



May 3, 2021

The Good News!

With Pastor Clark

Over the last few weeks as I have become more intentional about embracing the spiritual practices of fasting and reading scripture, I have found myself drawing closer to God. Through this process, I have come to realize the great treasure of these practices and value of my relationship with God. When I was younger, I had the opportunity to travel to Japan where I became in awe of the beauty of cultured pearls that are so perfectly round and smooth. But I also found myself drawn to the irregularities of the freshwater pearls that seemed to be even more beautiful! Like the pearls, our relationship with God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit is a treasure of great value so that we can live more fully into our faith. This week, I challenge you to find God's treasures in scripture!

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 explained how we should deal with gossip and hearsay, Pastor Clark encouraged that less is more, Corbin sang “All Creatures of Our God and King”, and Liz Barnett shared that Jesus wasn’t in a rush.

The Message – Check out Pastor Clark’s message this week on “Why Fast?”. You can catch him weekly on YouTube with a shorter version of his sermon. [Why Fast? - YouTube](#)



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.

A LIFE OF DISCIPLESHIP

Worship

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

Scripture: I Cor 1:22-24

22 For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, 23 but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, 24 but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.



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 if you can help!



Administrative Teams

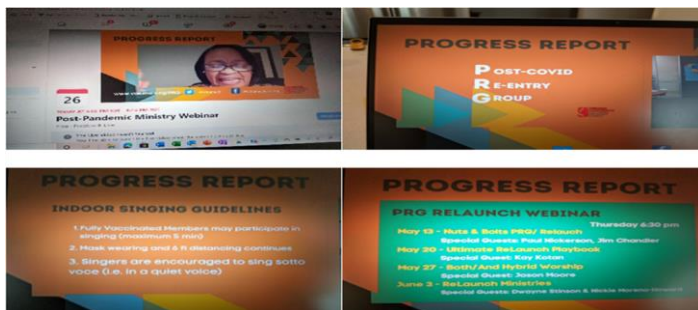
So that we can continue our ministry to those in the Shore Drive area all our committees and team have continued to meet via Zoom Church office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9am to 2pm, Wednesday 12pm to 5pm and Friday 9am to 12pm.

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.



HEALTHY CHURCH TEAM IS SHIFTING TO POST-COVID RE-ENTRY GROUP

On April 26, 2021, Bishop Sharma Lewis held a Post-Pandemic Ministry Webinar to announce the shift from focusing on the Healthy Church to Post-Covid Re-Entry Group (RPG). A significant part of this shift is to recognize that many Virginians have been fully or partially vaccinated so that some of the restrictions for in-person worship and gatherings may be eased. One of the most notable is that indoor singing will be allowed for up to 5 minutes for those who have been vaccinated! There will be series of webinars over the next few weeks to look for additional updates from the PRG Team!



CHURCH CONFERENCE FOR THE SIMPLIFIED ACCOUNTABLE STRUCTURE

A Charge Conference is scheduled for Monday, May 17, 2021 at 7:00 pm to approve the adoption of the Simplified Accountable Structure. This new structure will consolidate the Administrative functions of the church, including the Board of Trustees, Finance and Staff Parish Relations Committees, and the Church Council into a Leadership Council. This will allow for more flexibility and efficiency with decision-making as we adapt our ministry in a post-pandemic world. Additional information can be found on our website at [Trustees - Baylake United Methodist \(baylakeumc.org\)](https://www.baylakeumc.org)

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.

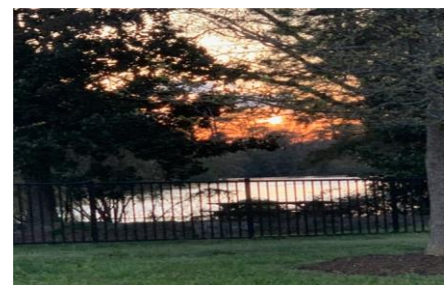
Ministry Impact

Our children are back to worship and are able to participate in Children’s Church each Sunday! Join Pastor Clark for the children’s message followed by Children’s Church. Contact Miss Liz if you would like to participate! ebarnette@baylakeumc.org!



Youth

We are meeting in person on Wednesday, May 5, 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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