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❁ So Where is Your Mayberry? ❁

On July 3, 2012 the world said goodbye to Andy Griffith as he passed away at the age of 86. His beloved series, "The Andy Griffith Show," tops the list of many, myself included, when considering one's all-time favorite TV shows. There was just something so very special about Mayberry. For us Baby Boomers, it was a place that was oh so familiar. From the courthouse to Floyd's barbershop to Goober's filling station to Andy's living room...we knew that town by heart.

I think we also know that it depicts a time and place that never really existed...except on the TV screen and in the hearts of its countless viewers. But does that mean it wasn't a real place? That it isn't a real place?

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❁ Christmas is on my mind... Still ❁

Our community celebrated "Christmas in July" this last Sunday in worship and I can't stop thinking about it. It was wonderful to recapture that feeling of caring and genuine interest for one another as we praised God for the Holy family and for our church family. It was humbling and comforting to be able to hear God speak to me personally and for me to then be able to share with all of you about the need we all have to "Take Time Out" for rest, remembrance and recharging. (Thanks to the many who offered their birthday wishes and greetings to my children who I'll be

traveling to see in CA this week.) It was a joy to include our "ducks" in the fun of reminding the children about the special place the holy family AND our church family has in God's heart (and to be gifted from Pastor Andy with more cool ducks to share – thanks, Andy!) The morning celebration was enhanced by the musical leadership of our Orchestra and the special music of the Wesleyan Bell Choir and thanks to all of those musicians who gave their time to practice, rehearsal and participation in the worship. Thanks too, for the fine Christmas dinner pot luck fellowship that followed the service – to those who organized the set up, serving and clean up of the meal and to everyone who brought something for the table – either a food item or a crèche to share.

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Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel community columnist Sherry Schultz wrote in her July 11th column; "I realize that all of my adult life I have been in search of Mayberry. Is there a place left...where politicians are not corrupt, where you can leave your doors unlocked, where Saturday night dances and Sunday picnics are big events?" Sherry goes on to ask, "If you know where "Mayberry" is, please write to me. I know it is out there somewhere. At least I hope it still is."

Well, Sherry...if you're hoping someone is going to give you directions to a place where you can go and find "Mayberry" I think you're out of luck. Now that being said, I believe with all my heart that Mayberry is a very real place. But it is not a place we go to...rather, it is a place that we create. And we create it by living our lives in a such a way that every stranger is welcomed and every person knows they are cared for and loved. Sound like some kind of mythical place? Yeah it does, doesn't it? But I also think it is a place we can all have a hand in creating. What if each of us could simply try to do those two things on Sunday morning...welcome the stranger and let one another know how much they are loved? I think that might be the beginning of a journey that just might get us to Mayberry!

Here's to you and yours!

Pastor Andy

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I'm truly marking this past Sunday in my memory of heart – a moment to breathe and refuel. It feels good to pause and to recall the joy of the Christmas Season with all of its hopefulness for peace. Even out of context, July instead of December, the Christmas message of 'God with us' (Emmanuel) rings loud and clear – amidst the grief in Aurora, CO; amidst the flood recovery efforts in Superior, WI; amidst the looming political, economic and social issues of the local, national and international scenes; amidst the changes in leadership for our church region and conference; amidst the continuing challenge to vision how God is calling us to be a vital voice of faith. As we sing "Joy to the World" and "O Come All Ye Faithful" can we refresh our commitment to that joy and to that faith we profess? I pray that it is so because just like the disciples (who were trying to rest as Jesus had invited them to do) we are continually called to be about the mission and ministry of Bay View UMC as God calls us to it. We have work to do, friends!

So, join me in keeping Christmas on your mind (and in your heart) and join me, as well, in the continuing call to be God's people, at work in the world here in this place and in this time. Merry Christmas!!!

Peace to each of you,

Pastor Kelly

Do you want to make your celebration special?

The new copier makes color copies, but they are at an added cost of \$20 for a Sunday bulletin. To ask for color bulletins for your special event, notify the church office prior to your celebration and provide color pictures. Then make a notation on your check or envelope that the payment is for COLOR BULLETINS. This will help our counters and Treasurer identify the payments and apply them to the correct accounts.

