

BAY VIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CONNECTION Newsletter

OPEN HEARTS. OPEN MINDS. OPEN DOORS.™

God Is At Work!

What a beautiful gift this 12 years of serving as your Pastor has been, for me. We've navigated change, growth, birthed new ideas and a new identity in the community. We've built partnerships, won awards, raised money for ministry and given away lots more to mission locally and globally.

We've baptized and buried, together, many of our faithful ones and we've launched young people into their adult lives with the knowledge that God absolutely and unconditionally loves them and goes with them.

When Elders in our Conference put one of their own on trial for offering to officiate the marriage of two faithful persons, who happened to be same gendered, I put my foot down on the sure ground of this Church community. I asked to belong here, rather than with the group perpetuating the harm, and Leo Cigale, on your behalf, welcomed me. I keep my membership certificate proudly displayed on my desk as a reminder that I am committed to you with my prayers, my presence (when it is appropriate), my gifts (I will continue to fulfill my stewardship pledge and roof contributions for 2019 and beyond) and I will serve, as God calls me now – in a new mission field. I look forward to offering my witness to YOUR generosity of spirit to a new group of people searching for their voice and vision for whom call is calling them to be.

I will be forever grateful for each of you, for welcoming me, for pushing me, for healing me, for including me, for celebrating, laughing and crying with me, for accepting me, no title needed, and most of all for joining me in the ministry we share as Bay View United Methodist Church.

As grateful as I am, I must also say to you how very proud I am of this community. You ask great questions and take great risk for the sake of the gospel. Roots were planted here over 130 years ago, nourished by legacy gifts, committed hearts and wise leaders. When grafted over 50 years ago, two strong, deeply faithful congregations became one community. Your joining of leadership, vision and faith-filled leadership has strengthened the root of faithful witness on this corner of "Kenickenkick and Cla Ment Avenues" to this day!

With talents galore, willingness abounding and ideas ever coming forth,
this ministry is alive because of each of you.

Whether you lead a team, play an instrument, pray at home, cook or give out lunches; whether you count money, give out bulletins, work an event or sit in "your" pew, you contribute to this thriving ministry. When difficulties arise you reach deep to give of your time, your talent and your treasure to ensure this place of faithful witness continues to be available to ALL. You remember the saints who've shown you the way and you pave a beautiful path for future members and friends.

People come here to heal, to recover, to keep recovering and to be fed in body, mind and spirit. Folx come to be seen, to be accepted, to celebrate their joys and to share the burden of their sorrows. Strangers DO become friends here and families, of ALL kinds, are celebrated here. The witness of your faith comes...

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...through everything you do and people know that THIS is a place that is safe, secure and surrounded by the love and grace of God. (and surrounded by the beauty of God's creation through the masterful vision and work of Kitty Schaefer and many others.)

I am confident in the Accountable Leadership Boards enthusiastic affirmation of the Bishop's intent to appoint Rev. Kevin Dembinski as the next pastor of Bay View UMC. Please join me in prayer for Pastor Kevin and the 3 congregations he must leave in a very short time to begin serving here. Your incredible gifts of hospitality will help ALL of us to transition well. With food and drink, with open hearts, open minds and open doors, we will laugh, cry, celebrate and anticipate with joy because YOU claim God-With-You always. God is ever before you and always behind you, surrounding you with mercy and grace enough to move a mountain and grow a seed.

By the power of the Holy Spirit unleashed through each of you as you show up, eager and able to claim the name: Beloved Child of God, the Good News of the love of God, the redemption offered through Jesus and the triune power sustained in you by the Holy Spirit, is evident – God Is At Work!

Thanks be to God! And let it be so for years and years to come.

May the innumerable blessings of God always shine upon each of you.

Peace,
Kelly

Believing Deeply: A Financial Message from Pr. Kelly

Membership in any 'institution' has requirements. The Church asks each of us, "Are you willing to give of your time, talent, treasure, service and witness." and members have answered yes. Some of you have lived out your answer to that question over and over and over through your years of faithful membership. Some comfortable and steady, some confessing they are tired and want/need to scale back. Some of you have more recently said yes and are still 'trying on' roles and adjusting budgets to comply and to live fully into God's calling to you to be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ in this community. And, some of you, as faithful friends, do not make a commitment but rather align without accountability, welcomed equally, giving, as you are able, of your time, talent, treasure, service and witness.

This United Methodist Church has been blessed with visionary, deeply generous givers that seeded this ministry with legacy, memorial gifts for sustainability, for specific ministry area viability and for survival through crisis or unforeseen need.

