



BAY VIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CONNECTION Newsletter

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Gratitude for “Roots and Leaves and Buds” in Our Midst

It's just a few days before our celebration of All Saints in Sunday worship and I'm filled with gratitude for the saints of Bay View UMC. We are blessed with a strong ministry, a strong giving base and a strength of spirit that continues to grow disciples for Jesus Christ after 126 years together.

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My evangelism, worship, missions, memorial, educational thinking cap has opened a conversation with several of our creative visionaries regarding opportunities for 2015 that will expand the reach of our story across the span of our years, here and across the gaps between those inside and those who are outside our doors.

We are a legacy church, one whose foundation is laced with strong, faithful families; whose generations of members have kept us on solid ground and whose vision for loving ALL people by opening our doors has created on-going opportunities for ministry and celebration to this very day.

Telling our story AND the story that binds us all (the story of Jesus) offers us a church-wide challenge to commit ourselves to the sharing and caring ministry given to us by God through Jesus Christ. This work is what drives United Methodists into the mission field and the classroom, offering service and opportunity for others to come into a relationship with God through Jesus Christ. Over the years we've been blessed many through our kitchen, our cards and our holiday bazaars. And, for some years we tried to keep those going (just like they always had) even when those leading saints were aging and passing away. I believe we've turned a corner in this “looking

back” thinking and are now embarking upon a new vision for ministry and leadership.

Our kitchen now welcomes servants from outside our walls, our cards have added new hands into their creation and our fall bazaars are now cookie walk holiday extravaganzas! Friends, we can pause to remember and this Sunday we will light candles and elevate the names of our saints who have died this year. And then we, the living saints of this church will be blessed into action. We'll celebrate our ministry together,

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at the Table, blessed by God's hospitality and grace. And, we'll consecrate (bless) our stewardship pledges for 2015, trusting in God's abundance for our every personal and communal need.

As I offer thanks for those in my personal and communal life, living and dead, I am grateful to the God of Love that I know for sure shines through each of you in this wonderful community that I am blessed to join with in service to ALL of God's creation.

Peace to each of you,

Pastor Kelly

P.S. The title of this article is an idea that I have... ask me about it!

A New Outreach Opportunity for Us!

Last month I wrote an extra Connection article about the Alzheimer's Association's Memory Cafés. Recently Pastor Kelly, Judy Banta, Maynard Pribek and I attended a training session where we learned more about not only the disease itself, but also about the need for people affected by Alzheimer's to have outlets for fun and fellowship.

After this training we are more committed than ever to finding a way to offer this program here at our church. But to make that happen we need your help. We need to develop a core group of 5-6 volunteers who will act as hosts for the once-a-month gatherings (1-1/2 hours in length). The primary responsibilities of these folks will be to set up and clean up (preparing, coffee, tea, juice and water), welcome new and returning attendees, handing out name tags, pointing people to rest rooms, etc. We've also heard how much some groups like to sing so this would be a great opportunity for those of us who have that talent!

The group would most likely meet on a weekday, either late morning or early afternoon. Once we have a group of people willing to help with this a representative from the Alzheimer's Association will come in for additional training and to help us select the most appropriate space in which the group will meet.

The key for us is to provide a safe, supportive and engaging environment in which our guests can share stories, sing songs, play games, laugh, cry and simply be together. It's a place where they can forget for a while about the disease and focus again on simply living life.

So...a 1½ hour a month commitment...and if we have 5 or 6 volunteers each person might only host once every few months. I'm guessing we've all known someone who has been challenged by Alzheimer's and related dementia issues. Wouldn't it be great if we could do something to help? How about it?

If you are interested in learning more please contact either Pastor Kelly or myself. Once we have our team in place we'll bring in the trainers and get started!

Blessings,

Pastor Andy

Spiritual Gifts as Stewardship

As we come out of our stewardship season I hope to continue to think broadly about the spiritual gifts that God has blessed us. Stewardship is about more than financial gifts. I want to have more conversations with you about where your passions are and how you can plug those passions into the life of the church. I hope to meet more of you and simply ask what keeps you coming back to church and what makes you passionate. What gifts has God blessed you with that you can share in this community? In the coming weeks we will be forming small group conversations to go through a spiritual gifts inventory.

Our community comes together as we give of our time and our talent. I am impressed by the varied musical gifts that are part of worship each week and I'm grateful for the witness of those that help with Bread and Jam. I'm particularly excited to see the congregation's passion for cookies and contribute some fudge myself! I look forward to continue to grow as I walk with you and we learn from each other. Consider how God has gifted you and how you are called to live for God.

