BAY VIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CONNECTION Newsletter

OPEN HEARTS. OPEN MINDS. OPEN DOORS.TM

"What Millennials, and the generations to follow, need from the church are meaningful conversations, dependable relationships, faithful leadership and mentoring, a commitment to missional discipleship, and a lasting promise of enduring inclusivity. More than all of these, for Millennials, however, is a big concept of God." Gladhearted Disciples by Chris Folmsbee

Celebrating Who We Are

Friends, it's on my mind that we are coming up on our one-year anniversary of becoming a Reconciling Congregation! Over the last year, we've really not changed much — and at first glance I think that's a good thing. It says to me, and I hope to each of you, that the long preparation time, the many conversations and the vote really didn't change who we are! Many, during that time voiced their confusion about why we needed to "come out" this way — identifying ourselves as a Reconciling Congregation when, "We already welcome everyone." Yes! This spirit of welcome and radical hospitality IS who we are! And now, because of

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the vote, we can also shout out loud 'safe sanctuary' – for everyone. The rainbow designates us as "safe" for those in the LGBTQ community who want to worship and be a part of a Christian community. The rainbows throughout our office area mean that we, as pastors are welcoming to those who are looking for safe people to talk with about gender identity, sexual orientation and faith.

As Pridefest fast approaches (June 5-7 at Summerfest Grounds) I am hopeful that our community will again have a presence – celebrating ALL people as we offer OUR welcome to Bay View UMC and the ministries we share. As of this writing I am working with the health and wellness coordinator about how we might best participate this year. Please let me or Pr. Andy know if you want to volunteer your time that weekend.

As I look further into summer I am hopeful that we will continue to grow our expression of welcome more boldly. Our rainbow flag will be evident at Chill and in the July 4th parade. Our new banner will be installed on the Clement side of the building reinforcing that hope, love and family are ALL here at Bay View UMC. And, in August, we'll come together for another night of Ham-bingo fun-draising at Hamburger Mary's.

Recently, my study led me to the opening quote for this article. This list of what Millennials are looking for is what caught my eye: meaningful ...continued on page 2

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conversations, dependable relationships, faithful leadership and mentorship, a commitment to missional discipleship and a lasting promise for enduring inclusivity. This IS who we are, friends! Each and every one of you fits this expectation of church for those seeking to know God in a real and personal way. Thanks be to God and may we be blessed as we continue to live out loud the call God has for us a community to faith!

Pastor Kelly

Have You Made Plans Yet to Attend Our July 18th Golf Outing?

Last month I shared how much I love summer, mainly because of baseball but also because of the many opportunities to hang out with friends. One of those opportunities will be our July 18th All-Church Golf Outing. Actually, our flyer promotes it as our "First Annual Golf Outing" and someone noted on Sunday that is a real faith statement as it implies there will be others to follow!

Now I haven't even seen my golf clubs in fifteen years (my son has them in Indiana) but I'm going to get them back soon and will make at least one trip to the driving range before our big day. After all, I'll be golfing with Kyle Haile, Tom Radtke and Shawn Berry so I don't want to embarrass myself too much!

And even though golf is not really my game, I'm excited to be part of this because I believe the church that plays together stays together. What I mean is "church" is about a whole lot more than worshiping together. While that is certainly at the core of our being, church is also about just plain having fun together.

What does that look like? Well, the golf outing is a great example but so is marching together in the 4th of July parade, doing a "church picnic" at Chill on the Hill on June 30th, going to a Chinooks baseball game together in August, coming to either play or cheer on our softball team. These are all great opportunities to strengthen the bonds that are first formed on Sunday mornings and are available to all of us.

Something else I really like about our golf outing is the way we are engaging our local Bay View businesses by inviting them to sponsor a hole. I believe that people really do want to help others and most business-owners see opportunities like these as a way to say "thank you" for our patronage. For example, our local Walgreens and Target stores were quick to donate materials for our Imagine No Malaria walk last month. So please, don't be shy about asking your favorite restaurants or other businesses to support us.

Please also keep in mind you don't have to golf to be part of this event. You can simply come for the food and fellowship! \$15 is all it takes to enjoy what will be a great meal...plus you'll get to hear everyone brag about how close to the pin they got on their first drive! So remember, South Hills Country Club, Saturday, July 18th, and bring your friends!

