


 BAY VIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
**CONNECTION Newsletter**  
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## To Be or Not To Be

Shakespeare's Hamlet Act III Scene I is a soliloquy of the character Prince Hamlet. Different than a monologue, a soliloquy is the act of speaking your thoughts out loud. Hamlet is contemplating suicide off and on, throughout this play, as a means of averting loves scorn but worries about the "bad" dreams that may haunt this 'sleep'.

"To Be or Not To Be" may also be interpreted as "to act or not to act"; "to confront or to let be."

The choice to live as Christians in today's world may touch either view of this contemplative phrase.

U.S. political elections and the increasing acts of violence motivated by racial and religious hatred in this country weigh heavy on us all. Rallies, protests and vigils organize resistance. Folx lay flowers and light candles at way to many a crime scene and remembrance service and lately, my prayer life usually ends in a puddle of tears.

The United Methodist Church, too, is in the midst of a huge, ugly and divisive struggle as it prepares to 'legislate' at the February General Conference around the actual current or somehow altered continuation of the denomination over who is welcome to belong and serve!

Holding ALL of this world climate, denominational angst and local action as best I can is particularly exhausting alone. I know each of you has your own view and your own particular area of concern or questioning too. Finding meaningful ways to share our thoughts and pass on information, care for one another, become more aware and educate ourselves is my priority. Those who have the call upon their hearts with time, gifts and resources to share are welcome to join me in leading round tables, classes, house meetings or community conversations of your own. I use, and share as our baseline construct,

Bishop Reuben Job's "Three Simple Rules" as a guide to any discourse: first- do no harm, second- do good; and third- stay in love with God. Materials from the class Kitty S. did on these remains available in the Church library for anyone to view. Below is what I've been praying about this week:

I choose "To Be" following God's leading in my life as a pastor and as a person (not mutually exclusive!). I choose "Not To Be" all things to all people. I choose "To Be" as informed and willing in my role as pastor to bear witness to what is happening in the life of our Church. I choose "Not To Be" placing myself, as a person, in situations where I am unqualified to lead. I choose "To Be" listening and responding with grace and action as best as I am able. I choose "Not To Be" overly working in a way that does me harm (lesson still in process). I choose "To Be" blessed with the gift of light in my life through my faith. I choose "Not To Be" effected by darkness as it challenges my faith. I choose "To Be" willing to join others in actions that bring about awareness and change for good. I choose "Not To Be" distracted by negative energy that I hear, see or experience as a result of my choice "To Be"!

Let it be that we will continue to support one another in the days ahead, in peace, as we ALL live into our own calls "To Be or Not To Be".

Kelly

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# Upcoming Dates

## November 3rd:

Saturday, 11/3 at 2:00pm

Movie Night: Coco

ALL are invited to enjoy the movie Coco in the Gathering Space.

## November 11th:

Beginning Sunday, 9:30am - 10:15am, Church Library

Vital Conversations 4: Race, Culture, The Church, and Human Sexuality

A video series offered in advance of a special 2019 General Conference in February.

## November 28th - December 19th:

Wednesdays, 5:00pm - 6:15pm

The Gift of the Nutcracker

A four week Advent class led by Pastor Kelly.

## December 1st:

Saturday, 12/1 at 9:00am

Secret Angel Gift Shoppe

We will be hosting our annual Secret Angel Gift Shoppe for the children in our community.

## December 9th:

Sunday, 12/9 at 9:00am

11th Annual Cookie Walk

Baking up some fun for Bay View United Methodist Church.

# 2019

## January 18th-20th:

Friday through Sunday, 1/18-1/20: *Lake Lucerne, Lincoln, WI 54520*

Winter Camp 2019

A weekend of fellowship, fun and games.

## Quotable Leadership

*from the Lewis Center for Leadership*

"These days call for the church to stretch itself out and create alternative spaces for building bonds and bridges."

