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## So Where is God in Our Worship?

A few weeks ago one of the members at Faith UMC shared why her church was important to her. She talked about four areas; tradition, transformation, replenishment and relationships. As I have continued to reflect on what she shared I realized that either consciously or unconsciously, these are all areas I consider when I am trying to imagine what the “next Sunday” worship service will look like. I'm guessing Pastor Kelly goes through the same sort of thought process.

You know that I'm not able to be with you on Sunday mornings so having the opportunity to be a worship leader at our recent Ash Wednesday service was a special joy for me. And when I think back upon that service I see how “tradition” was acknowledged simply by our coming together and by the administering of ashes. We were all “replenished” by the sharing of a holy meal and as I looked into the faces of all of you coming forward to receive the sacrament of communion I saw the depth of “relationship” that exists in our community.

So that leaves “transformation.” That's a little harder to quantify and I think that's because “we” can't make it happen. We can only do our best to give the Spirit room to act. Transformation is what

happens to each of us when we realize we have been in the presence of God, together in community. I like to think that every time we come together in worship, there is some moment when each of us connects with the Divine. Maybe that comes during our prayer time, maybe it comes in the lyrics of a beautiful hymn. It might even come from something Pastor Kelly or I share in a message. But it can also come simply by acknowledging and being acknowledged by the person sitting next to you in the pew.

I believe that God is present with us in all of these actions and I invite you to think about how you experience these four areas the next time you take your seat in the pew on Sunday morning. Remember...”wherever two or more are gathered...”

Blessings,  
Pastor Andy



## Apportionment Write-in Campaign



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*“Once again, in the wake of disaster and in the face of widespread need, we rely on the ever expansive generosity of United Methodists and all people of goodwill to help us respond to those whose lives have suddenly been turned upside down,”*

As a United Methodist Church we have a connectional giving responsibility called apportionments that are paid to the conference. Through apportionments, the conference efficiently uses our money to connect with the needs of others. Because we give generously, UMCOR can respond quickly to emergencies, such as the Earthquake on March 10, 2011 that struck Japan,

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) will be working with local communities to rebuild. UMCOR is now better able to help when earthquakes and tsunamis or other disasters hit the area. UMCOR works in shelter and infrastructure reconstruction, water and sanitation, income generation, health and nutrition, education and community development. UMCOR is connecting with partners to assess damages and needs resulting from the powerful 8.9-magnitude earthquake and 33-foot-high tsunami that rocked Japan.

The quake hit in the middle of the afternoon, at 2:46 Tokyo time, just off of Honshu, Japan’s most populous island. It is the strongest earthquake to hit Japan in the 140 years that records have been kept. It takes the place of last year’s earthquake in Chile as the fifth strongest ever anywhere in the world.

UMCOR head, the Rev. Cynthia Fi-

erro Harvey, urged prayers for those affected by the disaster. She said that as needs become clarified, UMCOR will respond. “Once again, in the wake of disaster and in the face of widespread need, we rely on the ever expansive generosity of United Methodists and all people of goodwill to help us respond to those whose lives have suddenly been turned upside down,” she said. The 33-foot tsunami barged into the port of Sendai in northeastern Japan, pushing buildings, cars, ships—everything in its path, far inland. In Tokyo, the quake disrupted electricity and ground and air transportation—and sent people fleeing from office buildings and homes for the safety of parks and other open areas.

“UMCOR is closely monitoring the unfolding situation in the Pacific,” said Melissa Crutchfield, UMCOR executive for International Disaster Response. “We’re in contact with our partners in the region, mindful of the still developing emergency in Japan as well as of the risk to other countries, such as Indonesia and the Philippines, and to Hawaii, which are expected to be impacted by the tsunami,” she said.

This kind of work is supported by our apportionments. In order to keep our apportionment obligation on track this year, please use the “Other” line of your giving envelopes and write-in Apportionment. If you wish to contribute directly to this cause, write JAPAN on the “Other” line of your envelope.

## “Version”

Encarta's first definition of this word is, “An account of something, given from a particular point of view.” Synonyms include description, report, account, story or side. We are entering into a month of very special, meaningful and important moments in our faith tradition. Having versions of these that touch the hearts of those who will have ears to hear is a real and present challenge. I believe that God welcomes the many pathways that we create to express our version of our relationship with God. And, I believe that it is a particular gift in this community that we strive and value each one's way, each one's understanding, each one's question or fear. The generosity of heart that helps us share knowledge, ideas, opinions, cares and joy compels me to continually adjust my version of God's gracious and unconditional love for me and all of creation. That is the great gift the Lenten journey always brings and out of that gift, I can then engage the tough and tender moments of Holy Week with hope.