Pastor Andy

Bay View United Methodist Church

Registration Extended thru 6/15! **GOLF OUTING**

Early Only \$90/golfer

When

Saturday, July 18th, 2015 **12:00pm** (Registration begins at 10:30am)

Where

South Hills Country Club 3047 S. 27th St, Franksville, WI 53126 Registration Information 4 person teams

Registration* \$100/person

Dinner Only (4:30pm or later) \$15/person

*Prices include giveaways, green fees, cart, lunch, 2 drinks, and dinner

Registration information at: bayviewumc.org (click the banner)

Ministry Spotlight

by Katy Meyer

Focus On: BVUMC Mission Team

Mission Team is a small group of church members with a focus on connecting needs and resources. We are interested in projects that benefit our community, state, nation and world! Please contact Pastor Kelly or Pastor Andy if you would like to meet with us (every month or two) or even to offer your email suggestions/support. Our small team is currently seeking those with a passion for service and justice!

This year we began offering speakers on the first Sunday of the month prior to second service, in order to learn more about programs such as Interfaith and Common Ground. We welcome suggestions for additional presenters for this educational outreach.

Annual Conference is fast approaching and Bay View United Methodist Church members have collected supplies and assembled InGathering School Kits this year. These kits include: 3 notebooks, 6 pencils, 1 pair scissors, 1 ruler, 1 eraser, 1 box crayons, 1 pencil sharpener and a tote bag. MMDC (Midwest Missions Distribution Center) collects the following kits: School Bags, Layette Kits, Bedding Kits, Cleaning Bucket Kits, Birthday Kits, and Sewing Kits. There are also toiletry kits assembled for Wisconsin Conference needs at Harbor House, United Methodist Children's Services, Northcott Neighborhood House and Solomon Community Temple. See www.midwestmissiondc.org for details. Thank you for sharing your resources, time and prayers!

The Music Never Ends

Pr. Kelly

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord."

~ Psalm 150

Summer time brings new opportunities for our community to experience and be a part of the music ministry of our church.

June 7 is our celebration service for Sunday School completion (we'll hear just a little bit from the Quackers children's choir) and for our vocalists and musicians who have given so much time toward the enhancement of our experience of worship.

Beginning June 14th we move to our summer scheduling for hours of worship and it is in these weeks of more relaxed pacing and pure fun and fellowship that YOU are welcome to share your musical gifts, bring together a small group of musicians for something special or you may choose to try one of our current music groups.

Our hope and goal is that music will flow through each service celebration enabling many to offer glory to God through the gift of music.

Please see Peg Humphrey if you'd like to be scheduled for a summer offering. If you want to try an existing group, just show up at the rehearsal times listed.

Thanks be to God for the musical gifts and the music appreciation in this congregation! I look forward to a blessed summer of worship and music as we come together each week to give thanks and praise to God. Amen!

Praise Band – led by Stacy Johnson

rehearsing on Sunday mornings at 7:15am to sing at 8:00am service or 9:00am to sing at 9:45am service. We meet in the Sanctuary to rehearse and it's okay to bring your coffee to wake up — we know it's early! We're singing "unplugged" and current favorites! If this style of worship speaks to your heart, join us this summer!

• June 28, July 26 and August 23 are the scheduled Praise Band Sundays this summer.

<u>Summer Singers</u> – led by John Liebenstein

rehearing at 9:00am on the Sundays we sing. Meet in the vocal rehearsal room across from the office to rehearse one anthem to be sung at the 9:45am service only. All singing levels are welcome!

• Summer Singers are scheduled for June 21, July 12 and August 9.

Weslevan Bells – led by Mark Humphrey

This group requires more of a commitment and is hard to be a "summer walk-in" ministry. Many join in the Fourth of July Kazoo Band in lieu of bells!

• The Bells are scheduled to ring for "Christmas in July" on July 19 and for Communion Sunday on Sunday, August 2.

Bay View UMC Orchestra – led by John Liebenstein

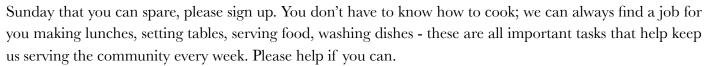
Music for the service is pre-selected and made available in the church office about one month prior to worship leadership for musicians to practice at home. Musicians gather in the Sanctuary at 9:00am for one group rehearsal before leading the service that morning. All instrumentalists are welcome.

