



BAY VIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# CONNECTION Newsletter

OPEN HEARTS. OPEN MINDS. OPEN DOORS.™

## The Thrill of the Road

Put yourself in that moment at the start of any anticipated trip when the car is all loaded, the course it set, you've locked the house door and you get in that driver's seat... it's that feeling of being in control of your path, eager to prove you can 'get there' on your own combined with that tinge of fear at not knowing what lies ahead.

Are you with me?

I had that thrilling/terrifying feeling as I began my trek to California in February. And, I'm happy to report that the journey was safe and without incident. Seeing my children was life-blood to my soul and being alone with God on much of the journey was renewing to my spirit. Again, I want to express my gratitude to the Staff-Parish Relations Team who encouraged me to embrace and embark on this renewal journey and to Pastor Andy for his excellent leadership in my absence.

It was thrilling to go away on my own! The sense of independence, freedom and space for personal reflection really smacked me in the face – I think I cried through 2 whole states the first day on the road and slept 15 hours (a new life experience) once I arrived in California, waking to a view of the Pacific Ocean that took my breath away. I filled the pages of my journal with wonderful memories of precious time with my kids and my smart phone is filled with photos that I will cherish.

As I share all of that, I also want you to know that the last, best gift of my journey was the thrill of having a home and ALL of you to come back to! As great as getting away was, the anticipation of returning to church and to work truly touched my heart! The thrill of the road continued from beginning to end and I have realized that life's planned and unexpected road is best blessed when

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## The Thrill...

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God is its guide!

Scripture tells us that God wants the best for ALL of creation and extends love through unmerited grace unconditionally and inclusively. Friends, when the Lenten disciplines of journey and renewal are taken seriously and with God intentionally, good fruit comes forth! New life comes! Renewal comes! Happy Easter! It's good to be home!

*Pastor Kelly*

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# Some Observations of Lent and Holy Week

After all the joyful excitement of Easter morning it seems appropriate to take a moment to breath...and to reflect back on the last six weeks. Lent began with Diane Evans reminding us that we all have gifts to share...and in the sharing we create the blessed community in which we live.

The beginning of Lent also coincided with the start of our Faith of a Mockingbird study which was another great opportunity for people to share their own stories. Some of us in that study were at the same time wrapping up another book study, this one using Bryan Stephenson's *Just Mercy*. This was another "hard" read. But as always, the conversation among a diverse group of individuals made the time so richly rewarding.

It is my hope that later this spring we might offer a program on White Privilege, which is something that many people are in denial of but which exists just the same. Watch for more information on that coming soon!

Of course having Pastor Kelly back to lead us through Holy Week was a joy in itself, as was the beautiful sunrise we experienced this year. A special thank you to Muriel Blackwood and Jan Colson for opening their home and yard to this unique time of worship.

One of the highlights of Holy Week for me came on Good Friday afternoon as Pastor Kelly and I joined with our colleagues of the Southeast Covenant Community to worship together at Unity Lutheran Church. This group will soon be hosting another night of conversation at the Islamic Center when everyone will be invited to share their own stories about what it means to live together in community. Again, look for more information coming soon.

Meanwhile, never forget that Christ is Risen...Indeed!

Blessings,

*Pastor Andy*



# PEP Game Night – Duckpin Bowling!

Join us Saturday, April 16th at 2:00pm for a fun afternoon of duckpin bowling! We're going to the famous Koz's Mini Bowl at 2078 S. 7th St. We have all four lanes from 2pm to 5pm. The cost is \$15 person which covers three games of bowling. The lane is only 17 feet long and the ball is 3 pounds. Anyone can play! We can accommodate 25 bowlers so sign up now!

## Bread & Jam

Bread & Jam's community meal program is growing. So far in 2016 they have served nearly 1,000 meals!

If you have volunteered this year - Thank you! You understand the need for this service and are willing to participate. As a volunteer, you see firsthand how needed this program is in the Bay View area. You also leave with a good feeling- you have reached out and helped others in your community.

It is easy to volunteer - just click the Volunteer Spot link on page 12, or use the QR code, or talk to me and I can help you sign up!

