

BAY VIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# CONNECTION Newsletter

OPEN HEARTS. OPEN MINDS. OPEN DOORS.™

## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Brothers, Sisters, and Siblings in Jesus Christ,

As I write this letter I celebrate the beautiful weather we have been blessed to experience. Yesterday was 50 degrees! Yet guess what? Tomorrow might bring six inches of snow. Will spring ever come again?

Here is hope...the answer is yes, spring will appear again. Praise be to God!

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The month of March brings many blessings. Snow begins to melt, days become warmer, and for me, I celebrate another birthday—this year 36! God is indeed good all the time. In addition, March this year brings with it the season of Lent. Forty days (not including Sundays) we are called to prepare our hearts, souls, and minds on the cross of Christ which brings our salvation.

During this season of Lent, I will be leading a sermon series on “The Signs of Lent”. Over the next six weeks, we will explore the many signs we see on the roadways while driving. This series has been described as the following: “This is a series of 10 worship services for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter based on the concept of road signs and how their messages apply to our life in Christ during the season of Lent: U-Turn, Stop, Merge, Yield, One Way, Dead End, Road Narrows, Food, Cross Road, Road Work Ahead.”

While we are driving, we see so many signs on the road which guide us in our journey. Hopefully we know what each sign might mean to help us along the way. Like driving, our lives can take many directions and even sometimes detours.

As we prepare for Lent, I want us to reflect on the words of scripture used on Ash Wednesday. They come from Joel 2...

*“Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing.”*

This is a season of the Church that invites us to renew our relationship with God, to begin again, and accept the invitation of God's love. While I acknowledge that these words of fasting, weeping, mourning, and rending of hearts might sound complicated and gloomy, we must not forget the great reward that awaits the children of God after a season of these commitments. We find new life, new hope, and resurrection glory in Christ—a God who was willing to take all our brokenness and restore it back into wholeness.

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This is our opportunity to offer to God our whole heart. This is our time to reflect on those areas where we might need some mending and fixing. This is an inward journey of the soul. This is a very important next six weeks because it is renewing. We take this as an opportunity to live deeper into the spiritual disciplines.

What are some things you will add to your spiritual life? While we tend to “give up” things like chocolate, sweets, or Facebook, what if we added things like love, peace, joy, patience, kindness, generosity, extra space for prayer to our lives these next forty days? May we all be blessed through the gift of prayer and being still and knowing that God is indeed God.

Blessings,  
Pastor Kevin

## Upcoming Events

### March 1st

Sunday, 3/1 and 3/8

Loving Start Preschool Fundraiser

Loving Start Preschool is selling Racine Kringles and Anoydyne Coffee & Tea to help with tuition and school supply costs. Look for the sign-up sheet at the Events Board on Sun. 3/1 and Sun. 3/8! Please send payment with your order. Delivery date is Tues. 3/24 from 11am-1pm. Please pick up your orders at that time. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Bernal.

### March 7th

Saturday, 3/7 from 9am - noon

Hunger Task Force: Stockboxes

300 E. College Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53207

A Stockbox is a box of healthy foods that Hunger Task Force delivers to low income seniors free of charge. Help pack Stockboxes on Saturday, March 7th by first signing up at the Events Board.

### March 20th

Friday, 3/20 at 5:30pm

Invisible Lines Movie Showing

ML Sanctuary

What does segregation feel like? Join us for a showing of this new feature-length documentary featuring some of our fellow Milwaukee residents of color who bravely share their experiences.

### April 10th

Friday, 4/10 at 7pm

Good Friday Tenebrae Service

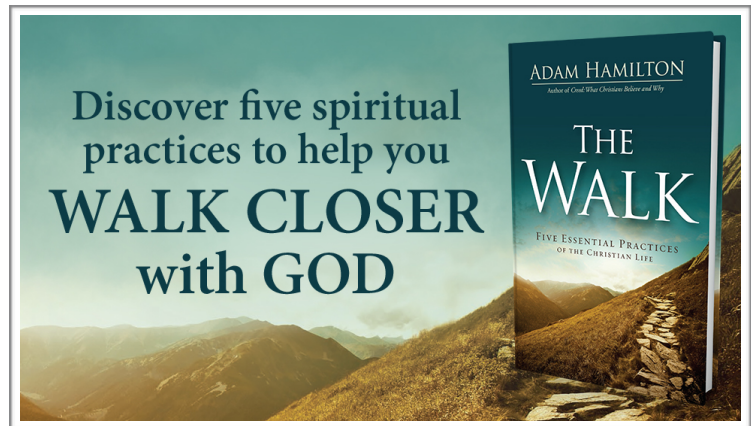
ML Sanctuary

On Good Friday we will be doing a Tenebrae service. This is a service that portrays the end of Jesus' life through prose (word) and song. If you are interested in participating, please contact Diane Evans at church, by phone (781) 424-1504, or by email at [dbevans2@me.com](mailto:dbevans2@me.com). We need 7-9 people.

