



BAY VIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CONNECTION Newsletter

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39 Days and ... Praying!

We're one day along on the 2015 Lenten Journey and I'm hopeful! We had a wonderful Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – more attendees this year even with the bitter cold and quite a nice gathering for the Ash Wednesday Evening Service of Worship as well. It gives me hope that our community will embrace not only the journey of Lent but one another in the midst of it.

Our community is often praised, in my hearing, by visitors and new members as one with such a “welcoming spirit” (“vibe” someone said recently) and that’s a great way to begin a relationship and a journey.

However, the Lenten challenges us right out of that ‘comfort of welcome’ into the bones of our discipleship – that is, how we lead our daily lives through the lens of faith. This is a time when, as individuals and as a community, we look at hard questions of faithful living, giving, sharing, loving, supporting and growing.

I hope this season of Lent will challenge all of us to look deeply at our faithful practices with a willing spirit to live, give, share, love, support and grow ourselves; because individuals at their best build a community at its best!

This Lenten hope got personal right away for me reminding me that work pace and self care are important to good health! My “fussy” back is giving me a fit after too many long days in a row without rest and now I’m stopped in my tracks.

Right away, I am reminded of the power of prayer and the gift of God’s presence and accessibility, even in the dark of night.

Also, the reminder of the community of all believers as friends step up to offer support through these (hopefully few) painful days.

Then comes the ministry of the faithful, who give me grace through work deadlines, working willingly to pick up extra tasks to keep the ministry we share moving forward.

In all of this, I grow as I trust God, rely on others and love the once-again message that I am loved! Thanks be to God.

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39 Days...

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Friends, I don't wish any of you back trouble or any other kind of pain this Lent. But, I know that many are indeed suffering in some way, shape, or form. I am also aware that our church suffers, too. The United Methodist Church values the worldwide connection and yet cannot reconcile it's Book of Discipline with the Biblical Obedience that calls us to Love – ALL people. Pray for our churches and for Pastor Eddie as he begins to lead in what will be a dynamic time in our denomination. Our Circuit suffers the pain of racial injustice and random violence and I ask for your prayers as we work together in our greater Milwaukee Circuit (33) to open conversation through vigils and classes and whatever else the Spirit inspires in the days to come. And, friends, for our local church, here in Bay View, prayer is needed. It is first here where our lack of discipline, our unwillingness to give, our assumption that others will do (when you know you can and yet don't), and our fear when scarcity trumps abundance that unhealthy is felt. This makes our gift for enthusiastic welcoming truly important. Our community brings upon ALL of us a sense of 'joyful response –ability' for the ministry we share. YOU are an important and needed part of what we do in this place. Each area of ministry requires time, talent and treasure from ALL of us and I will witness to the fact that when I see a person find their niche, help in some way, contribute financially in a regular way and know that their effort matters, that we are BEING the church God calls us to be! Alleluia!

These Sundays in Lent are given to us this year that we might celebrate God's goodness, mercy and abundance in the very midst of Lenten darkness. Be in worship weekly, friends, to sing Alleluia, to celebrate at the Table and to pray with me. Let it be so.

Peace be with each of you,

Pastor Kelly

"Whenever two or three of you come together in my name, I am there with you."

~ Matthew 18:20

First Sunday Forums

First Sunday Forums are 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 Gathering Space.

- March 1st: Imagine No Malaria - Jim Wells: March 1st Welcomes Jim Wells speaking on Imagine No Malaria. The United Methodist Church has embraced a global initiative to help in the fight to eradicate Malaria. Our Bishop has set a Million Dollar goal for Wisconsin United Methodists and has challenged each church in our WI Annual Conference to take part to: Imagine No Malaria. Jim works with the WI Foundation and is volunteering his time today to share with us. Please attend to learn and be inspired to give your time, talent and treasure as we work together to Imagine No Malaria.
- April 5th: He Is Risen! Happy Easter Sunday! - No FSF
- May 3rd: The Benedict Center - Jeanne Geraci
- June 7th: InGathering Collection - School Kits

So What Does Your Jesus Look Like?

A number of years ago I read an interesting article comparing the baby Jesus and Peter Pan. The writer suggested that some people want to hold on to the image of that sweet, angelic baby, born in a manger, not unlike the boy who never grew up. They want to hold on to that idea of Jesus because they don't want to come to grips with the adult Jesus who often challenges not only how we view others but even how we live our lives.

Certainly Jesus was a teacher, a healer, a prophet...not to mention the Son of God and our Lord and Savior. Rarely do we think of him as an angry subversive who was threatening the very order of things...but he was all this and more. He called out those in power and he offered a hand up to those who had been shunned by society.

