

# BVUMC *Connection*

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## With a Thankful Heart

I come to this issue of our newsletter and to this time of year with thanks on my mind. This is a reflective time, different than the spiritual introspection of Lent; this time of year allows me to express gratitude over the multitude of blessings in my life. Scripture tells us that when we come to God in prayer with a thankful heart, whether or not we get the answer we are looking for, God will bless us with peace that no one can completely understand. (Philippians 4:6-7)

It is with this text on my heart that I offer you this news on a personal note. After a year of prayer and procedure, Russ and I have ended our marriage relationship. My grief ebbs and flows with the passing of days as with any other loss. The blessing of good memories is a comfort as I take my first independent steps in 30 years and the gift of a small circle of faithful, supportive friends and family to whom I am deeply grateful has been woven through every tear.

The ministry we ALL share each day is also a blessing in my life. The combining of gifts and talents to offer weekly worship, effective outreach and quality programming brings me joy and I am thankful to each of you and to

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## November: a Time of Thanksgiving & Remembrance

When we think of November, generally the first thing that comes to mind is Thanksgiving. What a great holiday! There is plenty of football (for those who enjoy that sort of thing), a time to thank God for the bountiful harvest that we have been blessed with...and then the chance to see just how much of it we can eat in one sitting!

But November is also the time we celebrate All Saints Sunday, a time when we look back and remember... remember those who have gone before us and who have been inspirations to us. It is a time of year when I often think of my parents and all the many ways they offered me their unconditional love. I think about them and realize how blessed I was and how blessed I still am.

Part of that sense of continued blessing comes from being here with all of you. And I don't mean as one of your pastors, although that in itself has been a great blessing. I simply mean the blessing that comes from being among a group of people who do their best to love God and to love another. I have experienced that love in so many ways and I also have witnessed that same love being extended to others.

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God for the ministry of Bay View UMC. In a few weeks, we will celebrate our work and ministry of the past year and set a course for the year to come. I hope to see many of you in attendance at our Church Conference on Sunday, November 17, 2013 at 12:30pm.

God desires each of our hearts and offers grace upon grace through Jesus to come into a real and meaningful relationship of love and forgiveness. I have a thankful heart for all of the ways God's love is shared into the world through ALL of you.

Peace to each of you, as it is with me, by the grace of God through Jesus Christ,

***Pastor Kelly***

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In Paul's letter to the church in Philippi he encourages them to "keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you" (Philippians 4:9). I think that's a pretty good challenge for any church and especially for ours. We must continue to offer ourselves through faithful witness and worship, through ministries that run the gamut from music, cards and study to ministries of hospitality and outreach such as Bread & Jam and Grief Share. And we must be open to new ideas for ministry, remembering that the world around us is forever changing.

So in this season of Thanksgiving let us be grateful for where we have been, where we are and where we are yet to go, knowing that the God of Peace goes with us and before us. Happy Thanksgiving!

***Pastor Andy***

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## Parents Night Out

Our recent confirmation students, Kenzie Moebius and Kai Liebenstein, named one of their next steps as new members in the church family as offering their babysitting services at the church for a parents night out. As the holidays approach, Kai and Kenzie thought either a night to shop, wrap, attend a party or just celebrate together might be helpful to our families with younger children.

Parents who are interested should see the December calendar on The CUBE and initial ALL dates that would work for you. Please offer your family name and a best way to contact on the sign up below the calendar. Kai and Kenzie will notify ALL families of the date chosen after church on Sunday, November 17th.

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## Thankful to CORE Team

Coaching this team of passionate and purposeful folks is such a privilege. Our last meeting focused us on framing as we look at the topic of inclusion biblically, denominationally and personally. It is clear that we honor and serve a God who loves ALL without exception. Our call, together, is to help everyone offer their voice and understanding to this framing for the ministry we share in this place.

Our table in the Gathering Space is there for your prayers, questions and comments.

# Winter Camp! Winter Camp! Winter Camp!

The following are NOT reasons to skip camp:

- Kids are grown
- Kids are too small for a weekend away
- I don't have kids
- I just had ankle surgery

Everyone should consider Winter Camp 2014! UM Camp Lucerne (an easy 2 hour drive) is a camp setting that has all the comforts of home – just a better view! The mantra, “It takes a village” is lived out at camp as we all share chores, child care and leadership so that everyone has a great time! This is a weekend of fun, fellowship and play with members, friends and staff of the church with no other agenda than to enjoy our time together as church family. This weekend is affordable and extends to ALL kinds, sizes and definitions of family. Information and sign-up will be posted on the CUBE the first Sunday in November. This camps does fill quickly and fewer spots are available this year due to a cabin renovation so check your calendars and commit early! The weekend is January 17-19, 2014.