# Thursday Lent Bible Study

February 27th - April 2nd, 5:00pm - 6:30pm in the ML Gathering Space

Join us every Thursday beginning February 27 through April 2 from 5:30-6:30pm in the ML Gathering Space. Simple Supper will be provided at 5pm for fellowship time. Class will follow. We will be studying Adam Hamilton's "The Walk", which focuses on five essential spiritual practices rooted in Jesus' own walk with God and taught throughout the New Testament. Each of these practices is intended as part of our daily walk with Christ while also being an essential part of growing together in the church.



Class materials are \$10 to help lower church expenses. If interested in attending class and/or providing food for simple supper, please see Pastor Kevin.

## Hunger Task Force: Stockboxes

A Stockbox is a box of healthy foods that Hunger Task Force delivers to low income seniors free of charge. Each box contains 16 nutritious items including rice, cereal, juice, beef stew, pasta and vegetables. They need a group of volunteers on March 7th, 2020 from 9am to noon at 300 E. College Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53207 to help pack Stockboxes. Please contact Diane Evans for information or questions: dbevans2@icloud.com or (781) 424-1504 (text preferred). Sign up at the Events Board!



**Remember to "Spring Forward"  
1 hour on Sunday, March 8th at 2am!**

## Journey to the Cross

Saturday April 11th at 1pm

All families are invited to participate in a one day event, actually an approximate two hour experience of making a journey to the cross on Saturday, April 11th at 1pm. Kids and families who visit Journey to the Cross will travel through five multi-sensory, engaging stations that deliver the message of Easter--Jesus is Alive!--in an unforgettable and personal way. Along the way, they'll experience powerful reminders of Jesus' journey to the cross. Be ready for people of all ages to get to know Jesus in a fresh and unforgettable way. Please invite friends, family, and neighbors to join us at the cross. All are welcome and don't forget--it's all FREE!



**Bay View United Methodist Church**

## **6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GOLF OUTING**

**When**

**Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

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

**Where**

**South Hills Country Club**

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

**Featuring**

**Giveaways • Games (Chuck-a-Duck) • Raffles • Prizes • Great Food**  
**\*No Carry-Ins Allowed\***

### **Registration Information**

4 person teams

\$90/person

### **Non-Golfers**

Games, cocktails,  
raffle, dinner

\$15/person

\*Price includes giveaways,  
green fees, cart, lunch,  
2 drinks, a dinner,  
and lots of fun!

**Information at:**

**Bay View United Methodist Church**

**2772 S Kinnickinnic Ave**

**Milwaukee, WI 53207**

**(414) 744 - 4036**

**or visit our website at**  
**bayviewumc.org**





**Bay View United Methodist Church  
6th Annual Golf Outing  
Team Registration Form**

**When:** Saturday, July 18th 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:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\$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 Kinnickinnic Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53207 (414) 744-4036**





## Bay View United Methodist Church 6th Annual Golf Outing Hole Sponsorship

Thank you for your sponsorship of a golf hole for Bay View United Methodist Church's sixth annual golf outing on July 18, 2020. 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](mailto:officeadmin@bayviewumc.org) before July 1, 2020.

**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.

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### 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, 2020

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 = \_\_\_\_\_

Optional Logo: \_\_\_ Yes, I will email a logo image by July 1, 2020

\_\_\_ No, I will NOT provide a logo for the sign

## "The Higher Up You Go, the Stronger the Timber Grows"

A group of mountain hikers came across an old woodsman with an axe on his shoulder.

"Where are you going?" they asked him.

