

BVUMC *Connection*

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Lent Is Upon Us: #LivingStone

Hope is here. Love is here. Family is here. Around here this year as I enter each meeting, service of worship or liturgical season I am keeping before me our theme: Hope is here. Love is here. Family is here. and asking how this theme will be elevated, enriched and embraced more fully by me (personally) and the ministry we share (collectively).

The Season of Lent gives us a 6 week opportunity to focus, with intention, on this theme and the biblical examples that support our uplifting of these ideas in the context of our personal discipleship and our collective vision for ministry.

The Wesleyan “Means of Grace” “MOG” (everyday ways God’s grace becomes evident to us through the natural world, other people and through the Holy Spirit) is one pathway for us to journey this Lent. Through prayer, searching the Scriptures, receiving the Lord’s Supper, fasting and joining with other Christians for mutual nurture and accountability we can more deeply appreciate the diversity and beauty of hope, love and family around us.

Whether you’re in a good place or traversing a tough terrain, ALL of us need hope, love and a community in which to belong and connect. God continually calls us ALL to reach both up and out (sign of the cross) as God’s people, to our enemies, our neighbors, ourselves and to God.

Our Lenten weeks have been planned to facilitate the practice of

the means of grace with the guidance of themed worship using #LivingStone.

There will be a MOG insert or section in the bulletin each week that will prompt your personal practice stemming from the themed experience of worship and focused on our church theme. You are encouraged to use this tool for your personal devotional time or to consider joining with a small group of friends or “pew-mates” for one hour of accountable conversation each week.

Lent is my favorite time of year! I look forward to wonderful worship, meaningful conversations, joy-filled service and deep times of personal prayer as I journey in faith these 40 days.

Join me! Peace to each of you,

Pastor Kelly

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Worship Faithfully this Lent!

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#LivingStones

Sharing Our Stories

If you've been around me for any length of time you've probably heard me say that every person has a story, a story that is uniquely their own. Our stories are what define us and this has been true throughout time. Think about our Bible...so many stories; stories that we love, stories that challenge us, stories that we identify with.

Last Christmas my son gave me a book on how to write your memoirs. At first I laughed it off but a short time later I went to visit one of our older members, Doris Chavez, and she showed me her "memoirs". She had put together a wonderful book filled with her life's story. Then she also gave me yet another book on writing one's memoirs! I was beginning to feel the nudge that maybe this was something I was supposed to explore.

And then, as if to seal the deal, I read in the newspaper about a class being held at the Bay View Historical Society's Beulah Brinton House on...how to write one's memoirs. Now I may not listen well all the time but when the message keeps coming...

So I signed up for the 10-week session and had a wonderful time meeting new people and each week writing a short 2-page reflection on some aspect of my life experience. I subsequently signed up for another 10-weeks and plan to do a third later this summer.

I'm telling you all of this because I believe this is a great way for us to leave behind something for our children and grandchildren. Patty Tomaszewski is the instructor of these "Guided Autobiography" classes and her next class, to be held once again at the Beulah Brinton House, 2590 S. Superior, will begin Monday, April 21 and run through June 23. There is a free introductory class on April 14. The class runs from 10:00 a.m. to noon and the cost is \$99. You can contact her at momtoma@aol.com for more info.

If you've ever thought about doing something like this now's the time to do it! If you'd like to hear more or see the compilation of my writings just let me know. I'd be happy to share...but then you have to let me read your stories!

Blessings,

Pastor Andy

Mardi Gras Pancake Supper
Tuesday, March 4, 2014
4:30pm

Daylight Saving Time Begins
Sunday, March 9, 2014
2:00am



Ash Wednesday Worship
w/Communion
Wednesday, March 5, 2014
7pm

Ad Council
Monday, March 10 2014
7:00pm

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.

Movie Night

PEP (People Enjoying People) welcomes ALL to movie night in the Gathering Space on Friday, March 14th at 6pm. We will be presenting *Friendly Persuasion* starring Gary Cooper and Dorothy McGuire. Bring your favorite snack and something to drink.



