



BAY VIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CONNECTION Newsletter

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Belonging

- a Lenten Reflection on Membership and Life in Community

Why do you belong? How do you belong?

I am reading a fascinating book by Simon Sinek called, *Start with Why*. I am discovering that people, including me, need to belong! Our need to belong is biological: it helps us to feel safe and connected and we often actually crave it!

Simon says belonging is something you ‘feel in your gut’ and that gut feeling isn’t in your stomach! Decisions that “feel right” come from the limbic part of the brain (the part that focuses on the why and how – the place where no words are processed at all); rather than the neocortex which focuses on the ‘what’ with lots of wordy reasoning. I know, this is deep – but it’s fascinating as a way of ‘seeing’ more clearly why and how we make decisions like joining the Church, following a call, or living a life of discipleship. It may better explain why personal stories inspire the preaching and how the invitation we unconditionally extend moves people to feel like they are special, that they are not alone and that here at Bay View UMC everyone belongs!

As a bit of an introvert I am interested in the ‘how’ of belonging.
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“Give a Little Bit”

I know I’m dating myself again but maybe one or two of you will recognize that title as one of the rock group Supertramp’s hits from way back in 1977. So why is this song suddenly running through my head? Well, I’m glad you asked!

I just finished submitting our Rainbow Covenant Report to Annual Conference detailing our 2016 missional giving and when I totaled up all the ways and all the organizations we supported this past year... well, I just had to share the details and also say to each of you,

“Well Done!”

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Belonging...

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Professionally, I struggle with the proper motivation to join a group or attend a meeting that I am not leading. And, personally, I am challenging myself to 'see' and act more clearly from my gut than my head as a means of living more fully and, I believe, more faithfully.

What a wonderful journey for this Lenten Season! To learn something new that can breathe new life into life!

Lent is the time we use to practice the 'how' – the values and principles that guide us - to once again say, "Yes!" to God's invitation to 'belong' to God's family – eternally - come Easter Sunday morning! Lent is a time to connect more deeply with these guiding principles and to hold oneself/community accountable to their practice.

The season is not yet over friends, and I invite you to revisit your 'why' for belonging to God's family as we journey together the 'how' that enhances our ability as a community to use ALL of our natural strengths to grow God's kin-dom here on Earth as it is in heaven. Each day we ready ourselves to celebrate this decision to belong: your limbic response ("gut feeling") to that unconditional, grace-filled love of God that you experience, with skin on, not from words preached or even rational thinking but through the faith life of the community here at Bay View UMC.

Peace be with each of you.

Pastor Kelly

P.S. Dr. Seuss' book: 'Sneetches' is a simple metaphor for the need to belong!



Holy Week Services



Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 9th
8:15am & 10:45am
In the Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 13th
7pm
In the Sanctuary

Good Friday

Friday, April 14th
2pm
Ecumenical Procession
Starting @ Tippecanoe
Presbyterian, to Worship
Service at Christ Church UCC
@ 3pm

7pm
Tenebrae Service
In the Sanctuary

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 16th
6am Sunrise
@ Muriel & Jan's House
9am
In the Sanctuary
10:45am
In the Sanctuary

Give a Little...

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Our giving begins with our apportionments to the greater church. Several years ago we decided we would pay these in full as a sign not only of our commitment to The United Methodist Church but also in gratitude for who we are as a local congregation. In 2016 our apportionments were \$29,304 and I am happy to tell you that once again we paid them in full. Not only that, we paid our \$110 Southeast District apportionment.

But our giving went way beyond simply paying our apportionments. Thanks in part to our Card Ministry and our annual Cookie Walk we were able to support a wide variety of local and international organizations. In 2016 we gifted the following;

South Shore Regional Interfaith, The Southeast Covenant Association (they brought us the interfaith picnic last September), The Bay View Community Center as well as its Food Pantry, The Divine Intervention Overnight Shelter program housed at Tippecanoe Presbyterian Church; The Arts & Science Literacy Camp (their children sang at our Cookie Walk), Northcott Neighborhood House, United Methodist Children's Services, Lake Lucerne Camp & Retreat Center, The Imagine No Malaria campaign, Heifer Project International (our children led us on this one!), The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). We also renewed our commitment to The Stains Memorial Children's Home in India. Finally, we took sixty school kits to Annual Conference as part of their In-Gathering and raised money for three special Sundays; One Great hour of Sharing, Peace with Justice Sunday and Native-American Ministries Sunday. We also gifted Zao, Rev. Jonah Holm's new church plant in the Riverwest neighborhood.