Good apportionment teaching, grant participation, low pressure annual stewardship campaigns, additional summer fun-draising events to support absentee gaps in giving and exemplary accounting by Gwen Erdman allowed us to celebrate a return to 100% annual apportionment giving and ending each year 'in the black' despite functioning with a deficit budget.

We celebrated the 50th year of United Methodism, and the joining of Trinity Methodist and Bethel Evangelical United Brethren Churches recognizing your unique commitment to the joint venture. You blurred the lines and joined forces to acquire land, create open, gathering space and in the midst of the celebration you launched a capital campaign to raise \$100,000.00 by February of this year for a new roof.

That goal was met and continued giving is lessening the amount of the scheduled and promised payback of the \$370K we are borrowing from our legacy funds, a very innovative and smart decision considering today's

markets. The focus on a need toward it's resolution is wonderful and doing so while continuing to grow the ministry happening underneath the roof is also important.

Weekly giving and the reception of larges gifts or planned bequests is dropping significantly. Factors, circumstances and considerations aside, the weekly ministry is beginning to feel a pinch. Every year that we run a deficit budget, we go on faith that gifts will come, that folks will attend and give or faithfully plan ahead for their time away.

As I make my exit, I implore you to remain vigilant and faithful to gifting ministry equally and above expectation.

As the roof project gets underway soon, I challenge you to give a gift for each new shingle applied. I challenge you to give a gift for each person that enters under our roof. I challenge you to choose an area of ministry (education, mission, justice music, worship, administrative) and ask staff what is needed and offer to meet that need. I commit to continuing my support and to praying for each of you, and for the Trustees who are managing this project, that you would respond faithfully, as members and friends, as Methoducks, to the operational needs alongside, not instead of, our structural need at this time.

I believe deeply that this congregation is able to thrive missionally and financially through this project and into the new opportunities that your new pastor will help open before you. This is an exciting time to bring a new person with you to an event or to worship. Fuel your faith, this summer, with connection here in your church community! I have no doubt that the Holy Spirit will inspire you and guide you and that all will be well.

Upcoming Worship Schedule

Summer worship continues to be blessed with music and special speakers!

Worship outdoors early (8am) to get a jump on the day or enjoy the air conditioned Sanctuary at an earlier time (9:45) also. Times for worship limit fellowship a bit so be sure to greet those around you heartily as you are able!

June 9th:

Summer Hours Begin

8:00 a.m. outside, (weather permitting) Pryor Ave. Knoll

9:45 a.m. inside, main level Sanctuary w/ Summer Bells

Ice Cream Celebration following 9:45am service in the Gathering Space. ALL are welcome!

To contribute to PEP Ice Cream Social: call the office or stop by to sign up to bring a topping

June 16th:

Annual Conference Weekend: Single Service at 9:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary

10:00 a.m. Summer Singers rehearse, ML music room – ALL are welcome

Ril Woolnough is our guest speaker!

June 23rd:

8:00 a.m. outside, Pryor Ave. Knoll

9:45 a.m. inside, main level Sanctuary w/ Praise Band

Celebrating Kelly's ministry and her last Sunday in worship.

Upcoming Worship Schedule (Continued)

June 30th:

8:00 a.m., outside, Pryor Ave. Knoll: 'Faith We Sing' hymn sing

9:45 a.m. inside, main level Sanctuary: UM hymnal/FWS hymnal hymn sing led by Joy Foster Steckler.

July 7th:

8:00 a.m. outside, Pryor Ave. Knoll

9:45 a.m. inside, main level Sanctuary led by the BVUMC Orchestra

Diane Evans, lay speaker and Love Feast celebration.

July 14th:

Welcoming Pastor Kevin Dembinski!

8:00 a.m. outside, Pryor Ave. Knoll

9:45 a.m. inside, main level Sanctuary w/ Summer Bells.

5th Annual Golf Outing

Saturday, July 20th at South Hills Country Club - Check-in at 10:30am

On July 20th, 2019, we once again will meet at the South Hills Country Club: 3047 S 27th St, Franksville, WI 53126. Check in at 10:30am, teeing off at 12:00pm. Registration begins with 4 person teams (forms available in this issue, in the Gathering Space and online). We are also looking for volunteers, and need a group of people to help the morning of the event to set up the auction, work the registration table, sell tickets, take photos, help with hospitality, and general Q & A assistance are all ways that you can help out.

Don't golf? ALL are welcome to arrive at 4:00pm to participate in the silent auction, play "Chuck-A-Duck", have a beverage on the patio, then join the golfers for dinner. Non-golfer ticker price is \$15/person. Hope to see you there!

