



BAY VIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# CONNECTION Newsletter

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## She Can Have My Spot

I'm quoting our very own Connor Meyer, one of our elementary aged Sunday School kids. Recently, Connor was the last kid standing in Rainbow Randa's face painting line at Chill on the Hill, and without hesitation he gave his spot to a disappointed little girl who was being gently turned away as Pastor Andy was trying to close up shop for the night.

Andy shared this story with me and then with many of you in worship the Sunday following that Chill event and it's stuck with me as a perfect example of the immediate, unconditional love of God we preach and teach and try to put into action as disciples of Jesus Christ. Yaaaaaaay, Connor!!!!!!

As I pray about how this Fall will unfold for the life and ministry of our church, I continue to hear God's call to use my teaching gifts to guide our children's ministry. To that end, I have decided, and hope to have SPR's blessing, to "give my spot" in the pulpit to Pastor Andy more regularly for this programming year so that I can truly focus on growing our ministry with children.

Being a beloved community that honors ALL people begins with our youngest.

As Connor so wonderfully demonstrated, the consistent message of God's love is important ministry along with support for growing families. Adults have stories of God's grace and love to share with children and their families and your voices are needed as we move forward.

I'd like to develop a core team of committed youth and adult visionaries and leaders who are willing to work with this ministry area for the next two to three years.

The 2015-16 Sunday School Rally Day/Open House will be Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, from 9:15am-10:30am. Informational materials and registration forms for families and a commitment sheet for ALL who are willing to attend a general meeting with me regarding children's ministries will be available.

Connor's story stays with me because giving up a spot you love is tough! A few weeks later, when I saw Connor, he looked no worse for the experience and was still the happy, generous kid I so appreciate in our

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## She Can Have...

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church family. Thanks Connor, for giving me courage to let go of the spot I so love, the pulpit, and to trust the Holy Spirit's leading! I am blessed with a wonderful co-minister who will continue to honor my place as pastor while I integrate my teaching gifts to facilitate ministry expansion. I trust that both of us will thrive through this experience as Connor has!

Friends, we are blessed with a church whose demographic is expanding just a bit to the younger spectrum and our ministries need to meet these individuals, couples and families (of ALL kinds) with programming and ministry opportunities that will inspire their committed participation.

Peace to each of you,

***Pastor Kelly***

P.S. I am also visioning social justice learning and service ministry opportunities for adults that I hope will be attractive both in their timing and topic for our below-retirement-aged demographic. (how's that for wide open and undefined?!)

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## Go Set a Watchman

That is the title of the "new" novel by Harper Lee, author of the beloved classic, *To Kill a Mockingbird*. There has been lots of controversy about this book for a variety of reasons but I believe it stands on its own as a good read. Julie and I both read it on our recent vacation and found it especially relevant today as it seems that pesky issue of racism just doesn't want to go away.

When considering this book in relationship to *Mockingbird* one has to remember that this was actually the first book, even though it takes place much later in time. When Harper Lee first submitted this to her editors they didn't think much of it but they did like the flashbacks to her childhood and asked her to expand on that, hence *To Kill a Mockingbird* was born.

In *Go Set a Watchman*, Jean Louise (or Scout as you may remember her) is twenty-six years old and living in New York City. She comes home to Macomb for her annual two-week vacation and discovers some unsettling things about her father and her community. That being said, nothing is ever quite what it appears to be. I don't want to say anything more about the plot because I do encourage you to give this a read. I do however want to reflect on a couple of lines from the book that really spoke to me.

First off the title, *Go Set a Watchman*, comes from Isaiah 21:6, "For the Lord said to me, go, set a watchman. Let him declare what he sees." Jean Louise is in essence that watchman, looking with new eyes at something she thought she knew totally and completely; that being her community, her family and her friends.

There is a character in this book not found in *Mockingbird*... "Uncle Jack". He provides the voice of reason that helps Jean Louise make sense of what she is experiencing. At one point he says, "As sure as time, history

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## Go Set...