All together our missional giving exceeded \$35,000 dollars! How did that happen? First by your commitment to pledge to our apportionments and also your response to all the many giving opportunities that come to us throughout the year. Isn't it amazing what can happen when everyone Gives a Little Bit! Amen!

Pastor Andy



Bread & Jam Report



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 Lunches Served
March 5	72	52
March 12	66	52
March 19	90	52
March 26	82	52

Guests Served March 2017

Good Friday Tenebrae Service – Welcome!

The music ministries team is planning a Tenebrae service for the Good Friday service of worship on April 14, 2017. This service focuses around 6 theatrical monologues on the passion (death) of Jesus. Our intent is to bring a visual expression to the experience and meaning to the events of Holy Week. The voices are the men and women who either knew Jesus and journeyed with him or who were witnesses to his crucifixion. It is a service not to be missed, so make sure you mark your calendar for Friday, April 13 at 7pm.

At the present time, the music team is asking people to participate. If this changes an announcement will be made.

Diane Evans - Music Team Chair

Deep Blue Kids Sunday School Update

Classes are beginning to teach/reinforce the Easter story in preparation for the big Day on April 16 when families will ALL come to the worship celebration together!

UNIT THEME: HOSANNA!

- April 2 Cock-a-doodle-doo!
- April 9 Hosanna!
- April 16 Alleluia!
- April 23 Come to Breakfast!
- April 30 Feed My Sheep!

ROTATION PLAN

CREW w/ Mr. Matt, then Holy Communion w/family
Palm Sunday procession and craft w/ Ms. Anna.
No Sunday School today. HAPPY EASTER!
Special table fellowship time & Sanctuary craft
Mission Project w/ Miss Debbie



Accountable Leadership Board

The new Accountable Leadership Board has been meeting since the start of the year to help guide our church. The members have had numerous great discussions about how we can continue to build and strength our congregation and be disciples.

At the end of each meeting, we take a few minutes to share "Kudos Moments" where we recognize and thank members of the congregation. At our last meeting we thanked Bob Schaefer for all he does to keep our building in working order and John Liebenstein for his dedication to making us stewards of the environment. When you next see those two, please thank them for all they do.

If you ever have a topic you think the ALB Board should consider, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Jason Rae
Accountable Leadership Board Chair

First Sunday Forums

On April 2nd, Rayna Andrews from Feeding America will be with us. Rayna is their Director of Community Engagement and she is coming to tell us all about the many services Feeding America provides. You may not already know: the vast majority of the food we offer through Bread & Jam comes from Feeding America.

We'll wrap up our First Sunday Forum series for the season on May 7th with a very special guest: Former Wisconsin governor and longtime friend of our congregation, Marty Schreiber. He will be with us to talk about his book, *My Two Elaines*. This is his story of his wife Elaine's struggle with Alzheimer's and his own journey as her care-provider. I'm sure you won't want to miss this one!

Grief Share – New Session



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 Gathering Space

Led by: Allan Eckoldt; No Registration Fee; \$20 materials Contact Allan at (414) 628 – 4671 or by email at : griefshare@bayviewumc.org

InGathering School Kits

Last year, we donated sixty relief supply school kits to the Annual Conference In-Gathering. Relief supply kits help provide care for the most vulnerable people during times of crisis. UMCOR collects 6 types of kits for global distribution and cleaning buckets for US distribution after storms, and here at BVUMC, we focus our efforts each year on school kits for children.

After taking inventory of items left over from last year, these are the items needed to send 60 bags this year:

- 141 - notebooks (spiral-bound single-subject narrow-ruled)
- 6 - 12" rulers with metric
- 33 – 24-count boxes Crayola crayons
- 45 – 2.5" pink erasers
- 41 – school scissors Note: must say Blunt tip on packaging
- 56 – individual pencil sharpeners
- 308 - #2 pencils, must be unsharpened and without advertising
- 30 – school bags (see instruction sheet on Mission Board in Gathering Space)
- \$60 - \$1 per bag shipping costs



ALL Church Cleaning/Fixing Day

We welcome you as a congregation to lend a hand in this annual tradition sprucing up our little corner of Bay View. We meet in the church dining room at 9am on Saturday, April 8th. Cleaners and scrub brushes provided. Be sure to wear comfortable clothes that you don't mind getting a little dusty. Sign up on the new Servant Leader & Signup board next to the usher room. Coffee and donuts provided.

