



June 10, 2022

The Good News!

With Robert Howard

While Pastor Clark is away on Spiritual Renewal Leave, we have been doing a church-wide study called “Reckless Love: Jesus’ Call to Love Our Neighbor” by Tom Berlin, the Senior Pastor of Floris United Methodist Church in Herndon, Virginia. The study is rooted in Jesus’ “Great Commandment”, the directive to “Love the Lord your God with all you heart and with all you soul and with all your mind, and to love your neighbor as yourself (Matt 22:35-40). We are discovering how to love God and neighbor, who is our neighbor, and whether or not love can be commanded at all? In order to love others, we first have to love ourselves as God has loved us. When we are in close relationship with God, we are secure in knowing that God loves us, so that we in turn, can show love to others. We have also been challenged to find our neighbors, often those who are in close proximity to us, yet overlooked by us. Some may look like us, while others may look very different, yet we are called to love all. Jesus provides us with very specific guidelines on how to love others. In Luke 6:27-38, Jesus calls us to love our enemies by turning the other cheek, loving without expecting anything in return, and doing so without judging or condemning. In our broken world, this week I challenge you to find someone different from you to love! Blessing, Robert Howard (roberthoward72@aol.com)

Day of Celebrating & Serving Cookout



On Sunday, June 12, Baylake had a time of “**Celebration and Serving** “. Following the 11 AM service the church gathered for a meal *celebrating* our High School, College, Masters, and Doctorate gradates and lavishing them with God’s love as they anticipate the next chapter for them for serving in God’s Kingdom! We will also *serve* our community as we lovingly pack the Family Food Baskets and Beach Bags for the food insure families at Bayside Elementary School. We thank Boy and Cub Scout troop 67, as well as those who donated food, time, prayer, love and laughter.

Worship

This week in worship we continue our church-wide study “Reckless Love” by striving to “Value the Vulnerable”. 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 5:16-20

¹⁶ Those who had seen what had happened to the man possessed by demons and to the swine reported it. ¹⁷ Then they began to beg Jesus^{LJ} to leave their neighborhood. ¹⁸ As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed by demons begged him that he might be with him. ¹⁹ But Jesus^{LJ} refused and said to him, “Go home to your own people, and tell them how much the Lord has done for you and what mercy he has shown you.” ²⁰ And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and everyone was amazed.

Welcome to Our Newest Members – Josh Bazil, Sarah Bazil & Beth Howard



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).



RECOGNIZING OUR 2022 GRADUATES

We rejoice and celebrate with our graduates as they have achieved academic milestones that have prepared them to serve in God’s Kingdom.

Congratulations to our High School graduates:

- Griffin Butt
- Christopher Dolson
- Blake Jones

Congratulations to our College graduates:

- Paige Allsbrook Virginia Tech
- Joshua St. John Old Dominion University
- Trevor Law Old Dominion University
- McKenna Nacey Virginia Tech

Congratulations to our Master Degree graduates:

- Jackie Strohkorb Old Dominion University
- Andrew Sorenson MIT

Congratulations to our Doctoral Degree graduates:

- Ed Hollandsworth Virginia Tech

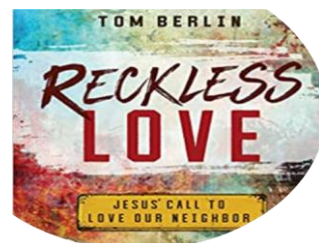
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT THROUGH UPWARD SOCCER!



We had an amazing Upward Soccer Season where we shared God’s love on the soccer field. We are so grateful for the coaches who helped to develop the players skills in a loving supporting environment, the concession stand volunteers who lovingly greeted the kids and families, the courageous Moment of Encouragement team who boldly shared their faith and God’s word to the parents and children, and the leadership team who worked tirelessly to re-launch the ministry to share God’s love in our community!

GROW Your FAITH!

CHURCH-WIDE STUDY



As a church, we have been studying “Reckless Love: Jesus’ Call to Love Our Neighbors” by Tom Berlin. We have been striving to live into Jesus’ Great Commandment to Love God and to Love one another! We are finding that while it sounds easy, loving God, ourselves, and our neighbor is not that easy. We challenge each of you to find a neighbor, someone different from you, or someone that is difficult, to love just as God loves us! We look forward to hearing your stories how God has called you to love your neighbor!

PRAY

Prayer: Please keep in your prayers: the victims of Uvalde, Ukraine, Rhees family on the death of Bee, Martha and Bernard Kornegay, Cyndi Pickens, Patty Waller, 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 Outreach Opportunities



We are making a in the loves of those living in our community! Join us for these events:

- July 5th – Give the Gift of Live Red Cross Blood Drive -2to 7pm Baylake UMC
- July 18th – JCOC dinner serving at 5:30pm

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