

# BVUMC *Connection*

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## ✿ May We Be ✿

...all that God calls us to be. I am ready to commit us to this end, friends. We've spent 5 years getting to know one another, adjusting staff and listening to your voices around what makes this church YOUR home. Now is the time to step up to the plate. Now is the time to pay attention to what the leadership is hearing God saying we are to be about in ministry in this place. Now is the time that we ought to be in prayer for

how God is readying us as co-ministers, together, in this place. The Vision Retreat will take place, Saturday, September 8th and your church leaders will discuss and discern God's voice for our days ahead in ministry here at Bay View UMC. Please be in prayer for your leaders and for God's voice to be clearly heard as we come

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## ✿ It's Time to Grab Your ✿ Walking Shoes

Many of the sermon messages Pastor Kelly and I shared with you this summer began with Jesus' feeding of the five thousand. We wrestled with deep questions like "What are you hungry for?" and also Jesus' call to us that "you give them something to eat." The good news is that we here at BVUMC do offer sustenance to those who are hungry, both literally and figuratively.

One way we do that is through our Bread & Jam meal program. You are all (I hope!) aware of this program but you may not be aware of the fact we receive much of our funding and food supplies from an organization called Feeding America. This fall they will be sponsoring just one of several opportunities for us to support organizations, both locally and world-wide, in feeding those in need. I'd love for us to put a team of walkers in the street for each of these events. Keep your eyes on The Cube for more information but here's what's coming up:

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together for this retreat. Please prepare yourselves to join in the post visioning retreat conversation and planning that comes from the retreat time. God's Spirit has been readying us for this process and for this vision. I am excited to finally be to a place that will launch us forward together in ministry as God sees it. Friends, we are the church! We are the only ones whose voice can translate God's welcome and invitation into relationship. We are the ones who will use our gifts to grow the ministry in this place or bless it to its death. I believe in and have committed the last five years of my life to the on-going call of this church to be in ministry - vital, connected and meaningful. I have every confidence that the Spirit will confirm and inspire this ministry and our next steps together. Let us be in prayer prepared to celebrate what we see and hear and then eager to respond to the opportunities that arise.

Peace be with each of you,

Pastor Kelly

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Saturday, September 15th – 6th Annual Food Walk benefiting our local Bay View Community Center Food Pantry – begins at 10:00 a.m. at the BVCC (1320 E. Oklahoma Ave.), 3K/1.8 mile run or 4K/2.6 mile walk.



Saturday, September 15th – Spaghetti Supper to support the Unity ELCA Free Clinic; 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. at Unity, 1025 E. Oklahoma Ave. \$10 adults, \$7 children 5-12, carry-outs available.

Saturday, September 22nd – Feeding America Miles for Meals Hunger Hike; 10:00 a.m. beginning at the Veteran's Park pavilion, 1010 N. Lincoln Memorial Drive. 5K run or 2 mile walk. Register at <http://firstgiving.com/feedingamericawi/milwaukee>

Sunday, October 14th – Greater Milwaukee Crop Walk; begins and ends at Veteran's Park. More details next month.

I plan to do the BVCC walk and the Crop Walk. Who will walk with me?

Blessings,

Pastor Andy

## *Welcome to Paula Zarling! our new Office Administrator* SPRE

Paula has some years of experience as an administrative assistant and customer service representative in the Milwaukee area. She specializes in managing date and peer training, and over the last year has been the social media and website administrator for an ecumenical non-profit. In 2004, Paula earned a BA from UW:MKE in anthropology, with a focus in cultural and sociolinguistics. She currently volunteers packing groceries for Bay View Community Center's food pantry and tutors grade school students in the evening.

## *Music for Aardvarks coming to Bay View UMC!*

Beginning on Tuesday, September 18th, and continuing for eight weeks, we will be hosting a unique children's music opportunity led by Jennifer Murphy Damm. Jennifer's class, called Music for Aardvarks, is geared to children as young as three months and as old as five years. These forty-five minutes classes incorporate singing, dancing, musical storytelling, instrumental jam sessions and more. Each child must be accompanied by a parent and class size is limited to ten children. Classes will be held on Tuesday mornings. Jennifer has scheduled three free 30-minute demo sessions; 10:00 a.m. September 11th here at church, 4:30 p.m. September 11th at the Bay View Library and 4:00 p.m. September 12th at Tippecanoe Library. For more information contact Jennifer at 414-699-1576 or visit [www.milwaukeeaardvarks.com](http://www.milwaukeeaardvarks.com).

## *Music Ministry Notes*

*Sue Neiderheiser - Music Coordinator*

It's that time of year - the leaves are starting to change color, the kids are back in school, and BVUMC music ministries are back in full swing.

If you like to sing or play an instrument, there is plenty of opportunity to take advantage of one (or more) of our various musical groups. There's the Praise Band, the Faith Singers Vocal Choir, the Wesleyan Hand Bells and the Orchestra. And we've made it easy to participate - everyone rehearses on Thursday evenings, with the exception of the Orchestra which rehearses one hour prior to their scheduled worship service. (music is made available in advance for individual practice.)

If you're not the structured rehearsal type but want to give of your music gifts, consider a solo or put together a small group - all are welcome!

Contact any one of these music ministry leaders highlighted on our website [www.bayviewumc.org](http://www.bayviewumc.org) for more information, for an encouraging word, for an idea of how you can offer your musical gifts in this community:

Rehearsals are underway and we welcome everyone with a song, tune or note in their heart to try us out!

