



December 19, 2022

The Good News!

With Pastor Clark Cundiff

“Best and happiest of all, the time before him was his own, to make amends in!” thinks Scrooge at the end of *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens. As Scrooge awakes his first thoughts are that he wants to make amends for his earlier life. Scrooge is redeemed and does a complete turnaround in his life. Just as Scrooge turned his life around, we can turn our lives around as well. As we celebrate the birth of Jesus this Christmas, we can affirm anew the opportunities to share God’s love in the world not just at Christmas but throughout the year. Just as Scrooge learns how to “keep Christmas well” we can likewise love instead of hate. We can ask for forgiveness; we can reach out to a loved one whom we may have not called in a long time. Jesus’ birth changes everything. All things are possible through a God who loves us so much he sent his Son so that we would have forgiveness of our sins and the gift of eternal life. May we all be redeemed as Scrooge! “And so, as Tiny Tim observed, God bless us everyone!” Pastor Clark Cundiff

COMMUNITY OUTREACH THROUGH THE CHRISTMAS TREE LOT!



Wow! What an amazing year we had on the Christmas Tree Lot! With 70+ Volunteers over 8 days, we sold out of trees! We are grateful for the support of our community as we raised over \$8,000 that will support our mission and ministry projects next year! We not only sold trees but built relationships and grew our faith through sharing devotionals and encouraging one another! Special thanks to our team leaders, Scout Troops and Pack, Scholarship Award Recipients, and the many who faithfully served as tree handlers, cashiers, and greeters! Merry Christmas!

Worship

This week in worship we culminate the Advent Season with the Birth of our Lord and Savior - Jesus Christ! Join us on Christmas Eve & Day in the Sanctuary or online at Facebook Live & YouTube (Baylake United Methodist Church).!

The Hope of Christmas Future!

⁵ He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no place in the guest room

Luke 2: 5-7

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Join us on Christmas Eve as we celebrate the birth of Jesus!

5pm – Family

7pm – Candlelight



CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP

11am – Sanctuary
Christ is Born!



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-Thursday 9-2PM, Friday, 9:00-12:30 PM.



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, worshiping, and serving others (PAWS).

WINTER SHELTER 2022

December 28th-January 4th



This year we are expecting 60 guests starting with dinner on December 28th and concluding with breakfast on January 4th. Many people have already graciously volunteered to care for the homeless by preparing and serving meals, sharing in activities, and being present to share God’s love with them. Volunteer scheduling is being done in Realm Connect if you are interested in volunteering. The current schedule can be found at

<https://onrealm.org/baylakeumc/ViewSchedule/Schedule/MGJIZWJjZmltOTU0MCM0NGI5LTg5YzctZGI2Y2ZmNGRmMDQ0>



MUSIC & CHARLES WESLEY

Charles Wesley, the younger brother of Charles Wesley, is the most famous Methodist musician. He was a prolific hymn writer who wrote over 6,500 hymns during his life! One of his most famous hymns that we sing this time of year is “Hark the Harold Angles Sing”. Methodists are known for singing our faith which was greatly influenced by Charles!

PRAYER NEEDS

Pam Lingle, Megan Bazil, Leon Bowery (Tracy Meyer's father), Nancy Pelton (Bob Edmunds’s sister), Maddie Long, Bill Stevenson, Ukraine, Melinda Irby, Martha and Bernard Kornegay, Patty Waller, Brenda Barnes, John Barnes, Sherry Harrington, and those who are grieving the loss of loved ones. Send your prayer requests to prayerbumc@aol.com.

NEED FINANCIAL PEACE?



A new class begins on January 29th via Zoom. Your leaders, Robert Howard, CPA, CMA, CFM (roberthoward72@aol.com) and Allen Cheek, MBA will take you through the 9 weeks of Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University. They will help you through the process of getting out of debt, managing your resources through budgeting, plan for various financial phases, all so you can live and give like no one else! The cost a 3-month membership is \$59.99 and can be purchased when you register. Space is limited so register soon!

[Ramsey+ \(ramseysolutions.com\)](https://ramseysolutions.com)

FAMILY FOOD BAGS!



On Sunday, December 11th, many hands lovingly packed 43 Family Food Bags for the food insecure children at Bayside Elementary School!

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