



BAY VIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CONNECTION Newsletter

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Change Is In the Air

“Serving the institution” is no longer a duty or a privilege! A new culture of “hands on mission” and collaborative ministry is emerging and as Church memberships continue to decline, the sprawling committee structure of the United Methodist Church is no longer sustainable. All of that to say - that here at Bay View UMC, we’ve been planning for change for a while now and it’s time to take action as the Body of Christ in this place.

Your Administrative Council has been engaged this last year in the study and conversation of the book, *Winning On Purpose* by John Kieser – a book recommended by our Conference for guiding the course of change in leadership structure. We’ve had good conversation. Pastor Kelly has been meeting with the Conference wide group of 22 churches engaged at different stages of this process, and we’ve prepared and submitted the proper documents to our District Superintendent.

Here is where YOU come in! At our Church Conference on Sunday, November 20th, we will put this request for structural change to those members in good standing who are present to vote. You’ll be voting to lessen

the number of meetings and strengthen the pathways to active ministry within our congregation. This system brings accountability among the leadership board, pastor(s), and staff (paid & unpaid) for our primary mission – to expand God’s kingdom by leading, growing and sending people into the world to BE God’s people.

The Council discussed what would be missed by folks in our neighborhood and in our Church if we didn’t exist – I bet you can think of at least 5 ways you personally would be lacking without the heart of this community beating in this place.

By implementing this new structure we can streamline the process of decision making and ministry planning so that more of you can be doing the ministry God calls us to, using the gifts God has given you.

(Here is a shameless plug inviting you to take the Spiritual Gifts Survey if you haven’t. See Diane Evans or Pastor Kelly for more information.)

This new structure will take about a year to get into place, but your current Council has been faithful to the process thus far and I am sure that

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as you commission the new leadership board in January 2017 that they will work faithfully to make a seamless and purposeful transition.

As we begin the process of praying and inviting leaders to this Board, if this article has spurred interest in you please let Pastor Kelly or Pastor Andy know as soon as possible.

The open application period will be the first week of November (10/30 thru 11/6) and if you sense God calling you to explore leadership, please submit an application. The current council and pastors will be forming the leadership slate for the blessing of our District Superintendent and then the approval of the body at Church Conference on Sunday, November 20th.

This is an exciting - yet not earth shattering - time of change in the Church. It will need tweaking as we live into it through 2017, and I look forward to reporting back to you next Fall on our wonderful progress as Accountable Leaders toward advancing God's kingdom here on earth as it is in heaven.

Peace to each of you,

Pastor Kelly

Embracing Forgiveness

A Real-Life Example

Some of you know that back in 2007 a friend and I were robbed at gunpoint in the Starbucks on Oklahoma and KK, just two blocks from my house. It was quite an experience and with the help of Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel columnist I wrote an [Open Letter](#) to the man who had robbed us.

End of story...or so I thought. Last Monday morning, still having my internal clock all messed up from our European vacation, I came in the office at 6am and turned on my computer. The very first email in my inbox read like this:

I'm almost positive that I was robbed by the same person shortly after you were robbed. A friend and I were robbed at gunpoint and my friend was hit in the head with the pistol. All these years later I still don't feel safe when I walk in this neighborhood. I have harbored a lot of anger and resentment towards what happened to me. I even went back to the place where I was robbed occasionally seeking revenge, hoping they would attempt to rob someone else in that same location again and that I would be there to catch them.

Today after I read the article from the Journal Sentinel about your ordeal, I realized I was wrong. For you to offer to not only forgive but to stand with the person that wronged you through their legal trials and tribulations helped me to forgive the people

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that robbed me, at least internally, whether it's the same people or not. I no longer wish harm on them because I now realize that there was something more driving them to wrong me. I see now, through the open letter that you wrote, that there is a better way to deal with my emotions and anger towards these people and that holding in resentment is not the answer.