Pastor Eddie

Ad Council

Administrative Council will meet next on Monday, November 10th at 7pm in the Gathering Space. Please save the date on your calendar. Contact the church office if you will not be able to attend.

Charge Conference

The annual church Charge Conference will be Sunday, November 30th beginning at noon in the Gathering Space. Save a spot in your calendar!

PEP Annual Chili Dump

Come one, come ALL! The annual PEP Chili dump will be held Sunday, November 16th at 5pm. Bring your serving of chili and a good appetite. The sign up sheet is posted with extras to bring if you would like. Dessert is provided.



Spiritual Gifts

Join Pastor Eddie in small group conversations as he gets to know the church more fully and explores how to engage our spiritual gifts. There are currently 3 opportunities to participate:

- Sunday, November 9th 4pm Location: Rodge Taylor's house
- Saturday, November 22nd 1pm Location: John & Jan Liebenstein's house
- Sunday, November 23rd 12pm Location: Judie Liebenstein's house (with Packer Party)



COMING SOON: ADVENT ALL Church Study

“The observation of Advent is a gift – a time to reflect, meditate, and pray, asking God to do a great work in our hearts as we remember anew the great gift that has been given to us through God’s Son, Jesus. We observe Advent because God expects something amazing to happen in our lives at Christmas!” from the Introduction to Under Wraps

“Under Wraps” is our 2014 Advent theme church wide! We are planning children, youth and adult study groups, along with weekly worship and preaching. Come, bring someone new with you who God calls you to share the gift of Christmas with this Season.

Pr. Kelly

The Secret Angel Gift Shop Launch Is Upon Us!

It’s time to fill in the framework for this new and exciting ministry outreach to families with young children. Beginning this Sunday, November 2nd sign up on the CUBE to be:

- Event hosts (greeters, cashiers, wrappers)
- shopping companions (angel) for shopping day (Sat. 12.6)
- gift suppliers (elf) worker for the shopping day (Sat. 12.6)
- holiday café workers (Sat. 12.6)
- holiday café suppliers (week of Dec. 1st)
- a pre-event worker (scout) (week of Dec. 1st)



THIS EVENT HAS A SPOT FOR EVERYONE TO BECOME INVOLVED!

The shopping appointment board will be available beginning November 23rd – watch for more information to come.

Everyone is also invited to donate! We need:

- Cello tape, holiday gift wrap, assorted gift boxes, white tissue paper
- Items for Purchase - suitable for a child to gift a family member or peer friend on a child’s budget:
- New items
- Items in great condition (a great “re-gift” opportunity)
- Crafted items

The 2014 Secret Angel Gift Shop will be open from 1pm to 4pm on Saturday, December 6, 2014. Santa will make an appearance and the holiday café will be open for parents and kids to enjoy a holiday snack.

Pr. Kelly



The holiday season is approaching and that means it's almost time for Greenfield Concert Band's, band concert.

Friday, December 5th 7pm
Greenfield High School Performing Arts Center (60th and Layton)

For this concert, we've been preparing a bunch of great songs:

Bernstein's *Slava!*

Barber of Seville

Auld Lang Syne (the march version)

Nothing Else Matters (yes, the Metallica song)

A British Grainger ditty

The Roosters Lay Eggs in Kansas (yeah... don't ask)

And a bunch of Christmas pieces

Hope you can come enjoy the great music,
and invite your friends.

by Aurelia Schultz



Cookie Walk

Attention all Cookie Bakers and Cookie Eaters. We will have our annual cookie walk at church on Sunday, December 14th from 9am to 3pm. If you are a cookie baker from before or want to jump in this year, we need all kinds of cookies to be brought to the church on Saturday, Dec 13th.

I can never decide if I should make more of one kind of cookie or make several kinds. Usually with my daughter, Laurie's help we make six different varieties. Whatever you choose to make, we welcome all our creative cooks to participate.

Now: for all cookie eaters, the price will be \$9/pound. You pick the cookies you want and weigh them to get your total price. They keep well so if you don't eat them all right away, save some for your holiday guests. What would Christmas be without a cookie?

There will also be gifts to buy from Go Earth Imports, a fair trade company. The proceeds from our cookie walk go to a variety of neighborhood programs.





