

BVUMC Connection

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Ready or Not, Here I Am

As I write this I am still about two weeks away from my official July 1 start date but I'm more than ready to be with you! It seems like every day for the last month of so I've been bringing a box of books or files over from Faith to Bay View. Other than my robes and stoles, everything has now been moved and the books are on the shelves and the pictures are on the wall!

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I really hope that you're as excited to have me as I am to be with you. If you are, a really great way to let me know would be to march with me in the 4th of July Parade! I realize that just isn't possible for some of you but to see you cheering us on from the sidewalk is just as important. So on the 4th let's show this community just what kind of Methoducks we are!

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The Power Is Yours

How many of you remember Captain Planet? His kid sidekicks helped save planet earth from all kinds of environmental catastrophes using their special gifts. After they combined their efforts (to summon the special help of Captain Planet himself) to finish off some earth offensive Captain Planet would leave them saying, "The power is yours!"

Oh my! I remember my children raising up their clenched fists and shouting right along with Captain Planet – celebrating their inclusion in his empowering departure.

Television and the movies have given us such access to people's imaginations as well as stunning actual pictures of people, places and events all around the world. We are spoiled by these images and then struggles when these same applications aren't applied in contemporary ways to themes in scripture.

When we celebrated Pentecost at the end of May we ushered in the concept of community, empowered and blessed by God through the Holy Spirit. Jesus had ascended in the texts the week prior to "make room" for the coming of the Spirit sent to guide creation toward God's power.

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I also want to draw your attention to a sign-up sheet that can be found on The Cube which you can use to express your interest and availability to help clean up the South Shore Pavilion on Monday, July 9th. We'll meet at the South Shore Pavilion at 10:00am. The work will be filling a dumpster with broken park benches and snow fences and also cutting back some foliage that has overrun two inner courtyards. I suggest long pants, good shoes (no flip flops!) and work gloves. I think we all realize how under-staffed our parks are and I also know how much we appreciate Chill on the Hill and the South Shore Farmer's Market so consider this a great way to give back to our parks.

Last month Pastor Kelly wrote about "Seeing 20/20: A Visioning Process for BVUMC." I think at least part of our vision for the future has to include more community involvement and an awareness of how important our place is in our community. Jesus calls us to love our neighbors and we want our neighbors to know that our church is there for them...all of them.

Folks, we can't wait for them to come to us...we need to take our love out to the streets of Bay View, from the parks to the coffee shops, from Bread & Jam to Loving Start, let's show Bay View how much we care!

Blessings,
Pastor Andy

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For most of June and July sermons are focusing in the Gospel of Mark as we look at Jesus' power in his context and community and how it might speak to us today. Jesus is saying, "The power is yours, people of God!" Use it to cast out divisive attitudes and action that inhibit the unconditional love of God. Use it to bring peace.

Join me and Pastor Andy as this summer sermon series continues and we look ahead with prayerful hearts to the vision casting for our community as God's Spirit empowers us!

Church, the power is yours!

Pastor Kelly

What can I do with the life



that God has given me?

What Can I Do...?

We all need to approach stewardship in a holistic manner. When we look at the whole person, we visualize education as the head, gaining knowledge about all of our mission, and outreach and witness as the hands and feet, extending our ministry to others. But worship and stewardship both must lie in the heart of the person, for it is there that we are moved to carry out our ministry.

Stewardship goes beyond just a way to meet the budget. The early Christian church recognized stewardship as a way of life, sharing all that God

had given to them with others. We lost the true meaning of stewardship when Constantine declared everyone in the Roman world as a Christian. At that time, the church budget became a part of the government budget, financed through taxes. Churches needed only to raise money to "spread the Word."

We can find our way back to the early Christian understanding of stewardship by seriously carrying out the vows that we take when we join the church. We plan confirmation classes for the sixth or seventh grade, but wouldn't it be great if children came to those classes with experience in the vows that we take for membership? I can see the "ah-ha" moment of a child when he or she reads the membership vows and recognizes that this has been a part of his or her life for years. What kind of "ah-ha" moments come to mind when you think of giving your time, talent or treasure?