-Neichelle R. Guidry

# Church Library Video Series

Beginning November 11th, 9:30am - 10:15am

Sunday mornings from 9:30am –10:15am in the Church Library, Pr. Kelly will facilitate a video series in advance of a special 2019 General Conference in February. Entitled “Vital Conversations 4: Race, Culture, The Church, and Human Sexuality”, it is designed for use by small groups in congregations, campus ministries and church leadership teams. Each video segment presents a 10 to 12 minute conversation between two people. Each pair has some relationship — they’re friends, classmates, or colleagues — but they also have differing perspectives in the ongoing debate over the status, role and rights of people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer or questioning in the church. The 2019 General Conference will meet Feb. 23-26 in St. Louis. The focus is to resolve the denomination’s decades-long debate on homosexuality. The conference will consider a report from the Way Forward Commission, a group appointed by the Council of Bishops to find a way the church can remain unified amid differences; differences over whether LGBTQ members may be ordained as clergy, whether clergy may marry same-sex couples and whether homosexuality is “incompatible with Christian teaching.

## “The Gift of The Nutcracker”

Wednesdays: Promptly @ 5:00pm – 6:15pm w/ Light Supper Nov. 28-Dec.19

The Nutcracker was first performed in 1892, and quickly became a holiday tradition, one that continues for many families to this day. In *The Gift of The Nutcracker*, Matt Rawle takes a look at this Christmas classic in a new way—through the lens of faith. In this four-week Advent study, Rawle uses the iconic tale to help us understand God’s greatest gift of the Christ child and of the kingdom Christ came to build. Pr. Kelly will be leading an Advent class inspired by *The Gift of The Nutcracker*. *Please sign up for book order by Nov. 14th.*

## 11th Annual Cookie Walk

December 9th, 9:00am to 1:00pm

Birthered by Eleanor Rice, Kitty Schaefer now coordinates this amazing and yummy community event in which ALL of us can participate! Makers and Bakers, Cashiers, Packagers, Cookie Handlers, Set Up-Tear Down Ranglers and everyone who has a way (any/multiple ways) to shout out this event – WE NEED ALL OF YOU!!!!

The famous ‘cookie book’ will be out in the Gathering Space soon for you to sign up to bake your many varieties of fabulous treats! Delivery date is Saturday Dec. 10th and the Cooke Walk itself is Sunday December 11, 2018. *Please see Kitty S. to help.*

## 200th Anniversary of the Hymn “Silent Night”

The theme for worship this Advent Season celebrates the famous and beloved hymn, “Silent Night” Candle light and Star light will set the ‘mood’ for a holy experience of God-With-Us each week in both services of worship. This is often a time of year when friends, neighbors and co-workers are more open to a heartfelt, accompanied invitation to Church. Offer to pick them up, go out to brunch after or make it a football afternoon at your place! Give people who serve you, at restaurants, in the bar or other retail outlets your grateful blessing by inviting them to the Church community you appreciate in your life. Invitation cards will be available in the Gathering Space soon! *Invite your friends!!*

# Kelly Heipel: Coordinator of ALL

Fall is coming to a close and everyone is starting to look forward to the winter. While some are sad to see the warm months leave us, others are getting excited for the fun-filled winter plans our church has planned!

## **Secret Angel Gift Shoppe**

We are looking forward to hosting our young shoppers this year on Saturday December 1st, 2018 from 9am-12pm. Young shoppers will have the opportunity to walk with an Angel Shopper who will assist them with their purchases for their family members. Once they have completed their shopping, they will be able to have a visit with Santa! We are looking for helpers for the day of the event to ensure it runs smoothly. Please sign up in the Gathering Space if you are able to assist with any of the below needs (descriptions for each job are listed in the Gathering Space). Not able to help that day, but want to participate? We are looking for donations for the children to be able to purchase for their loved ones. If you have any items taking up space in your closet or storage that you would like to donate, please bring them into the office during office hours or see Kelly Heipel after church service to donate! We ask that items you are donating are new or “like new”. Our greatest needs currently are for Men’s items, Boy’s items and Pet items. We appreciate your donations in order to make this a success!

- (8) Angel Shoppers needed
- (6) Gift Wrappers needed
- (8-10) Hospitality Team members needed
- (4) Bakers to make treats needed
- (2) Servers for treats and coffee
- (1) Shoppers Queue Regulator needed

## **Winter Camp 2019**

Winter is coming. Which means.... WINTER CAMP IS COMING!!! Join us this January 18th–20th for a weekend packed with adventure, community and laughter. There are still spots available to join in on the fun. Sign up now in the Gathering Space to ensure you have a spot this year. If you have any questions, contact Judie Liebenstein.

