


BAY VIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CONNECTION Newsletter
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Late Lenten Reflection

This has been, for a number of reasons, the most difficult Lenten journey of my life. Setting out on the road with ALL of you on Ash Wednesday was a reminder of the goodness of community and the comfort of God's assurance that all would be well, in life and in death – that God would be with us, with me, through thick and thin.

I look forward to and usually greatly appreciate wilderness time and Lenten discipline. Additions and subtractions, over the years have made this a time that prepares me through personal reflection, attention to self care and especially amidst increased study and prayer. This year however, shortly after the journey began, the UM Special General Conference happened.

Extensive efforts to publicize, educate, hope and pray that the worldwide denomination, as represented by just under one thousand elected delegates, would rise to embrace the gospel good news of God's love for ALL people failed. It failed so closely though, that there was not a clear voice of the people in ways that just incited more hurling of hurt.

Getting one's spirit "kicked" was not supposed a part of an already increasingly deep liturgical and spiritual time. Having ones' personal, communal time of growth coopted by unholy ugliness perpetrated by white privilege, cultural manipulation, misinformation, accusation and

distrust of fellow Christians was quite unexpected.

Yes, the vote didn't go the way I wanted it to, that happens – but it was the terrible swirl around that voting, on and off the Conference floor, as people continued to cause harm to my LGBTQIA siblings, that took the wind out of my Lenten sail.

I've spent the 40 days since GC2019 crying for our UM Youth who are just confused and disillusioned as to how this speaks, at all, to the love of God they have grown up to receive, embrace and understand. Faithful people of ALL ages and stages have reached out to talk about how they feel about this outcome and to ask, "what's next?"

I have listened and cried with, lamented and prayed with many, many faithful, life long and brand new UM lay and clergy persons. I signed a letter, joined a closed group that want to create a new way and all the while continued to lead in worship and offer pastoral presence where there is need. My kicked spirit has been blessed this Lent by each of you, nourishing me with your kindness and care

This is surely not the Lent I expected. And although disillusioned, I remain steadfast in my call to be 'on the ground' in the local church making disciples that: do no harm, do good and stay in love with God. (Ref.: Reuben Job's Three Simple Rules)

As I write this article, for the umpteenth time, I am studying Isaiah 43 and hearing God say through the prophet: "Look! I'm doing a new thing: now it sprouts up: don't you recognize it? I'm making a way in the desert, paths in the wilderness..." I take solace in God's invitation to look. When I focus on trying to look for what God is doing I see hope: younger clergy amassing voices, ideas, money, etc. through social media not waiting for judicial council decisions coming later this month.

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I see members and friends engaged in conversation about their church, expressing their desire to keep on being disciples, brave enough to remain United Methodists. Our Church has only had one member withdraw as a direct response to GC 2019; an incredible testament to our commitment to God, and to one another, in this place. I experience an Accountable Leadership Board that with head, heart and spirit is leading Bay View UMC with certainty about our ministry into the future and I am blessed to serve with staff that continue to bring their best to their focus area and to long time and new energy coming among us.

Turning the corner now to Holy Week, friends, I invite you to look with me at what new thing God is doing among us. As we lay coats and wave palms, share at the Table and listen to that hammer hit the nails this week we are also nurturing the resurrection promise of new and everlasting life in Christ Jesus. I rejoice in this community of Easter people, thankful to God, for each and every one of you.

Peace be with each of you,
Kelly

Upcoming Dates

April 18th:

Thursday, 4/18 at 7pm

Maundy Thursday

Please join us in the Sanctuary for our Maundy Thursday service.

April 19th:

Friday, 4/19 at 7pm

Good Friday

Service of Worship includes Tenebrae Drama.

April 21st:

Sunday, 4/21

Easter Sunday

Outdoor Sunrise Service at 6am, offsite. Celebration Services 9am & 10:45am, ML Sanctuary.

April 30th:

Tuesday, 4/30

WhoDAT Active Shooter Training with the FBI

Join us in the Sanctuary for an informative safety training session with the Duck Action Team.

Verse and Voice of the Day

from Sojourners Daily Devotionals

"I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works;
that I know very well."

~Psalm 139:14

"You alone are enough. You have nothing to prove to anybody."

~Maya Angelou

WhoDAT!

This may be a question for some of you but for leadership this is the literal name of our security team here at Bay View UMC!

The Duck Action Team was assembled by invitation as a proactive, creative, skilled security focused group of individuals who have life, professional experience that makes them particularly skilled in this area of need in our Church.

Beginning with care for our children, the DAT has spent a year focused on LSP safe practices, Sunday School and Nursery protocol and now this year begins to look at building practices for our larger gatherings: worship and community groups.

Who DAT folks have spent hours of their personal time, taking off work time and even some evenings attending various seminars and conferences to get ideas and to listen to law enforcement talk about trends and new procedures.

Who DAT is now taking the leadership step to get the word out to others:

They are hosting / inviting: churches, businesses, teachers, any individual to attend:

Active Shooter Training with the FBI

Tuesday April 30, 2019

6:00 p.m.

Bay View United Methodist Church – ML Sanctuary

2772 S. Kinnickinnic Ave.

Milwaukee, WI 53207

Entrance on KK – main doors

Our goal is 200 attendees, so please pass this onto everyone you know and plan to attend!

Hunger Task Force Stockbox Update

Thank you to Diane Evans for continuing to coordinate our volunteer effort for Hunger Task Force making Senior Stock Boxes. Our latest crew (3.2.19) along with students from Shorewood and some regular volunteers worked like a well-oiled machine to make 783 boxes – 18 pallets of food in just under 3 hours!

Marie, from Hunger Task Force, was very happy with our joint effort!

