



BAY VIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CONNECTION Newsletter

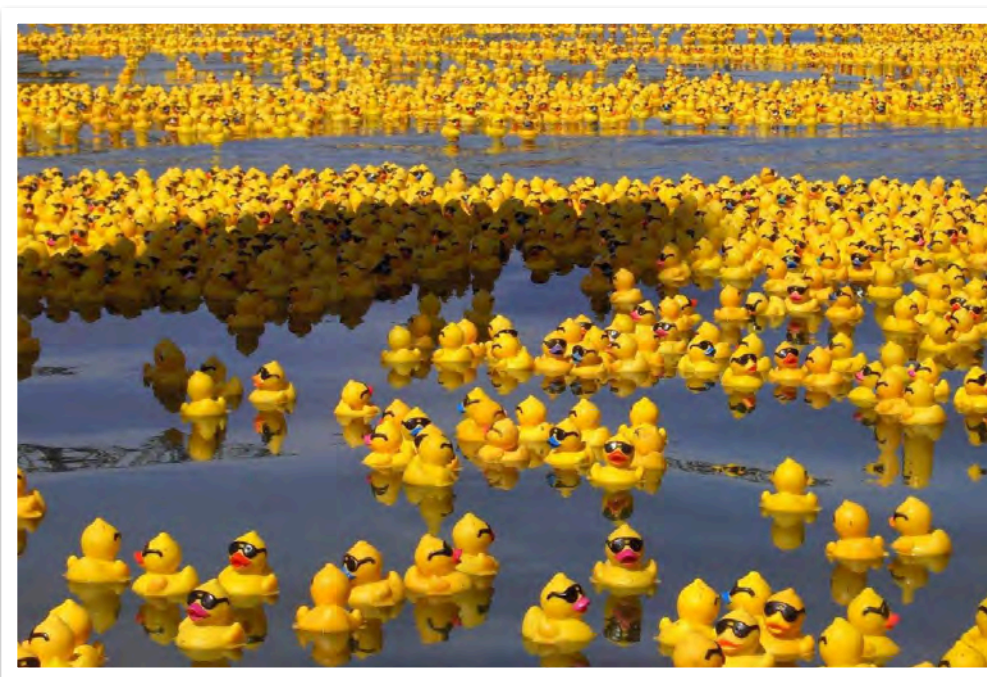
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The Duck Effect

“the butterfly effect, a popular hypothetical example of chaos theory illustrates how small initial differences may lead to large unforeseen consequences over time.” (good and not so good)

~ *Butterfly Effect - Wikipedia*

On Facebook this week, a friend posted this picture of yellow rubber ducks floating in the ocean.



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It seems that since 1992, when these shades-clad yellow rubber ducks fell off a cargo ship, these “Friendly Floatees” have been helping scientists study ocean currents! Imagine: a load of small, meaningless lost toys have impacted scientific research!

This fun fact, not unlike the article I was given in 2013 when the yellow rubber duck was inducted into the Toy Hall of Fame, has given me cause to pause and ask:

What does this mean for us “Methoducks”?

We’ve spent the last 40 days honoring introspective reflection and discipline with the hope for increased personal and collective discipleship as the outcome. With the events of Holy Week upon us, I am in prayer about these outcomes for us as a community of faith and I’ve been inwardly looking for a vehicle to help

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bring this growth to life. In this season of new life, the butterfly is a symbol, for sure. As stated in the above definition, the butterfly effect is a small feat that then effects in big ways (either good or not so good). The butterfly would've been a great symbol for me to use in bringing our discipleship growth to light and then Paula brought this Facebook post to my attention!

After a hearty laugh together it hit me: this is the image that makes sense for our congregation as I look for a means for us to name how it is that God is growing our discipleship.

So, over these 50+ days of Easter (from Easter 4.5 to Trinity Sunday 5.31) I invite you to add your personal experience of "a small difference" to our "Duck Declaration of Discipleship" in the Gathering Space near the Rubber Duck Display Cabinet. No act is too small to claim! And then, use coffee hour to share with someone about what impact or change has transpired because of your action. This may be a time of confessional sharing and/or celebration so be good and gentle listeners brothers and sisters!

Friends, we are people with challenges, mistakes and yucky circumstances as a part of our real life daily living. We are also Easter "Methoduck" people! We are people with big hearts, eager hands and good intentions. Let us celebrate that God IS with us in this new life that resurrection offers us! As we claim the name, Christian, we can boldly share how we are learning and growing in faith as disciples of Jesus, the risen Christ among us with the hope for good for ALL people.

Peace to each of you!

