



March 21, 2022

The Good News!

With Pastor Clark

Our journey through the Lenten season using the Max Lucado study “He Chose the Nails”, continues this week as we focus on Jesus choosing to forgive us. When you were stuck in your old sin-dead life, you were incapable of responding to God. But, God brought you alive – right along with Christ! Think of it! All sins forgiven, the slate wiped clean, that old arrest warrant cancelled and nailed to Christ’s cross (Col 2:13-14 MSG). In Christ, God was reconciling the world to God’s self not counting their trespasses against God. We are all like sheep and have strayed away, in need of forgiveness. We need the power of the Holy Spirit to guide and direct us. Being reconciled to Christ, we will be saved by his life. Although Jesus had the power to stop the nails from going into his hands, he chose not to do so. Between the nail and his hand were a list of our transgressions. And He chose to forgive us by dying on the cross.

Blessings, Pastor Clark (ccundiff@baylakeumc.org)

Spiritual Practice of Stewardship –Improvements to Our Strategic Base for Ministry!



Praise be to God for the completion of our most recent capital projects! Through your generosity, the elevator project, allowing all people to access the second floor, and the second-floor restrooms renovations have been completed! Please take the time to ride our beautiful OTIS elevator and check out the restrooms! The 1050-s style construction in our facility has now been completed renovated, reading to serve as our strategic base for our ministry to the Shore Drive Community. The C.O.O.L Capital Campaign amount was \$523K with a balance of \$57K still owed on the project. Please consider giving a donation – it will be matched dollar for dollar! Proverbs 11:24 - Some give freely yet grow all the richer; others withhold what is due, and only suffer want. Contact Robert Howard at roberthoward72@aol.com for more information.

Worship

This week in worship we will continue our Lenten journey as we learn that God chose to invite us into his presence. We are completely free to enter the Most Holy Place with fear because of the blood of Jesus’ death. We can enter through a new and living way that Jesus opened for us. Join us on Sundays at 9 and 11 am on Facebook Live & YouTube and in person.

Scripture Heb 10:19-20

¹⁹ Therefore, my friends, ¹⁹ since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh),



Prayers & Support for our United Methodist Witness in Ukraine

Bishop Sharma Lewis has asked us to pray for the people of Ukraine! Contributions can also be made to Global Ministries Advance Eurasia with a designation for Ukrainian Assistance. Following is a link to the Eurasia Advance information

[Global Ministries - Eurasia In Mission Together - Russia and Belarus \(umcmission.org\)](https://www.umcmission.org)

LEADERSHIP TEAM

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, worshipping, and serving others (PAWS).



LOVING & ENGAGING OUR COMMUNITY

As we live into our vision to touch the hearts of those living in community, we must begin to engage with one another so that relationships can be formed. One of the best ways to begin to form a relationship is to engage with people that you come into contact with every day – the server at your favorite restaurant, grocery store workers, barbers and hair stylists, dry cleaner employees, coffee shop employees or patrons, the list is endless. The conversations can be simply about everyday things, or you could ask them about what they hope or dream for – everyone has hopes and dreams! You could even ask them what they are passionate about or what skill they have that they may be willing to teach! This is how relationships begin. I challenge you to try it this week! Community Engagement Team Leader Wendy Howard – wendyraehoward@gmail.com



HOLY WEEK & EASTER

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 – “Once Upon a Tree”.

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

Prayer: Please keep in your prayers: for peace in Ukraine, Faye Stevenson, Martha and Bernard Kornegay, Cyndi Pickens, Gary St. John’s brother Bryan, Don Farlow, Bob Howard’s sister-in-law Kim, cancer, 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



We are excited that our numbers of children registered to play are increasing and we are up to 50 kids already! On Friday, March 18th we held evaluations and met many of the kids and their parents! This season will have 6-games starting on April 23rd and concluding on June 4th. The games will be held at Virginia Wesleyan University!

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](#)

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

Community Outreach through Beach Bags!



We are making a difference of the lives of food insecure children at Bayside Elementary School through our weekend food bags and family food bags. Join us for packing on May 22nd, June 5th & 12th in the Fellowship Hall at 12pm

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