# Advance Love on #GivingTuesday

Tuesday, November 27th is Giving Tuesday— a day when United Methodists unite to support ministry projects and missionaries around the world. 100% of all giving through The Advance will support and empower hundreds of dedicated project leaders and missionaries to share the love of Christ in meaningful and life-saving ways.

How will you #GiveUMC? Find a project you are passionate about and make a donation to what is important to you. Our giving will go to support over 600 ministries and over 300 missionaries.

Visit [umcmmission.org](http://umcmmission.org) and click on the Explore Projects tab. From there, you can choose to give by region, focus area, population (victims of abuse, poverty, war, etc), and so much more.

# Bread & Jam

Thank you to all who help and support the Bread & Jam Community Meal Program. We simply cannot run this program without the help of our wonderful volunteers! Please sign up on the clipboard to make sandwiches or wrap silverware/set tables. These tasks can be done before or after church on Sundays, and generally take about 45 minutes.

There is also a sign up for volunteering on Sunday afternoons from 2:00pm - 5:00pm to help serve meals. We need volunteers **every Sunday**, so please don't hesitate to look for a date where we could use your help!

For more information, please contact Jan Kosanke at [breadandjam@bayviewumc.org](mailto:breadandjam@bayviewumc.org)

Sign up on [our volunteer website](#) or by talking to Jan Kosanke on Sunday mornings, or by emailing her at [breadandjam@bayviewumc.org](mailto:breadandjam@bayviewumc.org).

Sign up on the events board or use the QR code.



	Meals Served	Bag Lunches Served
October 7	56	50
October 14	50	50
October 21	75	54
October 28	45	50

## 2018 October Giving Record

Fund	Rec'd This Month	Needed Monthly	(Short)/ Over This Month	Rec'd This Year	Needed So Far This Year	(Short)/ Over This Year
General	\$11,630	\$17,226	(\$5,596)	\$128,768	\$172,260	(\$43,492)
Apportionment	\$1,299	\$2,431	(\$1,132)	\$18,023	\$24,310	(\$6,287)
Totals	\$12,292	\$19,657	(\$6,728)	\$146,791	\$196,570	(\$49,779)

It was happy picture time at Loving Start Preschool! Jean Brylow returned to take individual and group pictures of our students in mid-October.



Thanks to all staff and parents who helped make our Halloween Family Activity Night a great success!

We are looking forward to our student Thanksgiving snack which will be celebrated in the Panda Room classroom on November 20th and 21st during school hours.

Our Christmas Sing-along will be Wednesday, December 19th.

-Loving Start Staff

## November Birthdays

**November 3rd**

Travis Drow

**November 4th**

Katrina Schultz

**November 6th**

Gary Aubry

**November 10th**

Marie Burrows

**November 11th**

Kenneth Becker

**November 13th**

Kelly Fowler

Mark Humphrey

**November 14th**

Stephanie Collins

**November 22nd**

Sharon Hanstad

**November 25th**

Patty Thompson

Jason Rae

**November 26th**

Mary Lou Rice

**November 27th**

Natalie Collins

**November 28th**

Madelyn Collins



# November 2018

KEY:

AA: Alcoholics Anonymous  
 ALB: Accountable Leadership Board  
 FSF: First Sunday Forum - Missions  
 LSP: Loving Start Preschool

MLCS: Main Level Concert Series  
 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
				1 8:45am LSP 7pm AA Mtg 7pm Bay View Central	2 8:45am LSP 7pm NA Mtg	3 10:30am AA Mtg Women's Freedom  <b>Movie Night at 2pm Gathering Space</b>
4 8:15am Worship 9:30am Children's Chimes 10am Sunday School 10:45am Worship w/Faith Singers 3pm Bread & Jam 7pm AA Mtg	5 8:45am LSP 7pm AA Mtg	6 8:45am LSP 10am AA Mtg 5:30pm AA Mtg 6:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal	7 8:45am LSP 10am Bible Study 6pm Faith Singers Rehearsal 7:30pm WBC Rehearsal	8 8:45am LSP 5pm Bread & Jam Board Mtg 7pm AA Mtg 7pm Bay View Central	9 8:45am LSP 7pm NA Mtg	10 10:30am AA Mtg Women's Freedom
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[bayviewumc.org](http://bayviewumc.org)

== Hope is here. Love is here. Family is here.

## WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAYS:

8:15am Worship

10:45am Worship



*Please Recycle*

## OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday

8:30am - 2:30pm