Today your empathy and forgiveness towards the people that wronged you in 2007 has helped me to overcome my anger towards the people that wronged me and I just wanted to say thank you. Whether there was justice in your situation or not, I don't know the outcome just the events from the link I sent, I wanted you to know that your actions helped me years later.

I never found out who robbed me and my friend. The police investigated but they never solved the case. Either way, I have decided to let it go because I can't change the past and I see now that instead of burdening myself with anger, I should show compassion towards the situation of the people which drove them to harm me in order to help themselves.

And here's the crazy part...the young man who wrote this lives directly across the street from me! Tuesday afternoon we met and talked over what had happened to us. I told him how grateful I was for him to reach out to me but especially for the fact that I was, without even knowing it, able to help him let go of a painful memory and begin to offer forgiveness.

God is good!

Pastor Andy

Main Level Concert Series Fall 2016

We still have a few exciting shows coming up this fall that you won't want to miss:

The East Side Chamber Players take the room and invite ALL ages to their November 6th concert that will highlight promising instrumental students and their instructors. The concert begins at 2pm in the Sanctuary and free of charge, with donations accepted.

On Friday, November 11th, we welcome Dim Lighting, Tony Barba, and Clay Schaub Trio. Check out some of Dim Lighting's releases and buy tickets [by clicking Here](#). Tickets are \$10 online and at the door. Starts @ 7pm.

- Clay Schaub Trio: Clay Schaub - Bass; Devin Drobka - Drums; Igor Lumpert - Saxophone
- Tony Barba: Tony Barba - Solo Saxophones and Electronics
- Dim Lighting: Andrew Trim - Guitar; Kurt Schweitz - Bass; Devin Drobka - Drums

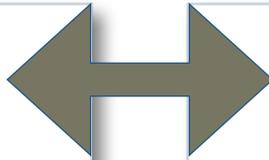
On December 11th we welcome the Bay View Children's Choir. They will be performing at 12:30pm as we celebrate our 10th Annual Cookie Walk. All are welcome. This is a free event (donations accepted).

Additional event information is available at [Our Website](#)

Thanksgiving Office Hours

The church office will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and the Friday after - November 24th and 25th.

We resume normal business hours on Monday, November 28th at 8:30am.



Daylight Saving Time Ends

Set your clocks back one hour



Sunday, November 6th at 2am



Bread & Jam Needs ALL of Us!

Thanksgiving is a time to be grateful for all our blessings. Bread & Jam has a lot to be thankful for. First, we are grateful that we have Mary Kitzman who so generously gives of her time and talent and is the backbone of this meal program. Thanks to Don DiMartino who faithfully cooks the meals. Also, Mary Guardalabene who graciously fills in to cook when needed. Thanks to George Affeldt who generously donates his time to be our dishwasher. We have a new group of devoted volunteers in our Crew Chiefs- Judy Banta, Ann Pier, Yvonne Smith, Jan Colson and Kitty Schaefer who provide direction to our volunteers and make sure they have a positive experience. Thanks to Debbie Baldwin who keeps the dining room running smoothly with the assistance of Isabella Kitzman-Kelley and Tyhesha Shumpert. We also want to thank all the volunteers in our church who set tables, make sandwiches and help on Sunday afternoons.

We are grateful to the outside groups who have stepped up to support our meal program-Calvary Church, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Kohl's Associates in Action and Grace Lutheran Church. They have truly been a blessing.

Jan Kosanke - Bread & Jam Volunteer Coordinator

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



	Meals Served	Bag Lunch Served
October 2	58	50
October 9	60	52
October 16	68	52
October 23	72	57
October 30	73	62

Guests Served October 2016

Our Christmas Gift to the Community

Andy and I want to make attending and enjoying the services of worship on Christmas weekend easier so...

Here is the SPECIAL weekend schedule...

Christmas Eve	Saturday 12.24	4:30pm & 10:45pm
Christmas Day	Sunday 12.25	10:45am

PEP Annual Chili Dump/Bean Soup Mix Assembly

Come one, come ALL! The annual PEP Chili dump will be held Sunday, November 22nd at 5:30pm. Bring your serving of chili and a good appetite. The sign up sheet is posted with extras to bring if you would like.

