



April 26, 2021

## The Good News!

With Pastor Clark

This past week we celebrated Earth Day, reminding me how much I love to be in nature! Whether it was working in the garden when I was a kid, our hiking on beautiful trails as an adult, I have always felt closest to God when I am in God's creation. I am reminded of the scriptures about God creating the world and saying that it was GOOD! So, as we move throughout this week, let us be mindful of how God calls us to live in harmony with creation!

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 challenged us to push ourselves when we don't want to do something knowing that God is with us, Pastor Clark encouraged us to seize the day, Corbin sang "Be Thou My Vision", and Liz Barnett exclaimed that we are just like Peter!



**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 the family of Lexi Emory as she has left home and is missing, Larry Diunizio for recovery from back surgery, Benjamin Baker for retina surgery, Michelle Clark and family with the death of Stan Clark, Bill and Carolyn Watson, Heath Steinmetz, John Barnes, Patty Waller, 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](mailto:prayerbumc@aol.com).

## A LIFE OF DISCIPLESHIP

### Worship

This week we will continue our journey to walk more closely with Jesus by exploring the spiritual practice of meditating on the scriptures! Join us on Sundays at 11am in-person, with masks and social distancing, or streaming on Facebook and YouTube Live.

**Scripture: 2 Timothy 3: 16-17**

**All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good**



### Service

#### Ministry Impact

We are looking for volunteers to deliver the Beach Bags to Bayside Elementary School on Thursdays at 11am and picking up the order at Costco on Wednesdays. Contact Cindy Wilkins at [edciwi@yahoo.com](mailto:edciwi@yahoo.com) if you can help!



## Administrative Teams

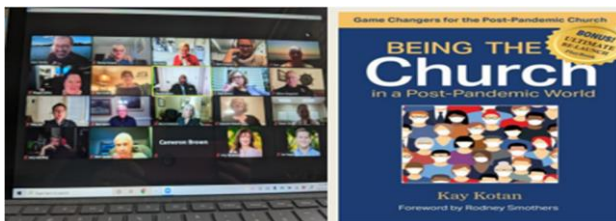
So that we can continue our ministry to those in the Shore Drive area all our committees and team have continued to meet via Zoom Church office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9am to 2pm, Wednesday 12pm to 5pm and Friday 9am to 12pm.

**Church Council** – Our **MISSION** is to “Make Disciples of Christ for the Transformation of the World”! We will do this by executing our **VISION** to connect with our community by praying, asking, worshipping, and serving others.



## From Our Reaching New People Team (Wendy Howard – wendyraehoward@gmail.com):

As more people get vaccinated and we begin to shift into post-pandemic times, we are challenged to reimagine what the church looks like now that includes how to reach and engage people. While we had to make an abrupt pivot at the onset of the pandemic, we have grown a bit weary as we have adapted our ministries using a hybrid approach of in-person and online. We remain committed to finding innovative ways to share the gospel message that aligns with our mission and vision. Over the next several months, we will explore the eight game changers for churches in a post-pandemic world as defined in Kay Kotan’s new book “Being the Church in a Post-Pandemic World”. The first area that we will explore is how to become more relational – to God, to One Another – to Our Community. We encourage each of you to consider how you might do this in your area of ministry. If you would like to join the team, please reach out to Wendy Howard or Pastor Clark.



## HEALTHY CHURCH TEAM

The Healthy Church Team will be attending a Facebook session with Bishop Sharma Lewis and her team on April 26, 2021 for a progress report webinar. 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

Our Tweens and Youth had a combined activity that included packing Beach Bags followed by a game of kickball! Thanks to all the families who participated in the fun! If you have new post COVID-19 ideas for family activities, please share them with Miss Liz at [ebarnette@baylakeumc.org](mailto:ebarnette@baylakeumc.org)



## Youth

We are meeting via Zoom on Wednesday, April 28, at 6:00 PM. If you have a youth 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade that is interested in joining us, please reach out to Pastor Clark at [ccundiff@baylakeumc.org](mailto:ccundiff@baylakeumc.org).



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