It is now SOUP SEASON so please remember to clip your Labels for Education and place them in the "Cambell's" Box near the church office. Warm up with: Cambell's Soup and Cambell's Chunky Soup. Campbell's Labels for Education can now be found on many brands including: Post, Pace, Bic, Prego, SpaghettiO's, Pace salsas, Prego sauces and Swanson broths and soups. Special bonus points if we turn in points by December 2014!

If we get enough labels, the Preschool can now turn them in for a VISA gift card!



Help for those dealing with grief during the holidays



SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

No matter how long it's been since your loved one died, grief can make the holidays a painful time. But there's hope. Join us for an encouraging seminar that will help you survive the holidays and discover new reasons to enjoy them again.



Free Seminar - Bay View United Methodist Church

Sunday, November 9 2pm-4pm

2772 S Kinnickinnic Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53207

For more information email: griefshare@bayviewumc.org

Thanksgiving Day Reminders

Thursday, November 27th

Church Office Closed

Music Groups
No Rehearsal



Winter Camp!

Winter camp dates are set! Join us January 16th through the 19th at Camp Lucerne for fellowship and fun. Space is limited so get your reservation set early. Look for the sign up in the next couple of weeks in the the Gathering Space.



First Sunday Forums

Opportunities for you to learn about all types of Missions and how your apportionment dollars are at work. The first Sunday of each month from 9:15am to 10:15am we will have a speaker who is or has been involved with a mission outreach either locally or in another part of the world. The forums will take place in the Sanctuary.

- November 2nd: Robert Johnson from Northcott Neighborhood House speaks about their programs and the people they serve
- December 7th: Deanna Schimko from Caldwell UMC will describe work she has led in building wells in Southeast Asia.
- January 4th: We welcome Laura Engel and Vicki Jensen from Interfaith Older Adult Programs.

Fascinating information awaits your learning and presence. We hope you will be there!

Remember " 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 the Finance Team has challenged the congregation to tithe as a church and pay apportionments in full. A few months ago, the Finance Team also challenged and encouraged all those making the extra effort of participating in fundraising to consider giving a tenth of your fundraising efforts to our church apportionments. We are on track and have made the apportionments for each month so far.

As a visual example, the Craft Club has been displaying 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.

Thanks to everyone for stepping up!

Finance Team

| October 2014 Giving Record | | | | | | |
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| Fund | Rec'd This Month | Needed Monthly | (Short)/Over This Month | Rec'd This Year | Needed This Year | (Short)/Over This Year |
| General | \$13,906 | \$17,181 | (\$3,275) | \$134,333 | \$171,810 | (\$37,477) |
| Apportionment | \$1,755 | \$2,314 | (\$559) | \$23,284 | \$23,140 | \$144 |
| Totals | \$15,661 | \$19,495 | (\$3,834) | \$157,616 | \$194,950 | (\$37,334) |

Ministry Spotlight

by Katy Meyer

Focus On: Christian Help of Mingo County

As the holiday season approaches, my heart feels pulled to the Appalachian mountains. The snow begins to fall and the cost of electricity puts many in the precarious position of choosing between food and heat. Gifts for Christmas are not essentials, but families long to brighten their children's faces this time of year.

I spent three summers of high school serving families in West Virginia, Virginia and Kentucky through Appalachia Service Project's home repair program. It was truly life changing to see the number of folks in our own country without running water or indoor toilets which was something I took for granted. I was touched by the generous spirit of those we met who offered to share with us what little they had.

I discovered Christian Help of Mingo County years later as a grassroots group offering food, clothing, transportation, and financial help for basic necessities to people in need in Mingo County, West Virginia. They have no "marketing department" to get the word out, just a couple staff and determined volunteers. Christian Help is a very frugally run group that provides rides to medical and other appointments, assist with dental and electric bills, operates a food pantry, has a free clothing distribution store and has special drives for Back to School and Christmas. One newsletter thanked donors because many of the children at the Back to School drive walked in barefoot and walked out with shoes on their feet.

Each year I box up several items including toys and clothes and throw in a few linens as packing material that can be put to good use. I don't feel like my little box goes very far, but perhaps this year if we each put several little boxes together the gifts could reach more FAMILIES in need. As I "mature" as a parent, I realize these presents are not just treats for the children, they are a true gift to the parents who want desperately to give something special to their child yet can't afford to do so.

Yes, there are needy children and toy drives in our own city and please support them as you are able. There are also children in Appalachia, and their surrounding community is not as financially blessed to support them. The jobs are limited and the educational system is lacking. "The U.S. Census Bureau identified West Virginia as having the second highest number of people living in poverty among all U.S. states, the very lowest level of median household income in the nation, and the very highest level of children under age 5 living in poverty."