The moments of Holy Week have been accounted for over time through readings, preaching, interpretative dance, drama, the use of imagery, color and silence. Sometimes a version that is familiar brings anticipation, excitement, a reminiscent moment of the many times you've experienced it before. At other times, a version brings a moment into new clarity, sheds a brand new light or perspective and infuses joy that had previously been unknown. May we open ourselves to every version we're offered the chance to experience or explore and then celebrate what speaks to our hearts.

As each of us approaches Holy Week and Easter, I pray that you will be met with some of what you anticipate as well as at least one moment that is new for you. The programming and worship schedule for Holy Week is a special pull out section in this issue of Connection. It is provided now so that you can be intentional about planning your 'version' of what is soon to be recounted along our journey of faith-filled living.

God's Peace be with each of you.

Pastor Kelly



## Rethink Cooking

On behalf of the Junior and Senior High youth, we are putting together a cookbook but we need your help. We are asking for you to share your favorite recipes with us so we can share them with others. We are open to any kind of dish you would like to share (dinners, desserts, dips, etc.) We will collect recipes for the next four weeks (until Palm Sunday, April 17th)

There will be a box in the gathering space that you can deposit your recipes or feel free to email them to me at [gmwrobel@hotmail.com](mailto:gmwrobel@hotmail.com)

The cookbooks will be ready in time for Mother's Day and will only be \$10. There is a pre-order sheet available in the bulletin. Please feel free to contact me, Gina Wrobel, (414) 817-4478 or [ginawrobel@yahoo.com](mailto:ginawrobel@yahoo.com) with any questions.

*(There is a pre-order form on the back of the Connection.)*

## Loving Start Preschool News

We made green eggs and ham for green week and practiced the art of cracking eggs. There was a whole lot of egg cracking going on!

We wore our safety glasses to hammer real nails into a real tree stump. Hammering, sawing, measuring the rooms and making floor plans kept us very busy. Our building services are available at a very minimal cost.

If you heard lots of noises on Monday, April 4th, it's because we had parents over, and the theme was Construction Night. A good time was had by all.

We are planning to go to Classic Slice for pizza. We will watch them toss the pizza dough way up high in the air. We even get to add our own pepperoni.

Watch for plastic Easter eggs hidden in the Gathering Space. We had an Easter egg hunt, sometimes we can't find all of the eggs. If you find a stray egg, it's ok if you eat the candy or take the stickers, but can we have the plastic egg back for next year? Special thanks to "Miss Linda" Becker for making all of the baskets for our children to have. Happy Easter!

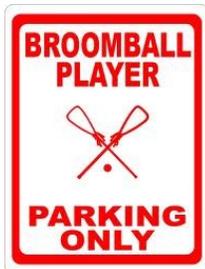
Miss Martha, Miss Francine, Miss Joan, Miss Dawn



# Broomball

Broomball was awesome this year! This was the first year that it was offered by the Horny Goat. At first I was apprehensive but a few of my volleyball teammates wanted to try so that's why broomball instead of something sane and safe like bowling.

Broomball is a Canadian sport. It is similar to hockey in that you play on ice with sticks and a ball but there are only 4 people allowed per side on the ice (one girl at all times), there is not a goalie (red box around the goal is off limits) and you can not wear ice skates, cleats or anything that will keep you upright on ice.



Our team was called the Snowballs. We played valiantly but won only three games this season (two due to forfeit). It was a lot of fun and I hope it will be offered again next year.

"Now for something you'll really like..." - Rocket J Squirrel

# Volleyball

Shawn and I signed up two teams for the Spring Volleyball season. The Spring League will start (for us) Tuesday, April 5th and will end around the beginning of June. I will be captain of one team and Jenny has agreed to be captain of the other. Shawn and I came up with a tentative team roster. This can be changed and we can swap players between the two teams as needed. I have only taken into consideration those who have emailed me and have made a commitment to play, however we can always use more people and if anyone just wants to show up on a Tuesday to play we will accommodate them (I can always add more people before the season starts if someone wants to play the whole season).

Jenny's team name is "We Could've Beaten Them". Team members are: Jenny, Sarah, Geoff, CJ, Raphael and (your name could be here).

My team's name is "The Lonely Goat Herders" (can you tell I'm a Sound of Music fan?). Team members are: Cheryl, Shawn, Jon, Gina, Lyn and Kyle.

Once again this is only a tentative list so people know when they play. We can swap players from one team to another especially if some people can't make a certain date or time. I think it will be a blast when we have to play each other. ;)



Please let me know if you have questions or concerns. As soon as I receive a schedule I will send it out. Feel free to continue to ask friends, family, co-workers... if they would like to join us. The more the merrier!!!

