



BAY VIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CONNECTION Newsletter

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Nooo! I Don't Want School to End

I used to have a love-hate relationship with June. I loved school, as a kid, and when we turned the calendar over to June I began to fret. You see, I loved the thought of completing the current school year: awards assemblies, field day and an end of the year class party were all things I truly enjoyed! I made thank you cards for my teachers and made plans for summer bike rides to the Dairy Queen with my friends. I was

excited at the triumphs over the rigor of the daily routine, the big projects and the 'drama' of the classroom community. But, at night, when all was quiet and I started to "think" I began to hate the thought of 'no more school' (for 3 months).

I became unglued and I wasn't able to name why. I had become accustomed to the pace and schedule of my young life and I didn't want it to end. I began to worry about whether friends would remain close when we didn't see each other every day in school. My pride of the year's advancements in the classroom quickly dissolved into uncertainty about whether I would "remember" everything in September. Instead of appreciating the teachers I knew, I feared the new ones I would have in the Fall. "No!, I don't want school to end!" I would scream in my dreams, I don't want Summer vacation to come! I remember it as a lonely time that recurred every year without fail and without revelation.

These early experiences of change in a child's world (apart from their parents) can be scary – causing eating/behavior change/sleeping disruption. This annual, seemingly simple change of the end of the school year can throw any kid for a loop. As a teacher and parent I became aware of the multitude of reactions kids had and implemented intentional support – (sometimes just naming it was enough). Now, I bring this opportunity for caring for our children to the Church. The end of a school year is a time of change for everyone and needs attention and prayer to optimize a smooth and happy transition into the Summer.

Church family: YOU have an awesome opportunity to impact the emotional and spiritual growth of the children in your midst this month!

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Consider encouraging one of our young Methoducks or another child in your midst (grandchild, niece/nephew or neighbor) in the following ways:

- Take one name
- Begin to pray daily for that child
- Acquaint yourself with that child's parent(s)
- Offer encouragement – send a Deep Blue card or two (available in card rack for free)
- Check in at least once a month with the family in July & August
- Offer support to this child as the new school year commences around September 1st.

Our Deep Blue Sunday School curriculum is designed to help kids experience the great and vast depth of God's love for them through the stories in Scripture and the activities that help us appreciate our classmates and God's world. Please consider offering a "Deep Blue Kid, I See You" caring card!

God's Peace to Each of You,

Pastor Kelly

What's Your Passion?

That was the title of a recent article in The Christian Century magazine, and is one of the most important questions we can ask of anyone, but especially of ourselves as a faith community. This article talked about the fact that so many churches are trying desperately to find ways to attract the "millennials", those folks between the ages of 15 and 35. These churches have a sense that "if we can just get these people, then we'll be OK."

The problem is these same churches are populated by folks who grew up "going to church" and they tend to approach this question by assuming others should want what the church has to offer, even if none of them can really quite say what that something is!

The author of this article suggests that when we, as the church, are considering how we might market ourselves to the community around us, we have to first work at answering some questions about ourselves. Questions like:

- What is the particular understanding of the gospel and of the church that we believe in?
- What are we passionate about?
- How do we give form to our vision of the gospel and the church in the ways that we gather, worship, pray, teach, sing and serve?
- What exactly is our "product" and are we delivering it with excellence and enthusiasm?

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None of these questions are easy to answer but they are all good questions and are critical to helping us shape our identity as a congregation. I know how I would answer these questions but I'd sure love to hear your answers as well. Why not take a moment to think about them and e-mail me your answers? Then I'll send you mine!

Blessings,

Pastor Andy

Bread & Jam Needs ALL of Us Every Week!

Pastor Kelly

Our guests depend on us for the food and fellowship that begins their week with caring and connection. This meal and those who prepare, serve and support every week make a real difference to 50+ people every Sunday! WOW!

Please look at your summer calendar and take time to sign up and serve.

- Sunday mornings - making lunches and setting tables
- Sunday afternoons – food prep, serving guests, clean up

Meals served
May 2016

May 1	72
May 8	49
May 15	67
May 22	62
May 29	72



You can sign up to volunteer by clicking on the Volunteerspot button or use the QR code with your phone, by talking to Jan Kosanke on Sunday mornings or emailing her at breadandjam@bayviewumc.org.

