

# BVUMC *Connection*

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## The Journey to Hope Continues...into Holy Week and Beyond...

*As “Easter people” we know that “Sunday’s comin’”  
-let us not miss the week that unfolds between these two Sundays.*

As we enter Jerusalem with Jesus on the first day of April, Palm Sunday, we are aware that Jesus’ triumphant entrance is soon to be exchanged for a cross.

The Journey to Hope needs these holy days this week to work God’s way within us. If we, as God’s people, are to truly ingest and invest God’s gift of grace in Jesus – the Christ – we must walk with Jesus this week. Our community has observed Lent with personal journey disciplines that have included weekly study groups and bible study, food fellowship, denials of the flesh and the inclusion of a person with/for whom to pray along the way. Now is not the time to breathe a sigh of relief that you’ve “made it” – it is the time to firmly plant your feet on the road through the Kidron Valley with Jesus as he travels in and about Jerusalem this week; as he goes once again to the Gethsemane garden to pray, as he climbs the steps to the Upper Room to break bread, as he is shoved before Pilate’s throne and as he carries the cross that will bear his weight and our sin to Golgotha.

The Journey to Hope is long and difficult.

For those who have experienced hope - give thanks to God for it as you acknowledge the way there can be hard. Continue on, share your story.

For those who are searching for hope – don’t give up, journey onward and know that you are not alone.

Spring brings us many signs of hope in God’s creation – new life from the earth, warmer temperatures, more hours of sunlight and a renewed vigor in our bones for the tasks of the day. Spring also brings us to the end of Jesus’ earthly journey encapsulated in our liturgical calendar between the celebrations of Christmas and Easter. Many God lovin’ people bring themselves to community – to church – only twice each year – Christmas and Easter; for these, the Journey to Hope can seem pointless (“Life is hard, God doesn’t love me.”) or presumed (“Life is what I make it, God’s just there watchin’.”) How can we, the community of faith called to be Bay View UMC share our intentional Journey to Hope with those who think and feel like this about their relationship with God?

Friends, I give thanks for the way we journey together – every day – and as we welcome one another and those who step in just for the day let us say, with the confidence that hope assures, “He Is Risen!” “He Is Risen, indeed!”. Alleluia! -Pastor Kelly

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*Alleluia*

## *UMCOR Stands with Conferences Affected by Tornadoes*

The Rev. Tom Hazelwood, US Disaster Response executive for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) was on his way on March 5 to areas affected by last week's tornadoes. "I was in immediate contact with conference personnel from several of the affected areas to let them know that UMCOR stands ready to assist them," Hazelwood reported.

Early Saturday morning, conference Disaster Response personnel in hard-hit areas, including Indiana, Kentucky, and Tennessee, reported that they had already begun assessments of the damages caused by the severe weather that struck 12 states.

"The scale of the outbreak was enormous, with a preliminary total of 117 tornadoes touching down in 11 states, from southern Ohio to northern Florida. The National Weather Service issued 297 tornado warnings and 388 severe thunderstorm warnings" on the evening of March 2 into March 3, reported meteorologist Jeff Masters on his Wunderblog. These storms and tornadoes follow on the heels of the Leap Day tornadoes, when 36 twisters were responsible for 13 deaths on the evening of February 28 – 29.

Hazelwood received an invitation from Bishop Palmer to accompany him today morning as he surveys the damage in Harrisburg, IL, which was severely damaged by the Leap Day tornadoes. At least nine Harrisburg residents died in that storm. The UMCOR executive will extend his stay to visit other hard-hit conferences, including Indiana.

UMCOR requests your prayers for all who have been affected by these tornadoes and storms. You can help. Please give to US Disaster Response, UMCOR Advance #901670.