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is repeating itself, and as sure as man is man, history is the last place he'll look for his lessons." I couldn't help but think of these words as I read this week about a group of armed vigilantes called "Oathkeepers" who have taken it upon themselves to patrol the streets of Ferguson, Missouri. This same group has been hired by some mine-owners to "protect" their facilities. Someone on Facebook compared them to Hitler's brownshirted thugs and I don't think that's far from the truth.

But the line from Uncle Jack that really caught me was this... "Prejudice, a dirty word, and faith, a clean one, have something in common: they both begin where reason ends." I guess I never thought of prejudice being the opposite of faith but when you consider trying to see all people as your equal and worthy of your love and respect versus seeing people who are different from yourself as somehow lesser in value and not entitled to the same things we assume as our own...well, I guess it works. But what really scares me is when faith is used to feed people's fears and prejudices. That is what we must watch out for and when we encounter it, have to courage to call it what it is. Let me know what you think of the book!

*Pastor Andy*

## What's New?

### Fall/Winter Worship Schedule

8:15am 1<sup>st</sup> Service  
10:45am 2<sup>nd</sup> Service

### Children's Sunday School - New Time!

Sunday mornings at 10:00am  
Registration - Sunday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>  
9:30am



You can now volunteer for  
Bread & Jam online! See how  
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Music Ministries are back!  
Read all about it on  
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Financial news on everything  
from Fun-dRaisers to  
Apportionments

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## Confirmation Update

*Pastor Kelly*

Jennifer Balfanz is our only confirmand and is moving closer to her Confirmation Day on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>.

Jennifer participated, with the 11 other metro area youth who have joined to form this Circuit wide Confirmation class, in a cultural mission trip experience to the Oneida Nation near DePere, WI in early July. Jennifer took leadership on the parsonage clean-up project and was an awesome asset to her side of the net in the group volleyball games!

A final preparation retreat will be held overnight the weekend of September 11-12, at a retreat house in West Bend. Then, confirmation Sundays will be planned among the individual churches with the hope and invitation for students, their families, and pastors who are able to attend in support and celebration of these fantastic young people. Please keep Jennifer in your prayers!

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## Our New Circuit Connection

*Pastor Kelly*

We have a new connectional name: Bay View UMC is now a part of the South East District (formally Metro South) and our Circuit is now SE 05 (formerly Circuit 33).

The circuit will activate a visioning non-clergy (laity) component this year. Each church is asked to provide 2 people to this newly forming group. Please see Pr. Kelly or Pr. Andy before September 8th if you'd like to take part.

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## PEP Outing: A Fish Fry

PEP Club invites ALL to join them for All-You-Can-Eat fish fry at the Packing House, Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. We will meet at the church by 5:30pm for those who would like to carpool. Be sure to sign up ahead of time on The Cube so we can make our reservation.



## Crafters Re-unite After Summer Hiatus

Craft Club will resume on September 9<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30, in the church basement craft room. Feel free to join the knitters, quilters, or bring your own project to work on. Please see Julie Oren for more information.

# Music Ministries

We have a rich tradition of musical talent here at BVUMC. There's really something for everyone. If you've been curious about what we have to offer, take a look below:

## Wesleyan Hand Bell Choir

The Handbell tradition at BVUMC is long and special. This congregation has had bells since the mid 1950's. If you've enjoyed the bells or wondered about playing, now is the time to join. Contact Mark Humphrey for handbell tryouts.

## Orchestra

The BVUMC Orchestra typically plays for the second worship service on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month when it occurs; more often when other groups need a breather. Because the group accompanies hymns, rather than "performing" orchestral works during worship, it's a perfect ensemble for players who want to shake off some "rust", those who are less experienced, and those who can't commit to demanding rehearsal schedules.

The music for each worship appearance is made available for home practice about a month in advance and the orchestra members rehearse only once, an hour before the late worship service they accompany.