Pastor Kelly

Catching Up On a Few Things

I thought I would use this opportunity to bring you up to date on a couple of my previous Connection articles. It was back in November that I wrote about our partnership with the Alzheimer's Association and our desire to offer a Memory Café here in our building. Through much hard work (especially on the part of Judy Banta!) we transformed the old Outpost area into a bright and inviting space in which to welcome our Memory Café guests. We also assembled a core team of volunteers who have pledged to give of their time to act as hosts for these monthly gatherings.

Just yesterday, March 16th, we hosted our first Memory Café with four couples participating. These cafés are intended to simply provide a fun opportunity for couples to socialize in a safe, supportive and engaging environment and from all we saw yesterday...we succeeded!

Our Memory Cafés have been covered recently in the Bay View Compass and in the South Shore Now section of the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel, so we anticipate it growing as we move along. And this is where you can help! If you know of couples who are dealing with early to moderate Alzheimer's please consider inviting them to attend one of our Cafés. They are scheduled for the 3rd Monday of each month from 1pm to 2:30pm. Our next Café will be April 20th. More information is available from Wendy Betley of the Alzheimer's Association at (414) 479-8800.

In February I suggested that it was time to have "The Talk," the "talk" being an honest conversation about

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race. Several of you took up that invitation and joined with over twenty others from seven United Methodist churches, as well as from the greater community. Together we have been reading and discussing Michelle Alexander's groundbreaking work, *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*. What has made this gathering so meaningful has been an almost fifty-fifty mix of African-American and Caucasian participants.

As an almost sixty-year-old white guy it has been, at times, an especially difficult conversation to be part of. I've had to come to grips with the privileges that have been extended to me by virtue of nothing more than my gender and the color of my skin. A particularly sobering moment came for me as we read Alexander's comment that "For good reason, many people...especially poor people of color...fear police harassment, retaliation and abuse." I asked the group if this was a realistic fear for them personally and every person of color around the table responded with stories of unwarranted traffic stops and worse.

We still have two weeks to go and we're looking at ways to continue this conversation so we might build on the new relationships we are forming. I hope as we move forward you will join me as we address this difficult issue.

Shalom!

Pastor Andy

Demystifying Discipleship

Sometimes in religious circles we talk about a word without fully understanding its implications. We can also throw out "churchy" words or concepts that turn off newcomers. Just think about the times that you have been in a work or social situation and it's assumed that you know all the jargon but you feel lost. I wanted part of my growth as a pastor to be leading a class that understood discipleship more fully. We did this by reflecting on TED Talks that featured lecturers across a variety of disciplines. As we come out of Lent I want to take some time to reflect on what we learned about being a disciple of Jesus Christ.

- Little moments can be huge acts of discipleship. We may not know how a small act of kindness means the world to another person.
- Disciples today and in the Bible all experienced doubt. It's normal!
- It takes resiliency and a strong community or team to engage in discipleship together
- Compassion and caring deeply for our neighbors is intricately woven into discipleship

If you are interested in materials from our Bible study or would like links to the TED talks that we watched email me at pastoreddie@bayviewumc.org. One other neat way to demystify "churchy" terms and other questions is through a YouTube series called "Chuck Knows Church". They are short videos that take a fun, somewhat quirky, look at a variety of church-related topics. They're a fun way to make church more accessible. So as plants keep popping up and we begin to enter a new season, broaden your sense of what it means to be a disciple of Christ and walk in the way that he leads.

Pastor Eddie

Welcome to our newest “Methoducks”

Pastor Kelly

Our Duck pond has been splashing with new members! We held a class in early December and along with the newest pair of ducks just received via transfer in March Pastor Andy and I would like you to help us welcome them ALL to our community. Praise God for these faithful ministers now in our midst! Be looking for these new faces as they are already becoming involved in church life and ministry! Welcome!



Jenna Dillon-Lorenz, Jeremy Brown, Deanna Brown, Kelly Heipel

Diane Evans, Dave Evans

Jenna Dillon-Lorenz



Kelly Heipel

I grew up in Bay View and currently live in the area with my husband, Eric, and our son, Ethan. I spend a lot of my time with my family, but when I'm not with them, I'm working at the corporate offices for Kohl's Department Stores in the Community Relations Department, volunteering in the community, playing volleyball, or spending time with my “little sister” from the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program.

Jeremy Brown

I am Jeremy Brown. I enjoy lots of new experiences and also some of the same old ones, like lifting weights, watching football, reading, movies, and good coffee. I have a lovely wife named Deanna and 2 dogs, Copper and Bear. I work at Nokia: HERE Maps as a Software Engineer designing computer systems that generate GPS data.

