



July 18, 2022

The Good News!

With Pastor Clark Cundiff

After the completion of my spiritual leave, I have fully reconfirmed the call that God has on my life to continue our mutual spiritual journey together. I am honored to again be appointed as the pastor of Baylake United Methodist Church for the next year. My heart is grateful for the precious gift of time away to focus on my own spiritual renewal and commitment so that I can be available to God in all the ways that God calls me. At the Friday worship service at the Virginia Annual Conference, Bishop Sharma Lewis confirmed that we are all called by God for a purpose and part of that purpose is to go where God leads all of us. My time away has confirmed the call that I answered in a special way to be a pastor 22 years ago. I am even more committed to the call from God to serve at Baylake UMC. During this time, I was able to focus on my spirituality to draw closer to God. I am thankful to all the leaders, staff, and volunteers who served in my absence so that the ministries continued seamlessly. God Is Good!

The Coastal Virginia District of the United Methodist Church is Created!



In June, the Virginia Annual Conference reduced the number of districts from sixteen to eight. Baylake UMC is now part of the Coastal Virginia District that is the combining of the Elizabeth River and Eastern Shores Districts. Our new District Superintendent, Rev Dr Cecelia Brooks, was installed on July 17, 2022, at Heritage UMC in Virginia Beach. DS Brooks loves God, People, and Methodism! Her prayer is that God binds us together so that we use our collective gifts and talents to reach people for Jesus Christ!

Worship

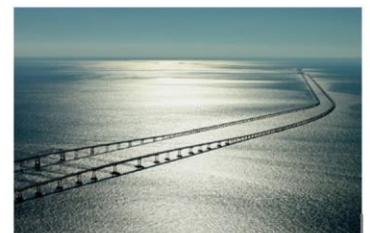
This week in worship we turn our focus to how we can be witnesses for Jesus through prayer. Join us on Sundays at 9 and 11 am in the Sanctuary or online at Facebook Live & YouTube (Baylake United Methodist Church).



Scripture Luke 11:9-10

“So, I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

New Districts in the Virginia Annual Conference



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-Friday 8:30-12:30.

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).



FAMILY MINISTRIES RE-LAUNCH

We are excited to share that our family ministries have been re-launched! Under the leadership of Jonathan Pollard (jpollard@baylakeumc.org) our ministry to families is growing and bearing fruit. For youth that are ages 6-12th grade, there are opportunities to gather on Sunday and Wednesday evenings. For children 3 to 5th grade, on Sunday's we have Children's Church, Lego Club and, once a month, Parent's Night Out!

On Friday, September 16, 2022, join us in our “Back to School” Ministry event for children and youth! It will be a time of fun and fellowship and learning about how Jesus is always with us! Subsequently, youth night will shift to Friday evenings!



GROW YOUR FAITH

Looking for new ways to grow your faith? We need small group leaders in our adult ministries area that would include mixed groups, women, and men's studies. A small group can be a bible study, affinity group, accountability group, or whatever you can imagine that will help equip us to reach people for Jesus Christ! Leaders for Christian Foundational and What We Believe classes are also needed. Please reach out to Wendy Howard at wendyraehoward@gmail.com if you desire to lead a group!

THANKS & GRATITUDE!



We are a grateful congregation for all of those who graciously served in worship while Pastor Clark was on Spiritual Renewal Leave! We thank our Lay-Leader, Robert Howard, who led our worship service, opened the building, turned the lights on, and made sure that our guest speakers had everything that they needed. And, to Rev's Jones, Shaw, Davis, and Allen Cheek for your passionate and inspiring sermons!

PRAYER NEEDS

The people in Ukraine, Martha and Bernard Kornegay, Cyndi Pickens, Patty Waller, John Barnes, Mary Mattice's mother, Brenda Barnes, Sherry Harrington, and all the people who have Covid-19. Bereaved the families of Marion Watson June 22, 2022 and Cecil Welsh June 24, 2022

Send your prayer request to prayerbumc@aol.com.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



We are making a difference in the lives of those living in our community! In the month of July, we exceeded our goal for the blood drive sponsored by the Red Cross! We had 24 people give the gift of life to others!

We served 80 meals to the homeless at the Judeo-Christina Outreach Center!

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