### *Common Ground Report* FYI

You may have seen the article in the Journal Sentinel this week about Common Ground's new initiative regarding education. They are doing research, and have already identified changes needed in the tutoring program, such as accountability. In the MILWAUKEE RISING housing program, Common Ground has rehabbed 9 homes. Sales have completed on 4 of these and there are accepted offers on the other 5 homes. The program will move toward acquiring and rehabbing additional homes. Common Ground has also received a grant from the Federal Government to proceed with a health insurance cooperative for small businesses and employers.

Common Ground will be holding a large informational/action event at The Italian Community Center on Sunday, April 29th from 2 to 4 pm. There will be information about all Common Ground programs. These are programs directed at THE COMMON GOOD. Perhaps you will learn about something that YOU want to become involved in. For any questions about this, please ask Ann Pier.

## ✘ Can't We All Just Get Along? ✘

You may have seen some of the news coverage this past week reporting a public meeting out in Brookfield where the issue was the building of an Islamic mosque in that community. One national conservative group is leading the way in opposing this construction while the local interfaith clergy alliance along with the Brookfield mayor are in favor of it.

I am saddened when I read some of the inflammatory words being used in this debate but at the same time I am grateful...grateful for the long-standing relationship we have had with our local mosque, The Islamic Society of Milwaukee, located on 13th & Layton. They were one of the founding faith communities and signers of the covenant that created our Southeast Clergy Association. One of the "holiest moments" I have ever experienced was the night of 9-11 when about sixty of us went from our church to the mosque to pray alongside our brothers and sisters.

We had already been in a covenantal relationship before that horrific day so it was only natural to reach out then and to continue to find ways to connect ever since. There is a group of young women from the Islamic Society who regularly serve at our Bread & Jam meal program and just last September the Islamic Society hosted an intriguing interfaith dialogue on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of 9-11. Because the Islamic Society of Milwaukee has been a fixture in our community for a while now we tend to take their existence for granted...just like any other church building in our neighborhood.

In late April our Southeast Clergy group, along with the Islamic Society, will be reviving the Youth Interfaith Service Retreat. This is a great opportunity for our middle school and high school youth to spend some time both in conversation and working alongside youth of a different faith. I think it is opportunities like this that help us all realize we have far more in common than whatever may set us apart.

For myself, I treasure my connections to the Islamic Society of Milwaukee and especially to Ziad Hamden, their longtime representative to our clergy group. I hope the good folks of Brookfield will prevail and that they will welcome this new faith community in their midst.

"I believe that one fine day all the children of Abraham will lay down their swords forever..." (from "Jerusalem" by Steve Earle)

Blessings,

Pastor Andy

## *Easter Breakfast*

This year's Easter Breakfast will be hosted from 7am until 9am at Christ Church UCC (915 E Oklahoma Ave). Breakfast will be scrambled eggs, polish sausage, potato pancakes, coffee cake, milk, juice, and coffee. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4 for children 6-12 years, free for children 5 and under. Tickets are available in the BVUMC office, call 744-4036 to purchase tickets.



## *Junior High Youth Convo*

Junior High Convo will be April 20-22, 2012 at Blue Harbor Resort in Sheboygan, WI. Registration starts at 5:00 pm on Friday, April 20. Convo ends at noon on Sunday.

We hope you will join us at this gorgeous venue right on the shore of Lake Michigan! For more information on the venue visit: <http://blueharborresort.com/>. Room prices will range from \$115 - \$369/night. Please keep in mind that scholarships are available.

We only have a few youth in this age group, church, and what a wonderful opportunity to give them as they prepare for the journey through Confirmation next fall. If you would like to chaperone or sponsor this experience for a youth or chaperone, please see Pastor Kelly.

## *Invitation and Film Opportunity*

*Ann Pier*

Albright United Methodist's mission committee has invited us to join them to view ***The Interrupters*** on Saturday, May 5th. ***The Interrupters*** is a documentary film that received an Oscar at the most recent ceremonies. The film is set in inner city Chicago, and it tells the story of how some hard core gang members "went straight" and now are working to intervene in violence, encourage other gang members to change their ways, and stop senseless gang wars. These people speak from experience and go to the streets with head to head confrontations to persuade their peers that there are smarter ways to resolve conflict.

