

# BVUMC *Connection*

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## “Do’ in the Word”



I lifted this line from a commentary on James I’ve been using for the September sermon series on that text. It continues to get me thinkin’ about how we’re doing that and how we’re talking about it as we do so.

Pastor Wendee got us talkin’ alot about our “doings” here at Bay View UMC at our Vision Retreat earlier in September. Since then, I’ve been focused on sharing the outcomes of that retreat work as I continue to bring the message each week in worship. It’s been a life-giving and affirming time for the work we did and the work we are being called to do. It’s been amazing to see how the lectionary passages and themes (chosen so long ago) come with the blessing of the Spirit to guide our next steps around intentional communication

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## ✻ “I Can See Clearly Now...or, ✻ Reflections on our Vision Retreat!”

On September 8th over twenty of us gathered to reflect on who we are as the people of this church. We were guided in our conversation by Rev. Wendee Nitz, who did a fantastic job of inviting us to celebrate our successes, name our dreams and confront our challenges. I was encouraged by the presence of several “new” voices in our midst and also by the continued commitment of people who have long recognized the value our church has and for their desire to maintain that same value for future generations.

We recognized very quickly that in this day and age communication is the key to everything we do. From our church website to our weekly bulletins; from our monthly Connections to our Facebook page...even how we converse with one another on Sunday morning, both in worship and over coffee...all of these are vital to our growth and to our mission. Not to mention simply understanding one another! This will be a continued area of focus as we move ahead in ministry.

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## *Do 'in the Word...*

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toward the goals of our ministry that include:

- ~ welcoming all at their point of need,
- ~ engaging people as they are ready to receive,
- ~ sharing mutual ministry as we move forward in faith, together.

We want to first and foremost communicate our groundedness in God's love and invitation for each of our lives to be God's people. Our foundation is God's word along with our sense of experience, reason and tradition (as United Methodists) and we are striving to be peace planters as we strengthen our own faith and grow through our shared ministry together. That's a lot of "doin" and I believe that our action speaks our faith here and outside these walls.

We have a hunger here, to be vital and to thrive as a community strongly centered here in Bay View and to that end, we are moving forward with plans for ministry for 2013.

As Andy helps us turn the corner into October we will be layering onto our focus on communication a greater understanding and commitment to the financial support of our shared ministry. Our Stewardship campaign will highlight gifts of the congregation, dreams of our youth and the desire of our leadership to have more folks join them in active, committed life in our community. We will talk about time, about talent, about treasure and about our witness as we prepare to make our financial pledges for the coming year. Finance will offer a learning time on apportionments and we will use our time together in worship to consider how 'giving' is just another layer (and an important one) of 'doin' the word'.

Friends, join me as I pray for this years' stewardship response - for God's Spirit to continue to move hearts toward active ministry participation which includes our trust that as each of us gives with joy and generosity, it will be: ENOUGH!

Peace to each of you,

***Pastor Kelly***

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## *One More Chance To Walk!*

Sunday, October 14th is the date for the 27th annual Greater Milwaukee CROP Walk. You have a choice of a nice 2 mile walk around the Veteran's Park lagoon or the 5 mile walk which winds through downtown Milwaukee. The walk begins at 1:30 p.m. at the McKinley Marina.

CROP is an acronym for Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty and many, many different faith communities participate. 25% all money raised stays here in Milwaukee while the rest is distributed through Church World Service. All food donated for the walk goes to our local Hunger Task Force. So sign up on The Cube and watch for opportunities to support our walkers! See Pastor Andy if you have questions.

## *I Can See Clearly...*

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We also settled on three key points regarding how we interact with one another. We spoke of meeting people at their point of need. Now all of us have needs. Sometimes our need is to receive something (a job, a meal, a helping hand, etc.) and sometimes our need is to be able to offer something (our helping hands, our voices, our friendship, etc.). The same is true for every new person that walks through our door. And the only way we're going to know what their needs are is to talk to them! Sounds simple enough but it does require some effort. We have to take the first step to welcome someone new and go beyond simply saying "hello". There's nothing like an invitation to sit next to someone in worship or even an invite to lunch after to make someone feel welcome.

