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## Now What?

Whether the experience of Easter was all you'd anticipated or not, we're beyond it now. The day has come and gone, the eggs are found and we're well into ham sandwich leftovers (yum!). So, now what?

April 24th wasn't some magical date on the calendar – it was the culmination of our Lenten journey, of our community focus on remembering once again and celebrating with assurance that God's love does win and that we ARE Easter people! It was glorious worship at the lake and in our church and for a

few it may have even been life-changing. But, now what?

We've all continued to live – most unchanged, some with renewed perspective or hope for some specific, heart-felt need and a very few find themselves seeing the heart of God with new eyes. And, again, I ask, now what?

Now we live! We choose to embrace our neighbors and find loving ways to engage our enemies. We rise to action where our passions move us to response and we commit to God's invitation to co-create – to relate with purpose and

promise for/in/with the kingdom, the earth, as it is in heaven.

Bring life to your life by recalling everyday, that God loves you, through your best and your worst.

Start each day with a personal hug from God – literally embrace yourself (best done in front of a mirror so that you can't escape the reality of the act).

Then, ask yourself the question, "Now what?" and allow yourself to spend the day living into the answer guided by God's Holy Spirit.

Peace be with each of you,  
Pastor Kelly

## Music Ministry Notes

On Sunday, May 15th at 4:00 pm, Bay View United Methodist Church will host a benefit concert to raise funds in support of the upkeep and maintenance of the Church organ. This free will giving concert, titled "Make a Joyful Noise", has been put together by our own Becky Rehorst.



The concert will feature organ solos, vocal solos and duets, a brass quintet and an appearance by the Wesleyan Bells as well as the Faith Singers. Interspersed throughout will be scripture and poetry readings that support the "joyful noise" theme and you can expect to join in on some good old fashioned "raise the roof" hymn singing.

We hope you will join us to make some joyful noise on May 15th as we celebrate our love of music!

*“We give because  
together we can do  
what no person or  
church can do.”*

## WHAT THE BISHOP SAID-----

At a Town Hall meeting March 28th, that Pastor Andy, Al Eckoldt, Sara Lewin, and I attended, the Bishop told touchingly of a time in her life when she was a single parent of 3 teens. She had just gotten a new job, had figured finances carefully, and signed a lease for a new apartment. At her first paycheck, she realized she hadn't taken into account all the deductions. There was not enough money! She prayed about her dilemma and decided to tithe to the church. (Surely a brave decision!) Blessings unfolded for her and she was able to meet her obligations.

So, we are challenged to think and pray about why we give and how we order our priorities. Christians give for many reasons--among them:

- We give because Christ gave to us
- We give because we love God
- We give because it's what United Methodists do
- We give to make ministry and mission happen in the world
- We give because together we can do what no one person or church can do.

Apportionments are an often misunderstood and sometimes maligned part of United Methodist giving; YET---they are a vital part of ministry and mission. United Methodists are involved in mission in the US and all around the world. A well-known example of this involvement is the United Methodist Committee on Relief--UMCOR--at work in Louisiana, Iowa, Haiti, and Japan.

Look for continuing information about apportionments in Connection and in the Gathering Space. Ask questions! Know what your church is doing.  
Ann Pier

## RETHINK CHURCH

**from: Ad Council Chair-Judie Liebenstein**

All church leaders are reading “Change the World” by Michael Slaughter as a follow-up to the RETHINK CHURCH Conference held in February in Racine. We’re getting ready to discuss how we can creatively participate, educate and advocate for change in our church and in our community at our May meeting. We’ll also discuss our possible participation in the “Change the World” national mission event happening the weekend of May 14-15. Visit [www.RETHINKCHURCH.org](http://www.RETHINKCHURCH.org), learn about the project and offer any ideas you have to any church leader!

## “Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors...Really?”

We've been hearing a lot lately about “Rethink Church.” That's the latest new idea to come from United Methodist Communications and it replaces the previous tag line of “Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.” In theory that was a wonderfully inviting phrase of welcome but the reality of where our denomination is has proven those words to be false.

I've been going to annual conference every June now for at least fourteen years and every year the conversation at conference is dominated by the issue of homosexuality. We've talked about it, we've talked around it, last year we were even led in a intentional guided conversation on the subject...and we've gotten nowhere. But it's almost as if we don't know how to talk about

anything else. And what's really sad is that as long as we continue to talk about this, we don't really engage any of the truly important issues of our world (poverty, war, racism, etc.)