There will be pizza at 5pm on May 5th and the film will begin about 6:30 pm with a discussion to follow. There will be a sign up sheet posted on the cube later in April. Perhaps this would be a good film to see as vague ideas float in the air about a prison ministry. Contact Ann Pier if you have any questions.



Does your heart grieve a loss? Recent and long ago, very near or distant/estranged, person, pet or position, relationship or relative, young and old alike – all of these, and more, make our hearts hurt. Sometimes, we are told, that questioning or feeling very sad or lost means that we are being less than faithful and so we bottle up our emotions. Days and years pass

and our families, and our faith community go unaware of how we are truly grieving inside. The longer the time passes, the more embarrassed we become about admitting our lingering sadness and our ability to “move on”. We disengage from those who could be our greatest support and we feel more alone and lost.

Friends, the experience of grief and loss is very unattended in our western culture. We hide and deny our pain and sadness convinced that faith is all we need. True, faith is a very helpful tool, but for persons who have not allowed themselves the proper time and support to process their grief in a healthy way (and that looks different for every person) even faith is not enough!

Grief Share is a 13 week supportive, faith-based, small group that I highly recommend to anyone who would welcome of gift of Christian companionship through the journey of grieving.

Al Eckoldt is running two sessions of Grief Share this spring, one on Tuesday nights at 6:30pm and the other on Saturday mornings at 10:00am.

### *UM Children's Services in the News!*

There was a Milwaukee Journal Sentinel article about United Methodist Children's Services and their work in the Washington Park neighborhood of Milwaukee. The article included quote from UMCS Director, Perry Huyck, and some photos of recent neighborhood projects. Here is a link to the article:

<http://www.jsonline.com/news/milwaukee/neighborhood-around-washington-park-showing-new-energy-kt4kddk-143584276.html>



### *Youth Interfaith Service Retreat*

After an absence of several years, the Youth Interfaith Service Retreat (YISR) is back! This is a great opportunity to bring youth together from across our neighborhoods for a night of conversation and a day of service. This event is open to students in 8th grade through high school. College students are also welcome to participate. So what is YISR? Well, here's the idea:

On Friday night, April 27th, we hope to bring together one hundred youth; fifty Christian and fifty Muslim. We'll gather at Christ UCC for a two hour "get to know you" program after which the boys and girls will be staying over night in different locations.

On Saturday morning, we will have breakfast and then we will break into work teams, going out into the community doing service work, particularly in our area parks. We'll work until 3:00 p.m. (with a break for lunch) and then conclude our day with a spaghetti dinner/video recap of our event at Unity Lutheran Church.

The cost for this event is \$15 which includes all meals plus a t-shirt. Deadline to register for this event is April 10th. If you have questions, call Pastor Andy (698-2387) or Pastor Kelly

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

### 1st

Alex Berry  
Hailey Petrie  
Dave Rosing

### 2nd

Lucille Ott

### 5th

Wendy Grumley  
Adam Haile  
Aurelia Schultz

### 6th

Matthew Brezinski

### 7th

Linda Becker  
Maxine Lelivelt  
Jan Liebenstein  
Tim Schultz

### 8th

Ross Jackson

### 9th

Gerald Knepper

### 12th

Bill Felber

### 13th

Dana-Marie Grennier  
Becky Rehorst



### 16th

Sarah Hilmert-Gudelsky

### 18th

Marilyn Gray  
Dick Kumbier

### 21st

Leo Cigale

### 23rd

Sydney Haile

### 27th

John Liebenstein

### 28th

Linda Kreider

## Celebrate Pastor Michelle

Plan to be present on Sunday, April 29 when we celebrate and bless her in ministry as her internship with us comes to a close.