Stewardship Thoughts

You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous in every way. Such generosity produces thanksgiving to God through us. Your ministry of this service to God's people isn't only fully meeting their needs but it is also multiplying in many expressions of thanksgiving to God. They will give honor to God for your obedience to your confession of Christ's gospel. They will do this because of your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone. - 1 Corinthians 9:11-13

This passage reminds us that we are called by God to give to others less fortunate than ourselves. Because we are part of the United Methodist Church, we promise faithfully to participate in its ministries through our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.

Common Ground/Milwaukee Rising

Ann Pier

I hope you saw the article in the 6/15 Journal regarding the initiative of 180 Properties. This is a program to train and employ ex-prisoners to clean up, clean out, and maintain foreclosed properties in the City of Milwaukee so they do not become eyesores, or hazards. This is another initiative for the common good.



Opportunities Available

Ann Pier

There are workshop and camp opportunities available through the conference that may be of interest to many of you.

Wise Women Do Finances

Two dates in November, and Two sites, including one in Wauwatosa. Only \$5.00! Go to www.wumf.org.

Christian Educators Fellowship

National Conference, to be held in Green Lake, October 12-16. www.cefumc.org.

Faith Alive!

A two-year study on six weekends to explore what God is calling you to do. (Pastor Andy has completed this course). Ask for more details.

Stewardship Retreat

Learn how to enhance church stewardship at Pine Lake Camp. There are drive-in days as well as a full retreat. www.WIUMCamps.org.

CAMPS

...lots of options for camps: family, teen, adult, grandparents and kids. There will be horses, wilderness, water fun, fishing, arts.

Check them out! www.WIUMCamps.org.



Help Support Sheltered Reality in Wisconsin

If you experienced the Sheltered-Reality (SR) drumming music performance at the Wisconsin Annual Conference session and are interested in getting involved and perhaps drum yourself, there is good news. SR currently has four training sites in Wisconsin, including Racine, Fox Cities (Ripon area), Menomonee Falls, and Peshtigo. We have a lot of fun training and doing shows.



Upcoming shows in the Peshtigo/Marinette area include: July 14, 6 p.m. at the "Logging & Heritage Festival", Stephenson Island, Marinette; Aug. 5, 10:30 a.m. at Badger Park – part of the Peshtigo & Harmony UMC joint Vacation Bible School program; Wed. Aug. 8, 6:30 p.m. "Bands at Badger", Badger Park, Peshtigo; Sat. Sept. 22, noon, Peshtigo Historical Days, Badger Park. The next fundraiser for the Peshtigo site will be held during the Peshtigo City-Wide Rummage Sale, July 6 & 7, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at Lee's Grocery Store, Peshtigo. We are having a cook-out and also bagging groceries. For more information about Sheltered Reality in Wisconsin, contact Jean Waldron, SR Peshtigo Site Leader, at 715-582-438. You can also visit their website at www.sheltered-reality.org or contact Steve Schlosser, Executive Director at steve@sheltered-reality.org, 515-957-9265 or 515-865-8281. You can view photos from the Sheltered Reality performance at our Wisconsin Annual Conference session at our Flickr page.

An Invite to the Upcoming Lay Servant Ministries Classes

"Make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world" can be a daunting task. Lay Servant Ministries is about making it less so. You don't have to be a Lay Servant to take our classes. You just have to have an interest. Do you tell a good joke? How about that family story that everyone asks you to tell? Or does your family roll their eyes? Maybe you're a Sunday school teacher and want to hone that parable skill. Or maybe you're just not sure what this disciple thing is about. "How am I supposed to transform the world? I have trouble transforming dinner." Maybe you think you're too young. Or too old. God has a place for all of us. Find out a little bit more in a "Today's Disciple" class. Tom Bolton is leading "Today's Disciple" at West Allis First UMC on August 3rd and 4th. For more information on these classes and more, go to DiscipleConnection.org or call your church office, or visit the Wisconsin Conference Board of Laity online pages.

