



BAY VIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# CONNECTION Newsletter

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## Necessary Space

The leading idea for this month from The Lewis Center for Church Leadership speaks to my heart. As I continue to be invited to coach area church leaders around the topic of inclusion the conversation about welcoming also becomes important. We are blessed, friends, with a foundational DNA that naturally and easily extends the hand of Christian fellowship with special and just-right attention to our visiting folks. Somehow we have come to value the open door and the open heart as our minds continue to be open to the understanding of Jesus' teaching to love ALL without reservation.

I'm sure you've visited a place or two where the welcome was less than warm, maybe even non-existent, inhibiting your experience of worship and your eagerness to visit ever again. You've told me stories of these experiences and I've heard many times over around the membership orientation table that it was the wonderful welcome they received that prompted not only a return visit but an interest in pursuing membership.

This glorious gift is one that I've come to depend on as you embrace ALL people who enter our doors; it's easy to get comfortable and even complacent in attending to this call of hospitality or to start 'programming' it in a way that it loses its spontaneity. I remind myself, each Sunday, that it's intentionally written in the green sheet first under the servant leaders that ALL of us are ministers together. I am just the leading minister; not the senior minister, as I still have a lot to learn about my own hang ups and rough edges when it comes to offering an authentic welcome to everyone.

So, to that end, I have been granted permission to engage in a week-long mission field immersion in the deep south as I join 9 busses of gay men, intentionally bringing their mission of hope, unity, and understanding to communities that may be less than receptive. The Lavender Pen Tour Entourage has accepted me as a supporting member for this tour and I can't be more thrilled to have this experience! There will be concerts, sing-alongs, panel discussions, small group chats and receptions on college campuses, high school gyms, state house lawns, and courthouse steps. Beautiful concert halls and

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United Methodist Sanctuaries are welcoming The San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus and the Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir to bring their message of unity and hope to people who are working to create more safe and welcoming space for ALL people in the southern United States. "The Lavender Pen Tour will encourage LGBTQ people and our allies to come together, prompt conversations around civil liberties for all, and raise funds for local LGBTQ organizations." I am so excited to be a part of this mission and I'm grateful for the time to go. The Lavender Pen Tour is October 8 (after church here) through October 15 and I welcome your prayers for ALL of us as we venture south to bring a message of love, unity, and hope.

How very blessed I am to know that I will return to a Church that leads the way for others as a place and a space that welcomes everyone. You are fearless and faithful, Bay View UMC!

God bless each of you!

*Pastor Kelly*

## Sunday Morning Lights: a post-service reflection

*by Katy Meyer*

*"I don't know why you say goodbye, I say hello... Hela heba helloa..." - Paul McCartney 1967*

The sun is on the horizon. Is it a sunset or a sunrise? Well, if you're the man previously known as "Pastor Andy", I think it's both. During Andy's final week as a pastor, I had a chat with Paula, our office administrator here at Church. While not verbatim, here is a decent approximation of the words we exchanged:

Paula: "We're really going to miss Andy around here."

Katy: "I know; he's like the Jell-o here."

(I then hastened to explain my words.) "I mean... We're all a bunch of yummy fruit and he kind of subtly works his way in and around us helping to connect things together. You and I are chunks of fruit."

(I'm pretty sure I'm pineapple)

"And Kelly, she's like the crust that holds us all in. Together we form this really delicious dessert. I guess what I'm trying to say is we'll still be great without Andy, but we'll no longer be a cool, vintage, fruit-suspended-in-jello potluck dessert, we'll just be really good pie. "

Yeah, Paula was right....we're going to miss Andy.

**Daylight Saving Time Ends**

Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> 2am

Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour.



# Deep Blue Sunday School and Confirmation are Under Way!

Our children bring enthusiasm and generosity of heart to our church family! Weekly Sunday school, nursery care and confirmation allows children to experience God's love through the presence of caring adults as we explore Bible stories, share a snack or sing a song. This ministry needs volunteers and visionaries going into 2018! See Pr. Kelly if God is calling you to serve.

*Pastor Kelly*

## **Music Ministries Update** *from Stacy Johnson*

Chimes Choir Schedule has been adjusted – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays ONLY at 9:30am in the bell room

## **Leading Idea: Missional Engagement: It's All About Relationships**

Junius B. Dotson says, "Church outreach has generally taken the form of community service or evangelistic efforts. But real missional engagement entails the building of authentic, organic, and consistent relationships that lead to intentional discipleship. We create the space necessary for people to share their faith."