Once we know something about someone we'll be better prepared to engage them as they are ready. This can be as simple as inviting someone whose wonderful voice you've admired as they sang in the congregation to consider joining the choir. It can be recognizing that someone has a real heart for people and thus they might be the perfect person to introduce to Bread & Jam. Or their particular skills might be just what we need on our Trustees Team. The trick is in asking folks not to do what they are unable or unsuited to do but instead to invite them to do what they will excel at.

The last point is the idea of sharing mutual ministry. What's mutual ministry? Well, pretty much everything we do! When it comes to ministry neither Pastor Kelly nor I want to do everything. What we *do* want to do is to help guide and empower all of you, bringing out and affirming each of your unique gifts so that together they will benefit the whole. That's the sign of a vital congregation...one in which everyone is doing what they are good at, with the understanding that all of their pieces together make up who we are as Bay View United Methodist Church.

So let's get to work!

***Pastor Andy***

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## *GriefShare Grief Recovery Seminar*

GriefShare is a nondenominational group that features biblical teaching on grief and recovery topics. This is a weekly program for those going through the loss of a loved one, led by a facilitator who has experienced his or her own personal loss. The program is free of charge and takes place on Saturday mornings from 10am to 11:30am here at Bay View United Methodist Church. There is a supplemental workbook/journal that can be purchased for \$20. Sessions are on a rotating schedule so you may begin attending at any time, but prior registration is required. For more information or to register, contact Allan Eckoldt at 414.483.1347. Reserve your spot or extend the opportunity to a friend. Come to learn and be supported in the healing journey that happens after any kind of loss.

## *“Wise Women Do Finances!”*

On Saturday, November 17th our Wisconsin Annual Conference Foundation will be offering an all day workshop that addresses the various roles women have throughout their lifetimes and the importance of staying on top of their finances at every life stage.

The keynote speaker is Lori B. Gervais from the Baird Co. and her topic is “Wise Women Invest With Purpose.” She will help everyone become more financially savvy and provide you with steps to get started.

The best part of this is that it only costs \$5! This workshop will be at Wauwatosa Avenue United Methodist Church, 1529 Wauwatosa Avenue, in Wauwatosa. It runs from 9:00 a.m. (registration beginning at 8:15 a.m.) and goes until 3:30 p.m.

To register go to [www.wumf.org](http://www.wumf.org) and click on Register for Wise Women Events. Or you can call the Foundation office at 1-888-903-9863.

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### *From the Finance Team*

<b>FINANCE REPORT FOR ENVELOPE GIVING as of August 31, 2012</b>	
Monthly Pledged	\$12,838.00
Received from Pledges	\$10,130.00
Difference	(\$2,708.00)
Total Pledged (January - June)	\$102,704.00
Total Received (January - June)	\$108,162.00
Difference	\$5,458.00
<i>Please Give Generously</i>	
<b>YTD Apportionments</b>	<b>(\$7,839.00)</b>

You may have noticed when you review the monthly pledge numbers that we have received funds in excess of amounts pledged. While that looks good, the truth is that those pledges represent a deficit budget. One area we struggle with is our apportionment as we do not put that expense ahead of our other bills. Instead, we choose to keep the lights on and pay the salaries. In fact, at this point of the year we are almost \$8,000 behind in our apportionment expense. You will be seeing more about apportionments in the coming months as we work towards the goal of paying our apportionments 100%. Please give this your prayerful consideration and do not forget to fill in the apportionment line of your offering envelope.

Thanks,

**Julie Oren**

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### *Reminder*

The Keystone Promises AA Group that meets in the lower level dining room is having their Open AA Meeting on Thursday, October 25th. Fellowship starts at 6:00pm and the Speaker Meeting starts at 7:00pm. There will be two AA Speakers.