• The Orchestra is scheduled to play fifth Sundays - August 30.

Bread And Jam Needs You!

Summer is just starting and we need volunteers each week. Calvary UMC, which usually takes one weekend a month, does not volunteer in the summer.

More people are off on holidays so that narrows our volunteer base. If you have a



Jan Colson - Volunteer Coordinator

About GriefShare:

Most churches do a wonderful job of caring for grieving people from their congregation in the immediate days surrounding a death and funeral.





Meals are provided, a service is conducted, and cards or flowers are sent. Typically, a pastor/church leader is directly involved with those who have lost a loved one before and immediately after the funeral. But the griever needs more.

A few days after the funeral, most of the people surrounding the griever return to their daily routines. They don't understand the deep, prolonged impact caused by the death of a spouse, child, family member, or close friend. The griever needs ongoing support and encouragement, lasting months, or perhaps even longer. It's a level of care that even the most conscientious pastor is unable to provide.

That's the reason for GriefShare. We provide the church with the tools and structure to offer weekly lay support groups. These groups are designed to meet year-round, providing the sustained support a grieving person needs. Because GriefShare groups are led by facilitators who lost someone themselves, they carry the scars that show real compassion.

Our summer session just started May 17, 2015. We meet at Bay View United Methodist Church, 2772 S. Kinnickinnic Ave. Time of meeting is 2pm on Sunday afternoons. Please contact Al Eckoldt at (414) 628 - 4571. Each session is self-contained so people can join any time. Show someone you care: tell them about the GriefShare program.



Summer Worship Schedule

Beginning June 21st, worship services are moved to 8am and 9:45am on Sundays throughout the summer. Fall service times will resume on September 13th. There will be one service at 9:45am on September 6th.



Kid Stuff

Pastor Kelly

A small but mighty group of children completed a wonderful year of Sunday School learning and I want to thank Miss Debbie (Bernal), Jan Kosanke, Wendy Boedecker, Al Eckoldt, Jenna Dillon Lorenz, Hannah Brylow, Diane Balfanz, and Judie Liebenstein, for offering their teaching gifts this year. We will celebrate this years accomplishments on Sunday, June 7th at 9:15am in the Dining Room with children, their parents and caring adults along with their teachers. Young children will be cared for in the nursery by Debbie and Liz during this time so that parents can be freed up to enjoy the fellowship celebration, food and conversation.

An intergenerational, ALL family night of outdoor fun has been planned for Wednesday, June 24th from 6:30pm – 8:30pm at the Urban Ecology Center in Riverside Park (1500 E Park Pl., Milwaukee, 53211). This event which will include activities for ALL ages is being led by staff from the Urban Ecology Center. There is no cost but reservations are needed. Please sign up (numbers attending and transportation) on The Cube by Sunday, June 10th. This is NOT a drop off event. ALL children must have adults in attendance caring for their safety and participation at all times. Activities include hiking and rock climbing, so please dress for safe participation.

Also, Jennifer Balfanz has completed the instruction phase of her Confirmation preparation. She will be joining her Circuit wide class on a mission trip opportunity in July and a retreat away in early September before the time for Confirmation comes at the end of September. Please hold her and ALL of the students in this amazing, diverse class in your prayers as they listen for God's voice in the days ahead. Thanks to Circuit Pastors Rob Odom and Dawn Helton who joined me in co-leading this great group of young people.

Congratulations and Blessings to ALL our Grads...that we know about

• Kyle Putney MIAD - Film (Kay Putney's grandson)

• Mike Horne UWM - Education (Laurie Horne's spouse)

• Diane Balfanz Events Coordinator (Fiance of Kyle Gumby)

• Melissa Balfanz Carroll University - Social Work (Linda Balfanz's daughter)

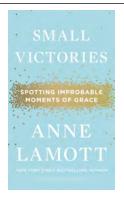
• Gina Wrobel MATC - Technical Writing (Linda and Sue Kreider and Brenda Gebhardt's niece)

Big Doings 4th of July Weekend

Pastor Andy

First we celebrate our country's independence as we again march in the Bay View 4th of July parade. I don't have firm details as yet but we generally meet on the corner of KK and Linus Street around 8:15-8:30 a.m. From there it's a delightful stroll to Humboldt Park where delicious ice cream cups are your reward! If you can't join us in the street then come down and cheer us on from the sidelines!