Saturday, April 8th - 9am - noon
Dining Room

Hunger Task Force Senior Stockbox Volunteer Team



Saturday, June 10th
9am-noon
MKE Regional Business Park

Volunteers will build and fill boxes of basic needs food for low income senior citizens. This box contains 16-17 items which Hunger Task Force provides to almost 10,000 seniors a month. Sign up to be a part of the Bay View UMC team on the new Servant Leader Board next to the usher room (across the hall from the Prayer Wall).

Please Note: Volunteers will be doing some lifting, up to 30 pounds. You must be able to be on your feet for the activity and bend, stoop and lift.

Feed My Starving Children

Food Packing Event

For several years we had partnered with Whitefish Bay United Methodist Church in this event. With their changeover in clergy last year they did not participate but are picking it up again this year. This is fast-paced, two hour experience which is a lot of fun.



We are set up for Friday, May 12th, 10am - noon. We will leave the church parking lot by 9am. We once again we will be driving to Port Washington to do this. If you are interested, sign up on the new Servant Leader and Signup board next to the usher room. Please indicate whether you are willing to drive. If you plan to drive yourself to this event, the address is: Portal Industries, 1015 Cedar Creek Road, Grafton, WI, 53024. The deadline to sign up is Sunday, April 9th, so don't miss your chance!

If you have any questions about what this entails see Pastor Andy or Pastor Kelly.

Join Us in Welcoming Our Newest Members

We hope you'll take a moment to say hello to our newest members. Some of them have offered a few words on who they are, how they came to BVUMC, and a few of their interests. We're so glad to have them, we are sure you will be as well!



Will Bachar

Will is a singer/songwriter, musician, gardener, farmer, and outdoorsman. He loves to swim, bike, hike, and play guitar.



Jere Piziak



Barb Krebsbach



Christy Smith

Riley and Lauren Garcia

Lauren is a Physical Therapist Assistant at ATI Physical Therapy where she has been helping people achieve a better quality of life for 4 years. She has been married to her wife, Riley, for over 2 years and has been cherishing every moment with their 8 month old daughter, Jayce. Lauren enjoys being a new mom, hiking, volleyball, exploring new craft breweries, and spending time with family and friends as much as possible.



Robin Kappel and Natalie Collins

Natalie is a 17-year resident of the Bay View neighborhood. She works as an Assessment Specialist for Milwaukee Public Schools. Natalie enjoys reading, cooking, brewing beer, traveling, and spending time with her family and friends up north in Waupaca, WI.

Robin is a proud dog mom of 3 loving pooches. As a family, they enjoy camping, hiking, boating, and running. When Robin is not with her 3 dogs she is busy teaching Math and Social Studies to her 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. In her free time Robin enjoys knitting/crocheting, sewing, and doing remodeling projects. She is excited to have become a member at BVUMC!



VS.



Monday, June 26th 6:30pm

Location:

Kapco Park, 12800 N Lake Shore Drive,
Mequon, WI 53097
(Concordia University)

Our annual summer fun-d raiser trip to see the Lakeshore Chinooks will be Monday, June 26th. It's 6:30 game against the Green Bay Bullfrogs! This is always a fun event that you're sure to enjoy. Tickets are \$18 with \$5 coming back to the church. Sign up on the new Servant Leader board in the Gathering Space (next to the usher room).

The May PEP Event: Another Evening with John McGivern

John is best known for his Emmy-award winning work on PBS. His one-man-shows, THE EARLY STORIES OF JOHN MCGIVERN, MIDSUMMER NIGHT MCGIVERN AND JOHN MCGIVERN'S HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS tell the stories of being the third born of six kids in a working-class Catholic Family in the Midwest. John can be seen on every PBS station in the state with his Emmy-Award-Winning MPTV weekly series-AROUND THE CORNER with John McGivern.

His stories are personal and funny and touching and familiar. His themes are based in family and remind us all that as specific as we might believe our experiences are, we all share a universal human experience. John is proud to have been part of WE'RE FUNNY THAT WAY on HBO and OUT THERE II on Comedy Central. He was seen sitting next to Sally Field on POLITICALLY INCORRECT and knighted by Julie Andrews in the hit film THE PRINCESS DIARIES.