Sunday, November 13th
5:30pm
Location: Gathering Space



Before the games begin, we will be packing bean soup kits for community fundraising. We welcome all volunteers to help assemble packets. Proceeds from bean soup sales go to neighborhood charities.



Hanging of the Greens

Kitty Schaefer

Trimming of the tree and beautifying our church will be Saturday, December 3rd from 1pm to 5pm. We need anyone who could give an hour or more to get the church ready for the Christmas season. Come and enjoy some fellowship and hot cider while we hang the greens and make the church sparkle. Sign up on The Cube.

Exciting News!

The Secret Angel Gift Shoppe Is Expanding this Year!

That means there are MORE opportunities for MORE people to help out!

Watch The Cube for the Secret Angel Sign Up and Stuff Needed Sheet in November!



Sunday School Update

Pr. Kelly

Our “Deep Blue Kids Crew” has been very busy this Fall! Through October, the children have packed 350 lunches in 7 Sundays for Bread & Jam and confirmands have become masters of the place setting. They have also helped create a new weekly poster for the guests choosing to include a word of welcome and a scripture passage along with the list of servers. Our children are creating the promotional materials for an alternative holiday mission focus on giving through Heifer International for the Church (coming soon). A bit of practicing has begun on our expression of Christmas that we will offer to the Church family at the 10:45am service on December 18th and many of the children (along with a few adults) are polishing their new skill – chimes ringing - in preparation for a holiday gift to the congregation! All of this has been accomplished IN ADDITION to class time each week! WOW! A huge thank you to teachers and rotation coordinators for a great Fall Session so far! Church: be sure to affirm our families when you see them for their commitment to weekly participation in Children’s Ministries.

Cookie Walk – 10th Annual

We would like to welcome church members and friends to bake for our 10th Annual Cookie Walk. Exciting, isn’t it? We have a very special day happening this year, so mark it on your calendar: December 11th - 9am to 2pm



We always have a wonderful variety of cookies but also will have gifts by Go Earth, Nancy Radke will have her special jewelry for sale, and some of our members and friends prepare special treats. Profits from the cookie and gift sales will benefit local groups such as the Bay View Community Center and others.

Bakers

There is a small but important change this year. We would like to try for more of each variety as we tend to run out of cookies every year. Bakers will want to sign up in the Gathering Space (see the red notebook on the credenza) for the variety of cookies they are baking so we can have the correct labels. Bake 18 to 20 dozen of your favorite recipes and bring drop them off in the Gathering Space on Saturday, December 10th between 9am and 12pm.

Concerned About Space in Your Home Kitchen?

We are offering scheduled time in the church kitchen for baking. We will have a scheduled number of hours available for a limited number of bakers. Bakers needing space must sign up with Kitty Schaefer ahead of time and bring prepared doughs ready for the oven so that we can accommodate as many bakers as possible.

Event Day Volunteers

We are always looking for event-day volunteers for our cookie walk. Please sign up on The Cube if you are interested in assisting with setup, teardown, packaging, hosting, or other tasks.

Church Conference

Sunday,
November 20th

12pm

In the
Gathering Space

Stewardship Message

God's law of the harvest applies to the spiritual sowing we perform through our stewardship. Our seeds are our good works: our financial giving, our prayers, our study, our service, and our worship. No farmer would sow sparingly or haphazardly and expect a beautiful, bountiful harvest.

The Stewardship and Finance team would like to thank you for your prayers and pledges to support this ministry we share.

UMCOR Distributes Water in Iraq

More than 3.2 million people are currently displaced from their homes because of violence in Iraq. Of that total, about one third are living in unsafe, unsuitable shelters, where access to clean drinking water and basic hygiene supplies is severely limited.

That need is especially urgent in Aliawa Camp in northern Iraq, and the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is responding there, in collaboration with partner GlobalMedic. and local partners,.

