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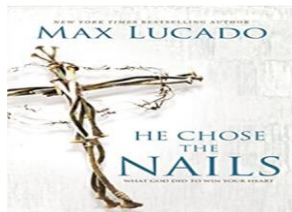
The Good News!

With Pastor Clark

This week we are continuing our journey towards loving one another by looking at our enemies. Specifically, Jesus commands us to do good towards those who hate us. In Luke 6:31, Jesus calls us to do to others as you would have them do to you. While listening and doing good towards others may seem easy to those that we love, Jesus specifically says to love our enemies and expect nothing in return! In today's culture of divisiveness on many issues, we are often tempted to love only those who agree with us, look like us, act like us, or sound like us. We are on the defensive, ready to strike out at those who harm us, instead of readily turning the other cheek. One of the simple rules from John Wesley, the founder of Methodism is "Do no harm. Do Good. Stay in Love with God". These rules should apply in all that we do when we engage with others, especially our enemies. This week I challenge you to love others just as Jesus loves us and showed us how to do so throughout his ministry!

Blessings, Pastor Clark (ccundiff@baylakeumc.org)

Spiritual Practices –Lenten Study & Small Groups



This year, Lent takes place from Wednesday, March 2 (Ash Wednesday), to Thursday, April 14, 2022, while Easter takes place on Sunday, April 16th. Our church-wide study will be "He Chose the Nails" by Max Lucado. Copies of the book will be available in the church office. As we walk through the 40 days leading to Jesus' crucifixion, death, and resurrection, we invite you to join one of our small groups"

- Contemporary Journey Class (In-Person) – Sundays at 10:10am in the Chapel on 2nd floor of education building with Shari Beasley
- Diving Deeper (Zoom) – Sundays at 3pm with Pastor Clark
- Bayshore (In-Person) – Tuesdays at 2pm at Westminster Canterbury with Pastor Clark
- Fill Your Cup Bible Study (Zoom) – Wednesdays at 9:15am with Wendy Howard

Worship

This week in worship we will continue our "Touching Hearts" journey as we learn how to listen to our hearts. We will explore how to listen for God's voice. Join us on Sundays at 9 and 11 am on Facebook Live & YouTube and in person.

Scripture Luke 9:28-32

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him.



Baylake Academy Open Enrollment

Enrollment is open now for the 2022 Summer Program and 2022/23 Academic Year. The Summer Program will provide children the opportunity to engage with science, technology, engineering, math, and the arts. Children 16 months to 3rd grade are welcome. Register at [Admissions - Baylake Academy | Virginia Beach Private School Pre-K - Kindergarten](#)

LEADERSHIP TEAMS

Our committees and teams continue to minister to those in the Shore Drive area as they meet via Zoom and in-person. 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 executing our **VISION** to connect with our community by praying, asking, worshiping, and serving others (PAWS).



WORDS FROM OUR LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

As we continue to live into our visions to connect with our community by sharing God’s love with them, we are prayerfully considering ways to do so. We know that families are a vital part of ministry, so we are actively seeking to fill the position of Director of Family Ministries. We also want to make our facility accessible to all people, so we are eager for the final phases of the elevator project to be completed. Your generous contributions are needed so that the project will be fully funded! 2021 was an exciting year so you will want to check out the year end report at [Church Council - Baylake United Methodist \(baylakeumc.org\)](https://www.baylakeumc.org)

ASH WEDNESDAY & HOLY WEEK

March 2nd - Ash Wednesday we welcome you to the sanctuary from 12-1pm and 5-6pm to receive ashes and journey through various stations.

April 10th – Palm Sunday at 9am will have the triumphal entry and Passion Story, and at 11am we will tell the passion story between the songs in the Cantata.

April 14th – Mandy Thursday at 7pm we invite you to ceremonial foot washing and Holy Communion.

April 15th – Good Friday at 7pm we invite you to the Service of the Nails.

April 17th – Easter you are invited to worship at 9am and 11am services to celebrate Jesus’ resurrection.

PRAY

Please keep in your prayers: Paul Webb and family for the death of his granddaughter’s 3-month-old son Maverick, Martha and Bernard Kornegay, Cyndi Pickens, Gary St. John’s brother Bryan, Don Farlow for recovery from surgery, Kristin Spanigel, her mother and her husband, Patty Waller, Brenda Barnes, John Barnes, Mary Mattice’s mother, Sherry Harrington, Sue Rieve’s sister Caye and all the people who have Covid-19. If you or someone you love needs prayer, please send your prayer request to prayerbumc@aol.com.

Community Engagement

Upward Soccer



After several cancelled seasons, our Community Engagement through Upward Soccer is scheduled to resume this spring! This season will have 6-games starting on April 23rd and concluding on June 4th.

Children ages 3 years old to 8th grade are welcome to play. Volunteers are needed as coaches, moment of encouragement facilitators, and concession stand sales. The cost is \$100 per child with multiple child and other discounts available.

Register at [Upward Sports - Find a Place to Play](https://www.upward-sports.com)

Contact Dusty Gray at stilender1@aol.com to help!

Community Recognition



On Sunday, February 20th we showed our love and appreciation to the Station 4, Chesapeake Beach, Fire and Rescue Squad! We presented them with 50+ snack bags so that they can grab and go as they are called to rescue those living in our community, coupled with a monetary donation. Thanks to all who packed bags and made donations as we show love to our community!

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