



BAY VIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# CONNECTION Newsletter

OPEN HEARTS. OPEN MINDS. OPEN DOORS.™

## Three Cheers and A Prayer!

Please join me in congratulating Pastor Andy as he is now the President of the Executive Board of the Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee! Andy comes into this role with experience and wonderful connections throughout the city. Andy also brings a spirit and commitment that will offer vitality and direction to this Interfaith presence in our city.

Pastor Andy serves here with us in a half-time capacity but has given his full-time heart and time spoiling me and all of us with his availability and assistance. In the days ahead, please pray with me for Pastor Andy. Pray that he may know balance and joy as he takes on new responsibilities while remaining on our staff here at Bay View UMC.

*Pastor Kelly*

## Did You Get the Invitation?

Throughout Epiphany Pastor Kelly and I have been focusing on “Invitation.” We began in early January reflecting on how Jesus began to grab the people’s attention by extending first a simple invitation to “come along and see” what he was all about. From there he began to gather together a core group of followers. These became “the twelve,” individuals who came from many different backgrounds to journey with Jesus throughout his ministry.

The last Sunday in January our Gospel reading was from Matthew and is known as The Beatitudes. The Message paraphrase begins this story by noting that Jesus, after experiencing huge crowds of people coming out to hear him, looked for places where he could be seen and heard by many. Matthew tells us “he climbed a hillside. Those who were apprenticed to him, the committed, climbed with him.”

When I read those words I thought about how “committed” went along with “invitation.” Often we will receive in the mail an

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# Invitation...

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invitation along with an RSVP card. If we send that card back with the box checked off that indicates we have accepted the invitation. We are, in essence, committed to going. Now something can always come up that might keep us away but once we've said "yes," the person issuing the invitation is expecting to see us.

We make many commitments in our lives; the most important ones being our commitment to God as well as our commitments to our spouse and to our children. Another commitment we make is to our local church. Most of us solidify that commitment by becoming members. That action brings with it some expectations. First, just like sending in that RSVP card, we are expected to show up - to make Sunday morning worship a regular part of our faith experience. We are also expected to support our church in whatever financial manner we are able.

So why join a church? Why is this an important step? I believe it is one way we say to those who are already in the church that we appreciate what they are doing and that we want to be a part of it. Can you do this without joining? Certainly! But when we say "Yes, I want to be a part of what is happening here" we are making a deeper commitment, both to the church, to God and to ourselves.

We have a number of people who we believe are ready to make that commitment. If you've been thinking about this yourself I invite you to spend Sunday afternoon, February 26<sup>th</sup> with Pastor Kelly and I. We'll gather right after worship to talk about our church and whether or not committing to membership is right for you. If you think it might be, please see either Pastor Kelly or myself and let us know you'd like to be part of that conversation.

Blessings,

*Pastor Andy*



## PEP Valentine's Day Potluck & Games

Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm

Location: Gathering Space

Join us for food, fellowship, and fun at our Valentine's Day potluck. We'll have a meal followed by games including: dominos, bean bag toss, cribbage and more! We hope to see you there!

Sign up on The Cube.



## Bread & Jam Needs You

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



	Meals Served	Bag Lunch Served
January 1	63	57
January 8	45	
January 15	53	50
January 22	48	52
January 29	69	

Guests Served January 2017



## New First Sunday Forums

February 5<sup>th</sup> we welcome Dr. Aaron Chevinsky, Director of Surgical Oncology with Aurora Cancer Care. He will be talking with us about some of the myths and realities of cancer diagnosis and care. So many of us have been touched either personally or through our families by this disease that we felt this would be an important topic to address.

On March 5<sup>th</sup> Kayla Steinke, the new Regional Director of South Shore Interfaith will be here along with Vickie Jensen, their Volunteer Outreach Coordinator, to talk about the great work they do with seniors in our community. In 2015 their volunteers provided nearly 14,000 hours of services to over 900 clients.

## Men's Breakfast

We will meet once again at Castillo's Restaurant in Cudahy for some Saturday morning fellowship. February 25, 2017, 9:00am at 5656 S. Packard Ave, Cudahy, WI 53110. Please contact Pastor Andy if you need a ride.

## Reminder!

Everyone is encouraged to seek out Diane Evans for a Spiritual Gifts survey if not yet completed one. Discovering your gifts helps you plug into areas of this church's ministry that you will find life giving, not draining and allows leadership to invite you to those areas with good information.



