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The 'INGS' of the Season: Happy New Year

Friends, we have come through a powerful time of faithfulness this holiday season and God's light has truly shined through each of you.

Baking, organizING, furniture movING, decoratING, cleanING, plannING, copyING, collatING, mailING, child care givING, music arrangING, rehearsals, ringING, singING, costume ironING, cookING, ride sharING, bag stuffING, gift deliverING, greetING, usherING, welcomING, installING, visitING, fixING, washING, stockING, preparING, shovellING and saltING, haulING, drivING, invitING, waitING. . . and the 'ings' of your work could go on and

on!

I participated in many of these 'ings' with you and what I saw as your pastor was a different set of 'ings'.

I saw worshipping, helpING, cooperatING, prayING, praisING, rejoicING, carING, collaboratING, creatING, givING, blessING, lovING and shinING the light of God into the darkness!

As the Epiphany star-light guides the wise ones to Jesus we have hope that the light born within us through Advent and celebrated at Christmas through all of the candles and carols and faithful action will be guided into further brightness in this

new year.

Let God's loving light illumine any dark places in your hearts. Be freed in this new year to revive old dreams, seek new ones and creatively act. Serve in mission by teaching for children or youth, as greeters or musicians, leaders or silent supporters – all actions cast light on the ministry God is call-ING us to in this place. Shine on, people of God!

The grace and peace of God be with each of you now and in every moment to come!

Pastor Kelly

Loving Start Preschool's 20th Anniversary

Loving Start Preschool is celebrating its 20th anniversary Sunday, January 9, and is looking for all graduates from previous years. Graduates and their families are invited to the 10:45am worship service, where graduates, former staff and volunteers will be recognized. An open house will follow from

noon until 2pm.

We encourage all graduates to bring or send a note or photo and tell us what you are doing now.

Loving Start Preschool opened in January 1991, under the leadership of Jan Liebenstien, and continues as one of the few half-day preschools in the area. We

have served more than 661 children, including children from 13 countries.

Come to the open house to visit, see old photos and reconnect with teachers and friends. Come and see what we are doing today. Check out our website lovingstartpreschool.org
Martha Whitaker





*"Between pooling
our funds,
congregational
giving, and
matching gifts, we
accomplished our
goal of \$18,000!"*

Share the Light Campaign

WE DID IT! The Finance Team and Administrative Council are pleased to announce the 2010 Apportionments are paid in full. We had to pool our funds from all available resources so between this, congregational giving and matching gifts we have accomplished our goal of \$18,000! You are awesome and are truly humbled by your generosity.

Now comes the time

for us to focus on the New Year. We have made wonderful strides in meeting our past responsibilities, but we don't want to find ourselves in the same position for the upcoming year.

If you haven't sent in a pledge for next year, there is still time, just contact the church office. Our current Stewardship Campaign has reached the same level as last year.

During the Share the

Light Campaign, we talked about the apportionments being the church obligation that comes out to about \$100 per member. I know it sounds like a lot, but that's only about \$2 a week, or 27¢ a day! We are hoping that every member can make a point to set aside a few cents a day. Together, we can accomplish our goal.

Have a blessed and Happy New Year!

Common Ground Successes

After a year of persistent and faithful work Common Ground has accomplished some of their goals in getting banks responsible for foreclosed homes that they have on their books.

There is an agreement for cooperative work between City Housing Commissioner Dalberg, the banks (listed below), Mercy Housing Coopera-

tion, and Common Ground.

Currently, there are 3300 vacant houses registered with the city. There are an estimated 2000 to 3000 thousand more. 13% of these need to be demolished. 22% of these need serious repair. This gives you an idea of the extent of the problem.

A meeting was held on Monday, Nov. 15 at

which there were 200 Common Ground members and key representatives from 3 targeted banks. These banks are: Bank of America; Wells-Fargo; and Deutsch Bank.

Common Ground asked each representative to make a public verbal commitment to :

---register with the city any of their foreclosed homes that are not on the city's list;

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**Housing
Successes**

“So Where Do I Start?”

That was a question I asked myself (and a few others) when I first decided to try to make some sense out of the Bible and what I was hearing preached every Sunday in church. What was available to me as a layperson to learn more? Here at Bay View we offer some wonderful adult study opportunities on Sunday mornings and during the week but we tend to “round up the usual suspects.” I have found that the best discussion groups are made up of people who don't know one another very well because then the

voices and the stories are fresh.