More Bells to Take a Hop Across the Pond

Mark Humphrey

We sent 34 bells to England after our last bells service in May. We estimate the cost to refurbish these bells to be about \$6,000. An exact price cannot be established until the bells are reviewed by Whitechapel staff. This will leave the five lowest bass bells for a trip to Whitechapel during the summer of 2017.



Again, thanks to your generosity, we have more than 1/2 of the estimated cost in hand. Your continued support will be appreciated. The Handbell choir will continue to play for worship services on the second Sunday of each month, using our hand chimes until the bells are returned.

With grateful appreciation,

The members of the BVUCM bell program and the Wesleyan Handbell Choir

Children's Ministries: Thanks to each Family and each Teacher!

Pr. Kelly

What a wonderful year of "Deep Blue" Sunday School! Our kids' hands have made 1800 lunches for Bread & Jam and twice collected and packaged toiletry bags for Bread & Jam guests. Many church families made Christmas for children in West Virginia a special time with their generosity. We gathered together in the time especially for children in worship for 36 different lessons and the Quackers Children's choir enhanced the worship with music/worship leadership 4 times this year. We have journeyed through Bible Stories in Sunday School, we experienced enhancement rotations during worship time and we gathered families and friends together for our first fun pizza dinner movie night.

We did all of this because of the hard work of our adult volunteers: Miss Debbie, Miss Jan, Miss Wendy, Miss Hannah, Kai, Jennifer and Miss Judie. Thanks also to Miss Debbie and Miss Liz for their care in the Nursery for our youngest ones. The Children's Education Team is meeting on June 6 to reflect upon ALL of these accomplishments and to pray and plan for summer and the upcoming program year.

I am happy and blessed to use my teaching gifts to guide our Sunday School formation with the hope and expectation for growing a core of congregational leaders who will advance this ministry beyond these emerging efforts. As our youngest "bubble" of children ages there will be more need for teachers and event leaders who love and appreciate ALL of our children. If you feel God's nudge toward this exciting ministry, please see me soon! There IS a place for YOU!

A Few More School Kits Left To Finish

We've come so far in reaching our InGathering goal this year thanks to some very generous offerings on May 29th - just a little further to go! Annual Conference begins on June 8th, and we will need to have our kits together by Sunday, June 5th (a couple days away!). Please turn in your finished tote bags so we can get the kits packed up. Thank you to everyone who has helped with supplies, totes and money!

Did You Forget Your Apportionment Pledge?

With summer coming upon us, please make sure you are keeping up with your apportionment pledges. We have received pledges for the amount due every month, which is \$2,440, but we seem to be running short on monthly giving. Please try to keep up your giving during the summer. But if you can't, **this could be the time to sign up for EFT payments.** It's easy and quick! Just see Jeannie Schultz to sign up. If you can't be at any of the summer fun-d raiser events, please consider supporting us by giving extra at those times. We have plans for Culvers and Chinooks game in June, Golf Outing in July and Hamburger Mary's in August.

Thanks for all your help in keeping our church going!

Finance Team

Free Financial Seminar Series

End-of-Life Planning

Losing a loved one is a difficult experience for anyone to go through, but the weight of the loss can be lightened knowing we provided them with their final wishes exactly as desired. We invite you to a special presentation on the importance of arranging your final wishes so your loved ones feel confident that you were given what you wanted. We will outline the steps in the planning process and answer any questions you may have. This presentation is brought to you by Cassie King from Krause Funeral Homes. Hope to see you there!

June 6, 2016 6:30pm in the BVUMC Gathering Space

A light snack will be provided. Bring a friend or two!



Budget

A budget helps you take a look at your long term goals. Buying a new car? Planning for retirement? Or a trip to a warm place? Without a budget, how would you know if you could afford that new flat screen TV? Have you ever bought something and then felt bad you spent the money? In this workshop we will learn to create a budget, identify your spending habits, learn budgeting guidelines and conduct a financial fire drill. This workshop is brought to you by Associated Bank. Bring a friend or neighbor!

July 11, 2016 6:30pm in the BVUMC Gathering Space

A light snack will be provided.

