



BAY VIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CONNECTION Newsletter

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#WeAreOrlando

This banner invites people around the world to relate, remember and support persons who are in the midst of great tragedy. The hashtag is today's clue to those who get and share information on any of the many social media platforms; it's a reminder for me that the worldwide community has a connection pretty literally in the palm of their hand! (cell phone).

As a pastor, I have wondered how to frame our Church's response to the 49 massacred and 53 injured people in Pulse early on Sunday morning, June 12, 2016.

As a pastor of a reconciling congregation, I further ponder how to frame our response to this targeted attack on the LGBTQI community (Pulse is a gay club).

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A Blast From the Past

That's a phrase usually connected with bringing back something memorable and that is exactly what is going to happen on Sunday afternoon, September 18th. It was back in the late 1990's when we along with other Bay View area faith communities first came together as a covenant community, known today as the Southeast Covenant Association (SECA). For a good number of years the highlight of that relationship was the annual fall picnic at which folks from all our member communities came together for great food, volleyball, children's games, etc.

This past February 5th we held a "Neighbor's Night" at the Islamic Center. This was the first gathering we have had in quite some time and what made the night so very special for us from BVUMC was seeing our former pastor, Lowell Bartel, being honored by The Islamic Society for being the one who first made the connection with their community so many years ago.

At that February event there was also much conversation about reviving the annual picnic and we are now turning that talk into reality. I'm telling you this in July because I want you to get it on your calendars NOW.

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And then God tapped me on my heart and said, “Kelly! Why do you put my children and the world’s tragic happenings into labeled boxes? Those lost to you are loved by me and you who remain must continue to be my people.”

I don’t know if this was really God’s word to me or maybe this is what I heard because of gospel text I have been studying for this coming Sunday (6.26). Either way, God got my attention. It’s not about labels and banners. It’s about the heart of discipleship. In the text people are stepping up to follow Jesus but they do so with ‘strings’ and conditions and Jesus doesn’t respond favorably (Luke 9:51-62).

We so appreciate God’s unconditional and always available love, don’t we?! Jesus is teaching that God wants the living of our faith in God (discipleship) to be unconditional and available as well.

This got me to thinking about my procrastinating ways – my reluctance to be overt in my faith action and my fear in sharing my faith witness. The Bible Study conversation this week reminded me that our life stories have power.

~The sharing of our faith journeys has power to change people’s frame of mind.

~Being vulnerable in moments of uncertainty to welcome the help and companionship of friends and loved ones has the power to change people’s hearts.

~Helping a stranger has the power to change the world, near to home and across the planet.

And so, as the Seasons of Summer and Ordinary Time (Church Season) commence I am rededicating my resolve to BE a disciple of Jesus Christ.

I will make connections (face to face and on social media) and I will share God’s love. I will share my own faith journey; I will allow myself to accept help and I will offer my gifts to help others ~ without strings, without constraints and without fear!

Pr. Andy invited ALL of us, during the time with children last Sunday, to commit to making one new friend this summer. Folks, remember that your first friend is Jesus! And through Him, no matter what you’re facing, no matter who you love, no matter if you’re in the closet or out and proud, no matter if you’re questioning your faith or your gender identity, no matter if you’ve been a life long church goer or visit with a skeptical heart, together, our message to ALL is: # YOU ARE LOVED.

Pastor Kelly

ALL Church Picnic Sponsored by the PEP



When: Thursday, July 14, 2016
Where: Bay View UMC
Time: 5:30pm

Bring a dish to pass and your favorite beverage!

If you have a game - bring it.

Come and enjoy -
good food, friendship and fun!
Please sign up with the dish
you plan to bring - on The Cube.

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We'll gather at Humboldt Park, picnic area #4 beginning at noon on Sunday, September 18th. This is the picnic area adjacent to the playground and closest to the bathrooms.

More details will follow as we get closer but for now I urge you to make plans to attend this event. And if you haven't made that new friend yet that we talked about in church a few weeks ago this will be the place to make that happen! If you were at previous picnics you know our friends from the Islamic Center always bring delicious food but everyone is invited to bring a dish to pass. If you would like to help plan this event please let me know. We're especially looking for ideas for bringing our children together.

Friends, we are living in a world that seems to be constantly trying to divide us. This is a great opportunity to come together as one body of beloved children of God. Let's show our community that we have much more in common than anything that might separate us. Again, watch for more information next month!

Blessings,

Pastor Andy

July 4th Parade

Walk with us in the parade!

When: Monday, July 4th
8:15am

Where: Corner of Smith St &
Kinnickinnic Ave.



Dave King Trucking Company

Next in our Main Level Concert Series

When: Monday, July 18th
7pm

Where: BVUMC Sanctuary

[Click here for more information](#)



Ham-Bingo Fun-d Raiser

This is fun adult entertainment with fabulous prizes.
We meet at 6pm for dinner, bingo at 8pm.

When: Wednesday, August 13th
8pm

Where: Hamburger Mary's
2130 S Kinnickinnic Ave



Bread & Jam Needs ALL of Us Every Week!



Finding volunteers is more challenging in the summer months. We created a flyer - Thanks Paula! - that explains what we do and what we need. Wendy Boedecker and I handed out flyers and spoke to people at Chill on the Hill last week. We are both visiting nearby businesses and churches distributing flyers and asking for volunteers. Our hope is to increase awareness of our program and increase our volunteer base. The flyers are working! We already have one Sunday in July booked with an outside group. Flyers are available in the church office. Who could you share a flyer with? Your book club? Your softball team? Co-workers? Please think about the groups you associate with in your lives and determine if there is a group you are part of that could participate in Bread & Jam.