Deanna Brown

Hi, I am Deanna Brown. I enjoy music, yoga, hiking, traveling, gardening, and reading. The loves of my life are my amazing husband and 2 fur babies (our dogs: Copper and Bear). I am a certified Nurse Midwife/Nurse Practitioner and currently work as a High Risk Maternity Case Manager. I thank all of you for your kindness - we have felt very welcome and are looking forward to becoming members of the church family.

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday - March 29th

8:15am

10:45am

featuring BVUMC Orchestra, Faith Singers, and
Quackers Kid's Choir

Maundy Thursday - April 2nd

7pm

w/Holy Communion, feat. Wesleyan Bell Choir

Good Friday - April 3rd

12pm Processional (Unity Lutheran)

1pm Community Worship in the BVUMC Sanctuary

7pm Worship feat. Faith Singers



Easter Services

Sunday April 5th

Sunrise

6:15am

Early

9:00am

Mid-Morning

10:45am

No Sunday School Today

Families please worship
together

ALL are welcome!



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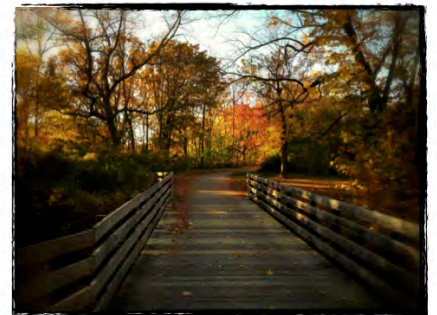
Tchaikovsky

Schubert

Piazzolla

escp
milwaukee

Changing
Seasons



Saturday, April 18th

7:00pm

Bay View United Methodist

2772 S Kinnickinnic Ave

Bay View, WI

Sunday, April 19th

2:00pm

North Shore Presbyterian

4048 N Bartlett Ave

Shorewood, WI



East Side
Chamber Players

Free Concert



Wisconsin Conservatory Student Spotlights



Wisconsin Conservatory of Music students Drow and Catania two of six recipients of the Jazz Unlimited of Greater Milwaukee Scholarship Competition Awards

Wisconsin Conservatory of Music (WCM) students **Travis Drow** and Joshua Catania are two of six award-winners of the Jazz Unlimited Scholarship Competition announced by Jazz Unlimited of Greater Milwaukee on March 15, 2015. Both Drow (student of Eric Jacobson) and Catania (student of Mark Davis) are students in the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music's Honors Program of the Jazz Institute.

Drow, 17, trumpet, Milwaukee High School of the Arts, is the winner of the \$1,000 Chuck Hedges Scholarship awarded to a student between ages of 14 and 18. Catania, 14, piano, Waukesha Catholic-St Joseph Campus, is the winner of one of four \$500 Jazz Unlimited Scholarships awarded for best instrumentalists ages 14 to 18.

Jazz Unlimited of Greater Milwaukee is an organization made up of fans of the genre with a core mission to encourage young players by doling out \$4,000+ in scholarships each year following a live audition. This year's auditions were held on March 15 at the Steinway Gallery in Wauwatosa from 1-3 p.m.

Renegade Jesus Book Study

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 with Pastor Andy from 6:30pm to 8:00pm each Wednesday in the Gathering Space. Sign up is on The Cube. See Pastor Andy if you need a book.

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.

- April 5th: He Is Risen! Happy Easter Sunday! - No FSF
- May 3rd: The Benedict Center - Jeanne Geraci
- June 7th: InGathering Collection - School Kits

Men's Breakfast
Castillo's Restaurant
Thursday, April 30th
9:00am



1st Annual BVUMC Golf
Outing
Saturday, July 18th

Advanced Lay Servant Classes

Class: Visitation Ministry - Advanced Lay Servant -Open to anyone wanting to learn to care for others

Where: Milwaukee: Albright UMC, 5555 W. Capitol Dr., Milwaukee, Wi. 53216, (414) 442-8540

Dates: April 18 & 25

Time: 12 Noon-5:00

Facilitators: Lynne Hines-Levy

Rev. Shai Wise (Chaplain/Aurora St. Luke's Medical Center)

Material: Lay Pastoral Care Giving by Tim Farabaugh

Schedule: April 18 - Hospital Visitation; April 25 - Home & Nursing Home Visits

Lay Servants seeking continuing ed credits must attend both sessions. All others may choose either or are free to attend both.

Cost: \$18.00 will include materials

Pre-register by April 1 to allow for delivery of materials

send questions and/or name, address, phone, email, Lay Servant credit to lynnelevy@att.net by April 1, 2015. Checks/money orders should be made out to Albright UMC with "Visitation" on the memo line.

