



May 9, 2022

The Good News!

With Pastor Clark

As we reflect on Mothers and the important role that they play in our lives, I am always drawn to the scripture in Proverbs 31:10-31 – “The Wife of Noble Character”. This passage reminds me of my mother as she always took care of her husband, even getting up early daily to make him a home cooked breakfast before he went to work as a heavy equipment operator. She was strong and managed the household, a one-acre garden, and her children. She was kind and showed concern for others. She loved me and was not afraid to show love to me. The mother in this scripture is also described as being a landowner and merchant which is amazing to think that a women had that kind of status so long ago. While I know that all mothers are not as loving as mine, I pray that you have had a mother figure in your life. I offer this Mother’s Day Prayer to all mothers: Lord we pray for all MOTHERS. Beautiful and wonderful they fill the earth. Gracious in Your call they carry life in a bond of love they bring forth a child. We ask You to bless all MOTHERS today. May they feel the joys of motherhood every day. In all their struggles giving us a livelihood, may your LOVE and COMPASSION be with them for good. May every MOTHER feel today the pride and beauty of a family they bear. Through all pain and sorrow Lord deliver them. In Your STRENGTH and GRACE may they always stay. AMEN!

WELCOME to REV GARY SHAW (RET)



We are pleased to welcome Rev Gary Shaw (Ret) as the “interim church administrator” who will be in the office during Pastor Clark’s renewal leave period. Gary and his wife Melanie recently retired to Norfolk from Massachusetts. Gary and Melanie have two adult children, two grandchildren and a rescue dog named Mahri. As a lifelong United Methodist, Gary is well versed in the United Methodist church but is learning the unique customs that prevail in Virginia UMC’s. Gary is also a spiritual director, writer, and loves to tell stories. He is looking forward to working with the staff and meeting folks from the Baylake community.

Please welcome Gary and Melanie to our community when you see them and hold Gary in your prayers as his transitions into this role!

Worship

This week in worship we will begin our church-wide study “Reckless Love” by beginning with love. Join us on Sundays at 9 and 11 am in-person in the Sanctuary or online at Facebook Live & YouTube (Baylake United Methodist Church).



Scripture Mark 12:29-31

²⁹ Jesus answered, ‘The first is, “Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; ³⁰ you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.” ³¹ The second is this, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” There is no other commandment greater than these.’

Welcome to Our Newest Members – Ed & Delaine Hollandsworth



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 10am to 3pm 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 OUR PASTOR

In the United Methodist Church, pastors may request leave time to rest and renew themselves for future ministry. Recently, Pastor Clark has requested a 64-day Renewal Leave from his appointment at Baylake UMC and the Leadership Council has agreed to honor his request. Beginning on Sunday, May 15th, Pastor Clark will commence his Sabbatical and conclude it on July 17th. During this time, the pulpit and pastoral care needs will be attended to by several retired UMC pastors living in our community, coupled with our Director of Family Ministries (Jonathan Pollard) Lay Leader (Robert Howard) and Leadership Council (Jan Taylor). We invite you to pray for Pastor Clark and Amy that their spirits may be renewed during this time.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT THROUGH UPWARD SOCCER!



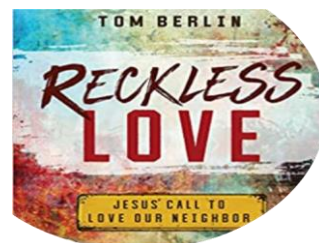
We are having so much fun sharing God’s love on the soccer field at Virginia Wesleyan University! Weekly, we have 110 players plus their parents, family members and friends. We are learning about the virtue of “Individuality” and how God made each of us unique! While we discover our uniqueness’s, we are also exploring how to use them to make a difference on our team and in the world!

PRAY

Prayer: Please keep in your prayers: Ukraine, Nola Grof and family on the death of Jon, Rhonda Sumner Family, Faye Stevenson, Martha and Bernard Kornegay, 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.

GROW Your FAITH!

NEW CHURCH-WIDE STUDY



On Sunday, May 15, 2022, we will begin our church-wide study “Reckless Love: Jesus’ Call to Love Our Neighbors” by Tom Berlin. This aligns with our Touching Hearts theme this year as we work to love those living in our community.

Join a Small Group!

Sunday’s at 3PM with Mike Patton
Sunday’s at 10am with Jonathan Pollard
Sunday’s at 10:10am with Shari Beasley
Wednesday’s at 9:15am with Wendy Howard (Zoom)



The first quarter giving statements have been issued! Thank you to all those who have generously supported the ministries at Baylake UMC so that we can be Jesus’ hands and feet to the Shore Drive Community!

Community Outreach 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 12th in the Fellowship Hall at 12pm

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