*Junius B. Dotson is the General Secretary of Discipleship Resources of the UMC and also Senior Pastor of Saint Mark UMC in Wichita, Kansas.*

## **Stewardship Campaign is titled "#more"**

The focus driving this year's Stewardship campaign IS a plea for money. It is ALSO a plea for offering the fruit of your membership in this wonderful and unique community of faith! Sermons will have titles like: #moreprayer&presence; #moretime&talent; or #moretreasure&witness reflecting our membership vows and the real time value for everyone's investment in the coming year. Quarterly statements will be included in the initial mailing the week of October 16<sup>th</sup> so that everyone's current level of commitment can launch prayer and conversation at home about how God is guiding you toward "#more" for the coming year.

## **Nursery Assistant Position**

We currently have an open Nursery Assistant position here at Bay View United Methodist Church. If you can work in a team setting, you love spending time with kids, are looking for a little extra income and can commit your time on Sunday mornings from 9am to noon, this could be the perfect fit for you. If interested call Jan at 414-333-9226.

# Upcoming Events

## Get Ready to Attend!

First Sunday Forum for November is Tina Itson, Executive Director of United Methodist Children's Services. Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 9:15am in the Gathering Space.

## New Member Class

Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> 12:15pm-1:45pm

Expressing a desire to join the church community is 'in the air' and prompts a new member class session. Those worshipping with us who feel led to make a formal commitment to this congregation are encouraged to attend. A light lunch will be served. See Pastor Kelly if you have questions.

## NEW FaithLink Intergen Class

Sunday Mornings, Library @ 10am Fourth Sundays

This is a 'faith and real world context' conversation held once a month. It is an opportunity for the confirmation students and interested adults to look through a faith lens at current events and learn perspective and greater understanding from each other.

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## Fall Fun-d Raisers: Calendar These Dates

Camp Scholarship Kringle Through Wednesday, November 1  
Buy a Kringle for Camp - by O&H Bakery

Mexican Dinner and Fall Craft Sale Saturday, October 28  
(Interested Crafters Please Contact Nancy Radtke)

Drumstick Dash (formerly Miles for Meals) - Benefits Bread & Jam  
Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>

Secret Angel Gift Shoppe Saturday, December 2

Cookie Walk Sunday, December 10

## Next Up: Kringle for Camp

This fundraiser for the Winter Camp scholarship fund supports the Church's on-going use of Conference Camps and supplements the rising costs for families to attend. In days gone by this weekend was an easily affordable way for folks to experience the beauty of nature, shared camping tasks, fellowship & fun. All of that still happens but the cost of 'doing business' has hit Camp operations like everywhere else. We value this experience and don't want funding to inhibit anyone's camp participation. Campers anticipating attending Winter Camp January 12-14, 2018 at Lake Lucerne will be taking orders for kringle from the famous O&H Bakery, beginning this Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>. Kringle pick-up is on November 12<sup>th</sup>, just in time to add to holiday tables and to give as hostess gifts! Look for kringle at coffee hour. Available flavors are Pecan, Raspberry, Almond, Apple, Apricot, Blueberry, Cherry, Cherry Cheese, Chocolate Pecan, Cinnamon Roll, Cream Cheese, Maple Walnut and Turtle. \$10/ea.

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## Mexican Dinner and Fall Crafters Market

Pozole



Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>

5pm - 7pm

In the Dining Room

Adults \$8

Children \$7

Virgin Mojitos



Taco Bar



Craft and Jewelry Market



Chips & Salsa



Live Music



Tres Leches Cake



# Bread and Jam Fundraiser



Drumstick Dash is a 5k Run/Walk event held at Miller Park on Thanksgiving morning. This is our only fundraiser for the year, so we have to make it count.

Members and friends of BVUMC will run or walk to support our Bread and Jam Free Community Meal Program. Those of us unable to participate can still join in to help support Bread and Jam. Here's how!

