

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,

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As we begin the month of November, we pause and we remember all those who have gone on before us to the full Kingdom of God. We know this day as "All Saint's Day/Sunday". There is not a year in our lives that we are exempt of some form of loss. Sometimes it is someone in our family, a friend, a classmate, a colleague, or a world-wide figure who is well known. However, loss does not have to be about human relationships. Loss comes in many forms.

This is a year of great loss. What began as a normal year, whatever you want to define as being normal of course, turned quickly into nightmares. We have had the loss of gathering together on Sunday mornings in person as a church community for over eight months. We maybe have lost our daily routine schedule and had to redefine how we do our jobs, how we attend school, no longer socializing over a cup of coffee in the local restaurant. The way we do our grocery shopping has changed. The way we schedule hair appointments, doctor visits, medical care have all changed.

Over the past several weeks, I have read many articles and listened to many interviews given by sociologists, psychiatrists, and social service specialists on how the year 2020 will create a permanent impact on future generations. However, we must not forget our current generations who are living in these days of Covid-19. While there is no way to measure impacts of our current pandemic as of now, you can probably guess that lives are being permanently affected, and not in good ways.

Statistics of this year have shown that the death rate is climbing. First by Covid-19 of course. However, let us not forget those who are affected mentally by being quarantined, those who suffer depression, anxiety, those in need of socialization. Suicide rates have increased by over 65%. Counselors who were overwhelmed before 2020 are only finding themselves so overwhelmed now that they will no longer take new patients, leaving a great shortage of mental care treatment opportunities.

So yes, this is a year of loss, and this is what All Saint's Day is all about. To remember the loss but to also remember that we are not alone in the journey of loss. God is here in our midst. John Wesley, when he was dying said, "The best of all is that God is with us." This is our hope my friends. Even in the middle of turmoil and struggles, God has not left us alone. Take a moment to look out your home window. For me, I see the gentle breeze of fall moving the branches and making my musical chime sing away. While I cannot physically see God, I can feel God and know that God is still guiding me and loving me, even in times of uncertainty. I hope the same is for you, my friends.

I want to close with the words of a great church hymn many of you might recognize...

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*"When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
when sorrows like sea billows roll; whatever my  
lot, thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul."*

End with the words of promise because God is generous in offering us all peace, a peace beyond all understanding. Let these final words be our prayer, our promise, and our present and future.

"It is well....with my soul...it is well, it is well with my soul."

May it be so,  
Pastor Kevin

## Upcoming Events

### Monday-Saturday

Every Monday through Saturday at 10am

Daily Devotional

[www.facebook.com/BVUMC](http://www.facebook.com/BVUMC)

Join Pastor Kevin on Facebook Live

for a daily devotional based on Scripture.

### Wednesdays

Wednesdays at 3pm

Weekly Bible Study on Zoom

Study the weekly lectionary scriptures with us on Zoom!

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83173053327>

### Sundays

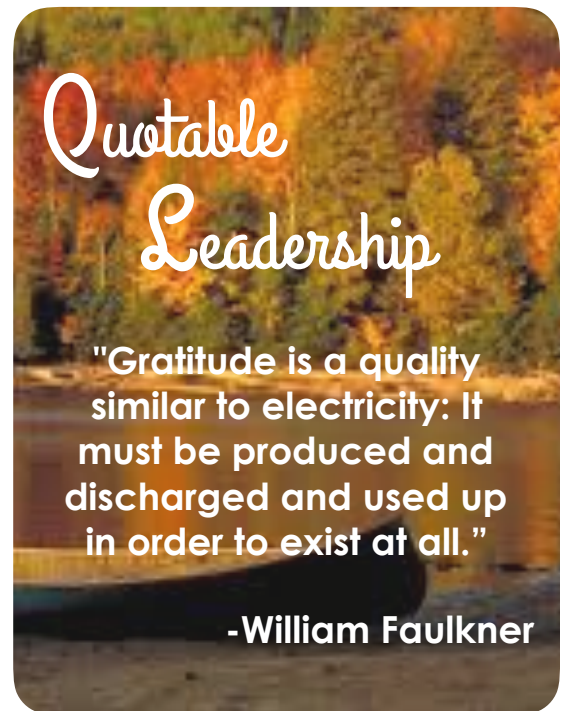
Sundays at 9:45am: Facebook Live Service of Worship

Facebook Live: [www.facebook.com/BVUMC](http://www.facebook.com/BVUMC)

Virtual Coffee Half-Hour will be held AFTER worship at 10:50am

Zoom Coffee Hour Link: <https://bayviewumc.org/wordpress/events/>

Meet us at 9:45am on Facebook Live for our service of worship, then hop over to Zoom after worship for a half an hour of coffee-time fellowship! If you would like to be e-mailed the bulletin and hymns, please e-mail: [officeadmin@bayviewumc.org](mailto:officeadmin@bayviewumc.org) to be added to our weekly email list!



