



BAY VIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# CONNECTION Newsletter

OPEN HEARTS. OPEN MINDS. OPEN DOORS.™

## Happy New Year!

Celebration begins the new year for many around the globe! Some take time for reflection and goal setting, some turn to social media offering words and images of forgiveness and hope for the coming years and some pray.

Mine is a hope filled prayer that the promise of the good news will prevail: that the God of us ALL will be with us through every joy and every bit of adversity.

This prayer is especially important for United Methodists as we look to the February General Conference.

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Around here, we welcome new servants along with those continuing to the Accountable Leadership Board this month. Trustees will elect a president, per Discipline, and these groups together will lead us into a year of looking up! – Yes, at the church roof! I'd like us to include looking up toward the Light that guides every step, every conversation, every decision, every financial gift and every prayer said for safety through the roofing project.

Please plan to attend the second roof update session on Tuesday January 8th at 6:30pm here at the Church. Folx are working very hard to be forthcoming with the congregation on this roof project and their hard work in preparation is blessed by your attendance.

Many are continuing their financial pledges and gifts through the Heritage Roof Campaign as our goal target date of February 28, 2019 draws closer. We are so blessed to have received pledges above the goal and I pray each day for the increased sacrifice so many have made for the collective good and continuing ministry of our Church and the building as they meet these pledges. Groups in our Church are also supporting this project – the Wesleyan Bell Choir is organizing a big concert event for February 10th – (P-Rāze the Roof!). Promotional cards are available in the Gathering Space to offer to friends, neighbors and co-workers to attend this Sunday afternoon event in February.

A new year opens wide opportunities for new beginnings for each of us. Whether a baby step or a huge leap, be blessed, as you live life knowing that God-Is-With-You!

Peace to you,  
Pastor Kelly

# Upcoming Dates

## January 8th:

Tuesday, 1/8 at 6:30pm: Gathering Space

Update on Roof Project

Please join us 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.

## January 21st:

Monday, 1/21 at 6:00pm: Gathering Space

Accountable Leadership Board Meeting

The first ALB Meeting of 2019, held in the Gathering Space.

## February 10th:

Sunday, 2/10 at 2pm

P-rāze the Roof!

Concert featuring BVUMC Bell Choir, additional guests, fundraiser for our roof and a music rummage sale.

## February 14th:

Thursday, 2/14 *Details to be announced*

Main Level Concert Series: Gaelynn Lea

ALL are welcome to enjoy the musical talent of Gaelynn Lea.

## March 2nd:

Saturday, 3/2 *Details to be announced*

Dr. Seuss' Birthday

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

## Voice of the Day

*from Sojourners Daily Devotionals*

"Love intentionally, extravagantly, unconditionally. The broken world waits in darkness for the light that is you."

-L.R. Knost

## Update on Roof Project

**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 an upcoming session 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 Tuesday, Jan. 8th at 6:30pm 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.

## Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

**Celebration and Service: 1/20 at 7pm - Central UMC**

Rev. Olu Brown will be the keynote preacher during the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration and Service on Sunday, Jan. 20th at 7pm, at Central UMC: 639 N 25th St, Milwaukee.

**Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Service Weekend - Just Be Hope**

The MLK Jr. Service Weekend at the Just Be Hope United Methodist Center will be: Jan. 19th 9am – 5pm, Jan. 20th 1pm – 5pm, and Jan. 21st 9am – 5pm at 2319 East Kenwood Blvd., Milwaukee, WI 53211. Please RSVP by Friday, Jan. 11, before 3 p.m by e-mailing Just Be Hope, at: [justbhopecumc@gmail.com](mailto:justbhopecumc@gmail.com)

## P-rāze the Roof!

Bay View United Methodist Bell Choir is the featured musical talent, along with additional guests, to head a fundraising concert to support our new roof campaign! Join us Sunday, February 10th at 2pm and help us P-rāze the Roof with some amazing musical talent and a music rummage sale.

## Main Level Concert Series: Gaelynn Lea

Thursday, February 14th, ALL are welcome to enjoy Gaelynn Lea at our Main Level Concert Series. In recent years, Gaelynn has used her music as a platform to advocate for people with disabilities and to promote positive social change. Gaelynn Lea was named the winner of NPR Music's second-ever Tiny Desk Contest for her original song "Someday We'll Linger in the Sun".

# Kelly Heipel

Happy New Year! I hope that everyone had a wonderful and safe Christmas and New Year's Eve spent with family and friends.