A recent UMCOR grant to GlobalMedic allowed it, along with local partners Barzani Charity Foundation (BCF) and Muslim Aid Iraq (MAIRQ), to distribute family emergency kits to 1,087 families (some 5,447 individuals) in the camp. Kits included a Rainfresh household water-purification unit, two tubes of toothpaste, and 12 bars of soap. GlobalMedic also delivered 90 winterization kits to vulnerable persons in the camp.

Your gift to UMCOR International Disaster Response, Advance #982450, supports UMCOR's work with its partners around the world, alleviating suffering in times of crisis or emergency. Your contributions to our apportionments also funds UMCOR.

Finance Team

Giving Tuesday – Save the Date

We are excited to let you know that plans are underway for this year's UMC #GivingTuesday!

On Nov. 29, you can extend the spirit of giving thanks into the Advent season again by participating in UMC #GivingTuesday. When you give online through The Advance at www.umcmmission.org/give, 100 percent of your gifts goes directly to the project of your choice.

Free Financial Seminar Series

Taxes & Charitable Giving

For more than ten years, Attorney Timothy Schultz has shared his knowledge and advice with our pastoral staff concerning bequests left the Church by Will. He also inspired our Church Council to sell our two properties and invest the proceeds and other Church funds with the United Methodist Foundation. Tim is a thorough researcher, clear presenter and a dedicated servant. We are blessed that he is a "methoduck" among us!

As the end of the year approaches, Tim offers his expertise in the area of estate planning (wills, powers of attorney, trusts, probate, etc.) real estate and tax law as a resource for those who may want to care for the designation of monies to the Church in an end of the year gift, a lasting gift or memorial gift. Over the years, Bay View UMC has been blessed to be the recipient of several gifts of money and property that have provided a sustaining resource and legacy for ministry in this place.

Come and hear how a vision and a hope can become a lasting gift that honors God and your family well into the future. Our memorial secretary, Sue Kreider, will also be on hand to talk a bit about our memorial tree in the main hallway of the church.



Please sign up on The Cube or on Facebook.

Monday, November 7, 6:30pm in the BVUMC Gathering Space
A light snack will be provided. Bring a friend or neighbor

Next Free Talk: January 2017: Getting Ready for Tax Season

These seminars are a part of our free financial series and are open to anyone wishing to know more. Each seminar will take place at 6:30pm in the Gathering Space on the first Monday of each month (second Monday in the case of national holidays - no talk in December).

2016 October 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	\$16,273	\$17,927	(\$1,654)	\$148,405	\$179,270	(\$30,865)
Apportionment	\$2,306	\$2,442	(\$136)	\$21,603	\$24,420	(\$2,817)
Totals	\$18,579	\$20,369	(\$1,790)	\$170,008	\$203,690	(\$33,682)