*Jan Kosanke*

Meals served March 2016



March 6	82
March 13	58
March 20	78
March 27	102

**MAIN LEVEL CONCERT SERIES**

An Independent Music Series hosted by Bay View United Methodist Church

**Sunday April 24**      **East Side Chamber Players**  
**Free Will Offering**  
**Experimental and Contemporary @ 2pm**

*"Music for the mind and for the soul."*

# Children's Ministries

*Pr. Kelly*

## Updates & Save the Date

We hope everyone enjoyed the symbols of new life the children decorated the Gathering Space and Sanctuary doors with for Easter Sunday! The enthusiasm they brought to our Palm Sunday and Easter services was much appreciated by the Church Family – thanks to each of you!

April brings all things 'new life' to our crafting and curriculum. We especially invite you to join the first Pizza and Movie Night we're hosting - a sing-along to *The Muppet Movie!* (see the promo elsewhere in this issue of Connection).

Sunday School Schedule:

We celebrate 'new life' in Christ by looking at what it really means to "believe".

### **UNIT 4: BELIEVE**

**Bible Verse: John 20:29—Happy are those who don't see and yet believe.**

**Applied Principle: I believe in Jesus.**

- April 3—The Road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35)
- April 10—Thomas Believes (John 20:24-31)
- April 17—The Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-20)
- April 24—Believers Share (Acts 4:32-37)

A Word of Thanks to everyone involved with Sunday School who stepped in to cover my responsibilities and to continue our activities while I was away. I am blessed to teach and serve alongside each of you.

FYI: Spring Sunday School will run through Memorial Day weekend, May 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **Sunday June 5: Sunday School Celebration**

ONE Service of Worship @ 9:45am followed by a special Sunday School promotion celebration is being hosted by PEP!

## Thank You Sunday School Volunteers

Thank you to everyone who has helped with Sunday school this year! Sunday school offers our children a chance to connect with other children, their teachers and learn about Jesus, God and the Bible stories on their own level. Miss Judie has provided our Quackers choir with opportunities to sing/perform for our church worship times. Please come to Pizza/parent discussion night on Sunday April 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. Your input is important to us. The last day of Sunday school is Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>.



*Miss Debbie*

# Ministry Spotlight

by Katy Meyer

## Deep Blue Sunday School

Greetings! As a parent of 3 young children, I have been very happy with the Sunday School program at Bay View United Methodist Church. I appreciate that the teaching focuses on love rather than fear. I love that the teachers incorporate Bible stories with crafts, games and music. This really engages the kids and makes learning about following Jesus a fun experience.

Our current curriculum is called Deep Blue and is a wonderful teaching resource. When I filled in to substitute for a class, the lesson included a reading, a matching game, and a related art project. The kids learned a lot and enjoyed their time. According to the Deep Blue website, [www.deepbluekids.com](http://www.deepbluekids.com), "children will make Bible stories, Bible people, and Bible passages a part of their lives. They will also come to know the Bible as THEIR book and find ways to let the Bible speak to them today!"

I am so appreciative of the volunteers who give their time so all of our children can have such a strong program. I know that the Sunday School program is always happy to have new volunteers to help with special projects, to teach classes or to substitute for absent teachers.

This year has been really special as the kids have begun each Sunday morning by helping to fill lunch bags for our Bread and Jam meal program. After their lesson they have a special rotation time. This may include attending service and sharing Communion. It may also feature a time to sing together or prepare a drama piece to share with the congregation.

The icing on the cake is all the wonderful family programs in addition to Sunday School. The Secret Angel Gift Shop, Dr. Seuss's Birthday Breakfast and rock climbing at the Urban Ecology Center come to mind. Let your friends and families know about this great programming in Bay View!

**Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**4:30pm**  
**Gathering Space**



## Everyone Is Invited to: "The Muppet Movie"

Sponsored by Children's Ministries

ALL ages are invited to this early evening of FUN on Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30 p.m.