BVUMC is blessed to have a remarkable mix of competent instrumentalists willing and able to play in the orchestra. New members will be warmly welcomed.

## Faith Singers

Rehearsals start Thursday September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm in the Choir Room. If you love to sing, this is the place to share your joy of music. Join us this fall and sing Praises to the Lord. Faith Singers' first Sunday is September 6<sup>th</sup> (earlier than some previous years).

## Praise Band

This is Stacy calling all musicians! Praise Band is getting ready to start back up and I wanted to send out an invitation to come join us.

Our first rehearsal is September 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. We meet every other Tuesday from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. We perform out of The Faith We Sing, the new Green Hymnal, oldie-goldie gospel classics, as well as some other, newer resources.

We have a great time rehearsing and always leave feeling renewed by the spirit. I invite you to come give us a try and see if this group is just right for you!

# FEEDING AMERICA EASTERN WISCONSIN MILES FOR MEALS

## *Team up against hunger!*

Now you and your co-workers, friends and family can raise funds to help Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin feed people struggling with hunger.  
**Connect with friends, get fit and support a worthwhile cause!**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2015 • MILWAUKEE**

**8:30 am Registration • 10 am Run/Walk • 11 am Awards Presentation**  
Veterans Park, 1010 N. Lincoln Memorial Drive

**5K Run:** A certified and chip-timed race.  
All runners will receive a finishing time.

**2 Mile Walk:** A non-competitive walk.  
Not eligible for scoring or awards.

Participants will receive a t-shirt while supplies last.  
Special prize drawing for participants raising \$150 or more.

**EARLY REGISTRATION:**

Must be received by September 18, 2015  
ADULT \$20 • CHILD \$15

**REGISTRATION:**

After September 18, 2015  
ADULT \$25 • CHILD \$20

Bread & Jam team  
sign-up is on The Cube

Proceeds go directly to  
Bread & Jam!

**REGISTER YOUR TEAM TODAY:**

[www.firstgiving.com/feedingamericawi/mkem4m](http://www.firstgiving.com/feedingamericawi/mkem4m)

**See other side for instructions.**

Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin provides food to 377,000 people through a network of food pantries, meal programs and shelters in 36 counties in Eastern Wisconsin. You can raise money and create awareness as a part of the 13th Annual Milwaukee Miles for Meals. The donations you collect will help us feed thousands of children and families in the community.

**Questions?** Contact Jenny Mendenhall at 414-831-6345 or [jmendenhall@feedingamericawi.org](mailto:jmendenhall@feedingamericawi.org).

# Meeting Our Guests at Bread and Jam

Do you wonder who comes to Bread and Jam?

Our numbers range from 50 to 70 people. Most of our folks come regularly each week. The majority are older but many young people come as well. Most are white but there are African-American and Native-American regulars also.



Recently, I learned a bit more about 3 of our diners:

Jerry, tall and thin, is in his 60's. He lives in West Allis and will retire next month after 48 years of working. He is a lifelong bachelor and comes to Bread and Jam for the socialization.

Elizabeth is shy, in her 30's. Her son, Mike, age 8, was with her. He did not want to talk. Elizabeth works a low-wage 3rd shift job. Her mother watches Mike. Elizabeth likes eating at Bread and Jam to stretch her food dollars.

Pat, a lively 88, herself volunteers at Ebenezer Lutheran on 35<sup>th</sup> and Scott, where they have a food pantry and clothing bank. She volunteers 3 days a week. Bread and Jam helps her stretch her Social Security. Pat praised the good food and orderly process that we have here.

You are invited to come and have a meal with us and learn more about this ministry of our church.

*Ann Pier*

# Bread and Jam is Always Looking for Volunteers



# Quiet Witness of a Caring Giver

*by Kathryn Meyer*

I thought of you the other day, when you weren't even around.  
You're a person who's sincere and true; whose heart is warm and sound.  
In daylight you offer a guiding hand; At night a listening ear,  
You face many challenges along the way; Your kindness keeps you near.  
Preparing and caring for two, is extra work each day.  
Yet these are the things you continue to do, and not for prize or pay.  
I witness your devotion, even when frustrations do arise.  
I honor your time and efforts, the concern that's deep in your eyes.  
Your loved one may not say thank you; perhaps they don't know how,  
Please accept this heartfelt acknowledgement, from me to you right now.

