


BAY VIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CONNECTION Newsletter
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December Worship Schedule – It's That Time of Year!

Prepare, Celebrate, Give and Fellowship with ALL kinds of great people!

Our theme for Advent is “Calm and Bright” Celebrating 200 Years of Silent Night and each service of worship invites us through the threshold of daily living into a worshipful time of deep listening, responsive singing and spiritual preparation for the birth of Jesus.

Born into our hearts, into our communities and into our world, Jesus comes offering hope, love, joy and peace to ALL of God's beloved and created.

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Music Ministries, Mission and Family Ministries will be active in worship expanding our joy and encouraging our action for justice and assistance to those in need.

Christmas Eve, celebrated on Monday December 24, 2018 brings two opportunities for worship here at the Church:

4:30pm – celebrate the story of Christmas with ALL ages and stages and candlelight.

10:30pm – beautiful pre-service congregational caroling led by music ministries will feature both the vocal and bell choirs. The worship will recall the story of Christmas, highlight the beauty of the season through music and our Advent theme will give way to the long awaited, illumined, congregational singing of “Silent Night” that segues into the “Joy” of Christmas Day!

Bring your families and visiting friends to a joint celebration of worship at 9:45am on Sunday December 30th. We'll share sweet treats and coffee and sing carols led by our wonderful Bay View UMC Orchestra.

For those of you traveling to family or to a vacation destination, my prayers for joy and safety go with you with joyous hope for your much anticipated return to your Church family in the New Year.

Bay View UMC is blessed with a fabulous Staff! I am so very blessed by their tireless effort given in their unique areas of ministry. They are also to be commended for their patience with my crazy ideas and high expectations for ministry in this place.

Let us join our hearts and voices in prayer for ourselves and for one another as we step forth into 2019 inspired by the God who creates, Jesus who befriends and the Holy Spirit who sustains ALL of us as we strive to BE God's people each and every day. Amen! Merry Christmas! and Every Blessing in the New Year!

Peace to you,
Pastor Kelly

Upcoming Dates

December 9th:

Sunday, 12/9 at 9:00am

11th Annual Cookie Walk

Baking up some fun for Bay View United Methodist Church.

2019

January 6th:

Sunday 1/6 at 5:30pm

PEP New Year Celebration

PEP would like to invite ALL from the church to join our group to celebrate the year 2019! Please bring a dish to pass, and look out for the sign up sheet on the Events Board.

January 6th, January 8th:

Sunday 1/6 at 10:45am & Tuesday, 1/8 at 6:30pm: Gathering Space

Update on Roof Project

Please join us at one or both sessions to hear updates on the Roof Project and to share your thoughts!

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.

March 2nd:

Saturday, 3/2 *Details to be announced*

Dr. Seuss' Birthday

Crafts and a celebration of the life and works of Dr. Seuss.

March 5th:

Tuesday, 3/5 at 4:30pm

Mardi Gras Pancake Supper

"Use up the fat and eat up the sweet" before entering Lent.

Quotable Leadership

from the Lewis Center for Leadership

"Change is a threat when done to me but an opportunity when done by me."

-Rosabeth Moss Kanter

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. 8th at 9am, and the Cookie Walk itself is Sunday December 9, 2018 from 9am to noon. *Please see Kitty S. to help.*

“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*.

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!*

Update on Roof Project

Sunday, Jan. 6 immediately following the 10:45 a.m. service and Tuesday, Jan.8 at 6:30 p.m. in the Gathering Space

We are humbled by the outpouring of support we've received in our initial pledge campaign to help fund a new roof on the Church. We have two upcoming sessions where you can learn more about the status of the project, timeline, and also hear some updates on financing options to fully fund the project. Your input is important so we hope you'll mark your calendars today! Join us at both or just one of the sessions for our Roof Campaign for exciting updates and to share your thoughts— your feedback is important!

Winter Camp 2019

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.

Bread & Jam

The Bread & Jam Community Meal Program at Bay View United Methodist Church has been serving meals since the 1980's. This program would not be possible if not for the many volunteers who plan, cook, serve and cleanup every week.



- Mary Kitzman plans the meals, orders the food, picks it up and brings it to church. She preps the meal on Saturday and then completes the cooking on Sunday. She has been doing this every week for years.
- Jennie has been regularly cooking with Mary for about the last two years.
- Denise volunteers nearly every week. She can do any job that needs to be done in the kitchen. She fills in wherever needed.
- Susan Troyer regularly volunteers in the Dining Room. She greets the guests, often says the prayer and helps replenish food and supplies.
- Debbie Baldwin and Tyesha volunteer most Sundays. Debbie works in the Dining Room replenishing and serving desserts. Tyesha hands out tickets as guests arrive and hands out bag lunches as guests leave.
- In addition to these regulars, we need 4-6 volunteers each Sunday to prepare salads, serve, do dishes and clean up.

Several outside groups have also been regularly volunteering:

- Blessed Hope Methodist Church
- Grace Lutheran Church
- Bay View Lion's Club
- Kohl's Cares
- Bay View Community Center
- Islamic Center
- Boy Scout
- Girls Scouts
- and recently Christ Church

	Meals Served	Bag Lunches Served
November 4	53	44
November 11	61	50
November 18	58	50
November 25	50	50

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! Talk to Jan Kosanke on Sunday morning, or e-mail her at breadandjam@bayviewumc.org.

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



What is “Blue Christmas”?

Some people don't like this Holiday Season: too much – of everything! Too many crowds, too much hustle bustle, too much pressure and too many expectations on top of already busy lives.

Death, divorce, break-ups, disappointment, shunning after coming out, devaluing after speaking up, commercialism overload, too much work, not enough meaningful work, loneliness, loss of mobility, colder weather and lack of sunlight can also contribute to a melancholy attitude that brings with it guilt and shame.