All proceeds benefit St. Matthew School

The sign up sheet is on the new Servant Leader board. Please sign up and pay Jan Kosanke for your ticket by April 10th if you want to go with the PEP group. Join us for a fun evening!

When:

Friday, May 5 7:30pm-9pm

Location:

**South Milwaukee Performing Arts Center
901 15th Ave, South Milwaukee
Tickets \$37.00**

Loving Start Preschool Fun-d Raiser

Loving Start Preschool is having their annual Culver's Fun-d Raiser on Monday, May 1st. LSP receives a portion of all sales between 5pm and 7pm. This is a super easy way to help support this wonderful ministry. Save the date! And bring a friend or neighbor and get yourself some delicious frozen custard!



Bay View United Methodist Church

3rd ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

When

Saturday, July 15th, 2017

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

Where

South Hills Country Club

3047 S. 27th St, Franksville, WI 53126

**REGISTER
TODAY!**

Registration Information

4 person teams

Early Bird Registration*

(Thru April 30th)

\$90/person

Registration*

(After April 30th)

\$100/person

Dinner Only

(4:30pm)

\$15/person

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

Registration open now

The Measure You Give Will Be the Measure You Get Back

“...give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put in your lap: for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.” (Luke 6:38)

Your Stewardship Team

2017 March 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	\$20,226	\$17,804	\$2,422	\$47,809	\$53,412	(\$5,603)
Apportionment*	\$4,525	\$2,482	\$2,043	\$8,585	\$7,446	\$1,139
Totals	\$24,751	\$20,286	\$4,465	\$56,394	\$60,858	(\$4,464)

We just went to Classic Slice Pizza for a field trip. It is one of our favorites because we help make the pizza and watch the pizza man throw the dough up to the rafters.

LOVING START PRESCHOOL



In April we will be having an Easter Egg Hunt. Watch out for bunny footprints. We will soon be getting caterpillars will be watching them become butterflies. We will invite our families to join us for Camping Night the end of April.

April is Month of the Young Child and we plan to host the Coffee Hour and share some pictures with you.

Join us at Culver's on May 1st from 5-7pm for our spring fund raiser.

Registration for fall classes has begun. If you know of a family with a child, who will be 3 by Dec 31st, have them call us for a tour.

Miss Martha, Miss Debbie, Miss Mary, Miss Karen

April Birthdays



April 1st

Alexander Berry
Dave Rosing

April 2nd

Lucille Ott

April 4th

Susan Troyer

April 5th

Adam Haile
Aurelia Schultz

April 6th

Riley Garcia

April 7th

Linda Becker
Maxine Lelivelt
Janice Liebenstein
Tim Schultz

April 8th

Ross Jackson

April 9th

Gerald Knepper

April 11th

Katy Meyer

April 12th

William Felber

April 13th

Rebecca Rehorst

April 16th

Sarah Hillmert-Gallitz

April 17th

Elizabeth Torres

April 18th

Marilyn Gray
Richard Kumbier

April 21st

Leo Cigale
Sydney Haile

April 25th

Lucy Meyer

April 27th

John Liebenstein

April 28th

Linda Kreider

April 29th

Kevin Meyer

April 30th

Jeff Kallio

April 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
2 8:15am Worship 9:15am FSF 9:30am Chime Choir 10am Sunday School 10:45am Worship 2pm Grief Share 3pm Bread & Jam 7pm AA Mtg	3 8:45am LSP 6:45pm Adult Study 7pm AA Mtg 7pm District 28 AA	4 8:45am LSP 10am AA Mtg 5:30pm AA Mtg 6:30pm Praise Band	5 8:45am LSP 10am Bible Study 6:30pm Faith Singers	6 8:45am LSP 7pm AA Mtg 7pm WBC	7 8:45am LSP 5pm Suzuki Strings 7pm NA Mtg	1 10:30am AA Mtg 8 9am Cleaning Day 10:30am AA Mtg
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We're on the web:
bayviewumc.org

Where's The Cube?

New Sign Up Location

We have replaced The Cube in the Gathering Space with a new spot for announcements and signups next to the usher room. This bulletin board will make seeing everything that's available more simple. It's located across the hall from the prayer wall before you get to the stairs.

Everything is there, from servant leaders to altar flowers to upcoming events. Check to see what's happening today!

== 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