We'll begin with a pizza/salad feast in the Gathering Space. The plan is for Pastor Kelly and ALL the kids' parents to break away for their dinner/conversation [about ministry with children] while other wonderful, willing adults enjoy eating [and watching over] the kids. We'll ALL settle in for a 5:15 p.m. movie starting time - with popcorn of course! Bring your friends and let's make this a really fun night!

## First Sunday Forums

We celebrate UMC's Holy Humor Sunday with Sue Davey as she tells the story of Rainbow Randa, her professional clown persona.

Gathering Space

Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>

9:15am



## Save The Date

PEP Ice Cream  
Social

June 5<sup>th</sup>

Annual  
Conference

June 10<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>

Summer Hours  
Begin

June 19<sup>th</sup>

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf  
Outing

July 16<sup>th</sup>

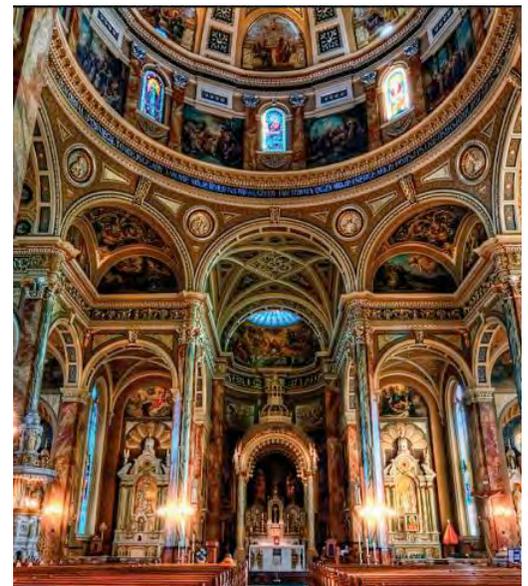
## Interfaith's Annual Wine & Beer Tasting

Thursday, April 21 for wine and beer tasting. South Shore Regional Interfaith would like to invite you to our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Wine & Beer Tasting at the Basilica on 6th St. and Lincoln Ave. See Kitty Schaefer or Muriel Blackwood for tickets or order tickets online at [my.interfaithmilw.org](http://my.interfaithmilw.org). Advance tickets are \$30, \$35 at the door. We will have tours of the Basilica, raffle prizes, and snacks.

This is our major fundraiser for the year. \$2,000 takes care of one week of services to Southeast Milwaukee County. That means 101 rides, 47 cards, 32 telephone visits, and 10 trips to the grocery. If you cannot attend the event we will gladly take any donations.

Thank you,

*Kitty Schaefer*



# A Very Special First Sunday Forum Coming May 1<sup>st</sup>!

May is the month that we focus a lot of attention on immigrants, people moving from one place to another in search of a better life for themselves and their families. In recent years most of the attention in our country surrounding immigrants has been on people coming from Mexico and other central American countries. But there was a time when our immigrants came mainly from other countries, displaced not by economic need but by violent persecution. Then, as now, American was seen as a land of freedom and safety.

We are blessed to welcome one such person on Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. Susie Fono will be with us to share her amazing story. Born in 1937, Susie was 7 years old when the Germans marched into her native Budapest. In just four months over 400,000 Jews on 151 trains were deported from their native land. 136 of those trains were bound for Auschwitz, where 90% of the people were exterminated immediately upon arrival. Among them were Susie's grandparents.

Through a series of events nothing short of miraculous, Susie, her sister and her parents, somehow survived. She and her sister eventually made in to the United States in the mid-1950s. But the memories remain, memories which include seeing Jews lined up along the Danube River and then seeing every third person shot dead. She also remembers trying to make sense of being told she could no longer participate in the Budapest ballet because she was Jewish.

This is one First Sunday Forum you won't want to miss so please, make a point of either staying late or coming early to hear first-hand what it means to be persecuted for one's faith. The First Sunday Forum is held between services at 9:15 a.m. in our Gathering Space.

Blessings,

*Pastor Andy*

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## Sign Up for Something Special!

