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We ARE Family!

Celebrating the New Year and new possibilities is fine but it's time now to move into this new ministry year with focus and intention. Having said that, Pastor Kelly, where are we headed?

Prayerful visioning time, reflecting on our shared wisdom from the two vision retreats in 2013 and trying to be present to our current neighborhood and community life have opened me to theme 2014 around "Family".

I shared with church leaders, at the January Administrative Council meeting, my understanding of how God had been preparing us for this theme throughout the 2013 Advent Season: "Hope is here. Love is here. Family is here." Our worshipping community recited this line every week as part of the Advent wreath lighting liturgy. Hearing this line voiced in unison by our diverse community gave me hope throughout the Season that ALL people truly would be welcomed at the manger WE celebrated on Christmas! And, it was a joyous and loved filled Christmas Eve night when at last we could say, "Hope is here."

God's hope for ALL of creation, our hope for the ministry we share IS in our naming, claiming and living into the reality that indeed: Hope IS here, Love IS here and Family IS here!

I believe that we can use the family theme to express the presence of God and Love in our community and in the world in the coming year. We'll do this through every avenue of ministry from Education to Mission to Community Outreach, through the Reconciling Core Team's continuing work and in our

Worship and Music. This theme will reveal itself across many definitions and lived expressions of family and I look forward to our community continuing to welcome ALL in the days ahead as we share and grow together.

The office staff is utilizing our servant keeper data to invite as many as we can to take part in ministry this year. Please update your survey or if you have never done a servant leadership survey plan to do so in the month of February between services in the Gathering Space. This data base and your willingness to just "sign-up" when the call for help goes out are the means by which you become active disciples of Jesus Christ in the world through the ministry we share. As members, constituents and friends of this church, we ALL work together in shared ministry giving glory to God as we love our neighbor as we love ourselves. Along the way we have tons of fun, help lots of folks and advance our journey of faith.

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Happy New Year...

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We symbolically renewed our family tie to God and each other on Sunday, January 12 with the renewal of our Baptism. The water blessed jar of river rock will be seen throughout the year around church events, meetings and in worship. Please add a stone if you missed services on the 12th and join in the powerful remembrance of our connection to God's heart through Baptism. And, take part in my Sunday adult class on Baptism if you'd like to learn more about living a life of discipleship.

Peace, sisters and brothers in Christ!

Pastor Kelly

Just in Time for Valentine's Day!

Over the past few years we've used a number of Adam Hamilton's small group study books and they have always been well-received. Now Julie and I would like to invite you to join us in a very special "couples only" class using Hamilton's new book and DVD study, "Love to Stay". The promo says; "Falling in love is easy, but staying in love takes courage, hard work, and lots of grace! This book explores love, sex, and marriage, and what it takes to make love last."

The six sessions are titled; More Than A Piece of Paper; What She Wants, What He Wants; The Significance of Sexual Intimacy; Habits That Hurt, Habits That Heal; Cloth, Bear with and Forgive; A Love That Lasts a Lifetime.

Reading some of the on-line reviews it would seem this would be great for a couple planning to be married, just married or married for many, many years.

Watch The Cube for more information. We'll look to start this in late February - early March.

Blessings,

Pastor Andy



Valentine's Day Party

If you haven't sign up already, the invitation to our Valentine's Day Party is on The Cube. Join in the celebration with people of all ages for games, food, and fellowship! We will get together at 5pm. Bring a dish to pass. Event is sponsored by PEP.

Mardi Gras Pancake Supper

The doors open to the community for pancakes and sweets of all kinds at 4:30pm on Tuesday, March 4th. Admission is \$5. At 7:00pm everyone is invited to make their way to the Sanctuary for the burning of the ashes in a short service of worship that will prepare us for Ash Wednesday observance.



Sunday School Pays It Forward: February Redux

Once again we are asking the congregation to help us collect shampoo, lotion, travel sized toiletries and wrapped treats to share with our bread and jam community. On February 16th Sunday school students will help make about 50 sandwiches and bag the treats during Sunday School. We are also asking our Sunday school families (parent and student) to sign up to help at the Bread & Jam meal on Sunday, February 16th. Sign up is in the Gathering Space.

* No Sunday School on Easter Sunday, April 20th

No Sunday School on Memorial weekend,
May 25th

June 1st will be the last day of Sunday School

Lots of New Members

So many new people have shown interest in becoming members of Bay View UMC! Please join us as we welcome all the new families to our family.



Dr Seuss's Birthday Crafts & Read-Along!

Come celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday on Saturday, March 1st from 8 to 10am, with a family-friendly morning of crafts, storytelling and, of course, green eggs and ham! Make and decorate a "Dr. Seuss" hat or a Lorax mustache, listen to a few stories and indulge your inner child. Costumes are welcome. This is an open community event so bring a friend or neighbor. Admission is \$5 per child, requested \$2 donation per adult. We are still looking for volunteers to help with setup, greeting, serving food and beverages, crafting, and tear down. Sign up is on The CUBE.

Sid Says Hello

Sid Carter sends warm greetings from Mississippi. If you don't know Sid, he is a long-time and active member of Bay View United Methodist Church. We send our warmest wishes for all of God's blessings back to you, Sid!



Bay View UMC Talents

Here is a preview of the servant leader survey Pastor Kelly mentioned in her lead article. ALL of us have gifts to share. Please update previous submissions or complete for the first time. The updated survey will be available beginning in March in the Gathering Space.

