



BAY VIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# CONNECTION Newsletter

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## Faithful Fundraising

Recent church culture has painted a picture of faith practice for “seekers” using lavish big screens and video systems, huge staffs and multiples campuses. These ‘mega’ churches come in many denominations, including the United Methodist version – think Adam Hamilton and The Church of the Resurrection in Kansas or Mike Slaughter and Ginghamburg Church in Ohio. Friends, these churches are not our ‘bench mark’ of accomplishment or success – but I do look to them as guides for the administration and the framing for ministry (marketing) aspects of these UM leaders.

Our Church is blessed with foundational resources constructed to allow some comfort in our long term forecast for viability. These have come through memorial gifts and the hard and careful work of Finance team members and Trustees who have collaborated heads, hearts and assets into avenues for longevity.

That leaves our short term, immediate and monthly ministry, outreach and building operations, our annual apportionment to the general church, our mission obligations and special offerings along with the birthing of new ministry for growth to ALL of us, the members and friends of this church community.

Some have asked why we are doing these summer fundraising events: Culvers, the Golf Outing, and HamBingo, when we have an annual Stewardship campaign and money in the bank.

The easy answer to that is that we run a deficit (underfunded) budget and the monies we hold at the Foundation are restricted – unable to be used in little bits or for general ministry. And, truly, the mission and ministry of the church get better backing and more enthusiastic volunteer help when we tackle the financial aspects as we go.

Sometimes I feel like we “nickel and dime” a bit too much. I stress about how often money is a part of the decision making around a new idea that holds us back. This is why we are fundraising. Trying to invite folks to engage in fellowship and fun while raising funding that can be liquid for ministry now.

Things like Ducks that we give at community events, most of our advertising, the new website construction,

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# Faithful...

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supplies and curriculum for children's events (aside from Sunday School), community wide events that include the Mardi Gras Pancake Supper - these are what we've been doing to date and they incur unbudgeted costs. I know that there are projects and plans to further impact our community for good and I know they will also incur cost. Memory Café has been generously unwritten by a donor friend of the church and I am hopeful that grant writing will emerge soon as another source of income.

Friends, weekly worship, where most of you see Andy and I and one another is the cheapest thing we offer the world (and the most important). Your generosity pays staff salaries and keeps the lights and heat on and we are grateful! We are also called to more than this and these fundraisers allow leadership to vision with freedom and to follow the prompting of the Spirit.

My thanks to each and every one of you for any and every penny you give to Bay View UMC and our ministry and mission partners. You are faithful stewards and I am excited and hopeful as we become faithful fund raisers together, as well, to the glory of God. Let it be so.

*Pastor Kelly*

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## So What Is It We Do Here?

It is good every now and then to reflect back on just what it means to be "the church." I receive a daily devotion from The Church of the Savior in Washington, D.C. They are always thought provoking and, more often than not, timely to what is happening in my life. I'd like to share one that came this week. It's call "To Be Myself" and comes from Jean Vanier's book ***From Brokenness to Community***. Vanier writes:

*"I do not have to pretend that I am better than others and that I have to win in all the competitions. It's okay to be myself, just as I am, in my uniqueness. That, of course, is a very healing and liberating experience. I am allowed to be myself, with all my psychological and physical wounds, with all my limitations but with all my gifts too.... Experience has shown that one person, all alone, can never heal another. A one-to-one situation is not a good situation. It is important to bring broken people into a community of love, a place where they feel accepted and recognized in their gifts, and have a sense of belonging. That is what wounded people need and want most."*

Can I emphasis that one more time? *"It is important to bring broken people into a community of love, a place where they feel accepted and recognized in their gifts, and have a sense of belonging. That is what wounded people need and want most."*

I'm sure you'll agree that we have all, at one time or another, been broken and wounded. For some of us those wounds have healed, but for others they are still fresh. Pastor Kelly and I, along with ALL of you, work hard to make this a welcoming place where healing can take place. But as Vanier states, it takes a community

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# So What Is It...

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to really make that happen, a community that extends even beyond our church family.

This is why Pastor Kelly and I meet each month with pastors from other denominations who serve churches in our neighborhood. It was within that circle of brokenness that we began our support of the Divine Intervention program and extended our own Bread & Jam meal program to every Sunday.

This is why our church is part of a United Methodist circuit of churches. It was within that circle of brokenness that we felt the need to pray for our city in Red Arrow Park this past January, and then took the big step of sitting down together to talk about racism.

This is why I continue to offer myself to the Urban Ministry Certificate program at Cardinal Stritch University. Many years ago I was among the first to receive that certificate and every year I go back to talk with incoming students. I did that this past week and I was blessed to meet a young African-American man who is now a Roman Catholic seminarian. When I shared my story with the class, a story that includes graduating from Bay View High School and how I came to this church: his eyes lit up. He too was a Bay View High School alumnus, but what caused me to smile was when he told me he remembered being in our church back in 2008. He was in the BVHS choir and they sang at our Cookie Walk. He then told me that several of his friends graduated high school because of the opportunity our church gave them by housing the Outpost alternative high school program. Sadly, that program was discontinued by MPS a couple years ago, but its positive effects continue to this day.

