



November 1, 2021

The Good News!

With Grace Holdren

Ever wonder what makes a hymn popular and causes it to be sung over many years? In over 1 million hymns that have been written in the Christian era, most hymn books contain 500-800 hymns. Our current United Methodist Hymnal contains 624. There are several factors that make a hymn popular. The first factor is the quality of rich poetic imagery and the clarity of how it expresses our faith such as "Abide with Me". Another factor is the testimony of the author rings true and conveys a personal relationship with the Lord such as "It is Well with My Soul". The melody also needs to be singable or have a catchy tune to become popular such as "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder". God's providence in a hymn may cause it to become a favorite such as "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" as it became a battle cry for the church during the Reformation, as was "The Church is One Foundation" used to correct doctrinal errors. Lastly, the songs that we learn in our childhood stay with us all our life such as "Jesus Loves Me"!

You can hear Grace's beautiful music on Sundays at the 11am Worship Service!

Spiritual Practices –Ministries

Small Groups - Join a Small Group for Advent!

As we kick off the season of Advent on November 28, 2021, you are invited to join a small group for our churchwide study! We will explore the faith themes in the Christmas classic "**How the Grinch Stole Christmas**" including how his heart grows 3 sizes, how Christmas save the Grinch, and could it be the very thing that we hate might change our lives? Our Baylake UMC Advent Devotional, written by our congregants, will also be based on this study.

BayShore – A mixed group that meets Mondays from 2-3pm at Westminster Canterbury. Contact Pastor Clark at ccundiff@baylakeumc.org

Diving Deeper – Mixed group that meets via Zoom on Sundays at 5pm to dive deeper into Pastor Clark's message. To join contact Pastor Clark at ccundiff@baylakeumc.org

Fill Your Cup Women's Bible Study – Meets via Zoom and in-person on Wednesday at 9am. Contact Wendy Howard to join at wendyraehoward@gmail.com

Contemporary Journeys Sunday School Class: Is a mixed group of people, led by Shari Beasley, and meets in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Shari at lifewisep7@gmail.com for more information.

Challengers Sunday School Class: Is a mixed group, led by Alice Leggett, that meets in the library. Contact Alice at tleggett1@cox.net



A LIFE OF DISCIPLESHIP

Worship

This week we will continue our journey to walk more closely with Jesus by showing love to one another. 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 John 12:24-26

²⁴ Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

Consecration Sunday

We will celebrate the culmination of our Stewardship Journey on Sunday, November 14, 2021. This year's theme, Loving Generously, with the focus on the giver's need to give, rather than God's need to receive, will be celebrated at both services. Please prayerfully consider how God is calling you to support the ministry at Baylake UMC! Thanks to those who shared their personal testimony – Mary Mattice, Dusty Gray, and Clay Curry!



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).



COMMUNITY OUTREACH ON THE CHRISTMAS TREE LOT

The trees are coming soon! The trees will arrive on Saturday, November 27, 2021, so many hands are needed to unload the truck and get the trees set up for sale! We will have 8-9ft, 7-8ft, 6-7ft, and 5-6ft trees this year but our order has been reduced by 40% by the supplier. The Scouts will be selling fresh evergreen wreaths, as well as helping us on the lot. We expect that the trees will sell even faster this year than last year when we sold out in just 7.5 days. This is a great way to meet and engage with our community as many of the families live nearby and have been purchasing trees at Baylake UMC for many years. We will also have our Baylake UMC Advent Devotional to share with our neighbors. All the proceeds support our church mission and outreach projects and our partners. We look forward to seeing you on the lot!

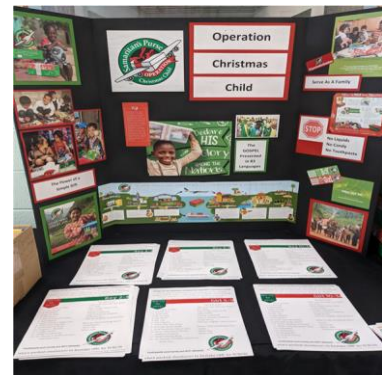


PRAY!

Prayer: Please keep in your prayers Sabine Walker in the passing of her father, Cyndi Pickins and her son Kyl, Brenda Barnes, John Barnes, Mary Patton in the passing of her mother, Nan Cooke, Jon Groff, Doris Dixon, Martha Kornegay, Sherry Harrington, Sherry White's son Michael and his dad Bill, Sue Rieve's sister Caye, Ray and Sally Anderson, and Wendy Howard. If you or someone you love needs prayer, please send your prayer request to prayerbumc@aol.com.

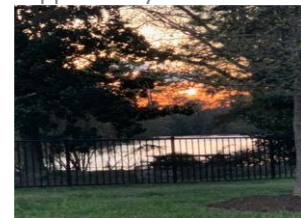
Mission & Community Outreach Ministry Impact – Operation Christmas Child

The Missions & Community Outreach Team invites you to join in with spreading God's love around the world in partnership with Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child Project! This year, you can pack a digital or physical box. To pack a box digitally, go to [Operation Christmas Child - Baylake United Methodist \(baylakeumc.org\)](https://www.operationchristmaschild.org) OR pick up your box, list and label at one of the tables in the Administrative Hallway or Hospitality Center. The cost to pack a box is \$25. Our goal is pack 100 boxes by **November 14, 2021!**



Community Outreach

Our Community Outreach and Missions Team invites everyone to join in our upcoming outreach and mission projects! On these dates, join us after the 11am worship service to pack **Beach Bags** and **Family Food Bags** for the children at Bayside Elementary School – November 21st, December 5th & 19th. We are also evaluating how we may participate in **Winter Shelter** this year. Look for future communication about this volunteer opportunity!



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