Bay View United Methodist Church Disciple Information

Please initial the areas you and your family members are interested in serving
(If multiple family members have the same initials, please use first names to indicate interest)

Skills

Administration	Electrical	Caregiver
Computer	Instrument	Cooking/Baking
Organization	Music Arranging	Drama
Publicity	Pianist	Gardening
Carpentry	Singing	Teaching
HVAC	Visual Arts	Web Design

Leadership

Music for Young Children	Short Term Teams	Committee Member
Mission Trip Planner	Worship Leader	Special Financial Giving
Sunday School Teacher	Bible Study Leader	Event Planning
Sunday School Superintendent	Chaperone for Youth Events	

Activities

Food Prep for Special Events	Volleyball	Knitting/Crocheting/Quilting
Softball	Board Games or Cards	Hands on Projects
Youth Groups	Card Making	Vacation Bible School
Young at Hearts	Mission Trips	

Willing to Serve

Office Assistant	Hospitality (Usher, Greeter)	Nursery
Finance	Maintenance/Grounds	Teaching
Worship Leadership	Music, Instrumental	Visitation
Praise Band	Bell Choir	Vocal Choir
Bread & Jam	Fundraising	Special Events Service

Availability

Mornings	Weekdays	Fall
Afternoons	Weekends	Winter
Evenings	Anytime	Spring/Summer

Communication

BVUMC Connection	Bulletin	Email
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List other skills, areas of interest not found above:

What is Good Stewardship?

Good stewardship is all of us together contributing our individual time, talents and treasures. Our Biblical beliefs encourage us to tithe (give 10%) and with that in mind your finance team would like to toss an idea out to the congregation. Since our Apportionment obligation is about a tenth of our total budget, what would it take for us to tithe as a church? In the past few years, we have not been tithing our 10%, even though we have had many different fund-raising events. We would like to both challenge and encourage all those who make the extra effort of participating in fundraising to keep in mind that this would be a good start to get our tithe rolling. Please consider giving a tenth of your fundraising efforts to our church apportionments.

As a visual example, the Craft Club will assemble and display a quilt square for each monthly tithe paid to the conference for apportionments. At the end of the year, we will have a quilt that will remind us of all our many pieces of fundraising. Will you add your own unique piece of fabric? We hope so.

Finance Team

2014 Giving Record					
Fund	Needed Monthly	Received in January	Needed to Catch Up through February	Needed Yearly	Received so far in 2014
General	\$17,181	\$11,535	\$22,827	\$206,166	\$11,535
Apportionment	\$2,314	\$1,309	\$3,319	\$27,768	\$1,309

As we begin a new year, we're facing new challenges of perception in the church. Do people really have enough money to go around? It's already been a cold winter and some find themselves choosing between heat and food or medicine. The stock market is still unstable and interest income is still incredibly low.

While the experts say unemployment numbers are down, many people are still unemployed or under-employed. Yet, God is good – all the time. And, all the time – God is good. We say this. We encourage our children and youth to repeat it with great enthusiasm. Yet, do we believe it? How does it become real in our lives? God is calling us to rework our priorities and, perhaps, re- imagine our ministry.

When times get tough – financially or emotionally – it's very tempting to withhold our money from God because we're convinced we don't have enough. When we remember that everything we have is a gift from God, it's easier to give the first check or the first payment of every week or month to the ministry of Christ through the church. And whether our gift is enough to buy a half-order of fries or feed the multitudes, we know it will be used to proclaim the Good News. Praise God! Happy New Year!

-Rev. Jean Ehnert Nicholas

Save the Date:

Ash Wednesday Worship

March 5, 2014

Watch out for space ships. Loving Start Preschool will be having a parent/child Space Night in early February. We will be making space ships from junk, orbiting around the sun and eating astronaut ice cream. We have also been learning about what different animals do in winter and looking at footprints in the snow. We will also be in training for the Loving Start Winter Olympics.



If you know of someone whose child will be 3 by Dec 31st, 2014 we will have an Open House in March - more details to come.

Miss Martha, Miss Dawn, Miss Mary and Miss Karen

February Birthdays

1st

Vivian Beyer

3rd

Valanee Schmitz

4th

Saydee Kallio

6th

Muriel Blackwood
Donald Decker

7th

Barbara Truitt

9th

Dorothy Cigale

14th

Sara Lewin

15th

Ethlyn Roepke
Kitty Schaefer
Robert Schaefer

23rd

Debra Bernal

24th

Maria Romfoe

26th

Nancy Grzesiak

27th

Ben Greenberg
Colin Grumley



Calendar 2014

February

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
26 8:15am Worship 9:15am Sunday School & Coffee 9:20am Adult Book Study 10:45am Worship 3pm Bread & Jam 7pm AA	27 8:45am LSP 7pm AA	28 8:45am LSP 10am AA 5:30pm AA	29 8:45am LSP 10am Bible Study	30 8:45am LSP 6pm Praise Band 6:30pm Faith Singers 7pm Keystone AA 7:30pm Wesleyan Bells	31 8:45am LSP 7pm NA Mtg	1 10am Grief Share 10:30am WF AA
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**Out of the Heart of our Community,
ALL Are Welcome at Bay View
United Methodist Church**

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WINTER SERVICES:

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

OFFICE HOURS:

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

Wednesday
8:30am - 1:30pm



Please Recycle