



April 12, 2021

The Good News!

With Pastor Clark

As I reflect on this past week, including Easter Sunday and my time hiking the Appalachian Trail, I feel an amazing sense of jubilation knowing that Jesus is my Lord and Savior. As we have journeyed together learning to be more like Jesus, I want to continue to challenge us to share the good news of God's love to others. I am heart broken each time I hear a news story and there has been an incident of people killing one another. Jesus tells us, just as I have loved you, love one another! As we move throughout this week, let us be mindful to love one another!

Blessings, Pastor Clark

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Spiritual Practices

Noon Devotional – Catch us daily to hear the divinely inspired word of God with Steve Archer on Monday, The Message with Pastor Clark on Tuesday, Corbin Pinto on Wednesday, Pastor Clark on Thursday and Saturday, and Liz Barnett on Friday. Last week, Steve encouraged us to persevere, Sid Savoy wants us to have more of Jesus and less of me, Corbin sang her favorite Easter hymn "Crown Him with Many Crowns", Karen Jones shared her favorite Easter arrangements on the piano, and Liz Barnett spoke of the amazement of Jesus' resurrection.

Small Groups – Grow your faith by joining a Small Group!

Diving Deeper – Join Pastor Clark on Sundays at 5pm via Zoom to take a deeper dive into the current week's sermon. All adults are welcome!

Fill Your Cup – Liz Barnett leads a lady's group on Wednesdays at 9:15am in-person (friendship classroom) and via Zoom. The studies vary and typically last 6 weeks. All ladies are welcome!

Prayer

Please keep in your prayers Sandra Pittman in the death of her husband Gary, Jim Sigman in the death of his father, Deborah Foxwell in the death of her husband Boyd, Heath Steinmetz recovering from surgery at home, John Barnes, Patty Waller, Barbara Pryor, Elizabeth Howard's (Bob's niece) son Jakob for heart issues, and Bob Howard's sister-in-law diagnosed with breast cancer. If you or someone you love needs prayer, please send your prayer request to prayerbumc@aol.com.

A LIFE OF DISCIPLESHIP

Worship

As we continue our journey to walk more closely with Jesus, our worship focus this week will growing relationships with other that will create opportunities for us to share our faith! Join us on Sundays at 11am in-person, with masks and social distancing, or streaming on Facebook and YouTube Live.

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 9: 21-23

21 To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. 22 To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. 23 I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.



Service

Ministry Impact

We received a social media shout out for People in Need (PIN) Ministry for the meals that we provided and delivered to the homeless living in Virginia Beach. Thanks to the team for being the hands and feet of Jesus!



Administrative Teams

So that we can continue our ministry to those in the Shore Drive area, all our committees and team have continued to meet via Zoom. Church office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9am to 2pm, Wednesday 12pm to 5pm and Friday 9am to 12pm.

Church Council – *Simplified Accountable Structure* – At the March 2021 Meeting, moving to the next steps were approved. To learn more about the shift, join us for Town Hall meetings on Sunday, April 11th at 2pm (in-person & Zoom) or Monday, April 12th at 7pm (in-person & Zoom) or Trustees - Baylake United Methodist (baylakeumc.org)

Finance Team – C.O.O.L 2 Capital Campaign

At the March 2021 Church Council meeting, the Council approved the launch of the C.O.O.L 2 capital campaign as recommended by the Board of Trustees and Finance Committee. The amount needed to cover the cost to bring the facility up to date, including remodeling of the second-floor bathrooms to make them ADA compliant, new flooring, roofing and cooling system in the educational wing, and heating in the entire church is \$97,685. The funds needed to replace the cooling system, \$125,000 in the Fellowship Hall will be deferred to a later time. More details will be provided by our Finance Chair, Clay Curry (Charles.c.curry13@gmail.com), and Trustee Chair Russ Fink (rfinklegal@gmail.com).



HEALTHY CHURCH TEAM

The Health Church team continues to monitor the updates for safely worshipping in-person. The updated guidelines will be posted on our website (<https://www.baylakeumc.org/covid-19/>). We are still requiring a reservation by Wednesday if you desire childcare during the worship service or if you have a child that will participate in children's church so we can appropriately staff and prepare the rooms.

Children & Youth Ministry

Our **Director of Children's Ministry, Liz Barnett**, continues to minister to our children, 'tweens, and parents through this challenging time. She holds the weekly "Fill Your Cup" bible study via Zoom and creates video Sunday school lessons for children via YouTube.

Ministry Impact

On Good Friday, the children experienced a kid friendly "Stations of the Cross" event. The children had the opportunity to experience the stations with hands-on activities.



Youth

We are moving our weekly zoom meeting back to Wednesdays. I hope you will join us March 24, at 6:00 PM. If you have a youth 6th through 12th grade that is interested in joining us, please reach out to Pastor Clark at ccundiff@baylakeumc.org.



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