## Ways to Dash

1. **Designate an offering to the Drumstick Dash:** You can do this by sending money through the Sunday offering plate or by mailing it to the church office. Please be sure to note that it is for the Drumstick Dash. This offering will go directly to our Bread and Jam account and is **the best way to help Bread and Jam financially** at this time.
2. **Pledge our Dash participants:** So far we have several people committed to participating in the Dash on Thanksgiving morning, with one person signed up officially. Pledging can be done through the [registration website](#). [Click HERE](#). You can make a pledge to the team or individual participants. Go to the VIEW TEAMS page if you're not already there. Find **team Bread and Jammin**. Click the PLEDGE button. You will then be directed to a donation page. Pledge funds go directly to Bread and Jam's Feeding America account.



3. **Register to run or walk:** Participant registration can be done at the Feeding America [race website found at THIS LINK](#). Our team name is Bread and Jammin. Be sure to choose "Join Team" in order to make your registration count toward Bread and Jam. Registration is \$30/adult, \$20/child (children 4 and under free) through November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The price goes up after that. Though most of the money for registration goes to fund the event, a small portion does go into our Feeding America account.

# Bread & Jam

Thank you to all who have participated in Bread & Jam! Your presence is appreciated!



School has started and many of us have returned to our "school year" schedules. This is a good thing for scheduling volunteers for the Bread & Jam Community meal program. Groups like Blessed Hope Methodist Church, Boy Scouts, and Girl Scouts are again available to volunteer. This year, Bread & Jam is also on the volunteer opportunity list for the Thomas Moore students who are required to have community service hours. These community groups are a big boost to meet the number of volunteers needed every Sunday to keep this meal program functioning.

In addition to the volunteers who work Sunday afternoons at Bread & Jam, there are also Sunday morning volunteer opportunities that we need church members to volunteer for. The Sunday School children pack the bag lunches every Sunday morning at 10am. A volunteer is needed every Sunday to make and bag 50+ peanut butter sandwiches that go into the bag lunch. This task takes about 45 minutes and can be done before or after church. Also a volunteer is needed every Sunday to set the tables. We are grateful to Wendy Boedecker, who set the tables and Debbie Bernal, who packed the bag lunches nearly every Sunday throughout the summer.

These volunteer opportunities are listed on the clipboard kept at the back of the church. Please find the clipboard and sign up to help with these tasks that are essential to the success of this program.

	Meals Served	Bag Lunches Served
August 6	65	
August 13	46	45
August 20	54	52
August 27	58	

Guests Served August 2017

	Meals Served	Bag Lunches Served
September 3	60	
September 10	54	
September 17	52	
September 24	66	58

Guests Served September 2017

Sign up on the events wall or use the QR code.



You can also sign up on [our volunteer website](#) or by talking to Jan Kosanke on Sunday mornings, or by emailing her at [breadandjam@bayviewumc.org](mailto:breadandjam@bayviewumc.org). Bread & Jam volunteers can choose from a variety of shifts between 1pm and 5:30pm on Sunday afternoons.

## Rainbow Covenant: A commitment to serving others near and far

Have you seen our rainbow bulletin board? The Mission Team at BVUMC is proud to share that our congregation is on track to be recognized again as a Rainbow Covenant congregation. This is a serious commitment with depth and breadth. It involves 8 areas of commitment, each symbolized by one color of the rainbow. We support Local ministries such as our own Bread and Jam, International groups such as the St John's (formerly Stains) Children's Home in India. Mission Team member Ann Pier will be participating in a Volunteer In Mission Trip to Detroit this October.

## Christmas Already!?

Our upcoming project supports families at a national level. This year we will be collecting gifts for children and families in Mingo County, West Virginia. This area of our country has a very high level of unemployment and poverty. Please watch for our "Giving Tree" hung with Christmas wishes. We will be asking you to shop early so we can get everything mailed in time. Gifts should not be wrapped but may include a gift bag. Monetary donations to help with postage are welcomed. More information will be coming soon. To get involved in this project contact Katy Meyer.

## Grief Share



Help and encouragement after the death of a loved one

Grief Share is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. Groups are always led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help you through the difficult days ahead. We know it hurts, and we want to help.

Sundays 2:00pm - 3:30pm In the Church Library Led by: Allan Eckoldt; No Registration Fee; \$20 materials Contact Allan at (414) 628 – 4671 or by email at : [griefshare@bayviewumc.org](mailto:griefshare@bayviewumc.org)

## Are you Creative? Do you Like to Laugh and Sing?

We host our Memory Café at 1pm on the third Monday of every month and a number of us take turns with planning the program: bringing treats, etc. We could really use one or two more volunteers to round out our team. This is not something you have to do each month. Ideally, if we have enough volunteers, every other month or maybe even every third month would be the plan.