**Reminder: Pledge Cards are Due November 6th!**

# Bread & Jam

During this global pandemic, we have been unable to serve weekly hot meals— but that hasn't stopped our ministry! We are still handing out bagged lunches every Sunday from 2:30pm-3:30pm at the Pryor Avenue Door. We need volunteers to help assemble and pass out bagged lunches.

Please don't hesitate to reach out for a date where we could use your help!

If you would like to help out, we are in need of donations for bagged lunch items, especially jars of creamy peanut butter. We also are accepting donations of juice boxes, applesauce, individually bagged chips/pretzels (snack sized for lunch), and granola bars.

If you are able to donate, please drop your donations at the church during office hours or email [kelly.heipel@bayviewumc.org](mailto:kelly.heipel@bayviewumc.org) to make arrangements.



## “Giving: November”

Jim Wells, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation

*If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill’, and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.*

(James 2:15-17)

How does a disciple set aside his or her life for God? We simplify, in our denomination, the complicated issue of discipleship as the following: your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. It is important to note that discipleship is comprised of actions, not beliefs. You may say all the creeds, but as James (2:19) points out, “Even the demons believe [in God].” Much of our teaching about stewardship has to do with giving financially to support the mission and ministry of the church. That is giving, but what makes it discipleship. Last month I noted that when we are planning an expenditure, John Wesley advises us to ask,

- 1) am I acting as a proprietor or a steward?
- 2) am I following Scripture?
- 3) can I offer this as a sacrifice to God, through Jesus Christ?
- 4) will this action be judged as righteous?

These are the questions of a mature disciple who understands that in the Kingdom of God, actions speak louder than words. Since the disciple knows that everything comes from God (a belief), then every expenditure, even spending for oneself or one's family, should be put to Wesley's tests. That is what sets aside the disciple's expenditures for God. The disciple turns beliefs into action and converts the simple materialism of the economy into spirituality. Spending money may be indistinguishable between disciple and non-disciple, but the disciple's spending helps bring about the Kingdom of God. Reread Wesley's four rules above and you will see that a disciple's expenditure includes prayer, presence, gift, service, and witness.

# Kelly Heipel

Happy November! I hope everyone is staying safe and warm as the cold weather is approaching. Below are some important topics/info to be aware of, and as always, if you ever have any questions, please email me at [Kelly.heipel@bayviewumc.org](mailto:Kelly.heipel@bayviewumc.org).

## Amazon Smile

Send us a Smile! Amazon Smile is a secure website operated by Amazon. By using Amazon Smile you will receive the exact same shopping experience as you did before on Amazon, but Bay View United Methodist will receive 0.5% of all eligible purchases (at no additional cost to you) every time you shop!

### Here's how to shop AmazonSmile:

1. Visit [SMILE.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)
2. Sign in with your usual Amazon.com log in.
3. Using the search bar find Bay View United Methodist Church and hit Select.
4. Bookmark [SMILE.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) or download the app on your phone.
5. Start shopping!
6. Remember each time you are ready to shop Amazon, ensure you are using [SMILE.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)



*Any questions with getting set up? Please contact Kelly Heipel at [Kelly.Heipel@bayviewumc.org](mailto:Kelly.Heipel@bayviewumc.org)*

## Venmo Challenge

We are running a Venmo Challenge! The challenge will run until November 15th and we are asking contributors to donate whatever they can to the church; \$1, \$2, \$10, \$20. Our goal is to hit \$500! There is no charge or fee for using Venmo and every little bit helps! Search for our account through the Venmo App to make your donation: BAY\_VIEW\_UMC



## Church Directory

We are in the process of updating our church family's information for the directory. If you have an update to your phone number, address or email, please send it to me, so that we can have the most accurate information for our new directory. Or, if you aren't sure about what we have on file and want to confirm the info we have, send all of your current information to: [Kelly.heipel@bayviewumc.org](mailto:Kelly.heipel@bayviewumc.org)



Have a safe Thanksgiving and stay well!





*Remember to set  
your clocks back  
1 hour on Sunday,  
November 1st  
at 2:00am for  
Daylight Savings!*

## Thanksgiving Jokes

### **DUH!**

A lady was picking through the frozen turkeys at the grocery store,  
but couldn't find one big enough for her family.  
She asked the stock boy, "Do these turkeys get any bigger?"  
The stock boy answered, "No ma'am, they're dead."

