



July 12, 2021

The Good News!

With Pastor Clark

As a recently baptized and confirmed member of Baylake UMC, I am excited to share the good news with you this week! Last week, I started a new job where I will be planning a city-wide leadership camp for students in the Virginia Beach High School system, so I thought I would talk about how we share our faith at work and do so in a way that is not forceful or overbearing. One of the best gifts that I have received was a hand-made quilt and matching pillow with bees and honeycombs on it. It says, "Bee Caring, Bee Happy, and Bee Kind"! We find similar values in many places in the bible that tells us to be generous (Proverbs 11:25), be a light (Matt 5:15), be loving (John 13:34) and be compassionate (1 John 4:7). My challenge for you is to consider which one you want to work on "beeing" this week!

Blessings, Brooke Kent

Spiritual Practices

Sunday School & Small Groups. On Sunday, June 6th, friends in the **Friendship Sunday School Class** were reunited! After not seeing one another in-person for over a year, more than 20 class members gathered to learn, rejoice, and praise God! The class has two new teachers joining the team, Howard Tant and Sid Savoy. They both have received high praise for their teaching, so you are invited to come see for yourself! The class meets on Sunday mornings from 10:10-10:50am in the Friendship classroom. Contact Carol Gallagher at 757-781-8866 or carolgallagher01@gmail.com if you would like more information!



Women at the Well Vine Group also gathered for a celebration! The group was excited to be reunited in-person for fellowship! The group is for women and led by Lynne Savoy. If you would like to join the group, please contact Lynne at 757-434-1588 or lynniepin8@aol.com.



A LIFE OF DISCIPLESHIP

Worship

This week we will continue our journey to walk more closely with Jesus by walking with the Holy Spirit. Join us on Sundays at 9 am on Facebook & YouTube and in person and 11 am in-person, with masks and social distancing if not vaccinated.

Scripture Eph 2:17-20

¹⁷ So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸ for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰ built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone!



It is always bitter sweet to say farewell to military families that have been a vibrant part of our church family. We wish God's blessing over the Brookes Family, Will, Donna & Gracie as they begin their civilian life in Texas!



Service

Ministry Impact

In conjunction with the Gathering at Scott Memorial UMC and Virginia Beach UMC, our Youth will be participating in a "week of service" to our community this summer – July 19-23. Youth can register at <https://baylakeumc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=05bcf41a3990f5028ea314bd9&id=ded5570102&e=ecf352d9c3> Let Pastor Clark know if you plan to participate. (ccundiff@baylakeumc.org)

Administrative Teams

So that we can continue our ministry to those in the Shore Drive area, all our committees and teams have continued to meet via Zoom Church office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9am to 2 pm, 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 (PAWS).



COMMUNITY OUTREACH THROUGH UPWARD SOCCER

After cancelling two spring Upward Soccer seasons due to COVID-19, our outreach to the community through Upward Soccer is resuming this Fall! The first game will be on Saturday, September 11th for an 8-game season. The games will be held on the fields at Virginia Wesleyan University. Children ages 3 to 7th grade are invited to participate. Early registration is open now for \$100 with a multiple child discount offered. You can register and find more details about the season here [Upward Sports - Baylake United Methodist \(baylakeumc.org\)](http://Upward Sports - Baylake United Methodist (baylakeumc.org)). Volunteers are needed as coaches, moment of encouragement leaders, and concession stand workers. Contact Dusty Gray at stilender1@aol.com if you would like to be a part of the ministry!

C.O.O.L 2 – Caring for Lord and Others Capital Campaign!

We are making improvements to our facility that serves as our strategic base for ministry! Please prayerfully consider donating at [Baylake UMC Giving Form \(sharefaith.com\)](http://Baylake UMC Giving Form (sharefaith.com))

PRAY!

Prayer: Please keep in your prayers Nan Cooke and family in the passing of Andy Cooke, Rachelle Bowser, Bill Fowlkes, Martha Kornegay, Mary Mattice, Betty Fultz, Larry Diunizio, Allen Cheek, John Barnes, Patty Waller, Sherry Harrington, Elizabeth Howard 's (Bob's niece) son Jakob for heart issues, Kristin Spannagel a friend of Amy for healing from cancer, Sue Rivey's neighbor Lisa 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.

Children & Youth Ministry

Our **Director of Children's Ministry, Liz Barnett**, continues to minister to our children, 'tweens, and parents through this challenging time. Join us for Children's Church during the 11am worship service and on YouTube for the weekly lesson!



Ministry Impact

On Sunday, August 1, 2021, following the 11am worship service, we will gather for a "Freedom Celebration"! Along with serving finger-food, we would love to hear your testimonials about how COVID-19 impacted your life and what it means now to have the freedom to worship and be with one another!



Youth

On Saturday, July 17th at 9:00 AM the youth will have the opportunity to go for a hour sail on Pastor Clark's sailboat, Quiet Wings, docked at Rudy Inlet. Please reach out to Pastor Clark at ccundiff@baylakeumc.org to secure your place!



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