# An Apportionment Update from Conference Leadership

August 20, 2015



Congregations of Wisconsin Annual Conference in Christ:

With gratitude to God and to the people of Wisconsin Conference, we are pleased to share the good news that we had a strong month of apportionment receipts in July, bringing us to our best showing so far this year! We're at 40.8% paid, which is above last year (by .2%) and also above our 5-year average (by .4%). This is possible because of your continued generous commitment to support the diverse ministries that impact individuals and communities here and everywhere.

Apportionments are our missional commitment to people of all ages, nations and races--meeting their needs, locally and globally. We are grateful to God who continues to create ministry opportunities and possibilities for putting our missional commitment into a reality. We thank every United Methodist, lay and clergy, and every local congregation, members and leaders, for your continued support of extending your grace-filled capacity of sharing resources beyond local churches. Generosity motivates us to share and to create change in the world around us.

What do apportionments do? Since 1968, the Ministerial Education Fund, a part of The General Church Apportionments, has helped thousands of men and women become pastoral leaders in The United Methodist Church. It is nurtured and funded by our generous sharing to provide:

- Needed scholarships through Annual Conferences
- Funding for the support of our thirteen United Methodist seminaries in the United States
- Programs that encourage men and women to respond to the call to ordained ministry
- Continuing-education opportunities for pastors across the connection
- Course-of-study education for local pastors

Because of our Apportionments, the Ministerial Education Fund provides funding so that leaders in The United Methodist Church can be sent into the world to serve Jesus Christ and his Church. Thanks be to God! A number of resources are available to help you promote apportionment giving in the Conference, such as [this video from Bishop Jung](#) and [our Apportionment Exploration Guide](#).

With any questions, contact Director of Connectional Ministries Sam Royappa at [sroyappa@wisconsinumc.org](mailto:sroyappa@wisconsinumc.org) or 608-837-7328. Please let us know how we can partner together in this great journey.

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## Our New Imagine No Malaria Total

As of July 31st, the WI Annual Conference has raised \$814,270 for Imagine No Malaria (INM).



# Summer FUNd Raiser Report

We sure had fun raising money for church programs this summer! Special thanks to everyone who helped plan these events. Thanks also to all who came out and participated, for without you none of these would have been successful. All the numbers aren't final yet\*, but here's what we know so far:

Golf Outing	\$3,303.41
Hamburger Mary's	\$588.00 (*plus a percentage of food & beverage)
Culver's	\$284.00
<u>Chinooks Game</u>	<u>\$90.00</u>
Total	\$4,265.09

We have tentatively reserved July 16<sup>th</sup> for next summer's golf outing, so mark your calendars now!

*Julie Oren - Finance Team*

## Stewardship

A story is told about the great composer Rossini. He would tour from town to town, incorporating the local talents into his concerts. In one town there was only one singer, and the only note she could sing was B flat. People were sure Rossini's great genius had met his match. Nearly everyone in town was at the concert to see what he could do with this pitiful one-note woman.

When the curtain rose, the woman sang her one note, pure and strong. Then Rossini's music floated in, intertwining and swelling, surrounding her one note with beauty and perfection, enveloping it in a glorious symphony!

This is what God does with us. We need to offer the gifts we have been given, no matter how small. God will do the rest.

*Your Stewardship Team*

2015 August 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	\$14,256	\$17,851	(\$3,595)	\$110,380	\$142,811	(\$32,431)
Apportionment*	\$1,437	\$2,361	(\$924)	\$17,700	\$18,888	(\$1,188)
<b>Totals</b>	\$15,693	\$20,212	(\$4,519)	\$128,080	\$161,699	(\$33,619)

\*Although not collected, total apportionment of \$2314.00 was paid

Figures do not include August 30 receipts, but do include amounts received from summer Fun-dRaising

Loving Start Preschool is starting its 26th year! We look forward to many fun days full of discovery. We will be having a fall picnic at South Shore Park to meet our families. We will not be having our afternoon class this year due to low enrollment, but there will be plenty of energy around each morning.