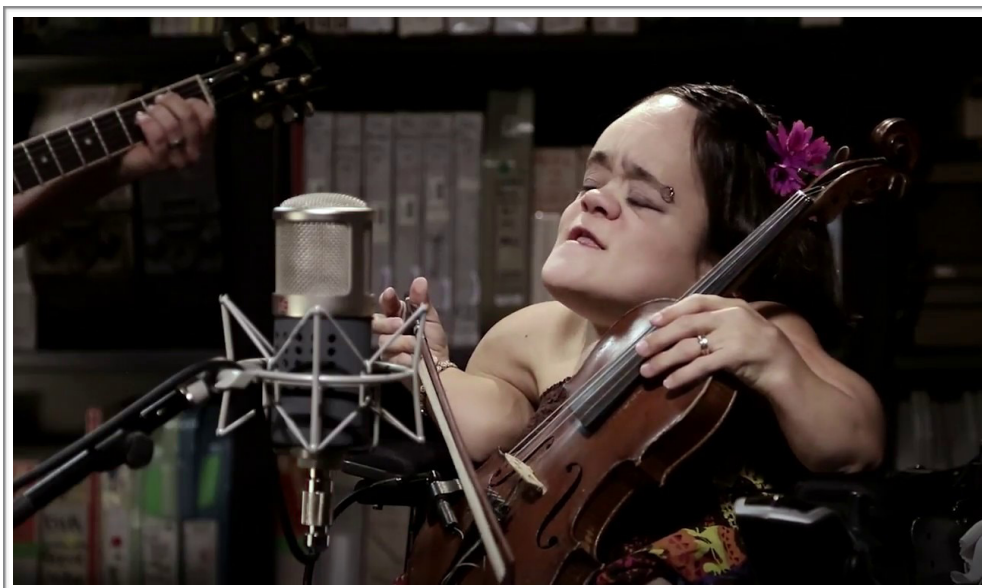
The 2018 Secret Angel Gift Shoppe was an amazing sight to see. I was awe-struck by the way the event came together so well with everyone's help. The children were so excited and happy and it was all because of the amazing people we have in our church community. From the people who made donations to the set-up crew to the bakers, greeters, Angel Shoppers, wrappers, and servers- THANK YOU! This was one of the largest Secret Angel Gift Shoppe events we have had so far, and it was a success because of all of your hard work. We were able to assist over 50 children in 2018! Those children were able to experience the 'joy of giving' when their family members opened the gift that they picked out especially for them!

If you happen to find items in your home or on clearance throughout the year, that you think would be a good fit for the Secret Angel Gift Shoppe, please feel free to drop it in the office any time. I will be collecting and organizing all year long.

## **Looking Forward**

Please be sure to mark your calendars for a special event we have planned on Thursday, February 14th. We are excited to have Gaelynn Lea here to perform for us. Gaelynn is a classically trained violinist, songwriter, and an activist for disability rights. In 2016, she won the NPR Music's "Tiny Desk Contest". We hope you are able to join us for this very special event!

More details to come soon. For more information on Ms. Lea's work, please visit the following website: <http://www.violinscratches.com>



# 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! Talk to Jan Kosanke on Sunday morning, or e-mail her at [breadandjam@bayviewumc.org](mailto:breadandjam@bayviewumc.org).

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	Meals Served	Bag Lunches Served
December 2	54	52
December 9	57	53
December 16	60	50
December 23	57	50
December 30	52	56



2018 Total Meals Served: 2,862

2018 Average Bagged Weekly Lunches: 55

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



2018 December 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	\$13,414	\$17,226	\$3,812	\$156,124	\$206,712	\$50,588
Apportionment	\$1,674	\$2,431	\$757	\$21,069	\$29,172	\$8,103
Totals	\$15,088	\$19,657	\$4,569	\$177,192	\$235,884	\$58,692

Cookie Walk: \$2,441.75

Our Loving Start Preschoolers spent most of last month making family gifts and practicing for the Christmas Program—which was wonderful! The children filled a laundry basket with 45 jars of peanut butter and jelly for our church's Bread and Jam. The Butterfly Room had two Kindness Elves that went home with different children each night. Each child was encouraged to do an act of kindness. Some examples were baking cookies, helping grandparents and spending time with family.



Students had a day off on Dec. 21 while teachers came in to clean and thoroughly sanitize all areas of the preschool. Afterwards, teachers were able to plan curriculum activities, as well as a few upcoming family events.

We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas & New Year holiday.

In January we look forward to learning about what animals do in winter.

-Loving Start Preschool

## January Birthdays

### **January 2**

Andrew Corrao

### **January 3**

Tyhesha Shumpert

### **January 4**

Paul Gibson

### **January 6**

Emily Kallio

### **January 10**

Scarlett Kallio

Donald Evans

### **January 15**

Phyllis Ditch

### **January 18**

Gwen Erdman

### **January 19**

Samantha Wold

### **January 20**

Cheryl Berry

### **January 24**

Jan Kosanke

### **January 27**

Francine Knepper

### **January 28**

Sue Neiderdeiser



# January 2019

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  <i>Alkathon Ends at 10pm</i>  <b>Office Closed</b>	2 10am Bible Study 6:15pm Faith Singers Rehearsal 7:30pm WBC Rehearsal	3 8:45am LSP 7pm AA Mtg 7pm Bay View Central	4 8:45am LSP 7pm NA Mtg	5 10:30am AA Mtg Women's Freedom
6 8:15am Worship 10am Sunday School 10:45am Worship w/Faith Singers & Roof Update Mtg following 10:45am service 3pm Bread & Jam 5:30pm PEP Potluck 7pm AA Mtg	7 8:45am LSP 7pm AA Mtg 7pm Dist. 28 AA Mtg	8 8:45am LSP 10am AA Mtg 5:30pm AA Mtg 6pm Trustees Mtg 6:30pm Roof Update Mtg	9 8:45am LSP 10am Bible Study 12:30pm Cards Ministry 6:15pm Faith Singers Rehearsal 7:30pm WBC Rehearsal	10 8:45am LSP 7pm AA Mtg 7pm Bay View Central	11 8:45am LSP 7pm NA Mtg	12 10:30am AA Mtg Women's Freedom
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*January*  
2019

We're on the web:  
[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

9am - 3pm