Lay Leadership Report

Pastor Kelly

I celebrate the on-going fine leadership of many faithful team leaders, small group facilitators and event coordinators in our midst. Their gifts of prayer, time, talent, treasure and witness truly echo their commitment in membership to this church and its ministry.

Very soon, the Lay Leadership team will be discerning places where leaders need rest and change will need to happen. They will be looking at teams that continue to look for an individual to lead and they will be listening for places where new ideas are ready for leadership.

Please be prayerful about how your connection to Bay View UMC can be strengthened by a deeper commitment to leadership involvement in the coming year. If you have questions about your gifts or curiosity about where there are opportunities to become more involved please see Pastor Kelly or Pastor Andy during the month of August.

It is a joy to be the church, together!

SPR News...

Jan Colson, Staff-Parish Chair

Staff Parish is announcing the resignation of our office administrator, Erin McReynolds. After serving Bay View for the last two years Erin has decided it is time to move on. Her last day will be August 10th. Thank You, Erin, for your dedication and expertise. We are pleased that you consider us your church family.

Recruitment will begin soon and we ask that everyone be patient through this transitional time.

Stewardship Thoughts

Judy Banta - Stewardship Leader

None of us can escape being a steward of God's possessions. This includes our handling of money and other resources. Jesus told story after story about one's relationship to possessions. He taught in the tradition of the prophets when he compared one's use of possessions to one's relationship with God. In our consumer-oriented economy, being a Christian steward of our money and possessions may be the most difficult challenge that many of us face.

We model stewardship through our actions and attitudes, by serving and giving. The Christian steward willingly worships, studies, gives, serves, and loves with joy and gratitude as a response to God's grace. Every member sets an example by the way he or she shares prayers, presence, gifts and service with one another and the wider community.

Bishop Hee-Soo Jung is Appointed to Lead the Wisconsin Conference



The newly appointed bishops for the North Central Jurisdiction were announced today at the conference session in Akron, Ohio. The new bishop appointed for the next four years within Wisconsin is Bishop Hee-Soo Jung. Bishop Jung was most recently the bishop for the Northern Illinois Conference (Chicago Area). He has been instrumental in inspiring the Harvest 2020 movement in Northern Illinois, which resulted in nearly 30 new faith communities and 2,000 new worshippers since 2009.

Bishop Hee-Soo Jung was the first of three bishops elected at the North Central Jurisdictional Conference in 2004 and was assigned to the Chicago Episcopal Area. Bishop Jung is one of only three people of Korean descent to be elected Bishop in the United Methodist Church, and the first non-Anglo bishop to serve as the head of this ethnically-diverse conference. He serves on the UM General Board of Discipleship, JustPeace, the UM National Hispanic Plan and the UM Korean National Plan.

Previously, Bishop Jung served as a district superintendent in the Wisconsin Conference for eight years and chaired the Department of Religion and Philosophy and was Dean of the University Chapel at Kangnam University and Seminary in Kyungki-Do, Korea. He has served as pastor of congregations in Wisconsin, California, Texas and Korea and was responsible for establishing a new Korean congregation at University United Methodist Church in Madison, Wisconsin. Known across the denomination for his work on refugee, immigration, cross-cultural and interfaith relations issues, Jung has been a board member of the General Commission on Christian Unity and Inter-Religious Concerns and General Commission on United Methodist Men.

His education includes:

- Ph.D. - University of Wisconsin (Madison, Wis.)
- M.A. - Institute of Buddhist Studies (Berkeley, Calif.)
- M.A. - Dongguk University Graduate School (Seoul, South Korea)
- B.Th. - Methodist Theological Seminary (Seoul, South Korea)

New District Superintendent

Rev. Deborah Thompson has been appointed District Superintendent for Metro North and Metro South.

Are You Looking For Meaningful Ways to Live Your Faith? **ARE YOU WONDERING WHAT GOD IS CALLING YOU TO DO?**

Faith Alive! just might provide the answers to those questions. Faith Alive! is a two year study for lay and clergy that helps us to understand more clearly how to integrate our faith into every aspect of our lives; from our homes and workplaces to our churches and our communities. A new group will begin this journey starting September 14-16, 2012. There will be six weekend retreats over the next two years with a great lineup of leaders. Each session is held at the Mt. Morris Camp & Conference Center in Wautoma. The cost is approximately \$200 per weekend and worth every penny. If you are interested or would like more information see either Pastor Andy or Pastor Kelly.