Maybe because of these things it is hard for us to reconcile who Jesus is and what following him really means for us today. I just saw a Facebook post that asked, "How can we worship a homeless man on Sunday, and ignore another one on Monday?" That is the very conflict all of us face as we try to take our faith out of Sunday morning worship and into the rest of our week.

I'd like to spend some time exploring more about this radical side of Jesus and I would love it if you would do this with me. Beginning Wednesday, April 8th, and continuing for six weeks, we'll be exploring Mike Slaughter's video and book study, "Renegade Gospel: The Rebel Jesus." We meet from 6:30pm to 8:00pm.

In the ninth chapter of The Gospel of Luke we find Jesus asking, "What about you? Who do you say I am?" That's the question I want to explore with you. I hope you'll consider joining me as we take a walk on the wild side of scripture!

Shalom!

Pastor Andy

All Church Clean Up

Once again we come together as a congregation to spruce up our little corner of Bay View. We welcome you to lend a hand in this annual tradition of caring for our community building. Grab your favorite cleaner and scrub brush and meet us in the church dining room. The volunteer sign up will be available Sunday, March 8th in the Gathering Space. Coffee and donuts provided.

9am Saturday, March 28th

PEP Club Outing: Mitchell Park Domes

That's Amore Spring Floral Show

Love will fill the air! Mediterranean herbs and scented geraniums surround a rustic courtyard in the Italian countryside.

Monday, March 30th 9am-noon

Admission: Free

Meet at church at 10am if you plan to carpool.

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 15th, 2015.

	Price	# of plants	Subtotal
Lilies (5-7 blooms)	\$10.00	x _____	_____
Azaleas* (6½" Pot)	\$21.00	x _____	_____
Cyclamen (6½" Pot)	\$10.50	x _____	_____
Gerbera Daisy (6½" Pot)	\$10.50	x _____	_____
Hydrangea (Pink, Blue or White) (7" Pot)	\$21.00	x _____	_____
Mums* (6½" Pot)	\$10.50	x _____	_____
Rieger Begonia (6½" Pot)	\$11.00	x _____	_____
Tulips or Hyacinths* (6½" Pot)	\$11.00	x _____	_____
Miniature Rose (6½" Pot)	\$11.75	x _____	_____
Daffodils (yellow) (6½" Pot, 7-8 flowers)	\$11.00	x _____	_____
Colorful Coleus* (6½" Pot, Foliage)	\$11.00	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 #	_____	

Let's Explore Discipleship Using TED Talks

This Lent we have a new opportunity for adult education. Pastor Eddie is leading a study that combines TED Talks and scripture. We will watch short lectures on a wide ranging set of topics and connect them to the Bible and our discipleship during Lent. Attend either on Thursday nights or Sunday during the coffee hour. Thursdays and Sundays will follow the same TED talk, so come on the day that works best for you.



We will meet in the Gathering Space from 5:30pm to 6:30pm on Thursday nights and from 9:15am to 10:15am on Sundays. Please feel free to come on the weeks that interest you most or work best for your schedule. Weekly sign-ups are on The Cube.