I know that Pastor Kelly has kept you informed of the latest news regarding the impending church trial of Rev. Amy Delong and it's about time I let you know where I stand. I personally know Pastor Amy to be a precious and beloved child of God with an incredible gift for ministry and to think that gift is being denied to us because of her sexuality is something I find deplorable. If there is any sin in all of this, it is that.

Jesus learned through an encounter with a Canaanite woman that his ministry was not to be simply with the Jews but was to be extended to everyone. Like-

wise, Peter heard God calling him to take the Word to the Gentiles, telling him, “What God has made clean you must not call profane.” Peter did what God asked of him, despite the objections of some and his response to those who would question him was, “Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?”

It's about time that our denomination accepts that God's love is meant for everyone...no exceptions...for each and every one of us has been created in God's own image and there is nothing that can ever separate any of us from the love of God. May it one day be so.

Pastor Andy

## Annual Conference

Julie Oren, your lay member to Annual Conference, Rev. Andy Oren and Rev. Kelly Fowler as appointed clergy to Bay View UMC, are preparing for the 2011 Wisconsin Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church being held at the Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells, June 12-15. All will attend daily plenary sessions, hearing conference agency and guest reports, witnessing ordination and commissioning and welcoming our newest ministers to Wisconsin.

As our Conference prepares for the 2012 General Conference being held in Florida, there will be voting for the delegates who will represent Wisconsin at that world wide gathering of United Methodists next Spring. We will worship, hear Bishop Lee along with other invited guests bring the Word and share in fellowship with guests for our sister conference in South Korea. We will also be delivering your Ingathering collection (details available on page 5). Please be in prayer for Julie, Andy and Kelly as they prepare and participate on your behalf.

## Rethink Cooking

The cookbooks will be ready in time for Mother's Day and will only be \$10. Please feel free to contact me, Gina Wrobel, (414) 817-4478 or ginawrobel@yahoo.com with any questions.

## Loving Start Preschool News

Things are winding down at Loving Start Preschool. We took a trip to Classic Slice Pizza -right across the street. We helped make our own big pizzas by adding the pepperoni, watched while the pizza dough got tossed higher and higher and got bigger and bigger, and got to take home our own mini-size dough to make a mini-size pizza.

Be careful! We have ordered caterpillars. We will watch them get fatter and fatter and spin their cocoons while hanging upside down. We will transfer them to their butterfly house and hopefully watch them turn into beautiful butterflies. We will try to keep them in the house but you may see one in the Sanctuary.

Don't forget to come to the sweet sounds of music when our preschoolers sing in the Sanctuary at our End-of-the-Year program on Monday, May 16th at 7PM with a reception following in the dining room.

Our End-of-the-Year picnic will be Wednesday, May 25th. You think you're not going to hear noises and activities from the basement-but you're wrong. Miss Martha is offering a 6 week summer program only for children who have already been in the program. You all will have to wait for August for a quiet basement.

Have a great, safe, fun, warm summer!  
Miss Martha, Miss Francine, Miss Joan and Miss Dawn



# The Cinderella Project

Help create a memorable prom by donating your gently used dresses to The Cinderella Project MKE! The Cinderella Project MKE collects and distributes donated prom dresses to local area youth in Milwaukee and surrounding areas. They hope the teens reached through this project will gain knowledge through workshops with leaders in our community. Dresses should be current in style and dry cleaned prior to donating. Drop your dresses off inside the metal closet in the cloak room on the main floor from Sunday, May 8th (Mother's Day) through Sunday, June 19th! If you have any questions, contact Stephanie Collins



# Ingathering

For the Wisconsin Annual Conference, we will be putting together health kits, and baby sweaters. The health kit items need to be new and in the wrapper.

## Health Kit

- 1 hand towel
- 1 wash cloth
- 1 regular size comb
- 1 fingernail clipper
- 1 bar of soap (3oz or larger)
- 1 toothbrush
- 1 toothpaste (3.5 oz or larger, expiration date at least one year away)
- 6 plain plastic adhesive bandage strips



Wrap all of the items inside of the hand towel and put inside a 1 gallon plastic zipper bag. *Include \$1 for shipping.*

## Baby Sweaters

A knitting pattern for baby sweaters as a separate donation is available online at [midwestmissiondc.org](http://midwestmissiondc.org) or [Wisconsinumc.org](http://Wisconsinumc.org)

# New Directories

## Youth in Mission

Summer 2011: info meeting will be Sunday, May 1 @ noon.