Family Chill on the Hill **TUESDAY, AUGUST 14TH**

We have a second chance to be the “Methoducks” chillin’ on the hill with our community. This one time event needs your help to make it the least work and the most fun!

We need help with:

- Tent, banners, tables, materials transport, set up and tear down on Tuesday about 5 pm.
- Presence to greet folks who visit the tent
- Face painters to assist Rainbow Randa

We need donations of:

- 12 bags of ice [to fill our pool for the ducks and freezer pops to “chill” in]
- 1000 freezer pops – please bring ahead so we can freeze them or freeze and bring that night
- \$ to purchase more ‘ducks’ to give away (mark your offering plate check/envelope “ducks” to make a donation – ducks are about \$6 for 24 small ones)



Loving Start Preschool News

Loving Start had lots of fun this summer, playing in the water, riding bikes, making cookies and having our own Preschool Olympics.

We are taking August off and look forward to a new school year in September. We have a limited number of openings for fall. If you know of someone with a child who is between 2 years 9 months and 4 years of age, please have them give us a call.



Miss Martha



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1st
Adam Grzesiak

4th
Susan Rice

7th
Andy Oren

8th
Daniel Gehrke
Tim Jorin

12th
Nancy Radtke

16th
Christina Prowd

18th
Eryn Jackson
Alex Kowalsky

19th
Margaret Morgan

20th
Peter Krempel
Janet Kumbier

21st
Ron Jackson

22nd
Melva Mayo

23rd
Gordon Steckler

27th
Noah Moebius

FINANCE REPORT FOR ENVELOPE GIVING <i>as of June 30, 2012</i>	
Monthly Pledged	\$11,360.80
Received May Pledges	\$14,045.25
Difference	\$2,684.45
Total Pledged (January - June)	\$68,164.80
Total Received (January - June)	\$82,424.86
Difference	\$14,260.06
<i>Please Give Generously</i>	
May Apportionments	(\$5,287.00)

August 2012 Calendar

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
29 8am Outdoor Svc 9am Confirmation 9:45am Indoor Svc 3pm Bread & Jam 7pm AA	30 7pm AA	31 10am AA 5:30pm AA 7:15pm SPR	1 10am Bible Study 3pm SECA	2 7pm Keystone AA	3	4 10am WF AA 10am Grief Share
5 8am Outdoor Svc 9am Confirmation 9:45am Indoor Svc 3pm Bread & Jam 7pm AA	6 7pm AA	7 10am AA 5:30pm AA	8 10am Bible Study	9 7pm Keystone AA	10	11 10am WF AA 10am Grief Share
12 8am Outdoor Svc 9am Confirmation 9:45am Indoor Svc 11am Music Mtg 7pm AA	13 6:30pm Finance Mtg 7pm AA 7pm Ad Council	14 10am AA 5:30pm AA 6pm Trustees 7pm Yarn Ministry	15 10am Bible Study 12pm Card Ministry	16 7pm Keystone AA	17	18 10am WF AA 10am Grief Share
19 8am Outdoor Svc 9am Confirmation 9:45am Indoor Svc 7pm AA	20 7pm District 28 AA 7pm AA	21 10am AA 5:30pm AA	22 10am Bible Study 12pm Card Ministry	23 7pm Keystone AA	24	25 10am WF AA 10am Grief Share Wedding
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A Bittersweet Ending

Erin McReynolds - Office Administrator

I am sorry to say that my last day as office administrator for Bay View United Methodist Church will be August 10. I want to thank everyone in the BVUMC family for making this a comfortable place to work. Thank you for hosting a baby shower and for all of the hospitality I feel every time I'm here. I enjoyed my time here and I feel like part of the BVUMC community.

Unfortunately, my leaving means that Henry also has to finish his work here. Henry has so many new aunts, uncles, and grandparents because of all of you. He loves coming to work with me and loves all of the smiling people that come to visit, especially Pastor Kelly, Pastor Andy, Jean Larsen and Janet Kumbier.

Thank you for everything. We'll miss you, but we'll be around!

-Erin & Henry

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