages 4 years through rising 6th grade, will have the opportunity to celebrate biblical festivals from the Old Testament and New Testament. Through stations, such as "Kitchen à la King" Bible lessons, the "Foodology Factory" and "Tangy & Tart Arts," the young chefs will be inspired to "shake up" their lives as followers of Jesus. Registration forms are available at the church or online. CD's are also on sale for \$5, and there are free decals to iron on a t-shirt at the VBS display in the education wing.



#### CAMP GOTCHA (AUGUST 1 – 5, 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM)

This year's theme for Camp GOTCHA, for rising 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> graders, is God's Boot Camp. Registration forms are available outside Ellen Cumming's office or upstairs at the check-in table for Sunday school. Forms can also be downloaded from our website... [www.baylakeumc.org](http://www.baylakeumc.org) and at <http://campgotcha.org/camp-registration.html>. As it gets closer to July, registration rates increase. Participation is limited to 200 campers on a first come, first served basis. There is a junior camp and nursery for the children of volunteers. Please contact Ellen Cummings if you would like to volunteer to serve at Camp GOTCHA. Youth volunteers must be in high school.



FABULOUS WEDNESDAY DINNERS  
(THE FOURTH WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 5:30 PM)

“FAB WEDNESDAY” was started as a time of fellowship and friendship to socialize and eat great food. There is an opening prayer followed by a fabulous dinner catered and served by *MOMO on the GO*. Dinner is \$10/adult and \$5/child, with a \$30 max per family. Nursery service is available. Since this is a catered dinner, reservations are required.

\*FAB Wednesday dates for the coming months are:

June 22  
July 27  
August 24  
September 21  
October 26

*(\*Dates are subject to change.)*

Experience God in the stillness on the fourth Wednesday of each month, at 8:00 pm, following the FAB Wednesday meal. Join us for a TAIZÉ / Healing service - a time of meditative common prayer. Gathered in the presence of Christ, we sing uncomplicated repetitive songs, uncluttered by too many words, allowing the mystery of God to become tangible through the beauty of simplicity.



STEPHEN MINISTERS are members of Baylake UMC who have gone through extensive training in providing high-quality Christian care to individuals experiencing a crisis or life challenge. Stephen Ministers meet individually with an assigned care receiver for about an hour each week. This caring relationship lasts as long as the need exists. *If you would like more information on how to receive care from a Stephen Minister, please contact Rev. Deborah Clark at 464-2423.*

## SMALL GROUPS

(WEDNESDAYS ... 7:00 PM)

THOSE WHO CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD is a fellowship for people called to prayer. Through the urging of the Holy Spirit, the focus of the group is to study prayer in its various forms, to learn and apply the Word of God, and to listen for the leading of the Holy Spirit. "In intercessory prayer, the group lifts the world, our nation and leaders, the church, its mission and ministry team, people, programs and activities. We pray for the special prayer requests from the Contemporary Worship Service, Water's Edge, and all other special requests that are given to us. The group meets on Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm in room 114. Contact Janet Baker (464-2353) for information.

SEEKERS meet twice a month in the homes of members, for dinner and study on a variety of different topics. There are twelve regular members. Contact Lew or Nan Mabie (318-7373) for more information.

## OTHER SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

BAYLAKE UNITED METHODIST MEN (UMM) find the joy of Christ in working with each other to maintain those things over which they have been granted stewardship. The group's fundraising efforts, spearheaded by Baylake's annual Christmas Tree sale, provide financial assistance to those striving to do good works in society. Donations are given to a variety of ministries and outreach programs. 2011 events include the annual Tides baseball game & picnic outing in July 9, the Oyster Roast on October 29 and Christmas Tree Sales beginning November 25. For more information, contact Tim Butt at 373-0685.



BASEBALL GAME & PICNIC - JULY 9

7:15 PM



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW) are organized to meet the standards of our Purpose which states:



“The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship, and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.”

To support this PURPOSE, seven circles meet during the fall, winter and spring.