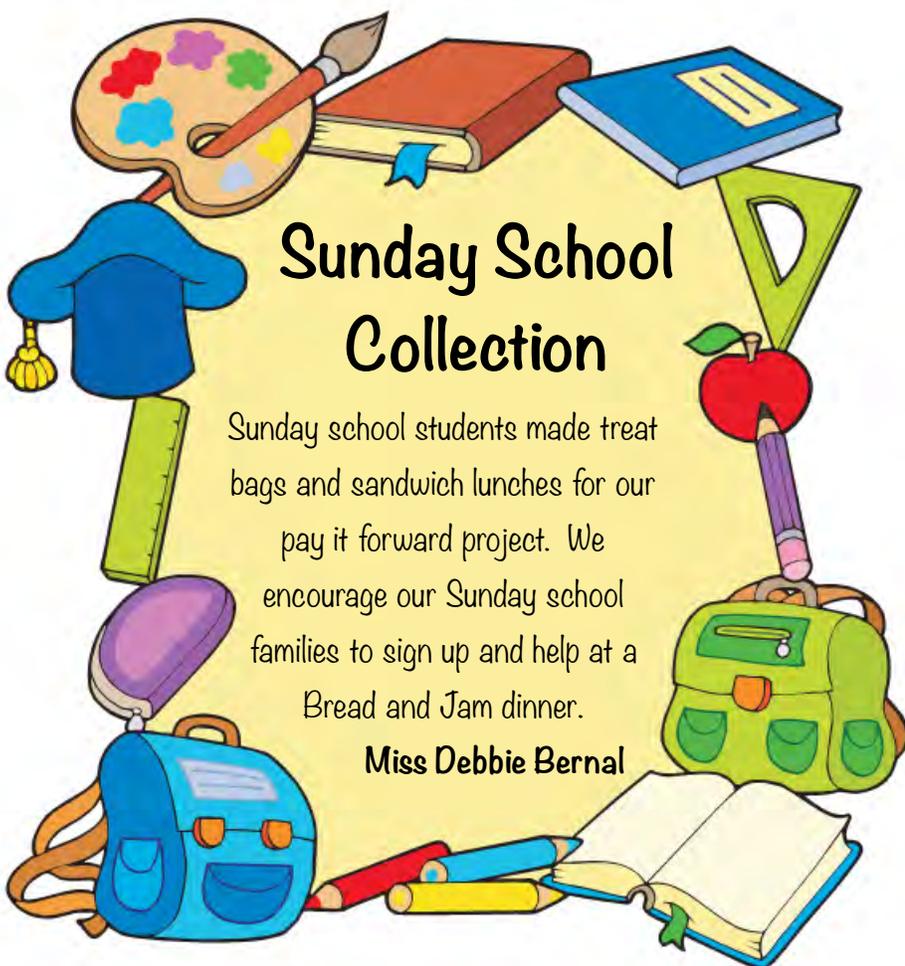
TED Talk Schedule

Mar. 5/8 – *Never, Ever Give Up* by Diana Nyad (Distance Swimmer)

Mar. 12/15 – *Let's Revive the Golden Rule* by Karen Armstrong (Author)

Mar. 19/22 – *My Daughter, Malala* by Ziauddin Yousafza (Teacher and Father)

Mar. 26/29 – *Why I Take Piano on the Road and in the Air* by Daria van den Bercken (Pianist)



Sunday School Collection

Sunday school students made treat bags and sandwich lunches for our pay it forward project. We encourage our Sunday school families to sign up and help at a Bread and Jam dinner.

Miss Debbie Bernal

Bay View Crime Watch Meeting

March 25th 6pm

Bay View Public Library

For information regarding these meetings or starting a block watch in your area, contact P.O. John KLEIN at (414) 935-7198 or jmklei@milwaukee.gov

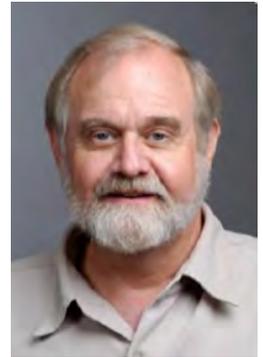
Tips for Preventing Auto Break-ins

- Use Steering Wheel locks
- Don't leave valuables in plain sight
- Don't leave your garage door openers in your vehicles
- Don't leave change in your ash tray or console

Making Sense of Prayer

Wisconsin Conference Laity and Clergy: You Are Invited to Attend a Regional Prayer Workshop with Dwight Judy

In this third year of our conference theme, Live the Fruit of the Spirit, we focus on Cultivation and Nurture through Spiritual Formation: What is prayer? How can we practice prayer in a way that brings us closer to God and others . . . perhaps even to ourselves? How do we develop and grow our faith? What happens when prayer becomes the center of congregational life?



Our presenter, the Rev. Dwight H. Judy, PhD, is Professor Emeritus of Spiritual Formation at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois. Dwight helped design the United Methodist Professional Certification in Spiritual Formation approved in 2000 and has offered retreats in spiritual formation since 1980. In addition to teaching, he has served as a spiritual director, parish pastor, and director of spiritual formation for a retreat center. Participants are encouraged to read his most recent book: *A Quiet Pentecost: Inviting the Spirit into Congregational Life* (Upper Room Books, 2013).

Saturday March 21, 2015 - Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church
8675 South 13th Street Oak Creek, WI 53154 <http://occumc.org>

The cost is \$20.00 and includes lunch. Do you have any questions? Contact Barbara Dick at 608-658-4447 or by email at barbara.a.dick@gmail.com.

Online registration is available at www.tinyurl.com/WACMakingSense



Welcome to Our New Intern – Gina Wrobel

Although my last name is Wrobel, many of you know me as a member of the Kreider family. I am the granddaughter of Ardie and Jean and the niece of Dave, Linda and Sue. My parents, Patti and Mark, were married in this church and I was baptized by Lowell Bartel. I have many memories that involve this church family-- from Sunday School to assisting in the kitchen for chicken dinners. I am excited that I can be a part of you once again as an intern. I am hopeful that my work over the next few months will be mutually beneficial to everyone involved.