New Adult Study for Lent March 9–March 30

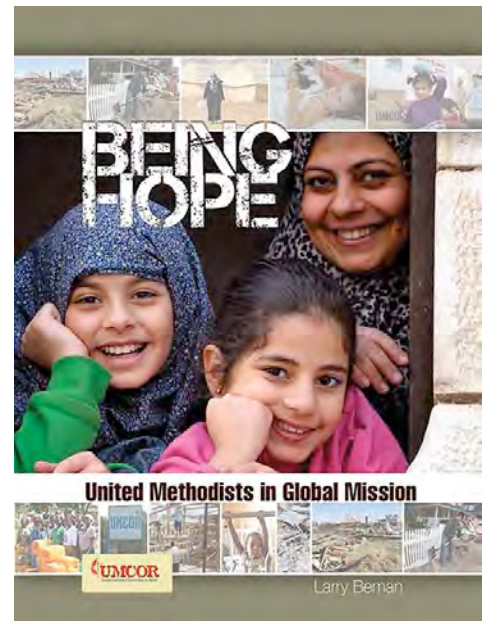
led by Pastor Kelly

As United Methodists we take several special offerings throughout the calendar year that focus us on an area of ministry investment for our denomination. Social justice, higher education, care for the elderly, chaplaincy and disaster relief. A resource has been created to further our understanding and appreciation for UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) called BEING HOPE United Methodists in Global Mission by Larry Beman. I am inviting you to consider this class as a part of your Lenten study on Sundays from 9:20-10:00am in the church Library.

This is a short, 4 week course that will end on March 30 when we celebrate One Great Hour of Sharing – our annual special Sunday that supports UMCOR.

I am hopeful that as an added blessing that participants might be will to witness to their learning to the community on March 30 in either hour of worship. No worries, it's just a hope, not an absolute expectation!

Books are available in the Gathering Space now. Sign up and bring the \$5 book fee to the first class.



* * February Follow-Up: from Pastor Kelly

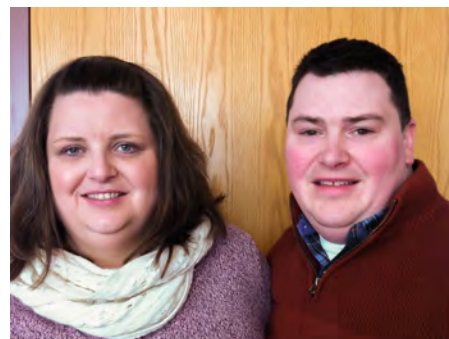
My apologies to those of you who have been anxiously waiting to update or complete for the first time your servant keeper inventories. I laid out a timeline in my article last month that was not able to be met. We are working to correct this and hope to have them available for you in March. More soon...

The family 'duck pond' expands! Welcome to our newest "Methoducks"

Pastor Kelly



Pastor Andy and I would like you to help us welcome 8 new members to our community. We are mimicking a way of welcoming offered at other UM churches that is more "small group" oriented and a bit less "scary". We talked, taught and listened over lunch together and then we took a pause to pray and prepare for a short ritual of welcome. Key leaders were invited in to witness on behalf of the whole congregation and we were thrilled that ALL 8 adults (and 2 children) were joyfully welcomed into Bay View UMC! Praise God for these faithful ministers now in our midst! Leadership will be introducing them to you in worship (who will give them their first rubber duck?! See PK if you're interested!) And be looking for these new faces as they are already becoming involved in church life and ministry! Welcome!



A little about Aaron and Amanda:

We were both 15 when we met at an underage nightclub in 1992. That makes it just over 20 years with each other. We married in 1997, in Moline, IL. Since then, we have lived several cities throughout the Midwest starting in Moline, Baraboo, Des Moines, Cedar Rapids, Madison and Milwaukee, with a few short stints in other cities. We have been present in Milwaukee since 2002. It did not take much to convert from Bears fans to Packer fans.