Thanks to our members, their extended families and friends of the Church for giving a Saturday morning twice a year for this important volunteer project. Diane is predicting the next workday, for us, will be November 2nd, 2019, 9am to noon.

Kelly Heipel

Spring is here! I am so excited for the warm weather, the birds chirping and the outdoor activities that we have planned for the summer.

BVUMC's 5th Annual Golf Outing

This will be our FIFTH year for the annual golf outing, which will be held on July 20th, 2019. We are looking forward to another successful year of golf, memories and community building to celebrate this milestone fundraiser. We are looking for donations for auction baskets/auction items, or if you are able to provide a finished basket, that would be incredibly helpful. If you are unable to donate an item but would like to donate your time, we are always looking for enthusiastic volunteers for the day of the event. Please see me (Kelly Heipel) if you are able to donate an item or your time to this amazing event!



Secret Angel Gift Shoppe

While I'm sure that the Christmas season is the furthest thing from most of your minds right now, I am already working on this year's event! If you are in your 'Spring Cleaning Mode', like I am, and find any items while you are cleaning out the basement or hall closets that are in good condition, please consider donating to our Secret Angel Gift Shoppe event. Or, if you find a great sale at the store, you can drop them in the office at any time! We ask that items you are donating are new or "like new". Our greatest needs every year are Men's items, Boy's items, Pet items and pre-teen/teenage items for

boys and girls. We appreciate your donations in order to make this year a success!



Bay View Gallery Night

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Bay View Gallery Night on Friday, May 31st. We will be taking part in the event this year for the first time! We will be opening our doors and allowing the public to come in to view artists' work and see all that our church has to offer to our community. If you are an artist or know of an artist that would like to be considered to display their work during that event, please contact me asap at:

Kelly.heipel@bayviewumc.org.



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.

For more information, please contact Jan Kosanke at breadandjam@bayviewumc.org

	Meals Served	Bag Lunches Served
February 3	44	45
February 10	56	49
February 17	40	32
February 24	41	36



	Meals Served	Bag Lunches Served
March 3	45	45
March 10	45	40
March 17	48	45
March 24	58	45
March 31	52	45

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



2019 Through End of February 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	\$11,869	\$17,308	\$5,439	\$24,697	\$34,616	\$9,919
Apportionment	\$879	\$2,609	\$1,730	\$2,263	\$5,218	\$2,955
Totals	\$12,748	\$19,917	\$7,169	\$26,960	\$39,834	\$12,874

LOVING START
PRESCHOOL



Spring is here!

We just went to Classic Slice Pizza for a field trip. It is one of our favorites because we help make the pizza and watch the pizza dough get thrown high up in the air.

In April we had our Easter Egg Hunt. The kids found bunny footprints throughout the gathering space!

Registration for fall classes has begun. If you know of a family with a child, who will be 3 by December 31st, have them call us at (414)744-4036 for a tour. We also invite you to check us out at our website, www.lovingstartpreschool.org and on our Facebook page.

-Loving Start Preschool

April Birthdays



April 1
Dave Rosing
Alexander Berry

April 2
Lucille Ott

April 4
Susan Troyer
Chuck Carlson

April 5
Aurelia Schultz
Adam Haile

April 6
Riley Garcia

April 7
Tim Schultz
Janice Liebenstein

Linda Becker

April 8
Ross Jackson

April 11
Katy Meyer

April 12
William Felber

April 18
Richard Kumbier

April 21
Leo Cigale
Sydney Haile

April 25
Lucy Meyer

April 27
John Liebenstein

April 28
Linda Kreider

April 29
Kevin Meyer

April 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 8:45am LSP 6pm Music Team 6:30pm District 28 AA Mtg 7pm Dist. 28 AA Mtg	2 8:45am LSP 10am AA Mtg 5:30pm AA Mtg 6:30pm Praise Band	3 8:45am LSP 10am Bible Study 6:15pm Faith Singers Rehearsal 7:30pm WBC Rehearsal	4 8:45am LSP 7pm AA Mtg 7pm Bay View Central	5 8:45am LSP 9:30am Eleanor Decker's visitation (offsite) 10:30am Service (offsite) 7pm NA Mtg	6 10:30am AA Mtg Women's Freedom
7 8:15am Worship 10am Sunday School 10:45am Worship w/ Faith Singers 2pm Grief Share 2:30pm Bread & Jam 7pm AA Mtg	8 8:45am LSP 7pm AA Mtg	9 8:45am LSP 10am AA Mtg 5:30pm AA Mtg 6:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal	10 8:45am LSP 10am Bible Study 12:30pm Cards Ministry 6:15pm Faith Singers Rehearsal 7:30pm WBC Rehearsal	11 8:45am LSP 7pm AA Mtg 7pm Bay View Central	12 8am AmeriCorps 8:45am LSP 7pm NA Mtg	13 10:30am AA Mtg Women's Freedom
14 8:15am Worship 10am Children pack lunches & practice 10:45am Worship w/WBC 2pm Grief Share 2:30pm Bread & Jam 7pm AA Mtg Palm Sunday	15 LSP Easter Break 1pm Memory Cafe 6pm ALB Mtg 7pm AA Mtg	16 LSP Easter Break 10am AA Mtg 5:30pm AA Mtg 6:30pm Praise Band	17 LSP Easter Break 10am Bible Study 6:15pm Faith Singers Rehearsal	18 LSP Easter Break 7pm AA Mtg 7pm Bay View Central 7pm Maundy Thursday service Maundy Thursday	19 LSP Easter Break 7pm NA Mtg 7pm Good Friday service Good Friday	20 10:30am AA Mtg Women's Freedom
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Spring Edition

2019

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