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UM churches across our connection put this phrase (or tag) on their printed material and purchase prepared promotional materials through United Methodist Communications that promote their churches programming and ministry with this tag attached. It is meant to label us, define us, and hopefully intrigue others enough to check us out. Feedback to this point has revealed that many UMCs are hypocritical. Visitors do not find people in the UM churches they visit to be open-minded or hearted and that their presence is really not as welcome as the open door touts.

Friends, I believe this 'tag' to be an on-going opportunity for United Methodists to truly step up and out into

our culture and specifically, in our neighborhood. It does not define any one pathway or population, it is a broad statement of inclusive, gospel grounded hospitality that is meant to extend both inward to those already present in ministry and community and to those who enter in for any reason.

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* Welcome to the Circle!*

If you were in church on Sunday, September 11th, you've already had a chance to meet our new pastoral intern, Michelle Henrichs. Michelle comes to us as part of a field studies program through McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago. Michelle, along with some thirty other students, will spend part of this next school year doing "on the job training" in local churches. It is a great opportunity for her and for us as well.

Michelle is coming into ministry as a second career and is juggling all the demands of being a wife and a mother as well as responsibilities in her own home congregation...not to mention her schoolwork! And while Michelle is younger than I was when I made my career change, I can't help but see some parallels. In talking with Michelle one is blessed to hear a young woman who is clearly hearing and responding to a call from God. As much as she has on her plate right now, I don't think she could not do what she is doing for God has put a clear path before her.

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Meet Michelle

Pastor Kelly

I am so pleased to finally introduce to you our Pastoral Intern, Michelle Henrichs who will be serving among us into next May. You will read elsewhere in this issue, and in the Sunday green sheet, Michelle's introduction. I invite you to greet Michelle with joy. She will be guided in this experience of field education by a lay support team comprised of active, regular worship attendees and leadership led by Pastor Andy. I will be supervising Michelle's experience and assisting the lay team in supporting Michelle as she sets, moves through and completes goals for the year. Michelle will be experiencing all areas of our ministry and so you may see her pop in and out of or lead portions of meetings, events, worship and classes.

When I accepted the opportunity to mentor this seminarian 18 months ago, I did so knowing that Bay View UMC has the gifts of a teaching church. You have launched others into ministry and I trust that Michelle will receive support and valuable feedback for real ministry in the congregational setting from all of you through your generous spirits, kind hearts and informed voice. Michelle and I already have relationship foundation. We've been meeting over the last year and a half to journey through the seminary experience and Clinical Pastoral Education and to prepare for this time of Field Education. Now it's time for you to get to know one another and to share ministry together! Thanks be to God for the community, the priesthood of all believers, and for each of you as you minister to Michelle and she ministers to you in the days to come.

Welcome, Kathleen Matts!

John_Liebenstein_

Gary Aubry's June retirement as Choir Director left the Staff-Parish team with some big shoes to fill. The Choral Music Ministry here at BVUMC has always been an important part of our corporate experience of worship. So we've been especially prayerful and diligent in seeking Gary's successor during the last several months.

Unfortunately, we have not yet found that permanent staff replacement. While we continue our search-networking, advertising and praying about how to connect with our next music staff person—we are pleased to announce an interim appointment to the Choir Director position.

Ms. Kathleen Matts has agreed to serve the BVUMC ministry as interim choral music director. She specializes in vocal music and choral direction, has had extensive experience on church staffs and has taught private vocal students for years through her association with the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music. These experiences, along with the rest of her professional resume, equip her to bring out the best in each voice and in the collective expression of the choir in worship.

The Faith Singers are eager to benefit from Kathleen's leadership, and are hoping to welcome new voices to the choir. Weekly rehearsals are on Wednesday evening, from 7 to 8:30. The Faith Singers generally provide worship leadership on the first and third Sundays of each month. Anyone wanting to brush up or expand their musical gift for choral ministry is encouraged to attend the next rehearsal.