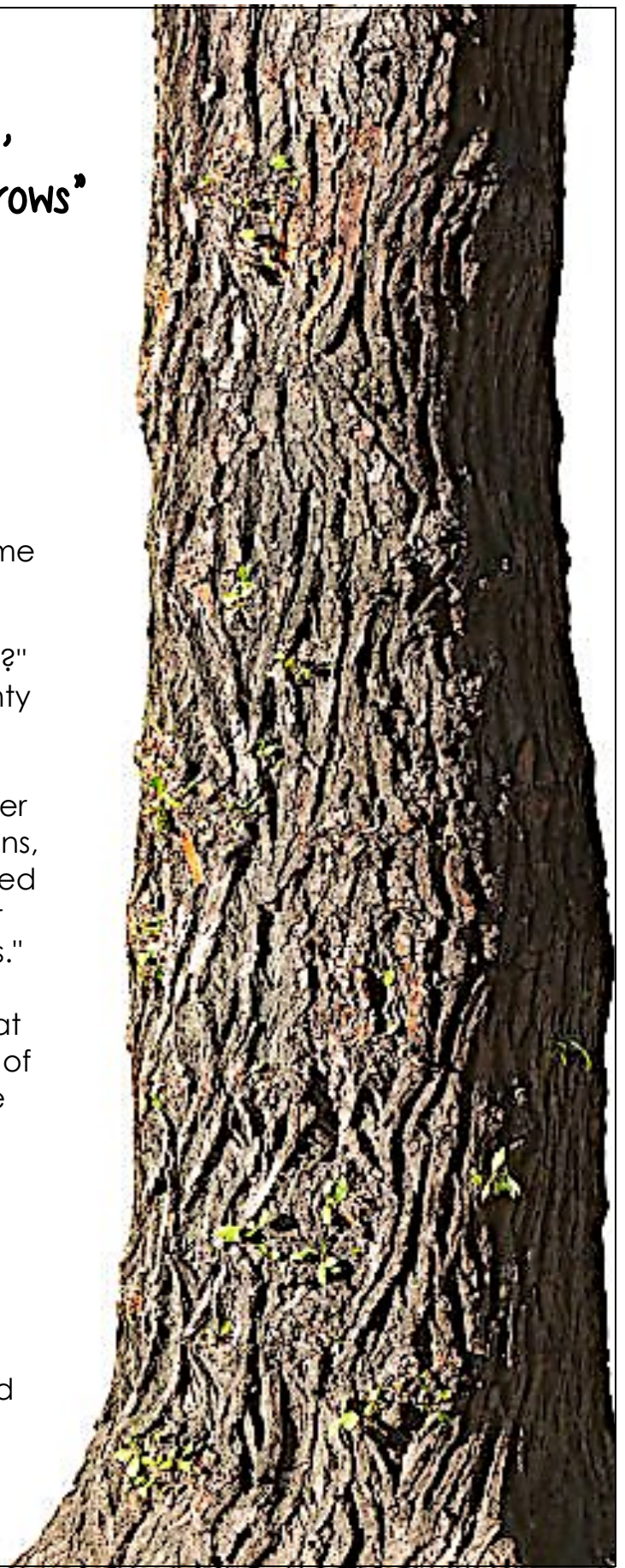
"I'm headed up the mountain to get some wood to repair my cabin."

"But why are you going up the mountain?" they asked incredulously. "There are plenty of trees all around us here."

"I know," he said, "but I need strong timber and it grows only on the highest elevations, where the trees are tested and toughened by the weather around them. The higher up you go, the stronger the timber grows."

And that is what God desires for us — that through the winds of trial and the storms of temptation we may grow strong and live on a higher level — strong to resist the devil's urging, strong to serve God, and strong as we stand together in faith and service to one another.

Take my advice — stay close to each other, worship regularly and often, avoid temptation when it comes your way, and fill your hearts with God's word.