### FINANCE REPORT FOR ENVELOPE GIVING as of February 29, 2012

Monthly Pledged	\$11,360.80
Received January Pledges	\$17,968.28
Total Pledged (January - February)	\$22,721.60
Total Received (January - February)	\$33,997.31

*Please Give Generously.*

**February Apportionments      Paid in Full**

## 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 went off to Classic Slice Pizza and watched the pizza dough get tossed high into the air. We even got to add pepperoni to our pizzas.

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 okay if you eat the candy or take the stickers, but please return the egg for next year!

Happy Easter!

Miss Martha, Miss Francine, Miss Joan, Miss Dawn



# April 2012 Calendar

FOR HOLY WEEK DETAILS AND LOCATIONS,  
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## KEY:

LSP: Loving Start Preschool  
 Outpost: Alternative High School  
 SECA: South East Clergy Association  
 SPR: Staff Parish Relations  
 Wesleyan: Wesleyan Bells  
 WF AA: Women's Freedom AA  
 YAH: Young At Hearts

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 <i>Palm Sunday</i> w/ <i>Holy Communion</i> 8:15am Worship 9:15am Education 10:45am Worship 3pm Bread & Jam 7pm AA	2 8:30am Outpost 8:45am LSP 6:30pm Music Mtg 7pm 3 Simple Rules 7pm AA	3 8:30am Outpost 8:45am LSP 10am AA 5:30pm AA 6pm Praise Band 6:30pm Grief Share	4 8:30am Outpost 10am Bible Study 3pm SECA Meeting 5pm OASIS 6:30pm Lenten Class	5 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 8:30am Outpost 6:30pm Faith Singers 7pm Worship 7pm Keystone AA 7:30pm Wesleyan	6 <i>Good Friday</i> 12pm Cross Process 12:30pm Worship 7pm Worship 8pm Music Practice	7 <i>Holy Saturday</i> 10am WF AA 10am Grief Share
8 <i>Easter Sunday</i> 6am Sunrise Worship 7am Easter Breakfast 9am Worship 10:45am Worship 7pm AA	9 7pm AA	10 10am AA 5:30pm AA 6pm Praise Band 6pm Trustees 6:30pm Grief Share 7pm Yarn Ministry	11 12pm Card Ministry 6:30pm Lenten Class	12 6:30pm Faith Singers 7pm Keystone AA 7:30pm Wesleyan	13 <b>Connection Items Due</b>	14 10am WF AA 10am Grief Share
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29 <i>Pastor Michelle's</i> <i>Last Day</i> 8:15am Worship 9:15am Education 10:45am Worship 3pm Bread & Jam 5pm YAH Ice Cream 7pm AA	30 8:30am Outpost 8:45am LSP 5pm Fairy Tale Night 7pm AA	1 8:30am Outpost 8:45am LSP 10am AA 5:30pm AA 6:30pm Grief Share	2 8:30am Outpost 8:45am LSP 3pm SECA	3 8:30am Outpost 8:45am LSP 6pm Praise Band 6:30pm Faith Singers 7pm Keystone AA 7:30pm Wesleyan	4 8:30am Outpost 8:45am LSP	5 10am WF AA 10am Grief Share

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## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### Palm Sunday, April 1

8:15am	Worship with Holy Communion	LL Dining Room
10:45am	Worship with Holy Communion	ML Sanctuary

### Maundy Thursday, April 5

7:00pm	Worship with Holy Communion	ML Sanctuary
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### Good Friday, April 6

12:00pm	Cross Procession Starts	Tippecanoe Church
12:30pm	Interfaith Service	Christ Church UCC
7:00pm	Good Friday Worship	ML Gathering Space

### Easter Sunday, April 8

6:00am	Sunrise Service	South Shore Pavilion
7:00am	Easter Breakfast	Christ Church UCC
9:00am	Easter Service	ML Sanctuary
10:45am	Easter Service	ML Sanctuary

### SPRING HOURS

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



*Please Recycle*

### OFFICE HOURS:

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