Meet our Pastoral Intern MICHELLE HENRICHS

Wife, mother, child of God, disciple of Jesus Christ: I am also a candidate for Minister of Word and Sacrament under care with the PC(USA). I am an ordained elder and a member of Crossroads Presbyterian. As a part-time student, I am beginning my fourth year (on a five year plan) at



northern Wisconsin, attended the University of Minnesota – Twin Cities where I graduated with a degree in Accounting. I worked at Deloitte and Touche as a CPA for fourteen years and then taught at Concordia University – Wisconsin for three semesters.

McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago. I grew up in

God has called me to ministry in the midst of my family: I have been married to Dave for 17 years, and we have two sons – Jack (12) and Sam (9). Dave works with Schneider Electric. As a family, we enjoy playing games, watching movies, sports of all kinds – but especially going to Brewers games and watching the boys play football and basketball. We are also looking forward to seeing the Packers repeat as Super Bowl champions! I also enjoy running – and sleeping.

As disciples of Jesus Christ, I believe we are all called to Christian vocation. Christian vocation is the integration of our beliefs and our response to God's gift of grace in all aspects of our life; it is the integration of faith and works. I have a passion for God's Word and believe that God has specifically gifted me to communicate the truth and grace found in Scripture in practical ways. I look forward to learning with and learning from Bay View UMC. It is my privilege and joy to journey with you over this coming year!

Welcome...

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So where do we enter into all of this? Again I go back to my own experience here at Bay View. When Pastor Lowell invited me to join the ministry team back in 1999 he was doing more than allowing me to preach once in a while. He was entrusting to me our most precious commodity, which of course is all of you. And it was "you" who invited me into your homes and into your lives and through those invitations I began to learn what ministry was all about.

We now have that same opportunity to invite Michelle into our lives and not just into our Sunday morning worship experience. Now we do have to keep in mind that Michelle is ours for only fifteen hours a week! But please, seek her out. Get to know her. Ask her about her call to ministry. If she offers to lead a class here, sign up for it!

Michelle will gain much from working closely with Pastor Kelly but she will truly gain so much more from all of you. So Michelle, welcome to the circle! Welcome to the circle of love that is Bay View United Methodist Church! May your time with us be a blessing to us all as you continue this strange and marvelous journey God has called you to!

Blessings,

Pastor Andy

The Gift that Keeps on Giving:

APPORTIONMENTS

At the start of the campaign, the church was 3 months behind in apportionment giving. We have received almost \$3,700 and we have caught up on one full month's apportionment, since \$2,400 is due each month. We're nearly there for an additional month with more coming in each week! I want to thank those persons

that faithfully put a donation for apportionments in each week of the campaign and contributed to the success of the campaign. I know that is not possible for everyone, so I am deeply moved by your efforts.

We marked the close of the campaign by giving everyone a gift of a daffodil bulb. These were planted on the north side of the building as a sign of support following the attacks on 9/11. We await their arrival in spring!

Thank You,

Julie Oren, Finance Chair

FINANCE REPORT FOR ENVELOPE GIVING as of August 31, 2011

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\$113,533.36
\$10,928.17
\$14,191.67

Stewardship Month:

EVERYDAY SAINTS

Pastor Kelly

The Fall 2011 Stewardship Campaign will be grounded in a sermon series titled: "A Season for Saints" in the following areas:

October 2: World Communion October 9: Children October 16: Laity October 23: Our Heritage October 30: Our Ecumenical Commitment

Our United Methodist tradition is not based on doctrine but upon grace. Through these areas of service and connection, I believe we can discover a deeper understanding of and appreciation for

God's grace moving over time and through each of our lives as we relate to this church.

As the face of United Methodism and our own church community continues to evolve, I pray that we will not fear; but take heart in the opportunity to welcome emerging voices, renewed focus and searching hearts. Change can be unsettling; it can also be inspiring and freeing. Let us be comforted in the anchor of our Saints and hopeful in our own honing toward being "Everyday Saints" as we support the ministry of Bay View United Methodist Church.

Education Opportunities

Let The Children Come!