On Sunday, July 5th, during our 9:45 worship service we welcome David Gnaniah, David manages a number of children's homes outside of Madurai, India. This is where Richard and Janet Kumbier have gone to volunteer their services on three occasions, most recently this past January. David will share with us some of the ways his homes impact the lives of young people. We will have a light luncheon following that service where we can learn more about his work. David's brother, Rev. Sam Royappa, is currently the District Superintendent of our Capital-Coulee District.



Spring Women's Book Study

Pr. Kelly

It's time for another woman's book study! Women are invited to pick up Anne Lamott's newest book, *Small Victories*. Register for this book discussion led by Pastor Kelly on The Cube and to mark your calendars to join in fellowship and conversation hosted by Judie Liebenstein 3312 S. Griffin Ave. every Monday (5 sessions) beginning June 1st from 6:30pm – 7:45pm.

2015 Chill on the Hill Dates

Pastor Kelly

This community wide event here in Bay View offers us the opportunity for fellowship, fun and inclusive ministry. We will be specifically focused on 3 nights this summer (yes, it does pay to be long time sponsors - thanks Patty T.)

First, our effort along with so many other generous folks has secured the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra for the 2015 season opening night on Tuesday, June 2nd. (pray for good weather) Pr. Kelly will represent the Church in a special VIP area thanking those who sponsored the MSO appearance. It'll be a great kick-off to the Chill season!

Then, Tuesday, June 30th we will sponsor the American Legion Band stage with an ALL Church ALL are welcome picnic. We'll have a few tables and a reserved space on the upper third of the hill. Bring food to share or buy something there and support local businesses. Invite your friends!

Our tent will be up and ducks will be present on 2 Tuesdays in August.

Family night is Tuesday, August 4th – Loving Start Preschool will be there with bubble fun and I have weighted ducks – anyone want to organize a "Duck Pond game"?

The next week, Tuesday, August 11th – we'll been "chillin" with freezer pops and the "Chuck a Duck game".

The whole season's line-up of musical groups will be posted on the CUBE and the sign up sheets will be up on the CUBE early in June as well. Volunteer spots will be first come first served for set up and strike helpers and folks to pass out ducks, play the games and talk to folks who stop by about our ministry.

Batter Up! Let's All Go to a Chinooks Game!

Pastor Andy

What's a Chinook you ask? We're talking the Lakeshore Chinooks semi-pro baseball team. They play at Kapco Park overlooking Lake Michigan on the campus of Concordia University and they are offering us a pretty sweet deal. \$17 tickets to the game with \$5 per ticket coming back to the church!

A number of our folks have been to a Chinooks game and they tell me it's a lot of fun. So watch The Cube for a special flyer promoting our night which will be Wednesday, August 5th. The game starts at 6:35pm. My hope is you'll come out to help me celebrate my birthday (I'll be sixty on August 7th)!



"Fun-d Raising" Summer

Support Bay View United Methodist Church by attending these fabulous Fun-d Raising events!

We ALL remember how much fun last summer was. Well, here it is for your enjoyment it once again!



Culver's on 6th & Layton

A portion of anything you order between 5pm and 7pm goes to BVUMC.

Where: 575 W Layton Ave When: Monday, June 29th

5pm - 7pm

Cost: Just the cost of your food!

Hamburger Mary's Ham Bingo

90% of every Ham-Bingo card goes to BVUMC.

Where: Hamburger Mary's

2130 S Kinnickinnic Ave

When: Wednesday, August 19th

8pm - 10pm (approx.)

Cost: Bingo Cards are a requested

donation of \$10ea. Food and

drinks not included.

We Did It! Apportionments: 2014



Congratulations and thank you to your church for paying your apportionments in full for 2014!

All those who benefit from the ministries and services provided by apportionments appreciate your church's faithfulness in supporting connectional mission and ministries within the Wisconsin Annual Conference and around the world, as well as your own efforts in helping your church understand the importance of connectional giving within the United Methodist Church.

We have enclosed a 2014 tag to add to the plaque your church received in a prior year to show that your church has paid its apportionments in full.

Stewardship

Praising God is something we all NEED to do as Christians to feed our souls. We need to continue praising God through our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness even as temptations of summer abound. As you consider your gifts, choose an amount to dedicate in praise to God that allows you to feel at peace, for many of us it will be our pledge from last fall, and offer that gift first, before you buy extra treats this summer.