# Sunday School Update

The Sunday School is moving forward into 2017 learning about Jesus, his earthly family and community, and his journey into ministry through these monthly themes:

- January – Jesus, the Greatest Prophet
- February – Who Then Is This?
- March – In the Name of the Lord

Rotation Schedule: We need adult/youth volunteers to assist! (*See Pastor Kelly*)

- First Sunday -Mr. Matt (Wold) is continuing to offer a CREW (children really enjoying worship) every first Sunday that culminates with children receiving Holy Communion with their families and amidst their church family.
- Second Sunday - Ms. Anna (Bierer) is continuing to offer her leadership to the rotation upstairs focusing on creative arts with Amanda Wold coordinating.
- Third Sunday – worship in the pews. Children are invited to sit with Miss Judie, teachers, pastors – to experience worship with Church family folks.
- Fourth Sunday – craft rotation IN the Sanctuary – any adult is welcome to join in!
- Fifth Sunday – care bags packed for Bread & Jam guests

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## New Adult Book Study

*Pr. Kelly*

Monday Nights 7-8pm/Sunday Mornings 9:30-10am Lenten Study

*Under the Fig Tree* by Roger Hutchison - led by Pastor Kelly

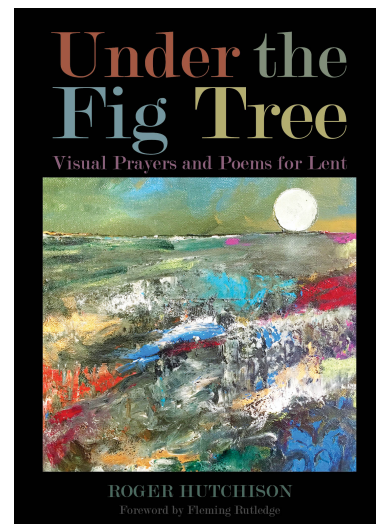
When I was in Israel several years ago during the Lenten Season, I Skyped in for Sunday School. One of my now confirmation students, Adam, asked, “Have you seen the fig tree?” He had recently learned the story of Jesus causing the fig tree to wither (Matthew 21:18-21) in class. The impact of this story and the urgency of this child’s quest for evidence has stuck with me to this day.

Now, during this Lenten Season, I’m hoping to offer Adam, and you, another fig tree story along with the invitation to come, sit, discuss and explore our understanding of Jesus’ love in a unique and inspiring way.

Join me for reflection *Under the Fig Tree* by Roger Hutchison.

Sign up for preferred class slot and for book order by February 15<sup>th</sup> on The Cube.

Classes will be Mondays from February 27-April 10 and Sundays, Feb. 26-Apr. 9.



# MARDI GRAS

## Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 28th

5pm - 7pm



We start off the Lenten Season every year with our Mardi Gras pancake supper, complete with all the fixins. Join us in the Dining Room as we celebrate with fellowship and food on February 28<sup>th</sup>.

Cost: Free Will Offering

Sign Up on The Cube

## Bay View United Methodist Church

# 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

### When

**Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**12:00pm** (Check-in begins at 10:30am)

### Where

**South Hills Country Club**

**3047 S. 27<sup>th</sup> St, Franksville, WI 53126**

SAVE  
THE  
DATE

### Registration Information

4 person teams

### Early Bird Registration\*

(Thru April 30<sup>th</sup>)

\$90/person

### Registration\*

(After April 30<sup>th</sup>)

\$100/person

### Dinner Only

(4:30pm)

\$15/person

\*Prices include giveaways, green fees, cart, lunch, 2 drinks, and dinner

**Registration opens February 15<sup>th</sup>**

# Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss! Read-Along and Crafts with Green Eggs and Ham



Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>

9am - 11am

Bay View United Methodist Church

2772 S Kinnickinnic Ave

Milwaukee, WI 53207

(414) 744 - 4036

Celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss with a big plate of green eggs and ham, story time, and Seuss-style crafts. It's loads of fun!

\$3 for kids

(\$2 dollar requested donation per adult joining us for breakfast)

Costumes are welcome

The first 25 kids receive a free book!



February 8 **Milwaukee 53206**



Sold out at Milwaukee Film Festival, this film witnesses the intimate stories of three residents in zip code 53206 . It awakens us to the high toll mass incarceration that takes on individuals, families and their community.

“It really showed that there’s still hope among youth in the community and if we come together, we could actually make a change” (WISN-12 ABC)

## Movies with a Message

The Church and Society Committee sponsors screening four thought provoking films on the issue of racial disparities in our city and country.

All show times will be at 6:15 pm on Wednesdays in the Chapel, followed by discussion.

For more info, go to [umcwfb.org](http://umcwfb.org) → serve → in Milwaukee → Church and Society, or contact Pastor Peace at ext. 224

**Don't miss this chance! No charge for admission.**



## Two Love Stories: Author Event & Book Signing

WHEN: February 8, 2017 @ 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

WHERE: St. Ann Center for Intergenerational Care-Stein Campus  
2801 E Morgan Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53207

COST: Free

CONTACT: Casey Rozanski @ 414-419-5063

Join St. Ann Center as we celebrate two inspiring love stories. John McCarthy and former governor Martin Schreiber will discuss books they recently authored—one looking at life with a child with special needs, and the other unraveling the impact Alzheimer’s disease has on a 55-year marriage.

John’s heartwarming hardcover, *Maggie’s Angels*, focuses on the 31 years he and wife Cathy have spent loving, living with and learning from their special needs daughter. Marty’s book, *My Two Elaines*, written with Cathy Breitenbucher, is the personal tale of how he and wife Elaine went from a life filled with politics, campaigning, childrearing and grandchildren to one upended by Alzheimer’s. In it, Marty offers an honest and valuable guide for families forced to navigate their way through this cruel disease and how he’s continued to love his “Second Elaine”.