If Spring volleyball is not your thing we will also be participating in a Summer league. If you are interested in either league please email me.

Cheryl Berry  
cherylberry@wi.rr.com

# April Birthdays



OTHER NEWS

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|----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 - Alexander Berry  | 7 - Linda Becker            | 16 - Sarah Hillmert-Gudelsky |
| 1 - Hailey Petrie    | 7 - Maxine Lelivelt         | 18 - Marilyn Gray            |
| 1 - Dave Rosing      | 7 - Jan Liebenstein         | 18 - Richard Kumbier         |
| 2 - Lucille Ott      | 7 - Tim Schultz             | 21 - Leo Cigale              |
| 5 - Wendy Grumley    | 8 - Ross Jackson            | 23 - Sydney Haile            |
| 5 - Adam Haile       | 9 - Gerald Knepper          | 27 - John Liebenstein        |
| 5 - Aurelia Schultz  | 12 - Bill Felber            | 28 - Linda Kreider           |
| 6- Matthew Brezinski | 13 - Dana-Marie<br>Grennier |                              |

## Bread and Jam

### Free Hot Meal Program

Please join us in the Lower Level Dining Room the first and last Sunday of each month. The Pryor Ave doors open at 3pm. Enjoy a warm delicious meal prepared on site. We serve until 4:30. This free service includes snacks, beverages, dessert, and a bag lunch to go.

All are welcome. This is a great place to see old friends, and neighbors.

For more information call

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- SPR = Staff Parish Relations
- SECA = South East Clergy Association
- Oasis = Mid-week meal & fellowship
- Outpost = Outpost Alternative High School
- Key. AA = Keystone AA Group
- YAH = Young At Hearts

The BVUMC Calendar is available ONLINE! <http://bayviewumc.org/calendar.html>

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>27</b> 8:15am Worship 9:15am Sunday School Coffee Hour Adult Study 10:45am Worship 3:00pm Bread & Jam 7:00 pm Sun Night AA	<b>28</b> 8:30am Outpost 8:45am LSP 7:00pm Book Study	<b>29</b> 8:30am Outpost 8:45am LSP 9:30am AA 5:30pm AA	<b>30</b> 8:30am Outpost 8:45am LSP 4:00pm Alive Now! 5:00pm Oasis 6:00pm Praise Band 7:00pm R&R Bells 7:00pm Worship 7:30pm Faith Singers 7:30pm Soul-cial Network	<b>31</b> 8:30am Outpost 8:45am LSP 6:45pm Wesleyan Bells 7:00pm Key. AA	<b>1</b> 8:00am Spirituality in Aging 8:30am Outpost 8:45am LSP	<b>2</b> 10:30am Women's Freedom AA
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<b>17</b> <i>Palm Sunday</i> 8:15am Worship 9:15am Sunday School Adult Study Coffee Hour 10:45am Worship 7:00pm Sun Night AA	<b>18</b> 6:30pm Finance 7:00pm District 28AA 7:00pm Book Study	<b>19</b> 9:30am AA 5:30pm AA	<b>20</b> 4:00pm Alive Now! 5:00pm Oasis 6:00pm Praise Band 7:00pm Worship 7:30pm Faith Singers 7:30pm Soul-cial Network	<b>21</b> <i>Holy Thursday</i> 5:30pm Seder Meal 6:45pm Wesleyan Bells 7:00pm Key. AA 7:00pm Service Faith UMC	<b>22</b> <i>Good Friday</i> 11:00am Interfaith Community Wor- ship 7:00pm Worship	<b>23</b> 10:30am Women's Freedom AA
<b>24</b> <i>Easter Sunday</i> 6:00am Sunrise Worship 7:00am Breakfast UCC 9:00am Worship 10:45am Worship 3:00pm Bread & Jam 7:00 pm Sun Night AA	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 8:30am Outpost 8:45am LSP 9:30am AA 5:30pm AA 7:00pm Yarn Min 7:00pm Quilters	<b>27</b> 8:30am Outpost 8:45am LSP 9:00am Connection 12:30pm Card Min 5:00pm Oasis 6:00pm Praise Band 7:00pm R&R Bells 7:30pm Faith Singers	<b>28</b> 8:30am Outpost 8:45am LSP 7:00pm Key. AA	<b>29</b> All Day Wedding Rehearsal 8:30am Outpost 8:45am LSP	<b>30</b> All Day Wedding 10:30am Women's Freedom AA

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 For details for Holy Week - see Holy Week insert booklet

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