



September 13, 2021

The Good News!

With Pastor Clark

As I reflect on this week's focus, the power of words, I am reminded of the adage, "Sticks and stones can break my bones, but words will never hurt me", however it is not true. My mother, the sweetest person ever to live on this earth, had a great smile. Yet, as soon as we wanted to take her picture, she refused to smile because someone had criticized her smile years earlier and she never smiled in pictures again. It is so important that we use our words to build people up and not tear them down! If we truly value other people as beloved children of God, then my words will be uplifting! We are reminded of this in the book of James 3:1-12 where James warns us of the power of words to lift up and to tear down. I challenge you this week to share words with others that are uplifting!

Blessings, Pastor Clark (ccundiff@baylakeumc.org or 757-615-0732)

Spiritual Practices – Family Ministries

Sunday School – Each week, we are resuming more of our post-pandemic in-person adult ministry. We extend an invitation to you to join one of the following groups:

Sunday School meets at 10:10am:

- **Friendship Class:** The class using the Adult Bible Studies curriculum and is currently focusing on "Belonging". The class has four incredible teachers: Yvonne Aucoin, Larry Diunizio, Mary Stroh, and Howard Tant. Contact Carol Gallagher at 757-761-8866 or carolgallagher01@gmail.com for more information.
- **Contemporary Journeys Class:** The class is currently studying "Romans, Romans, Romans". It is a mixed group of people, led by Shari Beasley, and meets in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Shari at lifewisep@t@gmail.com for more information.
- **Challengers Class:** The class is currently studying the works and writings of Andy Stanley. It is a mixed group, led by Alice Leggett, that meets in the library. Contact Alice at tleggett1@cox.net

Bible Study:

- **Fill Your Cup Women's Study** – The group meets on Wednesday's at 9:15am via Zoom and in-person. Contemporary studies are used with video streaming, study guides, and discussions. For more information, contact Wendy Howard at wendyraehowar@gmail.com

A LIFE OF DISCIPLESHIP

Worship

This week we will continue our journey to walk more closely with Jesus welcoming Jesus into our lives. 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 Mark 9:35-37

³⁵ He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶ Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."



Farewell to Karen Jones

We extend out heartfelt thanks to Karen Jones for the many years that she shared her musical talent with us! We wish God's blessings over she and Charlie as they embark on their new journey at New Creation UMC in Chesapeake!

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 Jesus 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).



WELCOME BAYLAKE ACADEMY STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

On Wednesday, September 8th, Baylake Academy welcomed the children to being the inaugural school year! The children are from age 16 months to Kindergarten. The mission of Baylake Academy is to engage and encourage every student to reach their full potential with individualized instruction and interactive activities to stimulate curiosity, exploration, discovery, creativity, and problem solving. Pastor Clark will be hosting children’s church weekly on Wednesdays! Please hold the teacher, children, and parents in your prayers! For more information go to [Baylake Academy - Virginia Beach, VA | Pre-K2 - Kindergarten Private Preschool](#)



PRAY!

Prayer: Please keep in your prayers the family of Clara Elizabeth Fischer in her death, Cyndy Feit, Gean Longo, Bill Fowlkes, Martha Kornegay, Mary Mattice, Betty Fultz, Larry Diunizio, 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 Rieve’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, ‘twens, 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



Connecting with Our Community

Thanks to Cyndy Feit and Pastor Ashley for ministering to our senior friends at Baylake Retirement and Assisted Living! Cyndy played the piano as the group joyously raised their voices in song to praise God! Pastor Ashley from Old Donation Episcopal Church shared a powerful message about the incredible strength and character of Jesus’ mother Mary as she boldly embraced God’s call on her life without fear!



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