An optional pre-camp dinner invitation is available off-site on Friday evening. See Judie Liebenstein, our camping coordinator, with your questions and ask her to share about her 40+ years of winter camp experience!

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## Poinsettias

Order forms for Poinsettias will be available inside your bulletin and on the credenza in the Gathering Space beginning November 1<sup>st</sup>. The deadline to order is November 24<sup>th</sup>. Please submit your order forms with your payment. You can submit them to the basket outside the church office, by mailing them to the church office, by giving them to Pastor Kelly or Pastor Andy.



### More BREAD & More JAM!

Every Sunday at 3pm Beginning December 1<sup>st</sup>  
Volunteer Sign-Up is in the Gathering Space

**Are your cookie  
recipes ready?**



The seventh annual Cookie Walk will be Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 9am until 4pm or until we sell out. We hope all of our wonderful bakers will donate cookies this year and we welcome new bakers willing to offer their gifts. Make your favorite recipes or try something new! It will take a lot of bakers who are

willing to contribute 9-10 dozen of Christmassy Cookies! Bring your cookies to church on Sat. Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>. For any who plan to help the day of the event, we will need cashiers, cookie replenishers and greeters. For any questions, contact Kitty Schaefer. Sign up is in the Gathering Space for bakers and event day volunteers.



**Games!**

## PEP Chili Dump & Bean Soup Assembly

**Sunday, November 17**

**6pm**

**Location: Gathering Space**

It's just what it sounds like:  
Make a batch of chili. Add it to the pot.  
Play a game or two. Enjoy it while it's hot!

**Fun!**

**Food!**

Before the games begin, we will be packing bean soup kits for community fundraising. We welcome all volunteers to help assemble packets.

Congratulations to Sunday School coordinator Deb Bernal and her husband, José, on welcoming granddaughter Marianna C Bernal into the world at 1:30, on Wednesday, October 9, 2013.

**Church Conference  
November 17  
12:30pm**



## Surviving the Holidays

We experience many kinds of loss: death, relocation, employment and/or relational change, is just a short list to our personal journey and experience. The Grief Share ministry journeys weekly with people through all stages of their grieving with compassion, helpful materials, discussion, fellowship and prayer.

Loss brings a sense of grief that is sometimes heightened during the holiday season. Our pastoral staff and Grief Share ministries team invites you and welcomes ALL to the 3rd annual "Blue Christmas" service on Saturday, November 23, 2013 at 10:00am. A warm and welcoming setting in our Gathering Space brings everyone together for a worshipful experience of personal and shared devotion and fellowship centered on the God who heals us ALL and in whom we find our peace. The video portion from the Grief Share materials is entitled: How to Survive the Holidays and offers wonderful suggestions and a message of hope. Simple refreshment will extend our fellowship and warm our spirits. Please extend this invitation to your friends and neighbors as ALL are welcome.



## Hanging of the Greens

We are planning to hang the greens the first weekend in December, probably on Sunday after church. However, since we have not been able to make this a definite time to have it, please keep it on your radar until we can announce the date and time. We will post a sign up for it along with a bulletin reminder in the coming weeks.





# Sunday School Children “Pay It Forward”

October was for gathering UNICEF donations, but November is the month to Pay It Forward.

For the month of November please send travel sized necessities (soap, deoderant, shampoo, toothpaste, tooth brushes, lotions, chapstick, and small packs of kleenex) to the church office. The Sunday school children will then make packets for those in need in our community. This is part of our PAY IT FORWARD project in December. Your help will be appreciated by the children as well as recipients. If anyone has stickers to share, please send those as well. The students will use the stickers to decorate gift bags. The Sunday school children and staff are grateful for your help!

On November 10<sup>th</sup>, our recycled cards ministry will be helping our children make cards to take home and share with someone in their lives and community.

## Stewardship and Thanksgiving

We do good works – but what happens when we raise the bar to GREAT works? This has been our Stewardship focus along with the themes of live enthusiastically, give wholeheartedly and love unconditionally. Friends, this coming Sunday, November 4th we celebrate at Table. We will also celebrate our call “Beyond All Expectation” to God’s ministry in this place as we bless our leadership team to “think greater” with the \$91,085.00 pledged giving consecrated for ministry in 2014. Thank you for your generosity and God bless each one who, in faith, offers of their personal “riches” for us to be able to “think greater” for God.



In this season of thanksgiving, a sincere thank you is in order to everyone who supports our congregation throughout the year with their attendance, service and regular financial contributions.

For those of you who are interested, the church offers electronic giving options for making donations on a scheduled, automated basis. It's convenient for you and provides much-needed financial consistency for the church. Pick up an authorization form from the church office.

