



February 20, 2023

The Good News!

With Pastor Clark Cundiff

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22, and ends on Holy Saturday. *Lent* comes from the Anglo-Saxon word *lencten*, which means “spring.” The season is a preparation for celebrating Easter. Lent began as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism by converts and then became a time for penance by all Christians. Our theme for Lent our comes from the book Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws by Adam Hamilton. Jesus came to lift up the lowly. Throughout his ministry to his final days on the road to the cross, we find stories of his relationships with ordinary, flawed, and unexpected people. He met, dined, and traveled with people who were not perfect. Jesus brought the good news of God’s kingdom to those who most needed to hear it. During this season of Lent, I challenge each of us to take on something that will lead into a deeper relationship with God. Lent is a time for growing through repentance, fellowship, prayer, fasting. I am praying for an awesome Lent! Pastor Clark

GET READY TO SHARE YOUR FAITH IN OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH UPWARD SOCCER!



Jesus calls us to share God’s love with others which is what we will do on the soccer field! The 2023 Season will launch on Saturday, April 22nd at 9am at Virginia Wesleyan University. We need volunteers to be coaches, referees, moment of engagement leaders, and concession stand workers. Let us know you are interested in serving through Realm Connect! Early registration is open at the price of \$100 per child at [Upward Sports - Baylake United Methodist \(baylakeumc.org\)](http://Upward Sports - Baylake United Methodist (baylakeumc.org)). Contact our ministry leaders Dusty Gray (stilender1@aol.com), Wendy Howard (wendyraehoward@gmail.com) or Robert Howard (roberthoward72@aol.com) for more information!

WORSHIP

This week in worship we will focus on Luke 1:46-55, Lifting Up The Lowly. Join us for worship in the Sanctuary or online at 9am & 11am in person or on Facebook Live & YouTube (Baylake United Methodist Church).

God has done great things

And Mary said “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name!”

Luke 1: 46-49

SCOUTING AT BAYLAKE UMC

Sunday, February 12, 2023 was Scouting Sunday and we were blessed to have BSA Troops 67, 5068 & Pack 67 Worship with us! We are so grateful to have you are part of our church community and our liaisons Dusty & Vonda Gray!



PRAYER NEEDS

Prayer: Sally Anderson, Heather and Steven Gracine (friends of Shari Beasley) Mary Barnes, Kim Curry, Bob Edmunds, Ray and Apple Bazil (Brian's parents), Nancy Pelton (Bob Edmunds 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.

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Our committees and teams continue to minister to those in the Shore Drive area as they meet via Zoom and in-person.



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).

NEW LEADERSHIP COUNCIL HOLDS RETREAT A Message from Howard Tant – Leadership Council Chair

On Saturday, February 11, the BUMC Leadership Council met for a winter retreat. As we prayed and discerned, one theme the Lord impressed upon us was greater relationships with each other and with our community. John 13:35: “By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

It’s easy to be comfortable with the people we know, but sometimes the greater blessing is in the risk of new friendships. Here are two challenges for us all in 2023. The first challenge is making a friend. Do you know everyone at Baylake? If not, get to know someone new. If you know everyone at your service, there is another service with new friends waiting for you! The second challenge is reaching out and inviting someone new. Who do you know that is unchurched? Do you know why they are unchurched? Ask them. Invite them to a service, a small group, or a volunteer event with you. Prayer: “God, show me who I need to befriend this year and who in my community needs You. Help us to grow Your kingdom one by one and be who you are calling us to be.”

2023 Leadership Council – Howard Tant (Chair), Robert Howard (Lay Leader), Janice Taylor (Personnel Chair), Bob Edmunds (Trustee), Clay Curry, Dusty Gray, Edgar Hollandsworth, Diana St John, Robert Holland, Ralph Corey (Members)



Congratulations to the 2023/24 Baylake UMC College Scholarship Recipients:

Name	School
• Willow Baker	Virginia Wesleyan University
• Griffin Butt	High Point University
• Christopher Dolson	Tidewater Community College
• Blake Jones	Virginia Tech
• Brooke Kent	University of North Carolina Wilmington
• Emerson Miller	Washington & Lee University
• Kaleigh Miller	Virginia Tech
• Maura Nacey	University of Virginia
• Mike Rogerson	University of Virginia
• Carter St. John	Virginia Tech
• Carson Strawbridge	Queens University Charlotte
• Sydney Strawbridge	Old Dominion University
• Maxwell Warner	University of North Carolina Wilmington

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HOLY WEEK & EASTER



Journey with us through Holy Week 2023 as we have several opportunities for worship :

- April 6th – Maundy Thursday: Foot Washing Service at 7pm (Sanctuary0)
- April 7th – Good Friday: Service of the Nails at 7pm (Sanctuary)
- April 9th – Easter Sunday: Christ is Risen Worship at 9am & 11am & Streaming

BEACH BAGS FOR BAYSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Weekly, Baylake UMC is packing and proving weekend meals to the seventy food insecure children. With the rising cost of food, this ministry needs financial support for its sustainability. Our congregational packing dates are March 19th, April 16th, and May 14th. Please consider making a donation to the Beach Bag Ministry.