So never ever discount the power of your presence; be it in worship, at a church meeting, or more importantly, in a community event. Together...and only together...can we hope to heal the hurts of our world. Amen.

*Pastor Andy*

**Bay View United Methodist Church**

## **1<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL GOLF OUTING**

**South Hills Country Club  
3047 S 27<sup>th</sup> St, Franksville, WI 53126**

**Save The Date!**  
**July 18<sup>th</sup>**

**10:30am Registration Begins**

**12pm Tee-Off 4:30pm Dinner**

# Bread And Jam Needs You!

Summer here 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 Sunday that you can spare, please sign up. You don't have to know how to cook; we can always find a job for you making lunches, setting tables, serving food, washing dishes - these are all important tasks that help keep us serving the community every week. Please help if you can.



*Jan Colson - Volunteer Coordinator*

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## 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 started May 17, 2015 and runs 13 weeks. 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 - 4671. Each session is self-contained so people can join any time. Show someone you care: tell them about the GriefShare program.

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## Guest Speaker July 5<sup>th</sup>

On Sunday, July 5th, after our 9:45am 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 worship where we can learn more about his work.



## 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade

*Pastor Andy*

Join us as we celebrate our country's independence as we again march in the Bay View 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. I don't have firm details as yet but we generally meet on the corner of KK and Linus Street around 8:15am/8:30am. 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!

## 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 sign up on The Cube for our night, which will be Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>. The game starts at 6:35pm.



## Announcing Lay Servant Preaching Class



### **Preaching class: From Your Heart to Theirs**

Dates: July 11, 18, and 25 Time: 12:30-3:30

*(The week between July 18 & July 25 will allow participants to create their sermons.)*

Location: Greenfield Christ UMC, 5800 S. 48th St., Greenfield, WI

- Week 1: The different types of sermons; resources to help you prepare your sermon
- Week 2: Public speaking, communication; preparation for delivering your sermon
- Week 3: We give our sermons and evaluate each other

Register by e-mail to Connie Ziegler ([zuhleika@gmail.com](mailto:zuhleika@gmail.com)) before July 10.



# Invitation from Bishop Jung



I invite you to join in the services celebrating the five new districts and district superintendents of the Wisconsin Annual Conference that will be effective on July 1, 2015. A time of fellowship will follow each service.

The date for **South East District/District Superintendent Deborah Thompson**

- Saturday, August 1 at 10:00am at Good Shepherd UMC, 800 Lake Dr, Oconomowoc WI 53066

Please RSVP your attendance by July 14 to: Barb Ridgely at [bridgely@wisconsinumc.org](mailto:bridgely@wisconsinumc.org)

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Hee-Soo Jung".

Hee-Soo Jung, PhD  
Bishop

## Clothes Needed for Kids Kloset

As you ALL know, we here at Bay View UMC try to be the best neighbors we can. As a part of that effort we consider the needs of our community, as well as our own. So when we received a recent letter from St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Bay View, we discovered that the need for children's and infant clothes has increased greatly over the last several months, and that Kids Kloset is unable to keep up with demand. We have often asked for clothes for the Kids Kloset, but this request seems to be a bit more urgent. We ask that you consider donating your gently used children's and infant clothing in response to this message. You can donate by dropping clothes at St Luke's Episcopal during open hours, or by dropping them in the baskets under the BVUMC Welcome Center credenza (just outside the Sanctuary doors). We have listed the Kid's Kloset hours below for those who would like to drop them off in person or receive an in-kind donation receipt. Thank you everyone!

Mondays: Noon - 3pm  
Tuesdays: 10am - 1pm  
Wednesdays: 12:30pm - 3pm

# 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.

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!

- July 26 and August 23 are the scheduled Praise Band Sundays.

## Summer Singers – led by John Liebenstein

rehearsing 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 July 12 and August 9.

## Wesleyan 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.

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## Interfaith Job Openings

Interfaith Personal Care Plus is now hiring Personal Care Workers. Individuals with experience as a personal care worker or family caregiver are invited to apply by calling 414-291-7500 to request an application. You can also visit our website at [www.interfaithmilw.org](http://www.interfaithmilw.org) and click on the career opportunities tab to learn more or download an application.

# Memory Café

First an update on June's cafe:

We had only two couples but we had a great time playing a "Would you Rather" card game as well as doing an ice-breaker bingo game. Both couples had been here last month and seemed to really enjoy themselves. Wendy Betley from the Alzheimer's Association was with us and we learned more about how to engage people. Wendy has committed to being with us in July and August, and in July someone from the SPARK program from the Milwaukee Public Museum will be with us to do a "show & tell" type of program with some artifacts they will be bringing.

Our hosts for July 20th will be Judy Banta, Mary Lou Del Balso, Nancy Radtke and Nancy Tawney. If any of those named are not able to make that date please let Pastor Andy know as soon as possible.