Aaron goes by Arnie (a long feud between grandpa and his mother), loves food and has been in the food industry for 20+ years. We both love dogs, Amanda shows it with her career as a dog groomer at Petco, near Southridge. No children, we love them, but do not have them. Always easier to send them home rather than make their bed.

Up until 2010, we had been fortunate with minor issues in our relationship. In 2010, there several live changing experiences, all health related. As we go through this year, and ask for blessings and joys, you will learn how, and what, some of those experiences have been. These experiences are what contributed to our joining of The United Methodist Church in Bay View. We welcome everyone's company and look forward to building long standing relationships.

Arnie & Amanda Andrew



My name is Andrew:

I have been a guest and continuing friend of this church for over 3 years. I am pleased and honored to be a member of the church. I am a relaxed, mellow, a cool guy that enjoys movies, music, and computer things. I moved around a lot when I was a kid and am glad to be in Bay View and make it my home.

Andrew

My name is April Dillon and I live in West Allis. I work in Waukesha and also at Oscar's Frozen Custard in West Allis. If someone would pay me to play with kittens all day, that would be my dream job. I started going to Peace United Methodist a few years ago while visiting my parents in Richland Center. I liked the beliefs and sense of family the Methodist Church offers so I decided to come to Bay View United Methodist.



April Dillon



About Stacy and Joe:

We've enjoyed the friendly reception from the congregation at BVUMC. We'd both been searching for just such a church community to join. We met in college (Michigan Tech), dated briefly, reconnected recently, and are thrilled to be getting a second chance. We got engaged last July (she said yes! woo hoo!) and we're planning an October wedding here at the church. We both grew up in the Northwoods (Stacy in WI, Joe in MI). Stacy's been in the Milwaukee area since shortly after college and works at Johnson Controls. Joe currently lives in Michigan and is job hunting vigorously in hopes of joining Stacy here soon. (He's an engineer, in case you have any leads.) We both look forward to getting settled in one house, making it through the madness of wedding planning, and getting more involved in BVUMC.

Stacy and Joe

Meet Matt and Amanda, Alexis and Samantha:

We have been married for 13 years and have two little girls; Alexis is 3 years old (and is very excited about turning 4 in March) and Samantha turned 2 years old in January. We both moved to the greater Milwaukee area when we were kids, met for the first time when we were in high school, and dated while we were both in college at UW-Milwaukee.



Matt and Amanda

Easter Flowers

Spring will be here by the time Easter arrives and we want our worship space to show new life and joy through the Easter Flowers!

Easter Flower orders need to be in to church by March 30th, 2014.

	Price	# of plants	Subtotal
Lilies (5-7 blooms)	\$9.50	x _____	_____
Azaleas* (6½" Pot)	\$19.50	x _____	_____
Cyclamen (6½" Pot)	\$10.50	x _____	_____
Gerbera Daisy (6½" Pot)	\$10.00	x _____	_____
Hydrangea (Pink, Blue or White) (7" Pot)	\$19.50	x _____	_____
Mums* (6½" Pot)	\$10.50	x _____	_____
Rieger Begonia (6½" Pot)	\$10.00	x _____	_____
Tulips or Hyacinths* (6½" Pot)	\$11.00	x _____	_____
Miniature Rose (6½" Pot)	\$11.50	x _____	_____
Daffodils (yellow) (6½" Pot, 7-8 flowers)	\$10.00	x _____	_____
	Order Total		_____

Flowers are given by _____

In (circle one) honor / memory of _____

Check should be made payable to **Bay View United Methodist Church.**

* Assorted Colors

Paid	Cash	Check
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Amount \$ _____		
Check # _____		

Core Team Kicks it Up a Notch for Lent

The Core team has been learning about the Reconciling process from “coach” Pr. Kelly for the last 6 months and they are ready and eager now to bring this process to the forefront of our church community for education, discussion and preparation for the writing and adoption of our welcoming statement later this Spring.