### **Where did the Pilgrims come from?**

Their parents, of course!

### **Which side of the turkey has the most feathers?**

The outside.

### **Why did they let the turkey join the band?**

Because he had the drumsticks.

### **Why didn't the taxidermy turkey want seconds?**

He was already stuffed.

### **Where does Christmas come before Thanksgiving?**

In the dictionary.



# “A Teacher Told Her Students to Draw What They Were Thankful for—This Was One Student’s Moving Response”

Reader's Digest Editors Updated: Oct. 21, 2020

*As this teacher learned, some of the most moving lessons are taught by students.*

When Mrs. Klein told her first graders to draw a picture of something for which they were thankful, she thought how little these children, who lived in a deteriorating neighborhood, actually had to be thankful for. She knew that most of the class would draw pictures of turkeys or of bountifully laden Thanksgiving tables. That was what they believed was expected of them.

What took Mrs. Klein aback was Douglas’s picture. Douglas was so forlorn and likely to be found close in her shadow as they went outside for recess. Douglas’s drawing was simply this: A hand, obviously, but whose hand? The class was captivated by his image. “I think it must be the hand of God that brings us food,” said one student.

“A farmer,” said another, “because they grow the turkeys.”

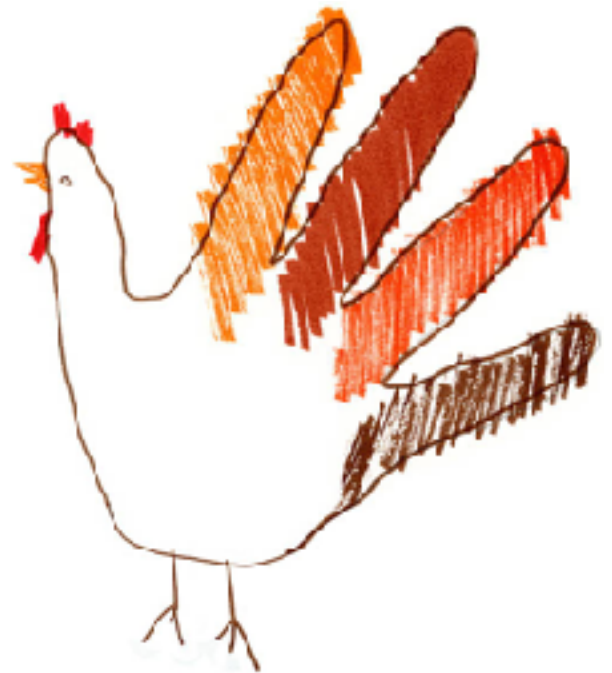
“It looks more like a policeman, and they protect us.” “I think,” said Lavinia, who was always so serious, “that it is supposed to be all the hands that help us, but Douglas could only draw one of them.”

Mrs. Klein had almost forgotten Douglas in her pleasure at finding the class so responsive. When she had the others at work on another project, she bent over his desk and asked whose hand it was.

Douglas mumbled, “It’s yours, Teacher.”

Then Mrs. Klein recalled that she had taken Douglas by the hand from time to time; she often did that with the children. But that it should have meant so much to Douglas ...

Perhaps, she reflected, this was her Thanksgiving, and everybody’s Thanksgiving—not the material things given unto us, but the small ways that we give something to others.



# Mitten, Scarf & Hat Drive

Milwaukee PBS will not be conducting a mitten, hat and scarf drive in 2020. They will be posting on their website drop-off locations where we can donate these winter-weather items. As of today, they haven't posted those sites, but please watch for future instruction for the collection of these winter-weather items.

Diane has heard that many of you have been keeping safe and busy by knitting and crocheting the last 8 months! Keep up the good work, and she will keep you posted with any new information about the drive.



If you don't knit, crochet or sew, purchased items can be given to the drive. If you have any homemade items or items to donate, please contact Diane at: dbevans2@me.com.

# Hunger Task Force: Stockbox

As you might remember we usually pack Stockboxes in the fall for Hunger Task Force. Due to Covid and the chance of spreading the virus, Hunger Task Force is not using any volunteers until at least March 2021.

Please take November 7th off of your calendar, and watch for messages in the spring for our next volunteer opportunity. Stay safe out there, and remember to feed the hungry whenever possible!

Have some extra time to donate? Hunger Task Force is hiring people to do the work that volunteers usually do, so any help you can give to them will be appreciated!