2013 Giving Record				
Fund	Needed Monthly	Received in September	Needed Yearly	Received so far
General	\$15,770	\$10,086	\$189,240	\$119,343
Building Debt	\$2,421	\$1,883	\$29,052	\$23,739
Apportionment	\$2,222	\$634	\$26,664	\$8,324

The children at Loving Start have had a busy start to fall. We have played in the park, gone on nature walks, had color days, and mixed colors. Papa Cigale came and made applesauce with us and it was yummy. The 4 year olds have been learning about birds and even made edible bird nests. We will be taking a field trip to Outpost Foods to buy apples for a taste test. We will dress up for Halloween and invite our parents and siblings to come and play games with us. Our Cookie Dough sale will begin the end of October, so be sure and get your orders in. Watch for samples and order forms on a Sunday morning soon.



~ Miss Martha, Miss Mary, Miss Dawn, Miss Karen

## November Birthdays



**3rd**

Travis Drow

**4th**

Katrina Schultz

**6th**

Gary Aubry

**10th**

Marie Kumbier

**11th**

Kenneth Becker  
John Marki

**13th**

Kelly Fowler  
Mark Humphrey

**14th**

Stephanie Collins

**16th**

Lisa Case  
Douglas Romfoe

**19th**

Gladys Mattson

**22nd**

Sharon Hanstad  
Sebastian Marki

**25th**

Patty Thompson

**26th**

Mary Lou Rice

**28th**

Madelyn Collins

**29th**

Kelsie Petrie

# Calendar 2013

## November

### KEY:

LSP: Loving Start Preschool  
 Outpost: Alternative High School  
 SECA: South East Clergy  
 SPR: Staff Parish Relations  
 Wesleyan: Wesleyan Bells  
 WF AA: Women's Freedom AA  
 PEP: People Enjoying People  
 NA: Narcotics Anonymous

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 8:15am Worship 9:15am Adult Study 9:15am Sunday School & Coffee 10:45am Worship 3pm Bread & Jam 7pm AA <b>Daylight Saving Time Ends</b>	4 8:45am LSP 7pm AA 7pm Adult Study	5 8:45am LSP 10am AA 12:15pm LSP 5:30pm AA 7:30pm Core Team <b>Election Day</b>	6 8:45am LSP 10am Bible Study 3pm SECA Mtg	7 8:45am LSP 12:15pm LSP 6pm Praise Band 6:30pm Faith Singers 7pm Keystone AA 7pm Wesleyan Bells	8 8:45am LSP 5:30pm Suzuki Strings 7pm NA Mtg	9 10am Grief Share 10:30am WF AA CONVO Day at Kalahari
10 8:15am Worship 9:15am Sunday School PAY IT FORWARD w/Cards & Coffee Hour 10:45am Worship 7pm AA	11 8:45am LSP 6pm Finance Mtg 7pm AA 7pm Ad Council <b>Veterans Day</b>	12 8:45am LSP 10am AA 12:15pm LSP 4pm Imagining Milwaukee Anew (Circuit 33 offsite) 5:30pm AA 6pm Trustees Mtg	13 8:45am LSP 10am Bible Study 12:30pm Card Ministry 7pm Quilt Ministry	14 8:45am LSP 12:15pm LSP 6pm Praise Band 6pm Keystone AA Open Meeting & Potluck 6:30pm Faith Singers 7pm Wesleyan Bells	15 8:45am LSP 7pm NA Mtg	16 10am Grief Share 10:30am WF AA
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24 8:15am Worship 9:15am Sunday School & Coffee 10:45am Worship 3pm Bread & Jam 7pm AA <b>United Methodist Student Day Sunday</b>	25 8:45am LSP 6:30pm Music Ministry Mtg 7pm AA 7pm Adult Study	26 8:45am LSP 10am AA 12:15pm LSP 5:30pm AA	27 8:45am LSP 10am Bible Study 12:30pm Cards Ministry 7pm Quilt Ministry	28 7pm Keystone AA <b>Thanksgiving Day Office Closed</b>	29 7pm NA Mtg Poinsettia Order Deadline	30 10am Grief Share 10:30am WF AA
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We're on the web:  
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Celebrating 125 Years

### FALL SERVICES:

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



Out of the Heart of our Community  
**ALL** Are Welcome at Bay View  
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**Keystone AA is holding an open meeting for anyone wanting to attend. There will be a potluck social beginning at 6pm, followed by a meeting. The date is Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> and everyone is welcome!**



*Please Recycle*

### OFFICE HOURS:

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

Wednesday  
8:30am - 1:30pm