Main Level Concert Series: Jeremy Hiniker

Friday, August 2nd at 7pm in the ML Sanctuary

Jeremy Hiniker is a classical guitarist and teacher from southern Minnesota. Jeremy recently graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, earning his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in classical guitar performance under Cuban guitar virtuoso, Rene Izquierdo. He will be pursuing his Master of Music degree this fall at the University of Minnesota, as the teaching assistant to Maja Radovanlija. You can find Jeremy performing frequently in churches, yoga studios, and coffee shops across the greater Milwaukee area.

This concert will feature a diverse program with music styles ranging from baroque to contemporary, including Spanish and South American, and will showcase the guitar's eclectic repertoire and intricate beauty. The program will include works by J.S. Bach, Isaac Albeniz, Dale Kavanagh, Jose Luis Merlin, and Heitor Villa-Lobos. Please join us!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

God bless you, Pauline, as you celebrate your 100th Birthday!

With love,

Your Bay View Church Family



A Letter From Our New Pastor: Kevin Dembinski

Greetings Bayview UMC,

Let me introduce myself as your new pastor. I am Rev. Kevin Dembinski and currently am serving First UMC: Marinette, Peshtigo UMC, and Harmony UMC and have just completed my sixth year. I am looking forward to moving south and I am sure it will be quite the adjustment from rural northern Wisconsin to southeast urban/city living. I pray for you and for Rev. Kelly Fowler in this time of transition.



I was ordained an Elder in The United Methodist Church in 2011 and have been serving multi-point charges since 2005 when I became a student pastor. Since the age of nine I had a desire to serve God and the church and today am living the dream; yes, even in the midst of messiness of General Conference. I bring many passions such as preaching, leading worship, teaching, Bible/Book studies, and making every church gathering fun, relaxing, non-judgmental, and renewal for the body and soul.

Lastly, I will be bringing with me my family of pets. They range from all ages. I have three cats and two dogs—Sugar (cat, age 17); Susanna (cat, age 11); Cleo (dog, age 10); Sophie (dog, age 5); Wesley John (cat, age 1). You will soon find out that I love all creation and have a soft spot for animals. However, I believe five is the limit so please hold back in offering me any kittens or puppies! Don't even tempt me with cute pictures.

Just imagine, in just a few weeks we venture together on this new journey. Let us remember John Wesley's last words—"The best of all is God is with us." May it be so.

Blessings,

Pastor Kevin

NOTE: Please be sure to join us for Kevin's inaugural Sunday - July 14th, and welcome him to our Bay View United Methodist Church family!

8:00am - Pryor Ave. Knoll

9:45am - ML Sanctuary



**Bay View United Methodist Church
5th Annual Golf Outing
Team Registration Form**

When: Saturday, July 20th 12:00 p.m. Shotgun Start
Check-in begins at 10:30 a.m.

Please include all contact information.

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

Team Captain Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Team Member Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

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Email: _____

Team Member Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

\$90/golfer

\$15/Non-golfer (arrive after 4:00 p.m. to enjoy a cocktail, games & raffles before dinner!)

Number of Non-golfers: _____

Total Team Cost: \$ _____

Please complete this form and return it with payment to the BVUMC office
2772 S Knickinnic Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53207 (414) 744-4030



Bay View United Methodist Church 5th Annual Golf Outing Hole Sponsorship

Thank you for your sponsorship of a golf hole for Bay View United Methodist Church's fifth annual golf outing on July 20, 2019. We appreciate your involvement in this event.

Your sponsorship of \$50 designates a yard sign to be placed on one hole for the duration of the golf outing. The sign will indicate the name of your establishment with phone number and website, or your business logo if desired. \$75 designates 2 yard signs - one on the back nine and one on the front.

A logo may be placed on the sign at your discretion. If a logo is desired, please email a .pdf, .png, .svg, .ai or .eps image to officeadmin@bayviewumc.org before July 1, 2019.

SPECIAL OFFER: Business sponsors that provide a golf foursome will receive 1 free sign with the price of \$25 for each additional sign.

Total # Hole
Signs

Please keep this portion of this form as your receipt.

Bay View United Methodist Church Golf Outing Hole Sponsorship Form

Please complete this form and return it with payment to BVUMC office by July 1, 2019

Contact Name: _____

Email: _____

Business Name (as it will appear on the sign): _____

Business Phone Number: _____

Number of signs:

Paid:

1 @ \$50 = \$ _____

Yes ___ No ___ (checks made payable to Bay View UMC)

or 2 @ \$75/both = \$ _____

Yes ___ No ___ (checks made payable to Bay View UMC)

Free/No Charge = _____

Bread & Jam

Thank you to all who help and support the Bread & Jam Community Meal Program. We simply cannot run this program without the help of our wonderful volunteers!