We have just such an opportunity right here at Bay View beginning January 12th as we will be hosting a district-wide Lay Servant class. Participating in this class will help you if you should decide to give lay-speaking a try but it is much more than that. In this course you will learn what it means to be part of the ministry of the baptized, how better to lead, care and communicate with people in your church and how to take that message into the world. This is a great chance for you who are searching for some-

thing more to talk about what it is you are searching for! I really encourage those of you who have never participated in a discussion group here at church to give this a try. Let it be one of your New Year's resolutions!

Check out Each Sunday's Green Sheet for more information or see the article below. Tom Bolton is a layperson from West Allis 1st UMC and he will be facilitating the group. So give this a try...you won't be sorry!

Blessings,

Pastor Andy

Lay Speaker Training

We will be targeting new and current members, lay leaders, council members, committee members, teachers, lay speakers and aspiring lay speakers.

Topics include but are not limited to: servant and spiritual leadership, caring ministries, basic communi-

cation skills, sharing your faith, and leading meetings. We will be using the text **Lay Speaking Ministries, Participant Book: Basic Course** by Sandy Zeigler Jackson and Brian Jackson. You will need to purchase a copy from Amazon.com, Upper Room, or Cokesbury.

We will be meeting on Wednesday nights beginning January 12 and continuing through February 9 from 6:30 - 8:30pm.

To register, please call Tom Bolton 414-744-7478. Class size is limited, so please register early.



Common Ground cont.

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- make a monthly report on each home in terms of maintenance . i.e. snow removed, grass mowed, doors and windows secured, progress in repairs;
- attend monthly meet-

- ings with Common Ground about property problems;
- have key bank decision makers attend a mid-Feb meeting regarding a revitalization program for Milwaukee which is entitled, MILWAUKEE RISING

Notes...

The admin Council voted to discontinue financial support to Common Ground for 2011 but greatly appreciates the commitment of Ann Pier, Dick Truitt, Sara Lewin, and Pastor Kelly for keeping the church updated on Common Ground activities.





*We saved \$5,000
in interest, and
one year of
payments on our
building loan due
to pledges.*

*Thank you
for sending
in your time
and talent
forms!*

Notes From Your Stewardship Team

This congregation is **AWESOME**. We have taken the building fund above and beyond what John Liebenstein challenged us to do, by eliminating a year off our mortgage.

Here are the latest statistics on the Building Fund:

- 56 households made financial commitments toward the mortgage debt retirement.
- These 56 pledges total \$ 37,156.00.
- Divided by 12, this comes to \$3,096.33, which is well over our monthly payment of \$2,421.

This means that we can take at least one year of the life of the loan and has **saved us \$5,000 in interest.**

Therefore, our building debt will continue to decrease at least by the prescribed amount for 2011 and bring overall savings that will enable more ministry funding opportunities sooner.

Here are the latest statistics regarding the pledges for our yearly budget:

- 99 households turned in pledge cards.
- 27 of these households increased

their financial commitment above last year's pledge.

- 27 are new pledges!
- These 99 pledges, commit to supporting the 2011 operating budget with a total pledge amount of \$150,025.60.

Our total projected 2011 budget is \$226,920 and our apportionment obligation is \$29,460.

Our income from faithful unpledged giving is approximately \$20,000 and our projected income from things like building usage and holiday giving, will be \$29,400, which brings the amount needed for envelope/pledged giving for the 2011 budget to \$199,425.60. This reflects that we are currently under funded for 2011 by \$27,494.40.

Bay View United Methodists are a giving bunch. You give of your time and your talent day in and day out through the work and ministry we share together. You come forward when the call goes out for a special request and you never hesitate to offer yourselves when you perceive a true need. God Bless You!

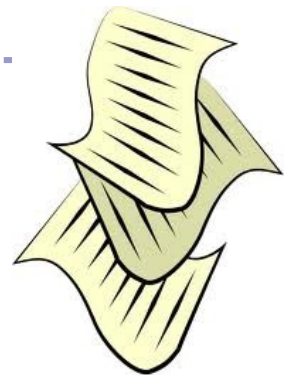
Time and Talent Forms: Lay Leadership Team

Thanks to all members who filled out the time and talent sheets sent to their homes. We will use the data when we are setting up educational events, fellowship opportunities and when we have volunteering needs.

We have inputted

all of your information into our database, and hope to use it effectively in the future.

We ask that you turn your form in if you haven't already. If you did not receive a form, request one from the office.



UW-Madison Marching Band



The University of Wisconsin-Madison Varsity Marching Band will be returning to Oak Creek High School, 340 E. Puetz Rd. on Sunday, February 13, 2011.

The 200+ member band will perform a two hour show that includes music from the sports season, 60 years of jazz, pop and rock tunes and, of course, the famous 5th Quarter. Singing, dancing and audience participation is required.

