



February 5, 2024

The Good News!

With Pastor Clark Cundiff

During Lent we are studying the book, *The Third Day: Living the Resurrection*, by Tom Berlin.

His book follows the lives of some of Jesus' disciples and how the resurrection transformed their lives and can transform ours as well. The resurrection of Jesus is an "experience of the power of God and a truth about Jesus that offers us confidence. Because Jesus was resurrected on the third day, we know that God offers new beginnings, no matter what the facts of our present reality seem to tell us." We all need the power of the resurrection to give us "hope, new life, and the assurance that God is present not only in our brightest moments but also our darkest, including the consideration of our own mortality." Some people chose to give up something during the 40 days of Lent (not counting Sundays), but I encourage people to take something on. I urge you to add something to your life that will bring you closer to God and closer to each other during this Lent. May I suggest you commit to participating in one of our small groups that will meet six times during Lent to study the book and to learn and to grow together in how to harness the power of the resurrection to live more fully into the life God has called you!

Pastor Clark

WORSHIP

On Wednesday, February 14th, we celebrate Valentine's Day and begin our Lenten pilgrimage. While Ash Wednesday and Valentines Day seem at odds, they are both about love; love for one another and Christ's love for all of us. Join us for worship in the Sanctuary or online at 9am & 11am in person or on Facebook Live & YouTube (Baylake United Methodist Church).

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; 20 but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:19

WELCOME!

James Bennett – Family Ministry
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Baker Allen- born to parents Tim Allen and Emma Foster in November!



(Sean Dunn, Tim Allen, Emma Foster, Baker Allen, Dana Dunn)

Congratulations to our newlyweds
Sean & Dana Dunn!

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT THROUGH UPWARD SOCCER!

2024 Upward Soccer
Starts Saturday
April 20, 2024

6 Games
Ages 3 to 8th Grade

Register at
[Upward Sports - Baylake United Methodist \(baylakeumc.org\)](https://www.baylakeumc.org)



In the Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 28 verses 19-20, Jesus instructs us to Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age. Living into this looks different today, as we take God's love out into the community on the soccer field! Volunteers are needed as coaches, referees, and devotional leaders! Contact wendyraehoward@gmail.com to sign up!

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).

2024 Leadership Team – Diana St John (Chair), Robert Howard (Lay Leader), Janice Taylor (Personnel Chair), Ralph Corey (Trustee-President) Clay Curry (Finance chair), Dusty Gray, Edgar Hollandsworth, Robert Holland, Brian Miller, Susan Dolson (Lay Delegate).

LENTEN STUDY SMALL GROUPS!

Join Peter, Mary Magdalene, and Thomas as they feel the despair of losing Jesus and the surprise and joy that awaits them in the resurrection. This study traces events around these characters, along with Paul and the disciples at Emmaus, and how the resurrection transforms their lives.

Pastor Clark’s sermons will align with the content of “The Third Day” during the 6 Sundays in Lent. To explore the content in more in depth, we encourage everyone to join a small group!



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT – ACTS 2 DINING GROUPS LAUNCHING SOON!

Our groups will be modeled after Acts 2, verses 46-47, where we learn that Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved. Interested? Contact wendyraehoward@gmail.com to sign up!

PRAYER NEEDS

Peace in the Middle East, Ukraine, Marcelli Whitson (friend of Nancy Joslin) Dottie Jacks, Bill Waller, Bob Rieve, Caye Spalding (Sue Rieve’s sister), Becky Daniels, Zoe Scaduto, the Gray family, Nancy Pelton (Bob Edmunds sister), John Barnes, Maddie Long, Bill Stevenson and Sherry Harrington. Send your prayer requests to prayerbumc@aol.com.

LENTEN SEASON BEGINS!

There will be the Dispensation of Ashes at Both Services...Join Us!



HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

March 28th – Maundy Thursday at 7pm (Sanctuary)

March 29th – Good Friday Service at 1:30pm (Bay Lake Retirement & Assisted Living with Pastor Clark Cundiff)

March 31st – Easter Services at 9am & 11am (Sanctuary)



MISSION & OUTREACH

The **United Methodist Foundation of Virginia** has awarded Baylake United Methodist Church a grant for its mission work to the community through the Beach Bag Ministry. There were a record number of applications and Baylake received one of the twenty-one awards distributed across the Conference.