Loving Start Preschool News

Loving Start Preschool is enjoying a summer program! We have been enjoying the outdoors in addition to our time in class. We have been playing at the park, riding bikes in the parking lot and enjoying summer.

We have been adding toys and rearranging rooms downstairs. We have a branch alphabet on the wall, there's going to be a tree in the yellow room, and we have new rugs in both rooms!

Have a safe, healthy, happy, sunny and warm summer!

Miss Martha, Miss Mai



JULY BIRTHDAYS

1st
Tami Krempel

3rd
Sid Carter

7th
Jean Larsen
Eleanor Rice

8th
Shawn Berry
Kai Liebenstein

9th
Noah Elliott

11th
Doris Hennell

13th
Leslyn Prott

18th
Nadine Barthuli
Sam Petrie

19th
Judie Liebenstein
Dorrine Stroleny

21st
Jan Colson
Al Roepke

22nd
Ken Balfanz
Becky Garside
Ann Pier

25th
Jennifer Moebius

26th
Dennis Larsen

27th
Jeannie Schultz

29th
Jacob Berry

30th
Anne Creach
Troy Daub
Sue Davey
Sue Oseland

FINANCE REPORT FOR ENVELOPE GIVING <i>as of May 31, 2012</i>	
Monthly Pledged	\$11,360.80
Received May Pledges	\$9,751.75
Difference	(\$1,609.05)
Total Pledged (January - May)	\$56,804.00
Total Received (January - May)	\$68,379.61
Difference	\$11,575.61
<i>Please Give Generously</i>	
May Apportionments	(\$3,412.00)

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

July 2012 Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 8am Outdoor Svc 9am Meet Andy 9:45am Indoor Svc 3pm Bread & Jam 7pm AA	2 8:45am LSP Summer 6pm Music Mtg 7pm AA	3 8:45am LSP Summer 10am AA 5:30pm AA	4 <i>Independence Day</i> <i>Office Closed</i> 9am 4th of July Parade	5 8:45am LSP Summer 7pm Keystone AA	6 8:45am LSP Summer	7 10am WF AA 10am Grief Share
8 8am Outdoor Svc 9:45am Indoor Svc 3pm Bread & Jam 7pm AA	9 8:45am LSP Summer 7pm AA	10 8:45am LSP Summer 10am AA 5:30pm AA 6pm Trustees 7pm Yarn Ministry	11 8:45am LSP Summer 10am Bible Study 12pm Card Ministry	12 8:45am LSP Summer 12pm Church Picnic 7pm Keystone AA	13 8:45am LSP Summer	14 10am WF AA 10am Grief Share
15 8am Outdoor Svc 9:45am Indoor Svc 7pm AA	16 8:45am LSP Summer 7pm Finance Mtg 7pm District 28 AA 7pm AA	17 8:45am LSP Summer 10am AA 5:30pm AA	18 8:45am LSP Summer 10am Bible Study	19 8:45am LSP Summer 7pm Keystone AA	20 8:45am LSP Summer	21 10am WF AA 10am Grief Share
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WE'RE BRINGING OUR PROGRAM ON THE ROAD...AGAIN!



SUNDAY, JULY 22, 2012
1:00 – 3:00 P.M.
TIPPECANOE CHURCH

The Crossroads Career Team of West Allis First UMC will be at Tippe (125 West Saveland Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53207) to provide an opening program of encouragement and tips, and then break into stations for resumes, interview practice, online tips, and coaching.

- Our purpose is to help people at crossroads in their careers hear and follow God's calling in their work;
- We help unemployed and under-employed people find job opportunities and respond to them;
- We hold Network Meetings monthly at the Church for facilitated and informal networking, expert speakers on career search topics, and hands-on help with resumes, interview preparation, on-line resources, and general support;
- We make available free access to the web's biggest, smartest job search engine —the Crossroads Career Job Board.

SUMMER HOURS

8:00am Outdoor
Worship
9:45am Indoor Worship



Please Recycle

OFFICE HOURS:

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