Here at Bay View UMC, we're big on making people feel special and honoring special occasions. And because of that collective feeling we provide lots of ways to help your special occasion stand out: You can sign up for weekly worship altar flowers or a color bulletin with your loved one's picture on it. You can provide hospitality (providing snacks and beverages with service in the Gathering Space) during coffee hour in someone's honor, or you can make a more permanent gesture by purchasing a leaf for the memorial tree in our foyer.

### Sign ups are located:

- ◆ Altar Flowers: Bulletin Board near the coat room
- ◆ Color Bulletin: Bulletin board next to the office door
- ◆ Coffee Hour Hospitality: Inside the cabinet door above the kitchenette sink
- ◆ Memorial Tree Leaf: Contact Pastor Kelly or the church office for information



# Free Financial Seminar Series

## Planning for the Unknown



The irony of life insurance is that the benefit is realized at the death of the policy holder. Today, the world of life insurance has dramatically expanded to also provide benefits while the policy holders are alive – a living benefit makes you the beneficiary of your own life insurance policy. Living benefit plans are life insurance policies that provides money when the insured faces issues due to illness, accidents and dependency or income to supplement your retirement.

Anyone is welcome to join us as we discuss options available in today's insurance market. Industry professionals will be here to answer your questions.

Come join us in the **Gathering Space on Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm** to learn why “Planning for the Unknown” is important. Please RSVP signing up on The Cube or on our [Facebook event page](#). A light snack will be provided. Feel free to bring a guest!

Please RSVP here or sign up on The Cube at BVUMC. A light snack will be provided. Feel free to bring a guest!

## Have the Conversation/Terms of Endearment

You are invited to come and learn how to “Have the Conversation”. When it comes to money (a very sensitive subject) too many families are silent. Who calls the meeting, when should we have this meeting and why? Many view their finances as a “Private” matter that they are uncomfortable talking to other family members about. How can you still have this conversation? Who are my beneficiaries and are they correct?



If saving and spending money is so important to everyone, why is it so confusing and only a few actually understand how it all works? One theory is the language; think about the vocabulary that is used around the financial world. The industry jargon, the complex and vague terms make the process of learning not only difficult but confusing as well! Come join us for our open discussion called “Terms of Endearment” to learn about some of the BASIC financial terms and what they mean.

**May 2, 2016 6:30 p.m. in the BVUMC Gathering Space**

**Feel free to bring a guest! A light snack will be provided.**



- June 6<sup>th</sup> **End of Times** Lets talk about funeral pre-planning: What do I need to think about? Who should I talk to? What are my options?

**This seminar is a part of our 2016 financial series  
and is open to anyone who wishes to know more.**

# Stewardship & Finance Update

The early Hebrews mentioned only crops and herds in their base for a tithe. Later when people settled and started raising olives and grapes, products such as oil and wine were included in the base. A generation or two ago people could not conceive of anything but cash as a base for a tithe. But with more people investing in the stock market, and real estate, people can now consider tithing other assets as well.

Wisconsin UM Foundation can process gifts of stock which means you avoid paying capital gains tax and paying a selling fee or commission. It is wise to consult your IRA custodian or financial planner to assist you.

## Apportionments



Congratulations and thank you to our church for paying our apportionments in full for 2015, from Lisa King, Wisconsin Conference Treasurer. For all the churches in the WI conference, 82% of apportionments have been paid, up from 81.5% last year. Also, \$1.5 million was given for Imagine No Malaria, Advances, and Special Offerings by WI Methodists.

Well done Church!

2016 March Giving Record						
Fund	Rec'd This Month*	Needed Monthly	(Short)/ Over This Month	Rec'd This Year	Needed This Year	(Short)/ Over This Year
General	\$21,932	\$17,927	\$4,005	\$49,515	\$53,781	(\$4,266)
Apportionment	\$4,240	\$2,442	\$1,798	\$8,300	\$7,326	\$974
<b>Totals</b>	\$26,172	\$20,369	\$5,803	\$57,815	\$61,107	(\$3,292)

\* All apportionments have been paid

## Administrative Council Meeting

Administrative Council is currently listed on the BVUMC calendar for May 2<sup>nd</sup>, but time and place is yet to be determined. Please check back for updates.