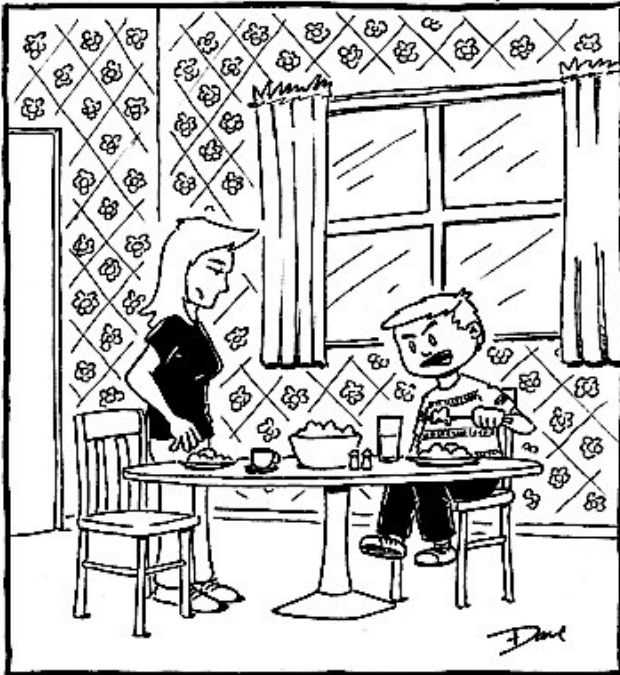




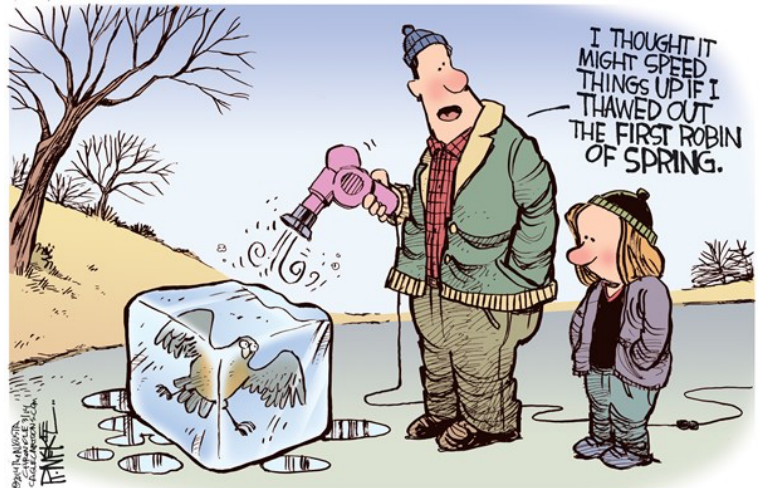
# the Laughing Circle

## FINDING ELIM

By Dave Nelson



I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS,  
BUT I'M PRETTY SURE I  
GAVE IT UP FOR LENT.



I THOUGHT IT  
MIGHT SPEED  
THINGS UP IF I  
THAWED OUT  
THE FIRST ROBIN  
OF SPRING.

Why is it  
so dark  
in here?

Oh, I gave up  
light bulbs for  
Lent - I feel so  
much better...



[www.catholiccartoonblog.blogspot.com](http://www.catholiccartoonblog.blogspot.com)

The Rector responds to concern that Lent is a downer



REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE  
DUST, BUT A VERY HIGH  
QUALITY SORT OF DUST.

Cartoon by Rev. Jay Sidebotham



# 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](mailto:breadandjam@bayviewumc.org).

For more information, please contact Jan Kosanke at [breadandjam@bayviewumc.org](mailto:breadandjam@bayviewumc.org)



<b>February</b>	<b>Meals Served</b>	<b>Bag Lunches Served</b>
2/2	52	50
2/9	49	31
2/16	49	50
2/23	50	50

Sign up on the events board  
or use the QR code below:



As we start the month of March, we are in the middle of our annual LSP fundraiser selling Racine Kringles and Anodyne Coffee. This helps to keep our tuition low. All money and order forms are due March 10th. You will be able to pick up your orders on Tuesday, March 24th, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. or pick them up in the church office. Please see Jan Colson, Muriel Blackwood or Ms. Debbie. We appreciate all of your help and support! Thank You!

## LOVING START PRESCHOOL



Loving Start Preschoolers in the Panda Room have been learning to care for baby dolls, bathing them, changing them and taking them on walks. You may see self-portraits in the hallway as the Butterfly Room learns about what our bodies look like and how to stay healthy. In March we will invite our families to A Night of Adventures as we enjoy Pirates and Fairy Tales. This month we will also look forward to some Leprechaun magic!

Preschool is a wonderful opportunity for your child to learn social skills that are vital to future school success as well as readiness skills they will need. At this time, Loving Start has begun preparing for next fall enrollment. Please talk-up our program with family and friends. We invite you to check us out at our website, [www.lovingstartpreschool.org](http://www.lovingstartpreschool.org) and on our Facebook page. Please feel free to call us at (414) 744-4036 to arrange a tour.