## *“Living Together in the City of God”*



On October 13th & 27th we will be hosting a community building workshop series led by Rev. Grace Cajiuat, our new Conference Coordinator of Multicultural Ministries. This series will focus on how we, although all different, have each been created in God's image and what that means for living together in God's world. The target audience for this series are pastors and Staff-Parish teams but anyone would benefit from participating.

The workshop will include two sessions on the 13th, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and concluding by 4:00 p.m. (lunch on your own). The last session, on the 27th, will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at noon. You can RSVP to [metro@wisconsinumc.org](mailto:metro@wisconsinumc.org) or by calling the Metro district office at 414-271-5080.

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## *Racine Quilt Tour & Apple Holler Lunch*

We will be taking a tour of barn quilts in northern Racine county followed by lunch at Apple Holler on Saturday, October 20th. We will leave Bay View UMC at 9:30am and arrive at Apple Holler by 11:00am. This is a carpool event so we will need volunteers to drive. Lunch is on your own, but we will eat together at Apple Holler. If you would like more information, please contact Kitty Schaefer at (414) 483-6539. The Apple Holler menu can be viewed at [www.appleholler.com/dining/lunch.html](http://www.appleholler.com/dining/lunch.html)



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## *Sunday Football Fellowship*



All are welcome to our potluck event! Sunday, October 21st we will show the Packers vs Rams match-up in the Bay View UMC Gathering Space. Share your favorite football snack recipe. Enjoy the big game with friends and family. The game starts at noon and sign up is on the Cube. Please leave all alcoholic beverages at home.

## Loving Start Preschool News

We're back!! Loving Start Preschool resumed classes the week of September 3rd. We welcomed 42 new and returning students and their families. We had our Fall Family Picnic Potluck at Humboldt Park on Friday, September 21st. We always have a fun time watching our new and old families socialize. We welcome Mary Burant as a new teacher in the 3-year-old room. Three of her children are alumni of LSP.

The children love to take walks in the neighborhood, we look at the beautiful leaves, go to the playground, count how many birds or animals we see, whatever we think will keep our little people busy. We participated in Bay View Bash with water and pipes.

*Miss Martha, Miss Mary, Miss Joan, Miss Dawn*



### Parents Gathering Begins on Sunday Mornings

Parents with children at all ages and stages are invited to come together in the Den (just down the steps off the Pryor Ave. entrance) for conversation, support and fellowship. As the group finds its "legs" we may explore specific topics or choose a resource for study and conversation. Please join us in the Den from 9:15am - 10:15am! This is a drop in group. Our goal is to communicate to create community around this specific life experience. However, anyone is welcome to share in our time together.

### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

#### 3rd

Kathleen Kronenberg

#### 6th

Brenda Comp

#### 7th

Dave Haefner  
Kate Krempel

#### 8th

Paul Kowalsky

#### 11th

Wendy Schultz  
Sally Warkaske

#### 12th

Nicci McKean

#### 15th

Gregory Decker  
Louise Feiertag

#### 19th

Angela Jackson  
John Stroley

#### 21st

Eleanor Decker

#### 28th

Scott Elliott  
Hertha Kornkven

#### 30th

Thomas Lelivelt

#### 31st

Kim Elliott

# October 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  
 NA: Narcotics Anonymous

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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## Message of Thanks

**In the passing of Jimmie, our family would like to thank our Bay View UMC friends for their many expressions of sympathy and memorial gifts. Your kindness has brought comfort to us.**

**~Paul Gibson**

### FALL HOURS

8:15am Worship  
9:15am Sunday School  
& Coffee Hour  
10:45am Worship



*Please Recycle*

### OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday  
Thursday, Friday  
8:30am - 2:00pm  
Wednesday  
8:30am - 1:30pm