St. Ann Center has a connection to both stories. For years, Maggie has been an occasional guest at the Stein Campus’ overnight respite. And in the early stages of Alzheimer’s, Elaine enjoyed socializing and exercising at our Aquatic Center. Both authors are longtime St. Ann Center supporters. Proceeds from Marty’s book will be used to promote Alzheimer’s caregiver support programs. John will donate a portion of sales to area charities, including St. Ann Center. Signed books will be able for purchase at the free event.

# A Simple Way to Give

By entering the Amazon website through Amazon Smile, you can donate to BVUMC without additional cost to you. It's an easy way to give.

This link will take you directly to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com).

Login and Type "Bay View United Methodist Church" to begin shopping.



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# Introducing the 2017 Accountable Leadership Board



Blessed in worship on January 8 to bring light to the vision and leadership of the ministry we share.

## Finance Update

Finance Team Thanks to the Congregation for Exceeding the 2016 Budget!

The 2016 Financial statement results are in, and we are happy to report that we have surpassed our budget goals for for general envelope giving and apportionments. Keep up the good work!

*Your Finance Team*

## Stewardship Update

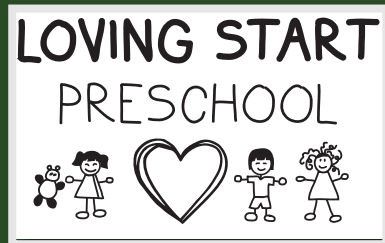
Are you ready to be a faithful steward of God’s gifts? The first lesson is to realize and embrace that God is the owner and we are the stewards, the caretaker of God’s realm. As scripture says, “the heavens and the earth are yours....oh Lord. “Each of us asks, “How am I, together with others in my church, taking care of all that God has placed in our care?” Where are our opportunities to take care of the planet, of people who are in need, of those who are seeking for meaning in their lives; for our neighbors; for our friends?

*Your Stewardship Team*

### 2017 January 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	\$16,878	\$17,804	(\$927)	\$16,878	\$17,804	(\$927)
Apportionment*	\$2,574	\$2,482	\$92	\$2,574	\$2,482	\$92
<b>Totals</b>	\$19,452	\$20,286	(\$834)	\$19,452	\$20,286	(\$834)

Watch out for space ships! The Panda Bear room is learning about space. The Butterfly room is learning about birds, eagles and owls. We are building nests. And we hope you were able to see our ice sculpture before it melted.



If you know of someone whose child will be 3 by Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017 we will have our Open House on March 19<sup>th</sup> from 12:30pm-2:30pm. We will begin registration on March 19<sup>th</sup>. We may also have some open tour dates or families may call to arrange a tour.

Miss Martha, Miss Debbie, Miss Mary, Miss Karen



**February 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
Debra Bernal  
Valanee Schmitz

**February 4<sup>th</sup>**  
Saydee Kallio

**February 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Donald Decker  
Dorothy Cigale  
Muriel Blackwood

**February 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Ethlyn Roepke  
Bob Schaefer  
Kitty Schaefer

**February 18<sup>th</sup>**  
Paul Warkaske

**February 26<sup>th</sup>**  
Nancy Grzesiak

**February 27<sup>th</sup>**  
Ben Greenberg

**Bean Soup Is Still Available \$5/each**



Our delicious bean soup mix is just what you need to take the winter blues away.

Cooking instructions included.

Contact Hertha Kornkven for more information.

**February Birthdays**

# February 2017

**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
29 8:15am Worship 9:15am Coffee Hour 10am Sunday School 10:45am Worship 3pm Bread & Jam 7pm AA Mtg	30 8:45am LSP 7pm AA Mtg	31 8:45am LSP 10am AA Mtg 5:30pm AA Mtg 7pm Accountable Leadership Mtg	1 8:45am LSP 10am Bible Study 1pm SECA 6:30pm Faith Singers	2 8:45am LSP 7pm AA Mtg 7pm WBC  <b>Groundhog Day</b>	3 8:45am LSP 7pm NA Mtg	4 9am Senior Stockbox 10:30am AA Mtg
5 8:15am Worship 9:15am FSF 9:30am Chime Choir 10am Sunday School 10:45am Worship 3pm Bread & Jam 7pm AA Mtg	6 8:45am LSP 6pm Music Team 7pm District 28 AA 7pm AA Mtg	7 8:45am LSP 10am AA Mtg 5:30pm AA Mtg 6:30pm Praise Band	8 8:45am LSP 10am Bible Study 12:30pm Cards 6:30pm Faith Singers	9 8:45am LSP 7pm AA Mtg 7pm WBC	10 8:45am LSP 5pm Suzuki Strings 7pm NA Mtg	11 10:30am AA Mtg
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*February*

2017

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

## Ash Wednesday Worship

Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>

7:00pm

In the Sanctuary



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**Daylight Saving Time Begins**

Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>

2:00am

Turn your clock ahead one hour.

☰ 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