-Ms. Annie, Ms. Debbie, Ms. Mary & Ms. Karen

## March Birthdays

### March 4th

Anthony Bernal

### March 10th

Pr. Kevin Dembinski

### March 11th

Heather Haile

Gina Wrobel

### March 13th

Matt Wold

### March 14th

Steve Meyer

Alexis Wold

### March 15th

Yvonne Smith

### March 16th

Al Eckoldt

Chris Grumley

### March 17th

Kyle Haile

### March 18th

Peg Humphrey

### March 21st

Verlie Mae Tranmal

### March 27th

Bob Baker

Mackenzie Moebius

### March 29th

Adam Garside

Matthew Wagner



# March 2020

**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 8:15am Worship 10am Sunday School 10:45am Worship w/ Faith Singers 2:30pm Bread & Jam 7pm AA Mtg	2 6:30pm District 28 Mtg 7pm AA Mtg	3 10am AA Mtg 5:30pm AA Mtg 5:45pm Music Team Mtg 6:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal	4 10am Bible Study 6:15pm Faith Singers Rehearsal	5 5pm Lent Bible Study 6:45pm WBC Rehearsal 7pm AA Mtg 7pm Bay View Central	6 7pm NA Mtg  <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>	7 10:30am AA Mtg Women's Freedom
8 8:15am Worship 10am Sunday School 10:45am Worship w/ WBC 2:30pm Bread & Jam 7pm AA Mtg  <b>Daylight Savings: Spring Forward!</b>	9 7pm AA Mtg	10 10am AA Mtg 5:30pm AA Mtg 6:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal	11 10am Bible Study 12:30pm Cards Ministry 5pm LSP Family Night 6:15pm Faith Singers Rehearsal	12 5pm Lent Bible Study 6:45pm WBC Rehearsal 7pm AA Mtg 7pm Bay View Central	13 5:30 LSP Spring Concert 7pm NA Mtg  <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>	14 10:30am AA Mtg Women's Freedom
15 8:15am Worship 10am Sunday School 10:45am Worship w/ Faith Singers 2:30pm Bread & Jam 7pm AA Mtg	16 1pm Memory Cafe 7pm AA Mtg	17 10am AA Mtg 5:30pm AA Mtg 6:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal  	18 10am Bible Study 6:15pm Faith Singers Rehearsal	19 5pm Lent Bible Study 6:45pm WBC Rehearsal 7pm AA Mtg 7pm Bay View Central	20 5:30pm Invisible Lines Movie Showing 7pm NA Mtg   <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>	21 10:30am AA Mtg Women's Freedom 4:30pm Women's AA Annual Speakers Meeting
22 8:15am Worship 10am Sunday School 10:45am Worship w/ Praise Band 2:30pm Bread & Jam 7pm AA Mtg	23 6pm ALB Mtg 7pm AA Mtg	24 10am AA Mtg 5:30pm AA Mtg 6:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal	25 10am Bible Study 12:30pm Cards Ministry 6:15pm Faith Singers Rehearsal	26 5pm Lent Bible Study 6:45pm WBC Rehearsal 7pm AA Mtg 7pm Bay View Central	27 7pm NA Mtg  <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>	28 9am Men's Breakfast (offsite) 10:30am AA Mtg Women's Freedom
29 8:15am Worship 10am Sunday School 10:45am Worship w/ Orchestra 2:30pm Bread & Jam 7pm AA Mtg	30 7pm AA Mtg	31 10am AA Mtg 5:30pm AA Mtg 6:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal				



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## **Pastor Kevin Dembinski**

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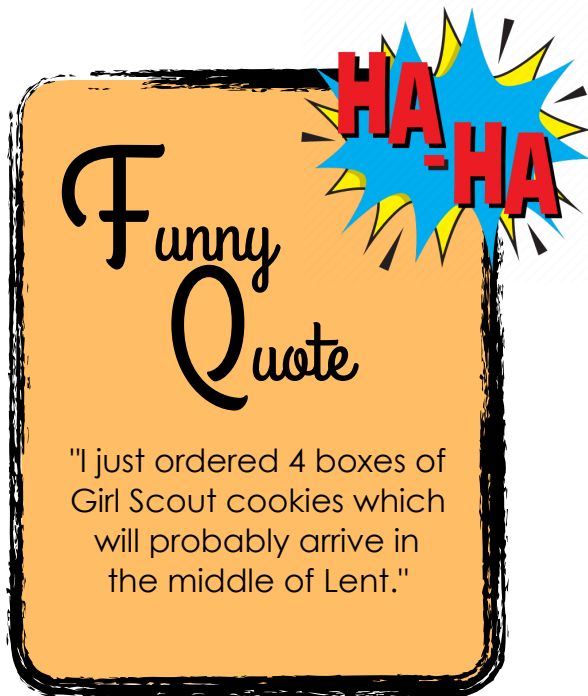
Email: [pastorkevin@bayviewumc.org](mailto:pastorkevin@bayviewumc.org)



*March*

*2020*

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



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

## WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAYS:

8:15am Worship

10:45am Worship



*Please Recycle*

## OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday

9am - 3pm