We appreciate your assistance.

Jan Kosanke - Bread & Jam Volunteer Coordinator



Meals served June 2016

June 5	72
June 12	55
June 19	69
June 26	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.

Additional Bells Back in London

Thanks to the congregation's generosity, last summer we sent 22 of our 61 Handbells back to the Whitechapel Foundry in London, England for much needed service. These bells were in most need of attention.

Currently 34 handbells of the set are at the Whitechapel Handbell Foundry being refurbished. We estimate the cost to refurbish these bells to be about \$6,000. (at the time of writing this, the quote was not finalized) 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. We encourage your attendance at these, and all, services.

With grateful appreciation,

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



Free Financial Seminar Series

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.

Financial Planning

Have you ever thought about how much money you need to retire? When can I retire? How do I put a plan in place to get me there? How do I save for a child's higher education?

If you are driving to a new location, you most often will look at a road map, use GPS or ask someone for directions. The same goes for Financial Planning, you need a "Road Map". You will either do a lot of research on your own, try an online service, or ask for directions from your Financial Planner. Join us for a free workshop and learn how you can start a "Road Map" for your Financial Plan.

August 1, 2016 6:30pm in the BVUMC Gathering Space
A light snack will be provided. Bring a friend or two!

2016 June 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	\$14,262	\$17,927	(\$3,665)	\$88,754	\$107,562	(\$18,808)
Apportionment	\$2,135	\$2,442	(\$307)	\$13,978	\$14,652	(\$674)
Totals	\$16,397	\$20,369	(\$3,972)	\$102,733	\$122,214	(\$19,481)

Join Us at Chill on the Hill

**July 5th featuring American Legion Band
and Ronald Reagan HS Jazz Band**
6pm Opener/ 6:30pm Headliner

August 2nd Family Night
6pm Opener/ 6:30pm Headliner



Summer Camp has started for Loving Start Preschool. We are having lots of fun learning about how Eric Carle makes his illustrations and trying some of our own. We look forward to the 4th of July parade, and a water day outside in the sprinkler. We will be reading fun pirate stories and going on treasure hunts. We will end the summer by having our own LSP Olympics.

Most classes are full for fall, but we may open an afternoon class. Tell your friends who have preschoolers about Loving Start!

Have a great summer,

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

LOVING START PRESCHOOL



Birthdays

July 1st

Tami Krempel

July 4th

Connor Meyer

July 7th

Jean Larsen
Eleanor Rice

July 8th

Shawn Berry
Kailin Liebenstein

July 9th

Noah Elliott

July 11th

Doris Hennell

July 12th

Webster Wiley

July 18th

Nadine Barthuli

July 19th

Judie Liebenstein
Dorine Stroleny

July 21st

Janette Colson

July 22nd

Ken Balfanz
Becky Joslyn-Garside
Ann Pier

July 25th

Jennifer Moebius

July 27th

Jeannie Schultz

July 29th

Jacob Berry

July 30th

Colleen Babinec
Sue Davey

Worship Leader Schedule

July 3 - Kitty Schaefer
July 10 - Yvonne Smith
July 17 - Ann Pier
July 24 - Praise Band
July 31 - Kay Putney

August 7 - Pastor Kelly
August 14 - Mary Guardalabene
August 21 - Heather Haile
August 28 - Praise Band

Save the Date!

Senior Stockbox Volunteer Team

Saturday, September 17th
9am - 12pm

MKE Regional Business Park
More information to come.



HUNGER TASK FORCE
FREE & LOCAL

July 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
3 8am Worship 9am Coffee Hour 9:45am Worship 3pm Bread & Jam 7pm AA Mtg	4 8:15am July 4 th Parade 7pm AA Mtg Happy Independence Day Office Closed	5 8:45am LSP 10am AA Mtg 5:30pm AA Mtg 6pm Chill on the Hill	6 8:45am LSP 10am Bible Study 6:30pm Voice Lesson	7 8:45am LSP 7pm AA Mtg 7:30pm WBC	1 8	2 10:30am AA Mtg 9 8am WBC 10:30am AA Mtg
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17 8am Worship 9am Coffee Hour 9:45am Worship 3pm Bread & Jam 7pm AA Mtg	18 8:45am LSP 1pm Memory Café 5pm Dave King & Hanging Hearts 7pm AA Mtg	19 8:45am LSP 10am AA Mtg 5:30pm AA Mtg	20 8:45am LSP 10am Bible Study	21 8:45am LSP 7pm AA Mtg	22	23 8:30am Men's Breakfast 10:30am AA Mtg
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31 8am Worship 9am Coffee Hour 9:45am Worship 3pm Bread & Jam 7pm AA Mtg	1 August 6:30pm Financial Planning Talk 7pm District 28 AA 7pm AA Mtg	2 10am AA Mtg 5:30pm AA Mtg	3 10am Bible Study 12:30pm SECA	4 7pm AA Mtg	5	6 10:30am AA Mtg 11am Baptism 2pm Wedding

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July
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We're on the web:
bayviewumc.org

2nd Annual Golf Outing

Last Chance to Join in the Fun!

Golfers: \$100 includes 18 Holes, Cart, Dinner, 2 Drink Tickets, Team Photo, and Goodie Bag. 10:30am Check-In - Deadline Today!

Non-Golfers: \$15 includes Dinner. 4:30pm
Get your payment and contact info in to the church office by Tuesday, July 5th

South Hills Country Club
3047 S 27th St, Franksville, WI 53126

Giveaways • Games • Raffles • Prizes • Great Food
No Carry-Ins Allowed

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

WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAYS:

8am Worship
9:45am Worship



Please Recycle

OFFICE HOURS:

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