This one hour meeting is for youth completing grades 6-12 in 2011 and their parent(s)/guardians, caring adult.

Stay in touch with your church family. The 2011 Directories are updated and ready for pick up.



The Directories can be found on the table in the gathering Space. If you are unable to come to church, but would like us to mail you a directory, call the church office at 414-744-4036 or email [Erin.officeadmin@bayviewumc.org](mailto:Erin.officeadmin@bayviewumc.org)

# May Birthdays



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|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 3 - Jim Liebenstein | 15 - Jude Wagner       | 27 - Wendell Sprong      |
| 5 - Laurie Schaefer | 15 - Ed Wegenke        | 28 - Joy Foster-Steckler |
| 6 - Kay Putney      | 17 - John Warkaske     | 28 - Barbara Morbeck     |
| 8 - Linda Schultz   | 21 - John From         | 31 - Melissa Balfanz     |
| 10 - Ron Hanstad    | 21 - Jennifer Kowalsky | 31 - Hannah Jackson      |
| 10 - Diana Mussatti | 26 - Geoffrey Thieme   |                          |
| 14 - Tom Shattuck   | 27 - Shannon Haefner   |                          |
| 15 - Diane Balfanz  | 27 - Cole McKean       |                          |

OTHER NEWS

## 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

Mary Kitzman 747.0221 or  
 Michael Goetzinger 897.4041  
[m.goetzinger@sbcglobal.net](mailto:m.goetzinger@sbcglobal.net)

## Congratulations

..to Wendy Schultz and Nathan Beins, married on April 23.

...to Laurie Schaefer and Mike Horne who were married on April 29

## In Memoriam

Our sympathy and prayers go out to the Hochschild family who lost Karen on April 12 after a long period of illness. Karen was the former sister-in-law of Mary Kitzman.

## Thank You

... To those of you who support Bread & Jam and the Bay View Community Center through donations of goods, time and money. You are truly making Bay View a wonderful place to live!

... From Pastor Kelly to those of you who helped throughout the Lenten season and on Easter.

# MAY 2011

Key:

- 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>1</b> 8:15am Worship 9:15am Sunday School Coffee Hour 10:45am Worship 12:00pm Youth Mission 3:00pm Bread & Jam 7:00 pm Sun Night AA	<b>2</b> 8:30am Outpost 8:45am LSP	<b>3</b> 8:30am Outpost 8:45am LSP 9:30am AA 5:30pm AA 6:00pm Music & Min 7:15pm SPR Meeting	<b>4</b> 8:30am Outpost 8:45am LSP 3:00pm SECA 4:00pm Common Ground Event 5:00pm Oasis 6:00pm Praise Band 7:00pm R&R Bells 7:15pm Faith Singers	<b>5</b> 8:30am Outpost 8:45am LSP 6:45pm Wesleyan Bells 7:00pm Key. AA	<b>6</b> 8:30am Outpost 8:45am LSP	<b>7</b> 10:30am Women's Freedom AA
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<b>15</b> 8:15am Worship 9:15am Sunday School Coffee Hour 10:45am Worship 4:00pm Organ Benefit 7:00pm Sun Night AA	<b>16</b> 8:30am Outpost 8:45am LSP 6:00pm Finance Mtg 7:00pm District 28 7:00pm LSP End of Year Pgm	<b>17</b> 8:30am Outpost 8:45am LSP 9:30am AA 5:30pm AA	<b>18</b> 8:30am Outpost 8:45am LSP 5:00pm Oasis 6:00pm Praise Band 7:15pm Faith Singers	<b>19</b> 8:30am Outpost 8:45am LSP 7:00pm Key. AA	<b>20</b> 8:30am Outpost 8:45am LSP	<b>21</b> 10:30am Women's Freedom AA
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## Thank You

April 15, 2011

Dear Pastor Kelly and my dear Bay View Neighbors,

Thank you once again for hosting our *Today's Disciples Class* at the Bay View United Methodist Church in January and February 2011. It was a wonderful experience for all of us. As you know, we rotate this Basic Lay Servant class around the metro area each year. It was a delight to enjoy the warmth and enthusiasm at Bay View.

As we talked about hospitality in our week 5 session, many of us noted what a wonderful model of hospitality the Bay View Church demonstrates. Amen! I look forward to joining you on another Wednesday night soon.

Hope and Joy in Christ!

Tom Bolton

## Office Hours

**8:00 am — 1:30 pm**  
Monday - Thursday

**8:00 am — 1:00 pm**  
Friday



Thanks for recycling!