There is also a sign up for volunteering on Sunday afternoons from 2:00pm - 5:00pm to help serve meals. We need volunteers **every Sunday**, so please don't hesitate to look for a date where we could use your help! Talk to Jan Kosanke on Sunday morning, or e-mail her at breadandjam@bayviewumc.org.

For more information, please contact Jan Kosanke at breadandjam@bayviewumc.org



	Meals Served	Bag Lunches Served
May 5	55	45
May 12	70	56
May 19	49	35
May 26	70	66



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



2019 May 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	\$12,243	\$17,308	\$5,065	\$69,074	\$86,540	\$17,466
Apportionment	\$1,102	\$2,609	\$1,507	\$5,348	\$13,045	\$7,697
Totals	\$13,345	\$19,917	\$6,572	\$74,422	\$99,585	\$25,163

Loving Start Preschool continues to enroll new students for this fall. If you know of someone with a preschooler please let them know about us. Call 414.744.4036 or email lovingstart@gmail.com for a tour.



Look for us in the July 4th parade! We will be marching to Humboldt Park at 9:00 am. Decorate your strollers and wagons. It's sure to be a fun event!

There will be no summer school due to the roof project. The directors will be planning a few hours a week throughout the summer in order to be better prepared for the new school year.

-Loving Start Preschool

June Birthdays



June 3

Arthur Oseland

June 4

Aiden Evans

Pauline Bruss

Doralin Fortner

June 5

Joe LaPrad

June 10

David Evans

June 13

Todd Oseland

June 14

Phillip Bailey

Richard Boedecker

Ayden Torres

David Ziebell

Pam Ziebell

June 15

Jayce Garcia

June 22

Zachary Garside

June 23

Mary Guardalabene

Jennifer Balfanz

June 24

Mary Kitzman

June 27

Janelle Wagner

June 2019

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
						1 10:30am AA Mtg Women's Freedom
2 8:15am Worship 9:30am Children's Chimes 10:45am Worship w/ Faith Singers 2pm Grief Share 2:30pm Bread & Jam 7pm AA Mtg	3 6:30 District 28 Mtg 7pm AA Mtg	4 10am AA Mtg 5:30pm AA Mtg 6:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal	5 10am Bible Study 6:45pm WBC Rehearsal	6 7pm AA Mtg 7pm Bay View Central	7 7pm NA Mtg	8 10:30am AA Mtg Women's Freedom
9 8am Worship 9:45am Worship w/ Bells, PEP Ice Cream Social after worship 2pm Grief Share 2:30pm Bread & Jam 7pm AA Mtg	10 7pm AA Mtg 7pm LSP Board Mtg	11 10am AA Mtg 5:30pm AA Mtg	12 10am Bible Study 12:30pm Cards Ministry 6:45pm WBC Rehearsal	13 7pm AA Mtg 7pm Bay View Central	14 7pm NA Mtg	15 10:30am AA Mtg Women's Freedom
16 9:45am Worship w/ Summer Singers 2pm Grief Share 2:30pm Bread & Jam 7pm AA Mtg <i>Single Service</i> Father's Day	17 1pm Memory Cafe 6pm ALB Mtg 7pm AA Mtg	18 10am AA Mtg 5:30pm AA Mtg 6:30pm Praise Band	19 10am Bible Study 6:45pm WBC Rehearsal	20 7pm AA Mtg 7pm Bay View Central	21 7pm NA Mtg	22 10:30am AA Mtg Women's Freedom
23 8am Worship 9:45am Worship w/ Praise Band 2pm Grief Share 2:30pm Bread & Jam 7pm AA Mtg	24 7pm AA Mtg	25 10am AA Mtg 5:30pm AA Mtg	26 10am Bible Study 12:30pm Cards Ministry	27 7pm AA Mtg 7pm Bay View Central	28 7pm NA Mtg	29 9am Men's Breakfast (offsite) 10:30am AA Mtg Women's Freedom
30 8am Worship 9:45am Worship w/ Hymn Sing 2pm Grief Share 2:30pm Bread & Jam 7pm AA Mtg						

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June
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We're on the web:
bayviewumc.org

Voice of the Day

from Sojourners Daily Devotionals

"To create is to make something
that has never existed before.
There's nothing more vulnerable
than that.

-Brené Brown

Hope is here. Love is here. Family is here.

WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAYS:

8:00am Worship

9:45am Worship



Please Recycle

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday

9am - 3pm