



October 30, 2023

## The Good News!

With Pastor Clark Cundiff

**Romans 10:14-15** describes how we are called to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

First, we must believe in God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit and believe in the salvation that belief includes. Because Jesus suffered on the cross, we are forgiven of our sins and as Jesus died and was raised from the dead, we have the gift of everlasting life with God. We do not stop with believing in God, we seek to share that good news of great joy with other people so they may receive the same blessing we enjoy. We are called to seek out relationships with people who do not know God and as we build those relationships, we look for an opening to share God's unconditional love with them. There is no greater calling than to share the blessings of a relationship with God with others. There is no greater legacy than leading a person to God and seeing the transformation within them as they embrace God. I look forward to hearing those stories of the people you will lead to God. Amen! Pastor Clark

### WORSHIP

This week in worship we will focus on Romans 10:5-15. We will explore how we witness to God. Join us for worship in the Sanctuary or online at 9am & 11am in person or on Facebook Live & YouTube (Baylake United Methodist Church).

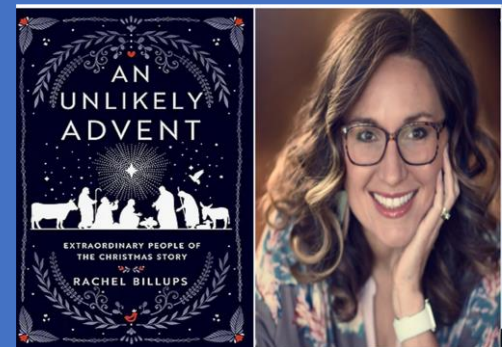


(Baylake UMC Choir)

<sup>14</sup> But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him?

Romans:10:14

### ADVENT 2023 STUDY



Join a Small Group as we explore "An Unlikely Advent". This four-week Advent study focuses on the experiences of four sets of often overlooked characters in the Nativity story. During this Advent season, Rachel Billups guides readers through the themes of hope, love, joy, and peace by sharing the stories of Elizabeth and Zechariah, Herod, the Magi, and the shepherds. Each set of unexpected characters has something to teach about living faithfully on the journey to Christmas. Groups launch on November 29<sup>th</sup>!

### WE ARE PARTYING LIKE JESUS!



As we learned in our summer church-wide study "One at a Time" by Kyle Idleman, Jesus liked to party as it provided an opportunity to build relationships with people! Thanks to everyone who participated in our Fall "Tailgate" Party by showing support for your favorite sports team, while enjoying delicious food, fellowshiping, and building relationships! And congratulations to Tamara Polka for submitting the closest guess to 777 which was the number of candy corn and pumpkins in the jar!

## 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, worshipping, 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), Dusty Gray, Edgar Hollandsworth, Diana St John, Robert Holland

## NOVEMBER IS STEWARDSHIP MONTH

CLAY CURRY



November 12, 2023  
One Worship Service at 11am (Sanctuary)  
Catered Lunch at 12pm (Fellowship Hall)

Our Leadership Council Chair, Howard Tant, recently shared the process for this year's Stewardship focus. It will be a time for us to prayerfully consider how we will uphold our United Methodist vows of Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, and Witness. This year's spiritual-growth-oriented process is designed to enrich our biblical understanding of Christian stewardship. Rather than focusing on the need of the church to receive, the experience concentrates on the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development. Our goal on Consecration Sunday is to have every person present as the effectiveness of our church's mission and ministries next year depends on your initiative and dedication! The meal will be catered so please be sure to make your reservation!

## CHRISTMAS TREE LOT OPENS NOV 25<sup>TH</sup>!



Tree Handlers, Cashiers, and Greeters are needed for ALL shifts! Contact Wendy Howard at [wendyraehoward@gmail.com](mailto:wendyraehoward@gmail.com) to sign up!

## PRAYER NEEDS

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

## WE VALUE OUR VETERANS

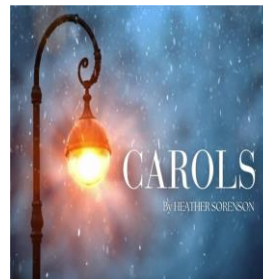
For many years, the congregation at Baylake UMC has been blessed with active, reserve, and retired military men and women! We want to preserve our history by documenting the stories of the men and women who have served in various military roles. Contact Ned Cummings (757-434-9479) or Al Will (757-238-8350)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



## SERVING OPPORTUNITES COMING THIS FALL / WINTER!



- October 29th– Return Packed Boxes for Operation Christmas Child
- November 12<sup>th</sup> – Pack Food Bags for Bayside Elementary School Families
- November 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Tree Lot Opens
- Dec 27<sup>th</sup> – Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> – Winter Shelter



Christmas Cantata  
Sunday,  
December 17<sup>th</sup>  
Worship at 11am