



April 4, 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 give us victory! In Romans 8:26, we hear that the Holy Spirit intercedes for us in our weakness, even when we do not know how to pray. When we are struggling through life, whether it be a sudden loss of a loved one, a health crisis, divorce, or disappointment, we know that all things work together for the good of God’s purpose (Romans 8:28). We have God’s assurance that we can leave all of our burdens at the cross. We need to claim the victory that if God is for us, who can be against us! (Romans 8:31). Many of us may be tempted to handle things on our own, but God wants us to seek God’s help and not to let our hearts be troubled. When we take our troubles to the cross, we can find peace. This week I challenge you to seek God to claim the victory!

Blessings, Pastor Clark (ccundiff@baylakeumc.org)

Welcome to Jonathan Pollard, his wife Ambra Nichole and their children!



It is with grateful hearts that we welcome Jonathan into ministry at Baylake UMC as of April 1st! Jonathan and his family will be relocating to Virginia Beach from Kentucky to serve as our Director of Family Ministries. He has experience in many areas of the church including leading and teaching students and young adults, preaching, and extending hospitality to others. He is committed to sharing the Gospel message with all people! Jonathan attends Regent University where he is working to achieve a Bachelor’s in Arts in Theology. Previously, he attended the Forerunner School of Ministry where he obtained a 2-year certificate in ministry. Jonathan is Dad to three beautiful children! Jonathan can be reached at jpollard@baylakeumc.org

Worship

This week in worship is Palm Sunday so we will be celebrating Jesus’ Triumphal Entrance into Jerusalem. At our 11am service, the Chancel Choir will perform the Cantata “Once Upon a Tree”, at 9am there will be a reading of the Passion Story with special music. Join us on Sundays at 9 and 11 am on Facebook Live & YouTube and in person.



Scripture Luke 19:36-38

⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸ saying,

“Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the
Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!”

**Please Continue to Pray for
Peace in Ukraine!**



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 ONE ANOTHER

Our Healthy Church Team continues to monitor and update our guidelines for operating the church to ensure that we are a safe place to worship. As we shift from a pandemic to endemic conditions related to the COVID-19 variants, we are following the Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidance and utilizing the updated tools for assessing the risk levels – low, medium, high – for the City of Virginia Beach. As of March 24, 2022, the risk level is LOW so there are no mitigating procedures currently in affect. Mask wearing and social distancing is not required at this time regardless of vaccination status. We do want to encourage those who feel sick to please stay home. The updated guidelines can be found on our website at [COVID-19 - Baylake United Methodist \(baylakeumc.org\)](https://www.baylakeumc.org/COVID-19-Baylake-United-Methodist)



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: Ukraine, Wendy Howard’s friend Page, and her dad Jim Painter as he fights cancer, Faye Stevenson, Martha and Bernard Korngay, Cyndi Pickens, Gary St. John’s brother Bryan, Don Farlow, 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 90 kids already! 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](https://www.upward.org/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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