FAY BENNETT CIRCLE meets on the second Tuesday evening of the month at 7:30 pm. (Contact Gayle Reske, 464-2041, for meeting location and more information.)

SARA MASHAW CIRCLE meets the Second Monday Morning at 10:00 am. (Contact Marilyn Arney, 460-0896, for meeting location and more information.)

BETH CONERLY CIRCLE meets the second Monday morning of the month at 10:00 am, at Westminster-Canterbury. (Contact Lucy Hill, 217-2318, for more information.)

KATHLEEN OBER CIRCLE meets the second Tuesday morning at 10:00 am. (Contact Jackie Pontifex, 464-4204, for meeting location and more information.)

RUTH REYNOLDS CIRCLE meet the second Wednesday afternoon of the month at 1:00 pm. (Contact Fran Everton, 464-9493, for circle meeting location and more information.)

BARBARA PRYOR CIRCLE meets the third Monday evening of the month at 7:00 pm. (Contact Diana St. John, 222-9969, for circle meeting location and more information.)

IRIS WALL CIRCLE meets second Tuesday morning of the month at 10:00 am. (Contact Beth Templeton, 460-4806, for circle meeting location and more information.)

PRAYER BREAKFAST is a gathering of women for fellowship and food, a spiritual message, and intercessory prayer. Prayer Breakfasts begin at 9:30 am and are held in Everett Hall on Wednesdays:

OCTOBER 5  
NOVEMBER 2  
JANUARY 4  
FEBRUARY 1  
MARCH 7  
MAY 2  
JUNE 6

ALL women are invited to attend.

The Mission Teams meets in room 102 immediately following the monthly Prayer Breakfasts.

Please check the church bulletin each week for any additional and current information. Contact Barbara Pryor for more information (217-2397).

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MEET BAYLAKE CHURCH, our new member class for those who wish to join Baylake UMC, will resume in the fall. If you are interested in joining Baylake or learning more about Baylake and Methodism, please contact Dr. Driscoll. Sessions are held during the Sunday school hour in Dr. Driscoll's office, room 118. Call 464-2423 for more information.



## TOUCHING HEARTS... **T**TRANSFORMING LIVES



Our Capital Campaign has been very successful and will culminate in necessary building and grounds repairs and upgrades throughout the next several months. Visit our website ([www.Baylake UMC.org](http://www.BaylakeUMC.org)) for updates on the renovation projects.

## MUSIC MINISTRIES

### CHANCEL CHOIR

(THURSDAYS, 7:30 - 9:00 PM, SEPTEMBER - MID-JUNE)



Our CHANCEL CHOIR rehearses at 7:30 pm on Thursday evenings September through mid-June and shares anthems and special music each Sunday throughout the

church year as part of the weekly worship experience. They welcome singers high school age through senior adults. For more information, contact Director of Music Ministries Carin Cowell (464-2423).

### WATER'S EDGE

(THURSDAYS, 6:00 - 8:00 PM)

The WATER'S EDGE PRAISE & WORSHIP TEAM is a diverse group of instrumentalists, vocalists, audio / video technicians, and just plain good people who gather on Thursday evenings in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm to prepare for Sunday morning 9:00 am worship. Whether you're an accomplished vocalist or a beginning instrumentalist, there's a place for you. Contact Rev. Deborah Clark (464-2423).



### BAYLAKE BELLS

(WEDNESDAYS, 6:15 PM, SEPTEMBER - MID-JUNE)

Our handbell choir prepares musical offerings for specific worship services. If you can count to 4, you can play handbells! Contact Mary Allsbrook (672-4074).

# NURSERY MINISTRIES

The safety and well being of your children is our NUMBER ONE priority.

**We faithfully adhere to the guidelines of our church's**

Child Protection Policy.

## CHILDCARE

BAYLAKE'S NURSERY provides staff and volunteers for all worship services and most church-related activities.

All children are welcome in worship services. On Sunday morning, the nursery is available for infants, toddlers and preschoolers. Children 3 years old and above are invited to Sunday school upstairs during the Sunday school hour, 10:10 – 10:55 am. Preschoolers meet in room 206.

