

BVUMC *Connection*

OPEN HEARTS. OPEN MINDS. OPEN DOORS.™

Happy New Year, Church!

Beginnings are wonderful things if you let them be. Let it be said that in order to have a beginning one has to have experienced as 'end' of some sort. Acknowledge endings, mourn them, celebrate them as you need to and before you move from those endings ask God to bless them.

Then, it's time for a beginning!

Rejoice, church! A new year of ministry is beginning! New opportunities to grow in our faith are emerging! Relationships, old and new, can be new too, just by the way YOU bring yourself to them!

Embrace beginnings as God's best Epiphany gift given to you!

As God blesses our continuing ministry together, friends, I fully expect wonderful surprises in and through what happens in this place. The

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Looking Back...Looking Ahead

I've always enjoyed the "year in review" articles that seem to accompany each new year so I hope you'll indulge me a bit as I look back...and look ahead. Personally 2013 was a great year as Julie and I took our first real cruise, visited Yellowstone National Park, plus I got to spend a week in Gettysburg before doing Julie's sister's wedding in August. I also stepped

up my tennis game which has introduced me to a whole new circle of friends.

My time here has been equally rewarding. I was blessed to be part of a number of wonderful discussion groups the most recent of which stretched us all in our understanding of what it means to offer God's love to ALL. I am excited by the new faces we've been seeing in worship and how we might as a congregation reflect their presence among us. My half-time status allowed me to preach and lead worship in three other United Methodist churches in 2013. It is always a joy to spend time with a new group of folks and to learn how they are living their faith in their communities.

But what will 2014 hold? God only knows but I am excited by the possibilities both for myself and for our church. Selling our properties and paying off our building debt has opened the door to new opportunities

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Spirit in this community is alive, hope has arrived, and people are talking more and more about how faith is shaping their lives.

I am grateful for the heart of this congregation that views openness as its' faithful response to the grace and love of God that ALL receive, unconditionally, through the biblical witness to Jesus' teaching and example. I am hopeful for the ways in which God will guide us through the completion of our reconciling process this Spring and for the expansion of our welcome to ALL into the community in the months ahead and through the community events to come. As our Nursery and Sunday School continues to grow, I am hopeful for creative leadership and shared opportunities for intergenerational learning and mission. I am hopeful for the continuation of our faith-filled music making and worship sharing that blesses and inspires so many each week. And, I am hopeful for the courage and humility to lead you well into each beginning as we ALL follow God, just as we are.

I am blessed to serve along with Andy and ALL of you into the new year.

Thanks be to God!

Peace to each of you as we begin...

Pastor Kelly

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for ministry. Personally I am looking forward in February to joining Richard and Jan Kumbier and Aurelia Schultz on a Volunteer in Mission trip to Texas. I haven't done one of these for a few years and it is always a humbling and rewarding experience.

Actually, that pretty much describes what it feels like to serve here as one of your pastors...it is both humbling and extremely rewarding to share ministry with Pastor Kelly and with ALL of you. May God continue to bless us in the coming year and may we be open to all the ways the Spirit lives and moves in each of us. Happy New Year!

Pastor Andy

Membership Inquiry

It is wonderful that we have several people who have expressed a desire to join the church! Pastor Andy and I will be setting a date (most likely a Sunday afternoon in January) soon for the next membership class. This will be a 90 minute, one time session that will conclude with a short, meaningful membership ceremony followed by fellowship with church leadership. If you have been praying about joining Bay View UMC, let pastors know or indicate your desire on the 8:15am sign-in or on the friendship clip boards that circulate at 10:45am. Blessings!

Pastor Kelly

Winter Camp Update

There is still time to join this intergenerational group for a wonderful weekend of relaxation, fun, fellowship and food at UM Camp Lucerne near Neshkoro, WI. See Judie Liebenstein for cabin cost and availability. Camp scholarships are still available. Judie will have forms available on Sunday, January 5th.

Sunday School Update



~ Our children participated in a wonderful “pay it forward” project on Sunday, December 8th that has been continuing to bless our Bread and Jam guests each Sunday. Using the donated travel size items, the kids assembled gift bags for guests that included a baked treat and a special note from the kids. Thanks to Miss Debbie and the Sunday school teachers for helping with this project.

~ The congregation was blessed by the children’s expression of Christmas offered at the 10:45am worship service on Sunday, December 15th. Everyone did a fantastic job singing and speaking their lines! Thanks for Sally Warkaske and Judie Liebenstein for helping the kids prepare this wonderful gift!

A Note About Giving Altar Flowers

The faithful hands don’t charge a cent but the tools and raw materials prices continue to rise so... giving flowers for the altar will cost a little more in 2014~

Honor, remember or celebrate someone in your life with Altar flowers for \$25.00. We are grateful for the creative hands and hearts of Kitty S., Nancy G., Shannon H. and Ann P. who gather and form the many beautiful arrangements we ALL enjoy on the chancel each week!

We’re
blessed by the children each
week, in worship at the time
especially for them, through their special
events and as we join in helping to shape
their emerging faith practices. Please continue
to hold children’s ministry in your prayers
daily along with the teaching
volunteers and the families we
serve!

Celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day with Bishop Jung



A Martin Luther King Junior Celebration hosted by Bishop Jung for the Wisconsin Conference will be held on Monday, January 20 at 7 pm at Albright UMC, 5555 W Capitol Dr, Milwaukee, 53216. Bishop Julius Trembler of the Iowa Annual Conference will be preaching at the event.

Would You Like to Escape Winter's Chill and Do Some Good Work at the Same Time?

Why not join Pastor Andy along with Richard & Jan Kumbier next February on a Volunteer in Mission trip to Navasota, Texas? This will be a bus trip leaving from Platteville on Saturday, February 8th and returning Sunday, February 16th. We'll stay at the First UMC of Navasota and will be working with folks in the area doing home repair. Cost is \$445 which covers bus, food, motels and materials. See Pastor Andy for more information.



Important Information About Connection

We have been informed that 2014 brings new standard mailing regulations. Upon researching these new regulations, we have found that purchasing the software required would be cost-prohibitive. Not purchasing the software would cost us almost as in fees and additional postage. The cost increase is at least 100% of what we already spend on mailing the Connection, which is already 1/10 of the office operating budget. The solution reached by Ad Council is one that will not only cut budget costs, but will save on our use of paper and will make the Connection more accessible to the majority of Bay View UMC members. Beginning in January, Connection will be available in the Gathering Space, will be emailed directly to members and friends on our list, added monthly to our Facebook page and our website, and will be mailed only to those who can not make it to church on their own or live out of state AND do not have access to electronic copies. In order to make sure you receive your copy of Connection, send your email address to the church office at officeadmin@bayviewumc.org. We will also have information slips available for you to fill out in the Gathering Space if you need them, and a form on the website for you to print out if you need it. Please contact the office if you have any questions or concerns.

A Special Thank You

Thank you to all the incoming and outgoing church leaders. We look forward to our first 2014 leadership meeting on January 13th.

Also, I would like to thank everyone who has helped with mailing the Connection newsletter over the years. Your service to the congregation has been greatly appreciated! Thank you,

Paula - Office Administrator

2014 Stewardship Campaign

Many thanks to those that responded to the Stewardship Campaign to support the 2014 budget. We had 50 pledge cards returned from our mailing of 128. We also received about 10 new pledges from those who have not pledged before. Those pledges will support \$185,000 of our \$200,000 budget. This includes \$20,000 pledged for apportionments. Our apportionment obligation for 2014 is \$27,768.

The really exciting news is that the Trustees have sold the homes that we rented. In the wake of selling the properties, the construction mortgage was paid in full. We no longer have debt and will not be needing the Building Fund that was used to make mortgage payments. Those monies will be combined with the renovation account, and any amounts designated to the Building Fund, into a new investment fund at the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation, called the Security Dream Fund. The funds at the UM Foundation will only be distributed with the authorization of Administrative Council. Please write in Security Dream Fund on your envelopes if you wish to support this fund.

100 January 5, 2013

Bay View United Methodist Church

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General Fund \$ _____

~~Building Debt~~ \$ _____

Other (Specify) _____ \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Name _____

Cross out Building Debt and allocate it to Apportionment or Security Dream Fund

We also moved some accounts held for Bread & Jam, Preschool, and Scholarship grants to the UM Foundation for better investment opportunity. If you would like to know more about the UM Foundation, check them out at <http://www.wumf.org/>.

Julie Oren, Finance Team

2013 Giving Record				
Fund	Needed Monthly	Received in December	Needed Yearly	Received in 2013
General	\$15,770	\$14,411	\$189,240	\$144,059
Building Debt	\$0	\$791	\$0	\$26,122
Apportionment	\$2,222	\$1,336	\$26,664	\$10,338

Loving Start Preschool had a wonderful Christmas Program. The children brought in food for the Bay View Community Center Food Pantry, and money to support Bread & Jam, Bay View United Methodist Church's weekly free community meal. In January we look forward to learning about what animals do in winter, and learning about space. We will invite our parents to come for Space Night Later in the month.



Miss Martha, Miss Dawn, Miss Mary and Miss Karen

January Birthdays

1st

Becky Thomas

4th

Paul Gibson
Phyllis Neumann

6th

Emily Kallio
Gwen Schultz

9th

Brenda Gebhardt

10th

Elsa Eggert
Don Evans
Shirley Lone

13th

Samantha Ilovshak



15th

Phyllis Ditch

18th

Gwen Erdman

20th

Cheryl Berry

24th

Glenwood Haggith

27th

Francine Knepper

28th

Sue Neiderheiser

30th

Doris Chavez

Calendar 2014

January

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
29 8:15am Worship 9:15am Sunday School & Coffee 10:45am Worship 3pm Bread & Jam 7pm AA	30 7pm AA	31 10am AA New Years Eve <-12pm - Holiday Alkathon - 12am -> 	1 New Years Day Office Closed	2 6pm Praise Band 6:30pm Faith Singers 7pm Keystone AA 7:30pm Wesleyan Bells	3 7pm NA Mtg	4 10am Grief Share 10:30am WF AA
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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