



November 30, 2021

## The Good News!

With Pastor Clark

Dr. Seuss wrote *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!* to express his concerns about the commercialization of Christmas. The Grinch, at least as we know him today, first appeared in the 1957 book *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!* by Dr. Seuss.

During the Advent season of preparation of the celebration of the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem; we anticipate Jesus' promised return; and we open our eyes, ears, and hearts to all the ways that Jesus is present with us now. During these weeks of preparation, we can learn much from the Grinch's story about staying focused on our relationships with God and with others amid the distractions of the holiday season.

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### Spiritual Practices –Ministries



We invite you to journey with us through the season of Advent and engage in the following ministry opportunities:

- December 12, 2021, at 12pm – **Holiday Food Basket Packing** for families in our community (Fellowship Hall)
- December 19, 2021, at 11am – **Christmas Cantata** - Musical performance (Sanctuary)
- December 19, 2021, at 12pm – **Beach Bags Packing**
- December 19, 2021, at 3pm – **Blue Christmas Service** -to honor people who have lost loved ones during the year (Sanctuary)
- December 19-21, 2021, at 5am & 7pm – **Winter Shelter Ministry (People In Need)** to care for the homeless in our community (Fellowship Hall)
- December 24, 2021, at 5pm (Family / Candlelight) 7pm (Candlelight) – **Christmas Eve Service** (Sanctuary)

## A LIFE OF DISCIPLESHIP

### Worship

This week we will continue our journey to walk more closely with Jesus by seeing the true meaning of Christmas. 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.

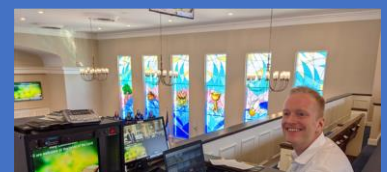


### Scripture Luke 1:68-71

68 "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them. 69 He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David, 70 as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, 71 that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.

### Serving

Ever wonder about the "Village" it takes to execute worship on Sundays? There are many people working interdependently to make it happen! If you are interested in planning worship, singing, praising, streaming, preparing digital slides, serving communion, decorating, or helping to lead worship, please reach out to Pastor Clark !



## Administrative Teams

Our ministry to those in the Shore Drive area committees and teams have continued to meet via Zoom. Church office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9:00 to 2 pm, Wednesday 12pm to 5pm and Friday 9:00 to noon.

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



## COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY IMPACT - WINTER SHELTER PEOPLE IN NEED

We are excited that Winter Shelter is returning to Baylake UMC this year! Our days to be in ministry with the homeless in our community are December 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup>. We need volunteers to help with breakfast (4:30 – 8:00AM). Dinner (5:00 – 8:00PM). We also need male chaperon, bathroom and laundry clean up in the mornings. There are also fellowship opportunities including bible study, games, and music. If social distancing is required, we will have 30 people, and if not we will have 60 people. Monetary and socks are needed! Contact Marly Nancey

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### PRAY

**Prayer:** Please keep in your prayers: Patricia Strait, Patty Waller, Cyndi Pickins, Brenda Barnes, John Barnes, Nan Cooke, Jon Groff, Martha Kornegay, Sherry Harrington, 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](mailto:prayerbumc@aol.com).

## Mission & Community Outreach

Our Worship Planning met the middle of November and through an extended period of prayer and discussion we felt God guiding us to choose Touching Hearts as our theme for 2022. The team was not aware of our Advent theme and with the continued references to our hearts in the Consecration message and sermons we do feel that the choice is what God wants us to focus on for next year.

### Consecration Sunday

Thanks to all who participated in our Celebration of your giving to our ministries as we made sacred our commitment to God for our giving in 2022. We received 40 pledge cards to date and 8 are from new families who have started attending Baylake for a total pledge amount for 2022 of \$224,980. We encourage those who are comfortable with letting us know how much God is asking you to give to fill out a card and turn in to the office. We have blank cards at the church office, and we are happy to send one to you. Thank you so much for your faithful support of our ministries! Pastor Clark



### 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 –, December 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>. We are also evaluating how we may participate in **Winter Shelter** this year. Look for future communication about this volunteer opportunity!