In April we are learning all about Construction. We will be building with different materials, learning about tools and about the jobs of architects, plumbers, painters and electricians. We will invite our parents to join us for Construction Night with lots of fun activities.

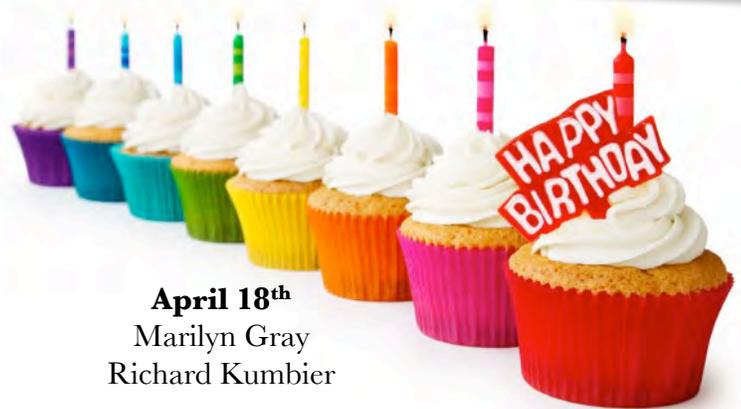
We are going to Classic Slice Pizza for a field trip. It is one of our favorites because we help make the pizza and watch the pizza man throw the dough up to the rafters.

April is Month of the Young Child and we plan to host the Coffee Hour on April 17th and share some pictures with you.

Join us at Culver's on May 9th from 5-7pm for our spring fund raiser. Registration for fall classes has begun. Some classes are full but if you know of a family with a child, who will be 3 by Dec 31st, have them call us for a tour.

The Campbell Soup Labels for Education program is ending. Please turn in any labels you may still have by the end of April. There is a bin in the preschool cubby area and one outside the office. Thank you for your support.

Miss Martha, Miss Debbie, Miss Mary and Miss Karen, Miss Nicole



**April 1<sup>st</sup>**

Alexander Berry  
Dave Rosing  
Hailey Petrie

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Lucille Ott

**April 4<sup>th</sup>**

Susan Troyer

**April 5<sup>th</sup>**

Adam Haile  
Aurelia Schultz

**April 7<sup>th</sup>**

Linda Becker  
Maxine Lelivelt  
Janice Liebenstein  
Tim Schultz

**April 8<sup>th</sup>**

Ross Jackson

**April 9<sup>th</sup>**

Gerald Knepper

**April 11<sup>th</sup>**

Katy Meyer

**April 12<sup>th</sup>**

William Felber

**April 13<sup>th</sup>**

Rebecca Rehorst

**April 16<sup>th</sup>**

Sarah Hillmert-Gallitz

**April 17<sup>th</sup>**

Elizabeth Torres

**April 18<sup>th</sup>**

Marilyn Gray  
Richard Kumbier

**April 21<sup>st</sup>**

Leo Cigale  
Sydney Haile

**April 25<sup>th</sup>**

Lucy Meyer

**April 27<sup>th</sup>**

John Liebenstein

**April 28<sup>th</sup>**

Linda Kreider

**April 29<sup>th</sup>**

Kevin Meyer

**April 30<sup>th</sup>**

Jeff Kallio

# April 2016

AA: Alcoholics Anonymous  
 ESCP: East Side Chamber Players  
 FSF: First Sunday Forum - Missions  
 LSP: Loving Start Preschool  
 NA: Narcotics Anonymous  
 PEP: People Enjoying People  
 SECA: South East Clergy  
 SPR: Staff Parish Relations  
 WBC: Wesleyan Bell Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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*April*  
2016

We're on the web:  
[bayviewumc.org](http://bayviewumc.org)

## Looking to Volunteer?

Use the QR Code  
OR click the  
button below  
OR contact  
Jan Colson



== Hope is here. ♥ Love is here. ♻ Family is here.

## WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAYS:

8:15am Worship  
9:15am Coffee Hour  
10am Sunday School  
10:45am Worship



*Please Recycle*

## OFFICE HOURS:

Monday  
8:30am - 1:30pm  
Tuesday through Friday  
8:30am - 2:00pm