



September 20, 2023

The Good News!

With Pastor Clark Cundiff

I believe that the most important thing in life is our relationships: with God, with self, and with other people. This Sunday we will be talking about the importance of our relationships with other people. All of the favorite times in my life involved other people. My Dad cooking hamburgers on the grill outside and our meal together. Sitting outside where I grew up talking to my three siblings. Leading a class where people discovered amazing things about themselves that greatly improved their lives. The day I was ordained into the United Methodist Church. The day I married Amy. All those special times involved other people. I love other people and love to get to know other people. The richness of my life comes from all the wonderful relationships I have with other people. Hebrews 13:1-2 says, "Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it." Love one another and through that love discover the joy of that relationship. I believe every person has a gift to give me and all that is required to receive that gift is to create a relationship with that person. Love God, love yourself, and love other people. Pastor Clark

FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY – SCOUTS OF BSA



Did you know that the Scouts of BSA is one of the few organizations that have an official code for flag retirement? Respect for our nation's symbols is an integral part of being a reverent, responsible Scout, thus specific rules for the appropriate retirement of the United States flag. On September 11, 2023, our BSA Troops 67 and 5067, supported by Pack 67 held a Flag Retirement Ceremony at Baylake UMC. The Scouts retired the flags with dignity and respect after they became worn, torn, faded, or badly soiled. Our Scout Troops and Pack are an important part of the ministry at Baylake UMC, so we encourage you to attend an event or become a badge counselor! Vonda Gray (cattystone@vondadeelgray.com) is our church liaison to the Scouts.

WORSHIP

This week in worship we will focus on Hebrews 13:1-8. We will explore how Jesus wants us to show hospitality to each other. Join us for worship in the Sanctuary or online at 9am & 11am in person or on Facebook Live & YouTube (Baylake United Methodist Church).



(Children of BUMC Learning a New Song)

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SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC



Thank you to all of our musicians who graciously shared their talent with us during the summer months. We are a grateful congregation for all the beautiful music during worship!

LEADERSHIP TEAM

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



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).

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

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL RETREAT

BY HOWARD TANT



On Saturday, August 19, 2023, the Leadership Council of Baylake United Methodist Church met for a combined mini-retreat and leadership council meeting. Our two initiatives for 2023 were 1) **Building stronger relationships** with each other and our community and 2) **Reaching the missing generations** that are currently not present in our faith community.

We discussed the many areas where we are doing well that includes showing hospitality to our guests, deepening relationships through intergenerational fellowship meals, growing our faith through small groups and church-wide studies, sharing God’s love through community engagement with Upward soccer and prayer walks, and serving those in need through Winter Shelter Ministry and Beach Bags feeding program.

An identified growth opportunity is with our families and the ministry that is provided to support them. Whether it is volunteering to support the children’s ministry, Boy Scouts of America, or recommending a person to join our staff, we need you! Currently, there are opportunities on Sunday’s mornings to help grow the children’s faith on during Children’s Church or to serve as a merit badge counselor.

God is moving in our congregation, and we want everyone to get involved in ministry! Using our unique gifts in ministry to share God’s love helps us to fulfill our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world! Will you answer the call and help us fulfill our mission in any of these ways? Please contact Howard Tant, Leadership Council Chair, at howardtant@gmail.com or 757-679-1919

PRAYER NEEDS

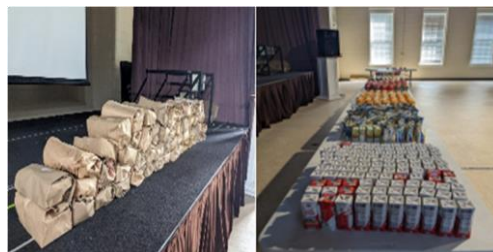
Emily Reynolds, Naomi Cummings, (Lynne German mother), Paul Webb, Bob Rieve, Caye Spalding (Sue Rieve’s sister), Lynne Savoy, Becky Daniels, Susan Pittman, Zoe Scaduto, Esther Briner, the Gray family, Nancy Pelton (Bob Edmunds sister), John Barnes, Maddie Long, Bill Stevenson, Ukraine, Martha and Bernard Kornegay and Sherry Harrington. Send your prayer requests to prayerbumc@aol.com

WE VALUE OUR VETERANS

For many years, the congregation at Baylake UMC has been blessed with active, reserve, and retired military men and women! We want to preserve our history by documenting the stories of the men and women who have served in various military roles. Contact Ned Cummings (757-434-9479) or Al Will (757-238-8350) for details.



SERVING OPPORTUNITES COMING THIS FALL / WINTER!



Oct 1st – Beach Bag Packing for Bayside Elementary School

October 29th– Return Packed Boxes for Operation Christmas Child

November 25th – Christmas Tree Lot Opens

Dec 27th – Jan 3rd – Winter Shelter

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Ruthless
Elimination
of
Hurry

Foreword
by
John
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New Small Group Study starts Sep / Oct. Look for small group meeting on Realm Connect or www.baylakeumc.org/bible-study