Materials for information and education were shared at our meeting and will be ordered soon for those who would like to participate in a round table exploration of the way opening our hearts, minds and doors to gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, transgendered and questioning persons is biblically obedient and as a resource for dialogue about sexual orientation.

Weekly bulletin inserts will offer a variety of ways to offer your “voice” to the discussion:

Write about how reconciling (for ALL) reflects our church theme: Hope is here. Love is here. Family is here. Drop your reflection in the offering plate and it will be placed on the chancel cross as a witness for ALL to see.

Pastor Kelly and Pastor Andy were asked to weave our Lenten journey in worship with themes on inclusion for the purpose of providing an open forum discussion time following each hour of worship through Palm Sunday. Please plan to participate as often as you can!

A viewing of the DVD “Coming Out, Coming In” will be scheduled during Lent as well.

And, the rainbow flag (a symbol of welcome and safe haven for the LGBTQ community) will be moving about along with our Baptismal rock garden as a means of keeping the covenant we celebrate as God’s children available for ALL.

The Core team will be better visible to you during this time as their nametags will designate them as members of this team and the questions notebook and list of members will remain in the corner of the Gathering Space.

Please join us in continuing to pray and celebrate the way God is inspiring this vital aspect of the ministry we share.

Pastor Kelly

2014 Giving Record					
Fund	Needed Monthly	Received in February	Needed to Catch Up through March	Needed Yearly	Received so far in 2014
General	\$17,181	\$18,587	\$21,420	\$206,166	\$30,122
Apportionment	\$2,314	\$1,329	\$4,304	\$27,768	\$2,638

Thoughts on Lent and Giving

Pastor Kelly

Lent is a time of year when personal devotion is deepened by regular church attendance, disciplines of the body, mind and/or spirit are added or we deny ourselves something loved as a way of journeying a bit closer to Jesus' sacrifice on the cross.

I'd like us to think about the whole of our giving, friends. Our time and our talent and our willingness to tell others 'our' story are just as much a part of stewardship as the giving of our money. Sometimes, these resources are even more valuable to toward the advancement of God's kingdom!

As we practice this Lent I wonder if our 2014 church theme: Hope is here. Love is here. Family is here. might be an inspiration to you and your willingness to share out of your abundance.

How does what you share bring hope?

Who can understand God's love (and yours) more deeply by what you are willing to offer?

Where can connections strengthen into family bonds because of the way you share with friends and enemies alike?

We aren't called to create new resources! We are called to share from we already possess – and by God's grace, that alone is enough!

Pray with me as we approach Lent that we will be open to God's nudges to share.

"We are called to share generously from what we already have, so that all may have enough. Don't worry about giving what you don't have. Give generously and willingly of what you do have, and all will be blest."

-Joe Dominquez and Vicki Robin Your Money or Your Life

Attention Families of ALL Kinds! Our Faith In Action!

Let us join together this Lenten Season to support one of our denominational foci. We CAN discipline ourselves to be better informed and to contribute in a significant way that CAN make a REAL difference in the lives of children around the world.

- Use the IMAGINE NO MALARIA study sheet in your home each week through March and April.
- Look up the Bible passage and read it out loud together.
- Go to the website and read the stories and learn the facts that effect the children and how health workers give their time.
- Keep a Lenten coin box near the study sheet and decide as individuals or as a family unit on giving each day/week to support World Malaria Day, Friday, April 25, 2014 with your contribution.
- Take extra Lenten coin boxes and invite the families around you to join you in this Lenten discipline of study and prayerful sacrifice.
- Bring the financial gift and added knowledge your family has to offer for blessing on Easter Sunday, April 20, 2014 at the 6am, 9am or 10:45am service of worship. If you'll be traveling, make arrangements with me.

ALL of our gifts will be tallied and sent together through the church account as one gift as a statement of our collective faith in action!