If your child has SPECIAL NEEDS, please speak with the Director of Nursery Ministries, Pam Thatcher (464-2423), PThatcher@BaylakeUMC.org).

Please follow the sign-in procedures posted outside the nursery and ensure that all of your child's personal belongings are clearly labeled (i.e., diaper bag, bottles, cups, pacifier, etc.).

*No child is to be left behind if parents leave the church premises.*



KID'S DAY OUT SUMMER PROGRAM  
(MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
ON THE WEEKS INDICATED BELOW)

Exciting KDO programs are available for children ages one to six-years-old during the weeks specified below.

Children enjoy crafts, music, snacks and fellowship in a loving, nurturing environment while parents and guardians have an opportunity to run errands during the week.

The cost is \$35 per day, per child. There is also a \$30 registration fee.

The program is offered the following weeks:

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| June 6  | July 18   |
| June 13 | July 25   |
| June 20 | August 15 |
| July 4  | August 22 |
| July 11 |           |

If you have any questions, please contact Pam Thatcher, Director of Nursery Ministries at [PThatcher@BaylakeUMC.org](mailto:PThatcher@BaylakeUMC.org) or call 464-2423 or 461-2339.



## MISSION INITIATIVES

### LOCAL, NATIONAL AND GLOBAL

Baylake is a mission-driven church and participates in several ongoing missions outreach projects throughout the year - GLOBALLY, NATIONALLY, AND LOCALLY.

A primary mission emphasis for 2011 is relief efforts for the embattled Sudan through our S.A.L.T. (SUDAN ACTION LEADERSHIP TEAM) ministry. Our church is funding higher education efforts for three of the LOST BOYS OF THE SUDAN - Simon Deng, Joseph Kiir Akol and Peter Adhum. We are also educating the four children of Rev. Isaac Sebit, who coordinates the 17 United Methodist churches in the Yei, Southern Sudan area.

Other initiatives for Southern Sudan include building a school in Pisak. Representative “bricks” can be purchased as an alternative gift in honor or memory of a loved one.

Baylake recently coordinated a container project with the Norfolk District to provide desperately needed supplies for an orphanage in Terekeka, Sudan. Churches from across the District collected and packaged over \$300,000 in supplies for the children at the Harvesters Reaching the Nations orphanage. Our current emphasis is collecting bars of soap for a second container project with Mount Ararat Baptist Church out of Stafford, VA.

BEADS OF HOPE - Baylake has raised over \$12,000 by selling beaded necklaces, made from recycled paper, by poverty-stricken people in the displaced person camps of Kampala, Uganda. Quite literally, each purchase recycles hope. Each product sold provides a way for them to make above average wages and be at home with their families.



Each piece of jewelry sold provides them with funds that are used for food, shelter, healthcare and school tuition. These funds are also used for art and sports programs for children.

MISSION INITIATIVES  
(CONTINUED)  
KENYA MISSION TRIP  
(SUMMER 2011)



You could save their sight  
in the blink of an eye.

This summer, Virginia Beach Eye Center ophthalmologist, Baylake's own, Dr. Samuel Garrett will travel to Mombasa, Kenya to serve as a medical missionary to the poor in a program run by the Lighthouse for Christ. Their mission: Healing physical and spiritual blindness on the East coast of Africa.

Of the estimated 1.4 million children worldwide who are blind, 320,000 of them live in sub-Saharan Africa. Not only is the economic burden of global blindness high, but eye diseases such as cataracts, trachoma, and glaucoma that are easily treated in developed countries can and do result in blindness and even death in third world nations.

Your contribution will help provide a new ICare tonometer and other ophthalmic equipment and supplies for the Lighthouse Eye Centre in Mombasa where Dr. Garrett will use it to check eye pressure for glaucoma. Each year the Lighthouse for Christ Mombasa mission staff is supplemented by volunteer eye surgeons, nurses and ophthalmic techs from the U.S. and Europe. The mission sees over 30,000 patients annually at the Lighthouse for Christ Eye Centre and mobile eye camps.