Pastor Michelle

Every week in worship we extend Jesus' invitation to children. In baptism, we promise to do everything in our power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love. These promises show themselves in Sunday school, confirmation, mission trips and our life together as a family of faith. We also live into these promises when we provide a Safe Sanctuary for our children and youth. The General Conference of The United Methodist Church, in April 1996, adopted a resolution aimed at reducing the risk of child sexual abuse in the church: "Jesus said, 'Whoever welcomes [a] child, welcomes me' (Matthew 18:5). Children are our present and our future, our hope, our teachers, our inspiration. They are full participants in the life of the church and in the realm of God." If you are interested in joining the team developing a Safe Sanctuary policy here at BVUMC, please join Michelle Henrichs on October 9 during the education hour to learn more. The time commitment is minor – only a few meetings to provide input on the policy – but the impact continues on into the next generation. Please see Michelle on Sundays or email her at michelleh@bayviewumc.org.

The Ministry of Children and Youth

Pastor Kelly

When events and programs involving our kids come up on the calendar this community is always supportive. However, without staff leadership, this area of ministry is lacking. I have been praying for help to come and realize that I also have to ask for it. To that end, Lay Leadership is looking for a team of at least 4 people to work with Pastor Kelly to guide and grow programming and ministry for our children and youth. This is an excellent opportunity for creativity and fun in a small group of adults with like interests and with children/youth and families who are eager for the support and connection to the church. Please pray about this opportunity and be in touch with Pastor Kelly or any other member of Lay Leadership. (Sara Lewin, Muriel Blackwood or Judie Liebenstein).

Another Chance at "Embracing an Adult Faith."

Pastor Andy

In the September Connection I wrote about a class I would be offering at Faith UMC in September using the DVD "Embracing An Adult Faith." We're only half way through this class and I really like it. In fact, I like it so much that I will be leading it again in the month of October but this time on Monday nights here at Bay View. We'll meet from 7:00 to 8:3pm. The material, featuring Marcus Borg, is excellent and it has led to some powerful conversation among the folks who are taking this at Faith. If you want to know more either give me a call or talk to John and Jan Liebenstein (they're in the current class). If you are interested please add your name to the sign-up sheet on The Cube. The best part is there is no cost! Hope to have you come stretch with us!

Experience

AN AFTERNOON OF SACRED MUSIC WITH DAN SCHUTTE BENEFITTING INTERFAITH AIRPORT MEDITATION ROOM

The Interfaith Airport Meditation Room of Milwaukee project is a grassroots effort initiated by local residents who saw the need for a space that would allow travelers and employees of the airport a place to pray, meditate, or worship. The need for this is even more evident now that the former St. Stephen's church building has been razed - ending the 163 year old tradition of prayer and meditation at the airport location. Building an interfaith meditation room will restore that opportunity. Please help support this great cause by attending an Afternoon of

Sacred Music to benefit our building project!

Interfaith Meditation Room Benefit Concert

Sunday, October 30, 2011 2pm at Changing Lives Assembly of God (formerly St. Joseph's Catholic Church) 4970 Swift Ave., Cudahy, WI 53110

Seating is limited, so order your tickets today! \$15 in Advance • \$20 at the Door • \$10 Students Cash or checks only.

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I want to believe that our community values openness in its action and conversation. I asked to be a member here as many others have because of the open welcome and willingness to have open dialogue/ discernment. As your pastor, I will continue to lead in ways that foster trust in conversation on the hard topics with the invitation and mutual freedom to be wherever you need to be on the spectrum of the discussion.

It is my hope that no mind, no heart or any door would be locked in any direction. That through the Holy Spirit, we will all agree to grow together, however God leads us for the betterment of God's

Make checks payable and send payment to: Interfaith Airport Meditation Room of Milwaukee PO Box 402 So. Milwaukee, WI 53172-0402 There is an order form on the back page of the Connection

For more information contact: Ruth Agrusa (414) 332-3407, Agrusa3@wi.rr.com Suzanne McKinney (414) 570-9906.

kingdom, here on earth, as it is in heaven. I continue to give thanks for the privilege of serving in your midst, recognizing that I am a work in progress along with each of you. I trust that there is grace for all of my steps and missteps as they humanly happen with the best of intention for the ministry in this place.