Upcoming Seminars

Aug 1st = Financial Planning (how to plan for retirement and other major events)

Sept 12th = Family Care (how to take care of a loved one with needs)

Oct 3rd = Caring Transitions (how to move a loved one)

Nov 7th = Taxes

Dec = Off

These seminars are a part of our 2016 free financial series and are open to anyone wishing to know more.

Each seminar will take place at 6:30 p.m. in the Gathering Space on the first Monday of each month (second Monday in the case of national holidays).

2016 May Giving Record

Fund	Rec'd This Month	Needed Monthly	(Short) / Over This Month	Rec'd This Year	Needed So Far This Year	(Short) / Over This Year
General	\$12,520	\$17,927	(\$5,407)	\$74,492	\$89,635	(\$15,143)
Apportionment	\$1,914	\$2,442	(\$528)	\$11,844	\$12,210	(\$367)
Totals	\$14,434	\$20,369	(\$5,935)	\$86,336	\$101,845	(\$15,509)

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

LOVING START PRESCHOOL



We have just graduated our 26th 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 4th of July activities, pirates water day and summer Olympics. We are almost full for the fall and have a waiting list for some classes. We will offer our afternoon class next year on Tues and Thurs, if there is enough interest.

We hope you have a great summer.

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

June 1st

Judy Banta

June 2nd

Lowell Schroeder

June 3rd

Julie Oren
Arthur Oseland

June 4th

Pauline Bruss
Aiden Evans
Doralin Fortner

June 9th

Kenneth Prott

June 13th

Todd Oseland

June 14th

Phillip Bailey
Richard Boedecker
Pam Drow
Aiden Torres
David Ziebell

June 22nd

Zachary Garside

June 23rd

Jennifer Balfanz
Mary Guardalabene

June 24th

Mary Kitzman

June 27th

Janelle Wagner

June 29th

Erin McReynolds



June 2016

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 8:15am Worship 9:15am Coffee Hour 10am Sunday School 10:45am Worship 2pm GriefShare 3pm Bread & Jam 7pm AA Mtg	30 Church Office Closed 7pm AA Mtg Memorial Day	31 10am AA Mtg 5:30pm AA Mtg	1 10am Bible Study 12:30pm SECA	2 7pm AA Mtg 7:30pm WBC	3 4:30pm Suzuki Strings 5pm Jazz Fest	4 10:30am AA Mtg
5 9:45am Worship 10:45am PEP Ice Cream Social 3pm Bread & Jam 7pm AA Mtg	6 6:30pm End of Life Planning Free Talk 7pm AA Mtg 7pm District 28 AA	7 10am AA Mtg 5:30pm AA Mtg 6pm Chill on the Hill 6:30pm Praise Band	8 10am Bible Study 12:30pm Cards	9 7pm AA Mtg 7:30pm WBC	10 ---- WI Annual Conference -----	11 10:30am AA Mtg
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19 8am Worship 9am Coffee Hour 9:45am Worship 3pm Bread & Jam 7pm AA Mtg Father's Day	20 8:45am LSP 1pm Memory Café 5pm Culver's Fun-d Raiser 7pm AA Mtg <div>5pm Culvers Fun-d Raiser</div>	21 8:45am LSP 10am AA Mtg 5:30pm AA Mtg 6:30pm Praise Band	22 8:45am LSP 10am Bible Study 12:30pm Cards	23 8:45am LSP 7pm AA Mtg	24 4:30pm Suzuki Strings	25 10:30am AA Mtg
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We're on the web:
bayviewumc.org

PEP/Sunday School Ice Cream Social

A Truly Intergenerational Event: The ice cream social is a great spot to meet new people in our church family.

ALL are welcome!

Location: Gathering Space

Sunday, June 5th

After Worship



Voice Lessons

Kathleen Matts is running voice classes again.
Free to members and friends.

Wednesdays:

June 13 & 22, July 6 & 13

6:30pm - 7:30pm in the choir room.

Come in for a tune-up or just to enjoy singing old favorites with friends.

Call (414) 241-8161 for information or drop in.



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

WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAYS:

8am Worship

9:45am Worship

SINGLE SERVICES

June 5th & June 12th

9:45AM



Please Recycle

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday

8:30am - 1:30pm

Tuesday through Friday

8:30am - 2:00pm