Dr. Garrett will join other ophthalmologists at the Centre and community mobile outreach clinics which perform over 2,000 eye surgeries and dispense nearly 3,000 pairs of eyeglasses annually. Your contributions are encouraged. Make checks payable to Baylake UMC and indicate "Lighthouse Mission" in the memo line.

(AUGUST 2 - 9)  
MISSION TRIP TO COSTA RICA - Robert & Pam Greer have helped to organize a United Methodist Volunteers in Missions (UMCOR) seven-day mission trip to Carillos, Costa Rica. Contact the Greers at 406-7820 for details.



(JULY 24 - 30)

Baylake's APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT (ASP) trip is scheduled for July 24 - 30, 2011. Team members will repair homes for some of the needy residents of Wyoming



County (Guyan), WV. This is our fifth consecutive year of working with ASP. This year's team consists of 25 youth and adult volunteers, many of whom are return volunteers. ASP's mission is to make homes warmer, safer, and drier for people who, for a variety of reasons, cannot afford to do this for themselves. Our work in support of this mission includes roof repair, insulation installation, floor repair, foundation repair, building handicap ramps, and a host of other repairs. During the week, we will not only work together but also worship, bond, and pull together as a church family with the goal of showing the families we are working for that God's love knows no boundaries! Contact Charles Baker (497-6706) for more information.

Locally, we work with the VIRGINIA BEACH WINTER SHELTER PROGRAM. Homeless men and women are provided food and shelter for the night, seven days at a time, in various local churches during the cold winter months. We also stock and maintain a FOOD CLOSET year-round for needy families, and we prepare and distribute Christmas

The church is also very involved in the GOOD NEWS JAIL AND PRISON MINISTRY at the Virginia Beach Correctional Center.

BEACH BAGS is a program that provides food for the weekend for some students at Bayside Elementary School who qualify for free or reduced breakfasts and lunches at school. Grocery bags are filled with nonperishable foods: two individual servings of cold cereal and of a main entrée (spaghetti, ravioli, etc.), two boxes of shelf-stable milk, two servings of fruit cups and juice, and two snacks (cereal/granola bars, pudding, raisins, etc.).

On Friday afternoons, we visit classrooms, ask each student to come into the hall with a backpack, and put the bags of food into the backpacks. The distribution is discreet; and with the food tucked away in backpacks, students aren't subjected to a lot of questioning from their peers. We serve about 30 students at Bayside and have added 35 students from Little Creek Elementary School each week. Donations of food and/or money and brown paper grocery bags are greatly appreciated. This is a program that could be replicated at other schools as the need becomes apparent and resources permit. Call Jeff or Patty Waller with questions (460-2712).

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## BAYLAKE SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

*I am interested in participating in the following ministry areas:*

- EVANGELISM/OUTREACH** – Will plan and implement opportunities to reach out to surrounding neighborhoods and extend invitations to worship and participate in Baylake ministries. Andy Cooke- Chair
  
- CONGREGATIONAL CARE** – Will offer caring ministries to the home-bound, members in nursing homes, and those recovering from illness, surgery, etc. Gayle Reske -- Chair
  
- EDUCATE AND EQUIP** – Will develop and offer church-wide and small group learning opportunities throughout the year. Linda Huff -- Chair
  
- MISSIONS** – Will encourage and coordinate Baylake’s participation in local, day-away, and global missions. Jeff & Patty Waller- Chairs
  
- CHILDREN’S COUNCIL** – Will plan and oversee Children’s Sunday school, mission activities, and other children’s ministries throughout the year. Ellen Clements - Chair
  
- WORSHIP** – Will plan and coordinate ushers, acolytes, seasonal decorations and other worship support activities. Brenda Barnes - Chair
  
- WATER’S EDGE WORSHIP** – Will assist in planning all aspects of Water’s Edge services, particularly seasonal services. Deborah Clark
  
- YOUTH COUNCIL** – Will plan and oversee all youth (B.U.M.Y.) activities throughout the year, including Christian Education, missions, retreats, fundraising and fellowship. Jon Johnson - Chair



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