Pastor Kelly

IMAGINE NO MALARIA

Every 60 seconds, malaria takes a life in Africa
Take 60 seconds to change that fact.

Week One: Isaiah 58:6-8

Take 60 seconds and learn about what the United Methodist Church is doing to break the cycle of poverty and bring healing to Africa. Visit www.imagenomalaria.org

Week Two: Genesis 12:1-3

Spend 60 seconds asking how God wants you to sacrifice in order to bless others. Find a way to save \$5 today to provide a life-saving treatment. To donate: www.imagenomalaria.org

Week Three: John 4:28-30

Drop everything for 60 seconds and share the good news about how United Methodists are saving lives. Tweet or post online using #imagenomalaria



Week Four: John 9:6-7

Community Health Workers give their time to Imagine No Malaria. Give 60 seconds and \$5 that can support their training and service in Africa. To donate: www.imagenomalaria.org

Week Five: John 11:32-35

Many die from lack of access to malaria care. Spend 60 seconds learning about the hundreds of United Methodist clinics and hospitals that provide healing at www.imagenomalaria.org

Week Six: Psalm 31:9-10

Spend 60 seconds in prayer today for all who are affected by malaria. For those who are ill, for those who grieve, for those who feel helpless in the face of this enemy of body and spirit.

Easter / World Malaria Week: Acts 10:34-36

Friday, April 25 is World Malaria Day. Take 60 seconds to help us raise awareness for the work Imagine No Malaria is doing by covering the internet. Change your facebook, twitter and other media profiles to support Imagine No Malaria. Tweet or post using #CoverTheNet. For resources: www.imagenomalaria.org

Our Faith in Action - www.imagenomalaria.org

Loving Start Preschoolers have been practicing for their Winter Olympics. We had ski relays, ice skating in our sock feet, bobsled rides in the wagon, and pool noodle hockey. All received gold medals for participation. Don't be surprised to see us wearing our PJ's to school to celebrate Dr. Seuss and eating Green Eggs and Ham. We will have our vision checked in late February and Parent Teacher conferences occur in March.

Please invite any friends or neighbors with preschoolers to our Open House and Fall Registration on March 9th from 12:30 -2:30 pm. We will also give tours at other times. Registration for fall is now open.

Miss Martha, Miss Dawn, Miss Mary and Miss Karen

LOVING START PRESCHOOL



Calendar 2014

March

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
2 8:15am Worship 9:15am Sunday School & Coffee 10:45am Worship 3pm Bread & Jam 7pm AA	3 8:45am LSP 7pm AA	4 8:45am LSP 10am AA 4:30pm Mardi Gras Pancake Supper 5:30pm AA 7:15pm SPR Mtg	5 8:45am LSP 10am Bible Study 3pm SECA (Off-Site) 7pm Ash Wednesday Worship Ash Wednesday	6 8:45am LSP 6pm Praise Band 6:30pm Faith Singers 7pm Keystone AA 7:30pm Wesleyan Bells	7 8:45am LSP 7pm NA Mtg	1 8am Dr Seuss' Birthday Party 10am Grief Share 10:30am WF AA 8 10am Grief Share 10:30am WF AA
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16 Lent 2 8:15am Worship 9:15am Sunday School & Coffee 9:20am Being Hope 10:45am Worship 3pm Bread & Jam 7pm AA	17 8:45am LSP 7pm District 28 AA 7pm AA St Patrick's Day	18 8:45am LSP 10am AA 5:30pm AA	19 8:45am LSP 10am Bible Study 7pm Love to Stay	20 8:45am LSP 6pm Praise Band 6:30pm Faith Singers 7pm Keystone AA 7:30pm Wesleyan Bells 1st Day of Spring	21 8:45am LSP 7pm NA Mtg	22 10am Grief Share 10:30am WF AA
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**Out of the Heart of our Community,
ALL Are Welcome at Bay View
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SPRING SERVICES:

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



Please Recycle

OFFICE HOURS:

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

Wednesday
8:30am - 1:30pm