Class: Leading Worship – Advanced Lay Servant class – This class is one of the classes for Lay Speaker certification.

Where: Cudahy UMC, 5865 S. Lake Drive Cudahy, WI, (414) 769-6770

Dates May 16 and 23

Time: 9:00-2:30

Facilitator: Nan Owen Hoekman

Material: Leading Worship Taylor Burton-Edwards

This class is open to those who are currently leading worship and would like to improve their understanding and practice, as well as, those who are new to worship leadership. This class is one of the classes needed for lay Speaker certification.

Cost: \$10

Contact nowenhoekman@gmail.com for further information and to register.

Imagine No Malaria:

Mark Your Calendars and Find Your Walkin' Shoes!

We're headed to the Lakeshore to walk and to raise money for the denomination wide focus on eradicating Malaria world-wide. We're joining UM churches in neighborhoods around the State on Saturday, April 25th by hosting a walk launch from our church that winds through our beautiful Bay View neighborhood and south shore park. We're inviting our Circuit churches and welcoming Circuit 35 to encourage walk sponsorship and participation with our area schools, neighbors and business partners. Registration will open at 9:15am and we'll step off at 10:00am.

Sponsor sheets will be available Easter Sunday and watch the weekly Green Sheet for details as they become available. If you're interested in helping host this event, please see Pr. Kelly.



Covenant Retreat 2:

April 20-21 at Green Lake Conference Center

The clergy of the Wisconsin Annual Conference are invited to a set-apart time to learn, converse, and deepen their relationships as colleagues. We will focus on authentic conversation among colleagues and 8 short presentations. Pastor Kelly and Pastor Andy will be attending and we welcome your prayers as we step away from church duties for this important time with colleagues.

Investing for the Future

While we as a church think about our financial future, it is important to carefully consider how we invest current assets so they can provide long-term benefits to this church community for many years to come. As many of you know, in 2014, the church's Finance Team recommended and Administrative Council voted to transfer a portion of the excess liquidity in our reserve/endowment accounts into a balanced investment fund with the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation. This decision was made for several reasons, including the lack of interest being earned on overnight deposits, the extended duration outlook for draws on most of these funds and the risk that over time that inflation could erode the benefit of the gifts that have been so generously donated to our church. In looking at this decision retrospectively, the overall 2014 performance of the 60/40 equities/bonds investment fund option at WUMF was +6.61% and 2015 to date performance is +2.64% both net of fees and expenses (BVUMC's performance differs somewhat due to timing of when the investments were made). Although achieving returns is not without risk of loss, we believe this risk is outweighed by the opportunity to grow/maintain the church's assets over time.

Consider that even with a low 2.5% perpetual inflation rate, \$1.00 dollar today will be worth approximately \$.68 cents in 15 years! Likewise you will need \$1.45 to give you the same buying power as \$1.00 today.

Investing for the future is a key input to the longevity of our church community. While the finance committee intends to periodically review fund options and performance, and while not without some amount of volatility in performance, we are pleased with the investment returns to date. If you have any questions, comments, or recommendations, feel free to reach out to finance member Jeff Kallio.

Jeff Kallio - 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	\$17,378	\$17,851	(\$473)	\$45,479	\$53,554	(\$8,075)
Apportionment	*\$4,015	\$2,361	\$1,654	\$9,717	\$7,083	*\$2,634
Totals	\$21,393	\$20,212	\$1,181	\$55,196	\$60,637	(\$5,441)

*Apportionments were paid in full

The Finance Committee would like to thank you so much for your faithful giving.

Stewardship

Dear Congregation,

I am happy to join Judy and Kelly as part of the Stewardship Committee. The three of us have been busy! We attended the Superbowl of Stewardship in January, completed the Stewardship Challenge Grant application in February, and are now working on a narrative budget and the 2015 Stewardship Campaign.

I realize that stewardship is not everyone's favorite topic. Common consensus for top-rated fun activities at home and in our daily lives probably would not place allocating funds, reviewing the budget and balancing our checkbook at the top of the list. These actions are more of a necessity to keep our lives in order, serve our priorities, and meet our goals. To the end, stewardship supports the church in its mission, goals, and ability to serve the congregation and community.

As we put together programs for the congregation to assist in the stewardship of your own lives and also the life of the church, feel free to approach us with any topics of interest and areas of expertise at which you may provide education to the congregation.

I look forward to serving the church community and thank you all for making Bay View United Methodist Church a special place for my husband and I.