All seats are general admission and tickets cost \$10 each. Doors open at 2pm and the show begins at 3pm. Tickets are available from Dorothy Cigale; see her at church or call 481-1194 to reserve your ticket.

This is a popular show and is usually a sell-out; don't hesitate!

Winter Camp

Winter camp spots are filling up fast, so far we have 36 people signed up to go, but we still have spots left!

Winter camp will be January 14-16 at Camp Lucerne, which is near Neshkoro, WI. There is a dining hall for meals, and a main lodge for gathering (games, knitting, chatting...) There is a hill for sledding and trails for skiing, snowshoeing and walking, so bring winter toys if you have them (if you don't have sleds, don't worry, we all share.)

There are four cabins Maple, Elm, Oak and Aspen. Aspen is currently full, Elm does not have showers, but there are showers in the main lodge.

The cost for winter camp is \$105 for adults; \$50 for children, ages 2-12; and \$380 for families, parents/guardians and minor children living at home full time, limit 5 (a 10% discount will be given to any additional family members).

Please pay before winter camp. Make checks out to Bay View UMC, and give your payment to Judie Liebenstein.

Loving Start Preschool News

Parents and grandparents alike were entertained as they watched slides of the children, while they sang along with us for our Christmas Family Sing-a-Long. In January, we will learn what animals do in winter and also begin learning about dinosaurs.



January Birthdays



OTHER NEWS

1 - Jacqueline Nah	10 - Don Evans	22 - James Felber
1 - Angeline Nah	10 - Shirley Lone	24 - Glen Haggith
1 - William Payne	12 - MacKenzie Daub	27 - Francine Knepper
1 - Becky Thomas	15 - Phyllis Ditch	28 - Sue Neiderheiser
4 - Paul Gibson	15 - David Rice	30 - Doris Chavez
4 - Phyllis Neumann	18 - Gwen Erdman	30 - Matthew Daub
6 - Gwen Schultz	20 - Cheryl Berry	30 - Gary Haase
10 - Elsa Eggert		

Thank You

...To each and everyone who helped make the Christmas Cookie Walk a success by baking, preparing, or purchasing cookies. With over 10,000 cookies and many specialties, it was more successful than last year!

Thank You

-Cookie Committee Eleanor Rice

... To Sally Warkaske, Gina Wrobel and parents who helped our Children's Expression of Christmas be such a joyful part of this season for our church family.

Congratulations

...to Megan Erickson who graduated on December 18, 2010 from UWM with a bachelor's degree in nursing and is employed by the Children's Hospital Emergency Room Department.

A Personal Note of Thanks

To this church family for your holiday expressions and sentiments offered to me and my family. It is a gift to serve in this community.

God's Shalom to each of you in the new year.

With Love,
Pastor Kelly & Russ,
Emma, Sara & Kyle

Reminder

Administrative Council will have its first 2011 meeting on January 10th at 7:00pm.

JANUARY 2011

Key:

- SPR = Staff Parish Relations
- SECA = South East Clergy Association
- Oasis = Mid-week meal & fellowship
- Outpost = Outpost Alternative High School
- Open Door = Open Door Free Clinic @ Unity Lutheran
- Key. AA = Keystone AA Group

The BVUMC Calendar is available ONLINE! www.bayviewumc.org/BVUMC/Calendar.html

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 8:15 am Worship 9:15 am Sunday School Coffee Hour 10:45 am Worship 3:00 pm Bread & Jam 7:00 pm Sun Night AA	3 8:30 am Outpost 8:45 am LSP	4 8:30 am Outpost 8:45 am LSP 9:30 am AA 5:30 pm AA 6:00 pm Music & Min	5 8:30 am Outpost 8:45 am LSP 3:00 pm SECA Mtg. 5:00 pm Open Door 6:00 pm Praise Band 7:00 pm R & R Bells 7:15 pm Faith Singers	6 8:30 am Outpost 8:45 am LSP 6:45pm Wesleyan Bells 7:00 pm Key. AA	7 8:30 am Outpost 8:45 am LSP	1 <i>New Year's Day</i> 10:30 Women's Freedom AA 8 10:30 Women's Freedom AA
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Many Thanks for your Generous Hearts:

Thank You to all who gave coats, provided gifts for children, gifted to the extension ministries of our Conference, paid your 2010 apportionment or used the Heifer project for gift-giving this Season. Your mindfulness truly makes a difference amidst the joy of giving to others. God bless you.

Office Hours

8:00 am — 1:30 pm
Monday - Thursday

8:00 am — 1:00 pm
Friday



Thanks for recycling!