Each café includes a theme (this past month was around the solar eclipse), some singing, some treats, some games and maybe an art project. If you think this is something you could give some time to please see Pastor Kelly.

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Loving Start Preschool is off to a good start with lots of fun activities. We have many new students as well as returning families. We have 5 students who are just starting to learn English.

## LOVING START PRESCHOOL



We had an all school picnic at South Shore Park welcoming 33 families! We participated in Bay View Bash with a table of magna-tiles.

We look forward to October and more fun activities, including a field trip to Outpost Foods, Picture Day and Vision Screening.

Miss Martha, Miss Debbie, Miss Mary, Miss Karen



### October Birthdays

**October 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Kathleen Kronenberg

**October 5<sup>th</sup>**

Shirley Mae Zeller

**October 6<sup>th</sup>**

Brenda Comp

**October 7<sup>th</sup>**

Dave Haefner  
Kate Krempel

**October 9<sup>th</sup>**

Marianna Bernel  
Robin Collins

**October 11<sup>th</sup>**

Sally Warkaske

**October 14<sup>th</sup>**

Kelly Heipel

**October 15<sup>th</sup>**

Gregory Decker  
Louise Feiertag

**October 19<sup>th</sup>**

Angela Jackson  
John Stroleny

**October 21<sup>st</sup>**

Eleanor Decker  
Harlan Tranmal

**October 24<sup>th</sup>**

Carol Ann Kucharski

**October 28<sup>th</sup>**

Scott Elliott  
Hertha Kornkven

**October 30<sup>th</sup>**

Tom Lelivelt

**October 31<sup>st</sup>**

Kim Elliott

# October 2017

**KEY:** AA: Alcoholics Anonymous  
 ALB: Accountable Leadership Board  
 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
<b>1</b> 8:15am Worship 9:15am FSF 9:30am Children's Chime Choir 10am Sunday School 10:45am Worship 2pm Grief Share 3pm Bread & Jam 7pm AA Mtg	<b>2</b> 8:45am LSP 7pm District 28 AA 7pm AA Mtg	<b>3</b> 8:45am LSP 10am AA Mtg 5:30pm AA Mtg 6:30pm Praise Band	<b>4</b> 8:45am LSP 10am Bible Study 6pm CPR Training 6:30pm Faith Singers	<b>5</b> 8:45am LSP 7pm WBC 7pm AA Mtg	<b>6</b> 8:45am LSP 7pm NA Mtg	<b>7</b> 10:30am AA Mtg
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# Supporting Community Partners

## Bay View Community Center Coin Jar

The numbers are in! In August and September we raised \$226.47 with our spare change to support the Bay View Community Center Food Pantry. Folks, that money buys a lot of groceries for needy families in our neighborhood. Thank you all who were able to give.



## Mittens & More Fundraiser for MPTV

Please drop off new mittens, scarves, hats, or gloves for women, men, and children of all age groups, including infants. These can be newly purchased or handmade, but they must be new.

## Hosting DI potlucks in October

This is a wonderful, short commitment of service that truly blesses folks out in the community who need food and fellowship. Food is provided – we just open the doors, make the coffee and make the space welcoming for the guests (usually 20 or so). The first 2 Fridays are filled, thank you! October 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> are still available!

2017 August 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	\$16,611	\$17,804	(\$1,193)	\$119,626	\$142,432	(\$22,806)
Apportionment	\$1,609	\$2,482	(\$873)	\$17,420	\$19,856	(\$2,436)
Totals	\$18,220	\$20,286	(\$2,066)	\$137,047	\$162,288	(\$25,241)
2017 September 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	\$11,531	\$17,804	(\$6,273)	\$131,157	\$160,236	(\$29,079)
Apportionment	\$1,552	\$2,482	(\$930)	\$18,972	\$22,338	(\$3,366)
Totals	\$13,083	\$20,286	(\$7,203)	\$150,130	\$182,574	(\$32,444)

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

## WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAYS:

8:15am Worship  
10:45am Worship



*Please Recycle*

## OFFICE HOURS:

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