Peace to each of you,

Pastor Kelly

P.S. Lay Leadership will be activating the Church and Society Team this fall, inviting those who feel an interest or call to peace and justice issues to meet, offer educational and programming opportunities and guidance for our community. Pray about this new area of ministry focus and speak to the Lay Leadership team if you are interested. (Muriel Blackwood, Judie Liebenstein, Sara Lewin and Pastor Kelly)

Support Our Troops... ...And Eat spaghetti at the Same time!

On Saturday, October 15th, Faith United Methodist Church will be holding its annual Italian Spaghetti Supper. We will be serving from 4:00pm until 7:00pm. The cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children 3-10 years old

and children under 3 are free. We would love to have all of our Bay View friends come and join us for this wonderful meal. This year we're doing something different; we have engaged the services of "Chef Aaron" to prepare our meal. Chef Aaron has handled the spaghetti and pasta at Festa Italiana for years and has quite a reputation in the Italian community.

Even if you can't make it for dinner you might want to consider participating in something we've done for the last four or five years. On the night of our dinner we take about 40-50 meals up to the Veteran's Hospital and distribute them to men and women who are staying there. This has been a wonderful way for our little church to say "thank you" to our veterans. If you would like to support us in this outreach simply send us a check made out to "Faith United Methodist Church" in the amount of however many meals you would like to sponsor, each meal is \$8, and mark it "veteran's dinners." Our church is located at 400 S. 91st St., Milwaukee, WI 53214. But come and eat with us too!

Faith Spaghetti Dinner

When: Saturday, October 15, 2011 4pm-7pm

Where: Faith UMC 400 S 91st St, Milwaukee, 53214

Cost: \$8 Adults \$5 Children (3-10) Free Children under 3

Veteran Meal Sponsorship

Make a check out to Faith United Methodist Church with veteran's dinners in the subject line

Each meal you sponsor costs \$8, you can sponsor as many meals as you like.

Pastor Andy

Join Our 2011 Wisconsin Mission Celebration: CONNECTING THE CHURCH IN MISSION

Elm Grove Community UMC October 25th, 5:30pm Call 414-271-5080 for reservations. You are invited to a statewide celebration of the unparalleled outreach activities within the Wisconsin Conference UMC and beyond. The celebration is free and will take place in four locations so all can participate. We are honored to have Thomas Kemper, the General Secretary of the General Board of Global Ministries, as the keynote

speaker. In addition, each of our ministries and agencies will be there to answer any questions and explain how you can become involved. See firsthand how your apportionment giving is working to support these worthy causes. For more information, contact Deborah Thompson at 888-240-7328. **3rd** Kathleen Kronenberg

> **6th** Brenda Comp

7th Dave Haefner Kate Krempel

8th Paul Kowalsky

> **10th** Keri Daub

11th

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



12th Nicci McKean

15th Greg Decker Louise Feiertag

BYOB Sunday October 9!

Bring your BIBLE to church on October 9. On this Sunday, we will celebrate our growing children and their growing faith by providing third graders and new confirmands with Bibles. Help us celebrate by bringing YOUR Bible to worship on October 9....and maybe every Sunday after that! **19th** Angela Jackson John Stroleny

21st Eleanor Decker

28th Scott Elliott Hertha Kornkven

> **30th** Tom Lelivelt

31st Kim Elliott

Congratulations and Welcome

...To Adam Robert Garside who completed the first Milwaukee UM Urban Confirmation experience and was confirmed and welcomed into membership here at Bay View UMC on Sunday, September 18, 2011. The next time you see Adam, be sure to extend the hand of Christian fellowship and then share your ideas on 'next steps' in ministry/service for the coming year.

FOR THAT LIFETIME TOGETHER

To deepen your relationship & your love to make a good marriage even better, check out a Marriage Encounter.