I am currently a senior at UWM and will graduate in May with a Bachelor's degree in English-Professional and Technical Writing. This encompasses areas from project management to writing and formatting to editing and proofreading. My role as an intern will focus on Bread and Jam as well as the upcoming golf outing. If you see me around, don't hesitate to inquire about what I'm doing. My work will be better with input from as many view points as possible. I am here to work for you but also with you.

If there is a small project that you think may fall into my areas of study that could benefit a group/committee within the church, please feel free to run them by Pastor Kelly.

Congrats Eddie!

Please wish our own pastoral intern, Eddie Crise, a big congratulations as he has just successfully finished his BOOM Interview - the next step in his Commission-into-Ministry journey.



Men's Breakfast
Castillo's Restaurant
Saturday, March 21st
9:00am

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, April 25

Something big is buzzing in the Wisconsin Conference UMC! This year, on World Malaria Day (Saturday, April 25, 2015), communities of faith across the state will band together to stomp out malaria. Our Circuit (33) is planning to host a walk (we're hoping in Humboldt Park)! As more planning is done and information becomes available we'll be looking to ALL of our church folks to help spread the word to register and attend this event! This is a great way to reach into our community and spread the word about a life-saving UMC project!



Easter Services

Sunday April 8th

Sunrise
6:15am

Early
9:00am

Mid-Morning
10:45am

Attention Sewers

Please see the Mission Board in The Gathering Space for patterns and examples of the 2-handle tote bags we need to assemble school kits for this year's Annual Conference InGathering. See Julie Oren if you need material. The bags must be completed by May 31st.



Daylight Saving
Time Begins
Sunday, March 8
2am

One Great Hour of Sharing Sunday is March 15, 2015

TOGETHER, WE REACH CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED DEVASTATION IN THE WAKE OF DISASTER.

The most vulnerable members of the Kilis refugee camp in Turkey are Syrian *children*. The United Methodist Committee on Relief is working to make sure they have the opportunity to *be* children.

Relief agencies agree that refugees from Syria seeking shelter in neighboring countries will soon total 3 million. An estimated 1 million uprooted Syrians already have taken refuge in Turkey. A few miles from that country's southern border with Syria, the city of Kilis, with a normal population of 88,000, has swelled to encompass an additional refugee community of more than 70,000. Many of the displaced have managed to find homes using their own resources, but an increasing number cannot afford to do so. This vulnerable population increasingly must rely on official provision, such as the state-provided Reception Center in Kilis, a refugee camp.

“Our support is essential for the children to have access to the care and help they need.” Gifts on One Great Hour of Sharing Sunday makes UMCOR’s important work possible. At the core of this care and help, implemented on the ground by UMCOR’s Turkey-based partner, International Blue Crescent (IBC), are Child-Friendly Spaces (CFS).

One Great Hour of Sharing calls United Methodists to share the goodness of life with those who hurt. Your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing lay the foundation for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) to share God’s love with communities everywhere. The special offering underwrites UMCOR’s “costs of doing business.” This helps UMCOR to keep the promise that 100 percent of any gift to a specific UMCOR project will go toward that project, not administrative costs.

When you give generously on One Great Hour of Sharing, you make a difference in the lives of people who hurt. On Ash Wednesday, part of our Lenten Call was to **Lift Up the Hurting**. Please use the pew envelope to give to One Great Hour of Sharing on March 15, or include it on the “Other” line of your regular envelope.

Thanks,

Julie Oren, Finance Team

2015 February Giving Record						
Fund	Rec'd This Month	Needed Monthly	(Short)/Over This Month	Rec'd This Year	Needed This Year	(Short)/Over This Year
General	\$15,954	\$17,851	(\$1,897)	\$28,101	\$35,703	(\$7,602)
Apportionment	*\$4,137	\$2,361	*\$1,776	\$5,702	\$4,722	*\$980
Totals	\$20,092	\$20,212	(\$120)	\$33,803	\$40,425	(\$6,622)

*Apportionments were paid in full

Stewardship

We would like to welcome Deanna Brown as a new member of our Stewardship team. Jeremy and Deanna Brown were in our last "New Members Class" and recently joined BVUM Church. Deanna accompanied Pastor Kelly and myself for an all day "Superbowl Stewardship" seminar Jan. 31st. It was a good day of learning and exchanging ideas for the three of us.