Stewardship Team

2015 May 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	\$12,124	\$17,851	(\$5,757)	\$72,640	\$89,257	(\$16,617)				
Apportionment	\$1,572	\$2,361	(\$789)	\$12,655	\$11,805	\$850				
Totals	\$13,696	\$20,212	(\$6,516)	\$85,295	\$101,062	\$15,767				

^{*}Apportionments were paid in full

As summer begins, don't forget to keep up your pledge and enjoy our summer fund-raiser activities!

UMCOR Ramps Up its Nepal Response Through Partners

May 12, 2015—UMCOR, the United Methodist Committee on Relief, is ramping up its response to April's devastating earthquake in Nepal. The 7.9 magnitude quake's initial impact was compounded by high-intensity aftershocks, and the avalanches and landslides that followed.

Injury, loss of life, and physical damage extend through 60 of the country's 75 districts. The devastation embraces cities like greater Kathmandu (the country's capital) and Pokhara, and also vast stretches of often inaccessible rural areas that include steeply mountainous territory.

According to the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, as of May 6, casualties included 7,675 deaths; 16,392 injured; 284,455 homes completely destroyed—twice the original estimate; and 234,102 homes damaged. In the Kathmandu Valley, some 37,500 people remained displaced. UMCOR is supporting the work of partners on the ground in Nepal who can provide quick-acting assistance. Since the quake occurred April 25, UMCOR has supplied grants to four partner organizations totaling \$315,039.

The categories of emergency supplies—clean drinking water, hygiene kits, and non-food items such as tents, tarps, blankets, and cooking implements—are among the most urgent needs, as they often are in such a huge disaster as Nepal's.

Your gift to International Disaster Response, Advance #982450 will enable UMCOR to respond in a timely way to emergencies like the Nepal earthquake, working collaboratively with local and international partners.

Julie Oren - Finance Team

Thank you to all who supported us on our Culver's Night. We ended our year by releasing butterflies, going to the fire station, having our end of year program and picnic.



We have just graduated our 25th class of students at Loving Start. We had another great year with lots of fun and lots of learning. We will offer a 6 week summer program of fun summer activities including Silly Stories and Big Messy Art, Pet Week, Transportation Week and a water day. We are almost full for the fall and have a waiting list for some classes. We will offer our afternoon class next year on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

We hope you have a great summer!

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

Birthdays

June 1st Judy Banta

June 2nd Lowell Schroeder

June 3rdJulie Oren
Arthur Oseland

June 4thPauline Bruss
Aiden Evans
Doralin Fortner

June 9th
Kenneth Prott

June 10th Ian Arpke-Lone

June 13thTodd Oseland
Renee Romfoe

June 14th
Richard Boedecker
Pam Drow
Aiden Torres
David Ziebell

June 20th Layla Brezinski

June 22ndZachary Garside

June 23rd Jennifer Balfanz Mary Guardalabene

> **June 24th** Mary Kitzman

June 26th Max Muehe

June 27th Janelle Wobick

June 29th Erin McReynolds

June 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
31 8:15am Worship 9:15am Coffee Hour 10:45am Worship 2pm GriefShare 3pm Bread & Jam 7pm AA Mtg	1 6:30pm Women's Book Study 7pm AA Mtg	2 10am AA Mtg 5:30pm AA Mtg 6pm Chill on the Hill	3 10am Bible Study 12:30pm SECA	4 7pm AA Mtg	5 5pm Wobick/Wagner Rehearsal 6:30pm Softball	6 10:30am AA Mtg 1pm Wobick/Wagner Wedding
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June 2015

We're on the web: bayviewumc.org

Memory Café Schedule

1:00 to 2:30 PM

Dates for 2015

February 16th, 2015

March 16th, 2015

April 20th, 2015

May 18th, 2015

June 15th, 2015

July 20th, 2015

August 17th, 2015

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WORSHIP SERVICES:

(through June 7th) 8:15am Worship 9am Coffee Hour 10:45am Worship

(June 14^{th)}

9:45am Single Service

(Summer Service Times)

8:00am Worship 9am Coffee Hour 9:45am Worship

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday 8:30am - 1:30pm

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

■ Hope is here. ♥ Love is here. **﴿** Family is here.

Prayers for
Pastors and Lay
members to
Annual Conference
as they prepare for
the June 12-15
event in Middleton,
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