We have a few last minute openings if you know of someone looking for a preschool, have them give us a call. If you want to see more of what we do "Like" us on Facebook.

Looking forward to another great year,  
Miss Martha, Miss Debbie, Miss Mary and Miss Karen, Miss Nicole

## Birthdays



**September 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
Daniel Warkaske

**September 4<sup>th</sup>**  
Alexandra Romfoe

**September 5<sup>th</sup>**  
Lauren Niemiec

**September 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Joe Purpero

**September 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Sue Kreider

**September 11<sup>th</sup>**  
Eric Heipel

**September 13<sup>th</sup>**  
Jean Barden  
David Longe

**September 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Megan Erickson

**September 20<sup>th</sup>**  
Eric Tranmal

**September 25<sup>th</sup>**  
Barbara Holdorf  
Everett Miller  
William Paul

**September 26<sup>th</sup>**  
Edith Kimber

**September 28<sup>th</sup>**  
Terry Garside

**September 29<sup>th</sup>**  
Peter Jackson

# September 2015

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
30 8am Worship 9am Coffee Hour 9:45am Worship 2pm GriefShare 3pm Bread & Jam 7pm AA Mtg	31 7pm AA Mtg	1 10am AA Mtg 5:30pm AA Mtg 6pm Chill on the Hill	2 8:45am LSP 10am Bible Study 12:30pm SECA	3 8:45am LSP 6:30pm Faith Singers 7pm AA Mtg 7:30pm WBC	4 8:45am LSP	5 10:30am AA Mtg
6 9:45am Single Service Worship 2pm GriefShare 3pm Bread & Jam 7pm AA Mtg	7 7pm AA Mtg  <b>Church Office Closed</b>  <b>Labor Day</b>	8 8:45am LSP 10am AA Mtg 5:30pm AA Mtg 6pm Trustees Mtg 6:30pm Praise Band	9 8:45am LSP 10am Bible Study 12:30pm Cards 7pm Craft Club	10 8:45am LSP 6:30pm Faith Singers 7pm AA Mtg 7:30pm WBC	11 8:45am LSP 4pm Suzuki Strings 7pm NA Mtg	12 10:30am AA Mtg
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20 8:15am Worship 9:15am Coffee Hour 10am Sunday School 9:45am Worship 3pm Bread & Jam 7pm AA Mtg	21 8:45am LSP 1pm Memory Café 7pm District 28 AA 7pm AA Mtg	22 8:45am LSP 10am AA Mtg 5:30pm AA Mtg 6:30pm Praise Band	23 8:45am LSP 10am Bible Study 12:30pm Cards 7pm Craft Club	24 8:45am LSP 6:30pm Faith Singers 7pm AA Mtg 7:30pm WBC	25 8:45am LSP 4pm Suzuki Strings 7pm NA Mtg	26 8am Miles for Meals 10:30am AA Mtg
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*September*  
2015

We're on the web:  
[bayviewumc.org](http://bayviewumc.org)

## Mums!

We will be selling mums on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> in the BVUMC Library for those interested. Proceeds go to help out Interfaith South Shore Neighborhood Outreach Programs.



## 9<sup>th</sup> Annual BVCC Food Walk

BVUMC is walking in the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual BVCC Food Walk.

Join us on

Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>: 10am

Meet at BVCC, 1320 E. Oklahoma Ave. Rain or Shine!

Registration Fee: Food/Monetary Donations for BVCC Food Pantry. Sign up on The Cube if you plan to walk.

## WORSHIP SERVICES:

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



*Please Recycle*

## OFFICE HOURS:

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

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