We're headed in the right direction!

## 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**

alzheimer's  association

## 2015 Chill on the Hill Dates

*Pastor Kelly*

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 is posted on the CUBE and the sign up sheets will be up on the CUBE this month. Volunteer spots will be first come first serve 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.

2015 June 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	\$11,993	\$17,851	(\$5,858)	\$84,633	\$107,109	(\$22,476)
Apportionment	\$1,868	\$2,361	(\$493)	\$14,523	\$14,166	\$357
Totals	\$13,861	\$20,212	(\$6,351)	\$99,156	\$121,275	(\$22,119)

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



# Stewardship

July is often the lowest month of the year for total offerings. If we say our plan is to put God first, let's choose to say thank you God with first check we write each week, month, or pay period.

You might consider making your gifts by automatic payments through the church.

When the weather is too hot for comfort, we can rest assured that the offerings we make in thanks for God's love are changing lives. You help keep our door open to feed souls and stomachs with Bread and Jam, bring smiles to the faces of children and youth who participate in our conference camps, offer a helping hand to those in need who are suffering from tornadoes, earthquakes, floods, and wild fires, through Apportionments.

Thank you for all the ways you give of your time, talent, and treasures.

## ***Your Stewardship Team***



### **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 19<sup>th</sup> 8pm - 10pm (*approx.*)

Cost: Bingo Cards are a requested donation of \$10ea. Food and drinks not included.

# Advocating for Justice

The United Methodist Church has a long history of concern for social justice. Wesley and the early Methodists expressed their opposition to societal ills such as slavery, smuggling, inhumane prison conditions, alcohol abuse, and child labor.

Just as our own discipleship occurs both at a personal and communal level, our work in the world extends beyond helping individuals to transforming the conditions that create injustice and inequality: "it is our conviction that the good news of the Kingdom must judge, redeem, and reform the sinful social structures of our time" (Book of Discipline 2012, p. 53).

Our Social Principles are the church's prayerful and thoughtful attempt to speak to contemporary issues through a biblical and theological lens, seeking "to apply the Christian vision of righteousness to social, economic, and political issues" (Book of Discipline 2012, p. 53).

The United Methodist Board of Church and Society works to provide "witness and action on issues of human well-being, justice, peace" through research, education and training, as the agency tasked specifically to assist The United Methodist Church's work of advocacy. Learn more about their work. Your apportionment dollars are already at work in Charleston through the Board of Church and Society. Thank you for faithfully keeping your apportionment pledges.

## ***Finance Team***

Summer Camp has started for Loving Start Preschool. We are having lots of fun learning about all kinds of vehicles, setting up a car repair shop and a car wash. We hope to take our bikes outside for a bicycle rodeo in the parking lot. We look forward to the 4th of July parade, messy art and silly stories and even a water day outside in the sprinkler. We will also be learning about zoo animals.



Some classes for fall have a waiting list, but others still have openings. Tell your friends who have preschoolers about Loving Start. Have a great summer.

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

## Birthdays



**July 1<sup>st</sup>**

Tami Krempel

**July 4<sup>th</sup>**

Connor Meyer

**July 7<sup>th</sup>**

Jean Larsen  
Eleanor Rice

**July 8<sup>th</sup>**

Shawn Berry  
Kailin Liebenstein

**July 9<sup>th</sup>**

Noah Elliott

**July 11<sup>th</sup>**

Doris Hennell

**July 13<sup>th</sup>**

Leslyn Prott

**July 18<sup>th</sup>**

Nadine Barthuli

**July 19<sup>th</sup>**

Judie Liebenstein  
Dorine Stroleny

**July 21<sup>st</sup>**

Jan Colson

**July 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Ken Balfanz  
Becky Joslyn-Garside  
Ann Pier

**July 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Teagan Mae Brezinski

**July 25<sup>th</sup>**

Jennifer Moebius

**July 27<sup>th</sup>**

Jeannie Schultz

**July 29<sup>th</sup>**

Jacob Berry

**July 30<sup>th</sup>**

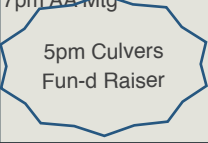
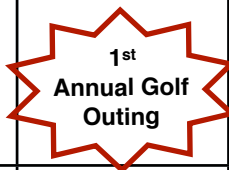
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# July 2015

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
28 8am Worship 9am Coffee Hour 9:45am Worship 2pm GriefShare 3pm Bread & Jam 7pm AA Mtg	29 8:45am LSP 5pm Culvers 6:30pm Women's Book Study 7pm AA Mtg 	30 8:45am LSP 10am AA Mtg 5:30pm AA Mtg 6pm BVUMC Picnic at Chill on the Hill	1 8:45am LSP 10am Bible Study 12:30pm SECA	2 8:45am LSP 7pm AA Mtg	3 <b>Office Closed</b>	4 8:15am 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Parade 10:30am AA Mtg  <b>Independence Day</b>
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## WORSHIP SERVICES:

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



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## OFFICE HOURS:

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