Oct 12-14 – Pine Lake UMC camp Bishop Sharon Zimmerman Rader Conference Center

For more information go to http://encounter.org/index.html or contact Ron & Sharon Morishita at <u>w1marriage@gmail.com</u> or 262-554-0369

Loving Start Preschool News

Greetings from the basement! Loving Start Preschool is back in full force with full mornings and afternoons.

September was a busy month of settling in to routines. We have been getting to know our new and returning students. We held a family picnic in Humboldt Park to celebrate fall with students and families.

October will bring many opportunities to explore nature. If you have something special you think little ones would like, please share it with us. Last year we had two big sunflower heads to examine. We look forward to having pets come to visit and then we'll be getting ready for Halloween!

Martha Whitaker, Francine John, Joan Bostwick, Dawn Obenauf





Photos courtesy of Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Karnes' Texaco Garage

Saturday, September 17 the Snap-on museum hosted a viewing of an exhibit featuring the tools and equipment of Lauren Karnes' Texaco Station from the 1960s. Lauren donated his Snap-On equipment back to the company when he discontinued its use. The company rewarded him by creating an exhibit featuring his old tools and the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel did a front page story on Lauren and his generous donation. See http://www.jsonline.com/news/wisconsin/130246508.html for the full article and http://www.jsonline.com/multimedia/photos/130235888.html to see a photo gallery. The museum is not open to the public, but if you missed the showing in September, there will be another in November.

Life Line Screening at BVUMC

Life Line Screening is offering four different screenings on October 26, 2011, between 9am and 4pm at Bay View United Methodist Church. The screenings are by appointment only, call 1-888-653-6441 or visit <u>www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners</u> to schedule your appointment.

PROSTATE CANCER PSA

- One in six men will get Prostate Cancer
- A Prostate Cancer PSA test is the most accurate method for the detection of prostate cancer.
- PSA tests have been used for over 25 years.

A simple PSA blood test could save your life. The PSA, test costs \$45. This package also includes a total lipid panel and a glucose screening for diabetes.

6 FOR LIFE HEALTH ASSESSMENT

- If you are age 21-80 learn your risk for developing 6 different chronic diseases.
- \$3 out of every \$4 spent on healthcare is for treatment of chronic disease
- Better lifestyle habits can help prevent 80% of heart disease and 90% of type 2 diabetes

The 6 for Life Health Assessment measures your risk of developing 6 chronic diseases, including heart disease, congestive heart failure, stroke, diabetes, COPD and lung cancer. A customized report will determine which risk factors contribute most to your disease risk and are within your control to change. Finger-stick blood tests along with biometric measurements are included with this assessment.

The 6 for Life Health Assessment costs \$79.

THYROID DISORDERS TSH

- Thyroid Disorders TSH can indicate an underactive thyroid
- 20 million Americans have an underactive thyroid but half don't know it
- An underactive thyroid can cause an increased risk of heart disease and lead to an enlarged heart
- Underactive thyroid is more common among men and women aged 60 and older

Life Line Screening offers a finger-stick blood test with results in less than 10 minutes. Protect your health by finding out your risk of an underactive thyroid by having a TSH screening. The TSH screening costs \$45. This package also includes a total lipid panel and a glucose screening.

FINGER- STICK BLOOD TESTS

- A 10% decrease in cholesterol can reduce your risk for heart disease 30%
- Diabetes is the 5th leading cause of death in the US
- Elevated CRP levels in the blood are indicators of risk for heart disease and high blood pressure
- Stroke is the 3rd leading cause of death

Life Line Screening offers finger-stick blood tests with results in 10 minutes. Register for the lipid panel (HDL, LDL, total cholesterol and triglycerides), glucose and CRP blood tests for \$99.

October 2011 Calendar

KEY:

SPR:Staff Parish RelationsSECA:South East Clergy AssociationWF AA:Women's Freedom AAOutpost:Alternative High SchoolYAH:Young At HeartsLSP:Loving Start Preschool

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FALL HOURS

8:15am Worship 9:15am Sunday School 10:45am Worship



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Monday- Thursday 9:00am - 2:30pm Friday 9:00am - 2:00pm

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