Peace and grace,

Deanna Brown
Stewardship Team

Ministry Spotlight

by Katy Meyer

Focus On: Christian Help - MISSION UPDATE

Just a quick message from Christian Help, the organization in West Virginia we sponsored through our giving tree at Christmas. We were a part of bringing gifts and meals and togetherness to a total of 340 children from 140 families. A quote from their newsletter emphasizes that the Christmas distribution is done in such a way "to respect each family's dignity." Gifts are not chosen for the family; they get to choose. They are not peoples re-gifts or left overs. This aspect of serving with respect means so much to people who have the often humbling task of accepting help from others. Thanks for your support of this great program!!

Christian Help is currently requesting donations of shoes in good condition for their "clothes pantry". They are also in need of ongoing monetary support to provide families with one month of energy assistance to keep their power from being shut off, as well as gas money for rides to medical appointments. If you feel moved to respond, the mailing address is: Christian Help Inc., PO Box 1257, Kermit, WV 25674

We are going to Classic Slice Pizza for a field trip. It is one of our favorites because we help make the pizza and watch the pizza man throw the dough up to the rafters. We will also invite our parents to join us for Camping Night later this month. Our caterpillars will arrive soon and we hope to watch them turn into butterflies. April is Month of the Young Child and we plan to host the Coffee Hour and share some pictures with you. Join us at Culver's on May 4th from 5-7pm for our spring fund raiser.



Registration for fall classes has begun. Some classes are full, but we have room in our Tues/Thurs afternoon class and a few spots in the 4 year old class. If you know of a family with a child who will be 3 by Dec 31st, have them call us for a tour.

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

April 1st

Alexander Berry
Hailey Petrie
Dave Rosing

April 2nd

Lucille Ott

April 4th

Susan Troyer

April 5th

Adam Haile
Aurelia Schultz

April 6th

Matthew Brezinski

April 7th

Linda Becker
Maxine Lelivelt
Jan Liebenstein
Tim Schultz

April 8th

Ross Jackson

April 9th

Gerald Knepper

April 11th

Katy Meyer

April 12th

William Felber

April 13th

Rebecca Rehorst

April 16th

Sarah Hillmert-
Gudelsky

April 17th

Elizabeth Torres

April 18th

Marilyn Gray
Richard Kumbier

April 21st

Leo Cigale

April 23rd

Sydney Haile

April 25th

Lucy Meyer

April 27th

John Liebenstein

April 28th

Linda Kreider

April 29th

Kevin Meyer

April 30th

Jeff Kallio



April 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
29 Palm Sunday 8:15am Worship 9:15am TED Talks Bible Study -Coffee Hour -Sunday School 10:45am Worship 2pm GriefShare 3pm Bread & Jam 4pm Confirmation 7pm AA Mtg	30 8:30am Organ Tuning 8:45am LSP 10am PEP Outing: Show Floral Show 11am LSP Easter Egg Hunt 6:30pm <i>New Jim</i> <i>Crow</i> Adult Study 7pm AA Mtg	31 8:45am LSP 10am AA Mtg 11am LSP Easter Egg Hunt 12:15pm LSP 5:30pm AA Mtg 6:30pm Praise Band	1 8:45am LSP 10am Bible Study	2 8:45am LSP 12:15pm LSP 6:15 WBC Rehearse 7pm Maundy Thursday Worship 7pm AA Mtg 8pm WBC Rehearse Maundy Thursday	3 12pm Processional 1pm Community Good Friday Worship Service 6pm Faith Singers Rehearse 7pm Good Friday Worship Service 7pm NA Mtg 8pm WBC Rehearse Good Friday	4 10:30am AA Mtg 2pm Pribek Service
5 6:15am Sunrise Service 8am WBC Rehearse 8:30am Faith Singers Warm-up 9am Worship 10:45am Worship 2pm GriefShare 3pm Bread & Jam 7pm AA Mtg Easter Sunday	6 7pm AA Mtg Church Office Closed	7 10am AA Mtg 5:30pm AA Mtg	8 10am Bible Study 12:30pm Cards 6:30pm Renegade Gospel Study 7pm Craft Ministry	9 6:30pm Faith Singers 7pm AA Mtg 7:30pm WBC	10 9am Piano Setup 7pm NA Mtg	11 10:30am AA Mtg
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We're on the web:
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Music Rehearsals – Holy Week

Maundy Thursday
6:15pm – Bells rehearse
7:00pm - Service
8:00pm – Bells rehearse

Good Friday
6:00pm – Faith Singers
rehearse
7:00pm – Service
8:00pm – Bells rehearse
with Stacy

Easter Sunday
8:00am – Bells rehearse; out of
sanctuary by 8:30
8:30am – Choir warm-up in
choir room

== Hope is here. ♥ Love is here. ♻ Family is here.

WORSHIP 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