Quote from Rethink Church:

*Church isn't simply a place to go, but a place to go do something good.
Church isn't just a building, but a way to build strong Christians and grow in our faith.*

Judy Banta, Stewardship Team Leader

Ministry Spotlight

by Katy Meyer

Focus On: Apportionment to Wisconsin Conference, United Methodist Church

"Apportionment" is a word that I still don't fully understand. I originally thought of it as membership dues to the United Methodist Church. The connotation was that it was something like taxes where we "had to" pay it and the money kind of disappeared....somewhere.

Well as you know I participate in the Missions Team at Church, and we try to connect Church-comers (goers sounds like we're trying to leave!?) to service projects, educational speakers and community outreach. I am fascinated to realize that so much of Apportionment money (85% I believe) directly supports people in need. It is almost TOO EASY to help so many great programs at once. You simply check a box on your giving envelope marked "Apportionment" and magically that money gets directed into various amazing programs.

Here are just a few of areas Apportionment dollars support:

- *Fighting hunger and poverty worldwide via 170 global ministries
- *Disaster response teams in the United States
- *Providing "Kits" of many varieties: health, school, birthing, sewing, layette and clean-up locally, nationally and globally
- *Harbor House Crisis Shelters
- *Feeding programs in Wisconsin and around the world: Northcott Neighborhood House and United Methodist Children's Services provide thousands of meals each year
- *Health and Welfare Ministries including food pantries, Head Start programs, after school and family programs
- *Youth Camps and Retreats
- *Campus Ministry for college students
- *Mission trips and volunteer service programs
- *Spiritual leadership and support to individual churches
- *Imagine No Malaria campaign

Finally, why should we give through Apportionment and not only via individual donations to organizations of our choice? Well, to me it is the greater focus of energy: spiritual and monetary. We have great power with our shared intentions. Our dollars truly are a voice we can use for greater good. As noted at www.umcsgiving.org, "We give because: Many together are greater than one alone. The United Methodist Church's special giving structure ensures your generosity blesses as many people as possible in sustainable, strategic ways."

Loving Start Preschoolers had a lot of fun at our Valentine Party with lots of games and cookie decorating. We look forward to a field trip to Classic Slice Pizza in March if the weather will warm up just a bit. We love going there because we get to go behind the counter and watch them make the pizzas. We even get to put on the pepperoni! We play with our own dough as the pizza cooks. While we eat our pizza, one of the pizza makers brings out a large amount of dough and whirls it high into the rafters. Wow that would be a really big pizza!

LOVING START PRESCHOOL



Registration is now open for new students for the 2015-16 school year. If you know of a child who will be 3 by Dec 31st please tell them about our school. Potty training is not required. Last year we filled our 3 year old classes by the end of April, so tell your friends and neighbors to call for a tour soon.

Miss Martha, Miss Debbie, Miss Nicole, Miss Mary and Miss Karen

March 4th

Anthony Bernal

March 8th

Kathleen Borders

March 11th

Heather Haile
Gina Wrobel

March 13th

Matt Wold

March 14th

Steve Meyer
Alexis Wold

March 15th

Yvonne Smith

March 16th

Allan Eckoldt
Chris Grumley

March 17th

Kyle Haile

March 18th

Margaret Humphrey

March 21st

Verlie Mae Tranmal

March 27th

Mackenzie Moebius

March 29th

Adam Garside

April 1st

Alexander Berry
Hailey Petrie
David Rosing

April 2nd

Lucille Ott



March 2015

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
1 8:15am Worship 9:15am TED Talks Bible Study -Coffee Hour -Sunday School -FSF 10:45am Worship 12pm Golf Outing Mtg 12:30pm LSP Open House 2pm GriefShare 3pm Bread & Jam 4pm Confirmation 7pm AA Mtg	2 8:45am LSP 6:30pm New Jim Crow Adult Study 7pm AA Mtg	3 8:45am LSP 10am AA Mtg 12:15pm LSP 5:30pm AA Mtg 6:30pm Praise Band 7:15am SPR Mtg	4 8:45am LSP 10am Bible Study 12:30pm SECA	5 8:45am LSP 12:15pm LSP 5:30pm TED Talks Bible Study 6:30pm Faith Singers 7pm AA Mtg 7:30pm WBC	6 8:45am LSP 7pm NA Mtg	7 10:30am AA Mtg 2pm Hastings Shower
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Out of the Heart of our Community
ALL Are Welcome at
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== Hope is here. ♥ Love is here. ♪ Family is here.

LENT SERVICES:

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



Please Recycle

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday
8:30am - 1:30pm
Tuesday through Friday
8:30am - 2:00pm