## *Grief Share: A New Session is About to Begin*

Sign up now for our Fall group. 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. Call Allan Eckoldt, facilitator, at 414.483.1347 for more information and to register. Sessions are Saturdays from 10am-11:30am 9/22-12/15.

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



The new bishop appointed, in July at our 2012 North Central Jurisdictional Conference, 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).

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.

Everyone is invited to Bishop Jung's Installation Service being held on Sunday, September 23rd from 4pm-7pm at First UMC in Wausau, WI (903 Third St., Wausau, WI 54403). This service will celebrate the assignment of Bishop Jung to the Wisconsin Conference UMC with worship, a covenant service, presentation of signs of episcopal ministry, and communion. Dinner will also be provided.

You are also invited to the welcoming celebration being held in our region on Sunday, October 14, 2012 from 3pm-5pm at Fifth Avenue UMC in West Bend, WI. (323 S. Fifth Ave. West Bend, WI 53095).

## *New District Superintendent*

Rev. Deborah Thompson has been appointed District Superintendent for Metro North and Metro South. A Regional welcome will be hosted at Elm Grove Community UMC (14700 Watertown Plank Road, Elm Grove, WI 53122) on Sunday, September 16th at 2:00pm with the program to begin at 4pm.. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## *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.

### ***“Peter Ponders”: A voice of reflection from our community***

*(see Peter’s full article on the CUBE in the Gathering Space)*

*“Pastor Kelly was talking about alignment recently...the simple truth is this: align yourself with God and you’ll find peace in both your heart and your mind...”*

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## *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.

# Loving Start Preschool News

Loving Start Preschool welcomes it's 23rd class of students in September. We have many new students as well as some returning ones.

We welcome Mary Burant to the LSP staff. She comes to us with a degree in early childhood, kindergarten teaching and special education experience, as well as subbing for us for the last 2 years. Three of her children attended Loving Start. If you see Miss Mary introduce yourself and welcome her.



Soon you will hear lots of activity downstairs as we begin a new year.

Miss Martha, Miss Mary, Miss Joan, Miss Dawn



## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

**2nd**

Danny Warkaske

**15th**

Megan Erickson

**4th**

Roger Blakeley  
Alex Romfoe

**18th**

Etta Nafziger

**19th**

Elizabeth Bowers

**5th**

Lauren Niemiec

**22nd**

Irene Williams

**6th**

Joe Purpero

**25th**

Barbara Holdorf

**8th**

Sue Kreider

Everett Miller

**10th**

August Grennier

**26th**

Edith Kimber

**12th**

Jean Kreider

**28th**

Terry Garside

**13th**

Jean Barden  
Fionna Grumley  
David Longe

**29th**

Peter Jackson

## Coming in October! A Great New Bible Discussion Class!

Rev. Dr. Thomas O. Garnhart will be leading us in "Using the Bible in Shaping our Faith Journey." We'll meet in the Gathering Space on the first four Mondays of October (1,8,15 & 22). Classes will begin at 7:00pm and end at 8:30pm.

Those new to Bible study will find this series addresses some of our most basic questions and confusions. Folks more seasoned in Bible study will be stimulated to seek deeper understanding. Participants will be encouraged to think for themselves and best of all, there's no homework! Simply bring your favorite Bible and come prepared to make some new friends.

Here's the schedule:

October 1 - "Did Jesus "Pick and Choose" in his use of scripture?"

October 8 - Diversity among the books of the Bible

October 15 - Prophetic Realism vs. Zealous Nationalism

October 22 - Sex and the Bible

**SIGN UP ON THE CUBE**



# September 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
2 Celebration of Holy Communion 9:45am Worship 3pm Bread & Jam 7pm AA	3 6pm Music & Ministry 7pm AA	4 8:30am Outpost BHS 10am AA 5:30pm AA	5 8:30am Outpost BHS 8:45am LSP 10am Bible Study 3pm SECA - FIXX	6 8:30am Outpost BHS 8:45am LSP 12:15am LSP 6pm Praise Band 6:30pm Faith Singers 7pm Keystone AA 7:30 Wesleyan Bells	7 8:30am Outpost BHS 8:45am LSP	1/8 9am Vision Retreat 10am Grief Share 10:30am WF AA
9 Celebration "Sundae" 8:15am Worship 9:15am Sundaes 10am Interfaith Picnic 10:45am Worship 11:45am Sundaes 7pm AA	10 8:30am Outpost BHS 8:45am LSP 7pm AA 6:30pm Finance Meeting 7pm Admin Council	11 8:30am Outpost BHS 8:45am LSP 10am AA 10am Circuit Clergy 12:15am LSP 5:30pm AA 6pm Trustee Meeting 7pm Yarn Ministry	12 8:30am Outpost BHS 8:45am LSP 10am Bible Study 12:30pm Card Ministry	13 8:30am Outpost BHS 8:45am LSP 12:15am LSP 6pm Praise Band 6:30pm Faith Singers 7pm Keystone AA 7:30 Wesleyan Bells	14 8:30am Outpost BHS 8:45am LSP 12pm Wedding Rehearsal	15 10am Grief Share 10am BVCC Food Walk 10:30am WF AA 1pm Wedding
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WELCOME BACK!

*Pastor Kelly*

**Looking forward to seeing all of you  
back in worship, attending classes  
and serving where you are able.**

***The Life of this Community thrives  
because of EACH of YOU!***

### **Sunday Worship Times:**

**8:15a.m. and 10:45a.m.**

### **Sunday Fellowship and Classes**

**9:15a.m. - 10:30a.m.**

### 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