A Blue Christmas service of worship gives us an hour of calm awareness, space for recognition, time for reflection and response that might just lighten a little space in a heart burdened with sorrow. It's a gently guided time that leaves lots of space for you to just be.

Our Blue Christmas Worship will be on Monday December 17th at 7:00pm.

We welcome a very special guest musician, Rev. Justin Lowe, who will share his gorgeous arrangement of “In the Bleak Midwinter” - a personal witness that will bless your spirit.

There will also be the smell of mulling spice cider, cheese and crackers and ribbon candy (if I can find some).

Give yourself this gift of true time for you and your heart this year!

From the Staff of Bay View United Methodist Church...

Merry Christmas!

And

Happy New Year!

Kelly, Leah, Kelly, Linda, Gwen, Kathleen, Mark, John, Stacy, Debbie and Jen.

Our LSP teachers: Debbie, Annie, Karen and Mary and our Security team:

Rob, Kelly & Chevy.

2018 November 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	\$13,942	\$17,226	\$3,284	\$142,710	\$189,486	\$46,776
Apportionment	\$1,372	\$2,431	\$1,059	\$19,394	\$36,741	\$17,347
Totals	\$15,314	\$19,657	\$4,344	\$162,104	\$226,227	\$64,123

Kringle Sale for Camp: \$573.00

To emphasize that Christmas is about giving, once again we are sponsoring a peanut butter and jelly drive to help out the Bread and Jam ministry of the church.



As we approach Christmas, Loving Start has been practicing songs for our Family Sing-Along on December 18th.

To bring out the true spirit of Christmas, the Butterfly room has been taking turns sending home a bag with a "kindness elf". We instruct families to have the elf watch as their child does something kind for others. We include suggestions of activities they may like to try, such as bake cookies and deliver them to the firehouse, visit a sick friend, etc. Then we ask them to write down their child's act of kindness on the form and return the bag the next day. Afterwards we share them in class.

Students have off on December 21 for staff planning day.

Christmas vacation will be from December 24th through January 2nd. Happy Holidays to everyone!

-Loving Start Preschool

December Birthdays

December 2nd

Wendy Boedecker

December 3rd

Doris Van Dervort

Andrew Kosanke

December 4th

Carl Kucharski

December 6th

Linda Balfanz

December 8th

Magdelana Bernal

December 11th

Jose Bernal

December 17th

Christy Smith

December 19th

Mitch Wagner

December 22nd

Rodge Taylor

Arnold Balfanz

December 24th

Kirsten Decker



December 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 10:30am AA Mtg Women's Freedom
2 Advent 1 8:15am Worship 9:30am Children's Chimes 10am Sunday School 10:45am Worship w/Faith Singers 3pm Bread & Jam 7pm AA Mtg	3 8:45am LSP 7pm AA Mtg	4 8:45am LSP 9am Hanging of the Greens 10am AA Mtg 5:30pm AA Mtg 6pm Trustee's Mtg 6:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal	5 8:45am LSP 10am Bible Study 5pm Advent Class 6:15pm Faith Singers Rehearsal 7:30pm WBC Rehearsal	6 8:45am LSP 7pm AA Mtg 7pm Bay View Central	7 8:45am LSP 7pm NA Mtg	8 9am Cookie Delivery 10:30am AA Mtg Women's Freedom
9 Advent 2 8:15am Worship 9am Cookie Walk 10am Sunday School 10:45am Worship w/WBC 3pm Bread & Jam 7pm AA Mtg	10 8:45am LSP 7pm AA Mtg	11 8:45am LSP 10am AA Mtg 5:30pm AA Mtg	12 8:45am LSP 10am Bible Study 12:30pm Cards Ministry 5pm Advent Class 6:15pm Faith Singers Rehearsal 7:30pm WBC Rehearsal	13 8:45am LSP 7pm AA Mtg 7pm Bay View Central	14 8:45am LSP 7pm NA Mtg	15 10:30am AA Mtg Women's Freedom
16 Advent 3 8:15am Worship 9:30am Children's Chimes 10am Sunday School 10:45am Worship w/Faith Singers 3pm Bread & Jam 7pm AA Mtg	17 8:45am LSP 1pm Memory Cafe 6pm ALB Mtg 6pm Roof Finance Group 7pm AA Mtg 7pm Blue Christmas	18 8:45am LSP 10am AA Mtg 5:30pm AA Mtg 6pm LSP Christmas Party	19 8:45am LSP 10am Bible Study 5pm Advent Class 6:15pm Faith Singers Rehearsal 7:30pm WBC Rehearsal	20 8:45am LSP 7pm AA Mtg 7pm Bay View Central	21 LSP off 7pm NA Mtg First Day of Winter	22 10:30am AA Mtg Women's Freedom
23 Advent 4 8:15am Calm & Bright Worship 10am Sunday School 10:45am Children's Expression, Praise Band 3pm Bread & Jam 7pm AA Mtg	24 LSP off 10:30 WBC Rehearsal 7pm AA Mtg Christmas Eve	25 LSP off 10am AA Mtg 5:30pm AA Mtg <i>Office is closed</i> Christmas	26 LSP off 12:30pm Cards Ministry	27 LSP off 7pm AA Mtg 7pm Bay View Central	28 LSP off 7pm NA Mtg	29 9am Men's Breakfast 10:30am AA Mtg Women's Freedom
30 Christmas Sunday 9:45am Carols of Christmas Worship 3pm Bread & Jam 7pm AA Mtg	31 LSP off 7pm AA Mtg New Year's Eve					

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December

2018

We're on the web:
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

9am - 3pm