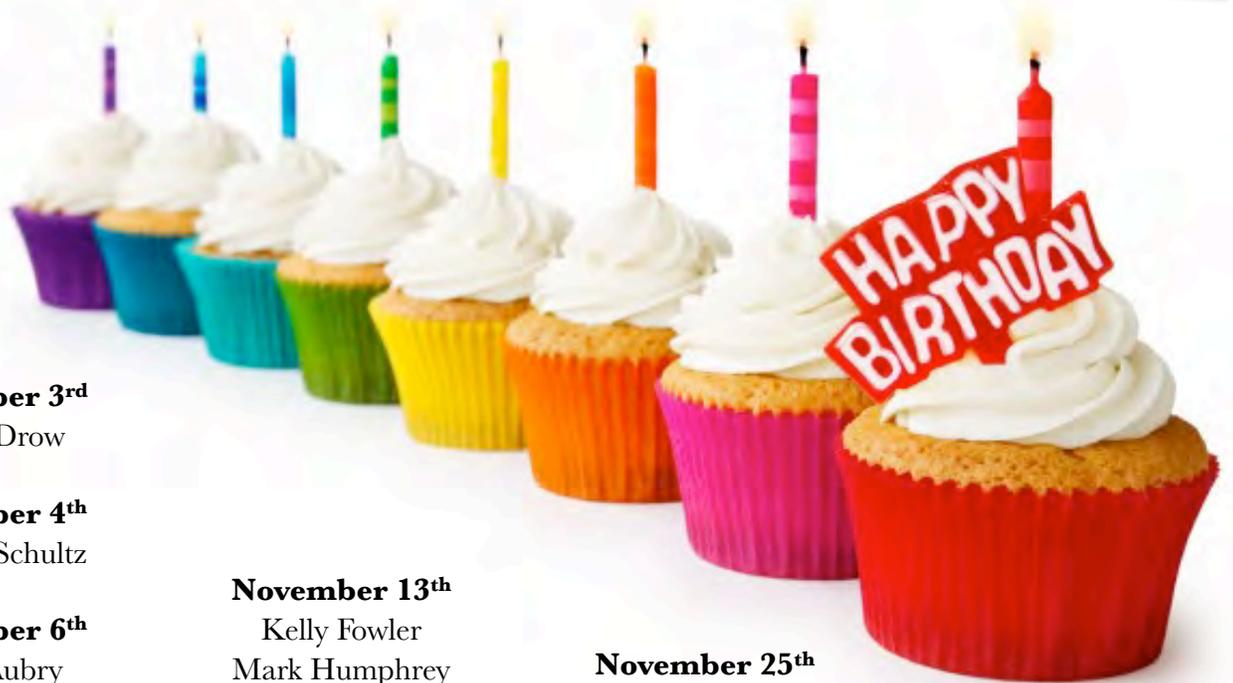
Loving Start Preschoolers have been very busy this month. We went to Outpost Foods to buy apples, had our class pictures taken and had a Halloween Party along with our Fox and Branch concert. We have had lots of fun with color weeks and mixing colors. November will bring more fun activities including a study of Robots by our Butterfly Class.

LOVING START PRESCHOOL



Also our Cookie Dough Sale is coming soon. Watch for samples and order forms.

Miss Martha, Miss Debbie, Miss Mary, Miss Karen



November 3rd

Travis Drow

November 4th

Katrina Schultz

November 6th

Gary Aubry

November 10th

Marie Burrows

November 11th

Ken Becker

November 13th

Kelly Fowler
Mark Humphrey

November 14th

Stephanie Collins

November 22nd

Sharon Hanstad

November 25th

Jason Rae
Patty Pritchard-
Thompson

November 26th

Mary Lou Rice

November 28th

Madelyn Collins

November 2016

KEY: AA: Alcoholics Anonymous
 ESCP: East Side Chamber Players
 FSF: First Sunday Forum - Missions
 LSP: Loving Start Preschool
 MLCS: Main Level Concert Series
 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 8:15am Worship 9:30am Adult Study 9:30am Chime Choir 10:45am Worship 2pm Grief Share 3pm Bread & Jam 7pm AA Mtg	31 8:45am LSP 7pm AA Mtg 7:30pm MLCS: Haunted Piano All Hallows Eve	1 8:45am LSP 10am AA Mtg 5:30pm AA Mtg 6pm Children's Ministry Mtg 7:15pm SPR Mtg All Saints Day	2 8:45am LSP 10am Bible Study 6:30pm Faith Singers 6:30pm ASLC Mtg	3 8:45am LSP 7pm AA Mtg 7pm WBC	4 8:45am LSP 7pm NA Mtg	5 10:30am AA Mtg
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November
2016

We're on the web:
bayviewumc.org

Poinsettia Order Forms

Order forms for Poinsettias are available inside your bulletin each week and on the credenza in the Gathering Space beginning November 6th.

Deadline to order is
December 2nd

Please submit your order forms with your payment. You can submit them to the basket outside the church office, by mailing them to the church office, by giving them to Pastor Kelly or Pastor Andy.

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

WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAYS:

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



Please Recycle

OFFICE HOURS:

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