Please consider joining me this year as we gather new toys and children's clothing to mail to Christian Help for the Christmas Distribution. Our collection begins in November in the Gathering Space.

It is my dream to ONE DAY drive a van full of items and BVUM Church volunteers to the center and help in the distribution! I certainly can't do it alone. Thank goodness for Church.

The Mission of Christian Help is " To respond to situations of emergency or need with immediacy and simplicity, respecting the dignity of all, in the spirit of Jesus Christ". Items need not be wrapped but may be placed in a gift bag.

Learn more at www.christianhelpmingo.org

Children's Ministries Update



Nursery

We are excited to announce the addition of Liz Torres as the co-nursery worker! Liz and Debbie Baldwin look forward to greeting ALL families with young children every Sunday morning beginning at 9am.

A reminder that the Nursery will serve families during the Sunday School hour through second service of worship.

Sunday School

Miss Debbie and Judie L.

We celebrated Children's Sabbath with two boys receiving their Bibles in worship. "Adam Haile and John Warkaske, I'm happy to see those Bibles with you on Sunday mornings – Yay!" PK

The Quackers Children's choir also sang in that service to the joy of ALL!

The end of October brought the children into our midst as they collected money for Trick or Treat for UNICEF. The turn in date is yet to come so a total giving amount was not available at the time of this report.

The Community Youth Group

Pr. Kelly and Pr. Eddie

Our church hosted the October meetings and the group size expanded each time we met with the most recent gathering welcoming 26 youth and adults! The group moves to Tippecanoe Presbyterian Church (125 W. Saveland, just one block west off Howell) for the meeting on Friday, November 7th from 6:30pm-8:00pm. Youth, in grades 7 thru 12 are invited and encouraged to bring their friends who are in the same age group and a snack (popcorn, chips etc.) for the traveling snack barrel 'o goodness.

Fox and Branch Concert!

Save the date: Wednesday November 19th 6-7pm. Fox and Branch concert in the Sanctuary.

For families of Loving Start Preschool and Church families.



After making musical instruments downstairs from 6pm-6:30pm, you may go upstairs to sample our cookie dough, see a display of Discovery Toys available for order, or purchase CD's from Fox and Branch. The concert with Fox and Branch will begin at 6:30pm. We are suggesting a \$5 donation for families of 3 or less, and \$10 for families of 4 or more. Families, grandparents and siblings are welcome to join us for this evening of fun.

Loving Start Preschoolers have been very busy this month. We went to Outpost Foods to buy apples, had our class pictures taken and plan to have our parents and siblings join us for a Halloween Party. We have had lots of fun with color weeks and mixing colors. If you are on Facebook, check out our new page to see some of the fun. We would like to invite our Church friends to join us on Nov 19th for a Concert with Fox and Branch. We will begin at 6 making musical instruments, with the concert starting at 6:30. We are requesting a suggested donation of \$5 for families of less than 3, or \$10 for families of 4 or more. Also our Cookie Dough Sale is coming soon. Watch for samples and order forms.

LOVING START PRESCHOOL



We are sad to report that Miss Dawn will no longer be in our 4 year old class. She is recovering from back surgery and facing a long rehab. She hopes to come back as a sub when she is able. We are in the process of interviewing candidates.

Miss Martha, Miss Dawn, Miss Mary, Miss Karen and Miss Nicole

Upcoming Birthdays

November 3rd

Travis Drow

November 4th

Katrina Schultz

November 6th

Gary Aubry

November 10th

Marie Burrows

November 11th

Kenneth Becker

John Marki

Loralye Muehe

November 13th

Kelly Fowler

Mark Humphrey

November 14th

Stephanie Collins

November 16th

Douglas Romfoe

November 22nd

Sharon Hanstad

November 25th

Patty Thompson

November 26th

Mary Lou Rice

November 28th

Madelyn Collins

November 29th

Kelsie Petrie

Calendar 2014

November

KEY:
 AA: Alcoholics Anonymous
 ESCP: East Side Chamber Players
 FSF: First Sunday Forum - Missions
 LSP: Loving Start Preschool
 NA: Narcotics Anonymous
 PEP: People Enjoying People
 SECA: South East Clergy
 SPR: Staff Parish Relations
 WBC: Wesleyan Bell Choir Rehearsal

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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FALL 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