You can donate to Hunger Task Force at: <https://www.hungertaskforce.org/donate/donate-now/>

# Blessing of the Pets

Sunday, November 8th

During service for November 8th, we will be consecrating your Pledge Cards and having in worship a "Blessing of the Pets"! Below is a link where you can upload a short video of your pet, to be included in our service:

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/SdnqXmM4zvLetfPybO46>

We are looking for short videos of our congregants holding or interacting with their pets. We want to see your faces too! Nice and close so it fills the frame (as seen below):



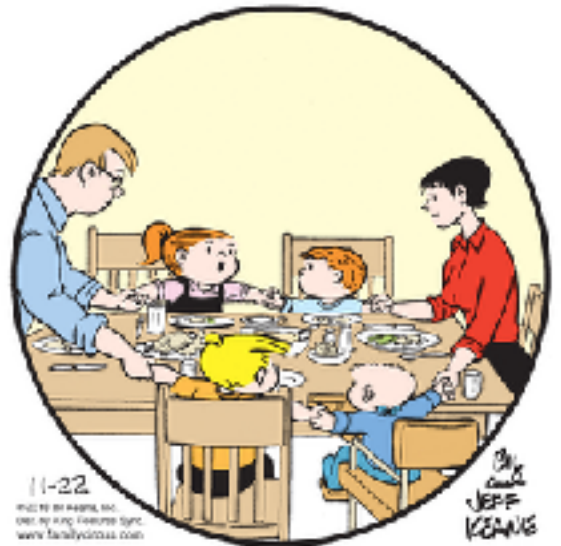
No longer than 15 seconds, and shot horizontally <—> not vertically. No Audio will be included, so no need to worry about that!

# Advent Bible Study

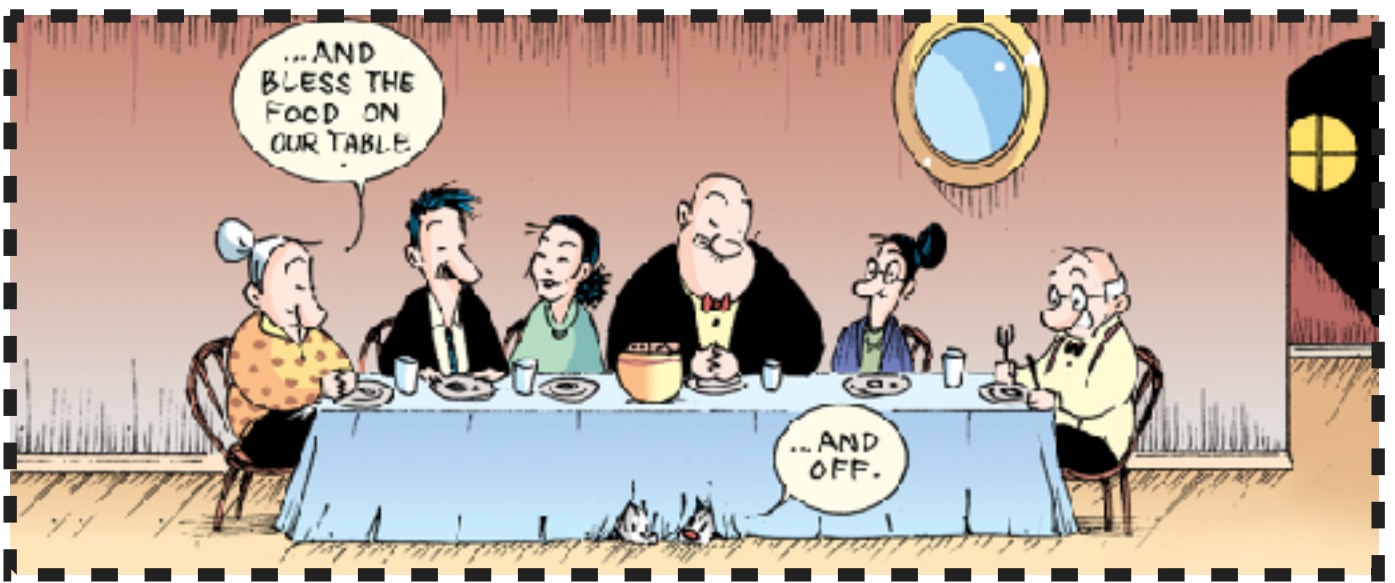
Thursday, December 3rd through Thursday, December 31st at 7pm

Join us beginning Thursday, December 3rd through Thursday, December 31st at 7pm by Zoom for a study that will connect you deeper to the meaning of Jesus' birth. We will be exploring Rev. Adam Hamilton's newest book entitled *Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas*. Over four weeks, we will examine the names of Christ used by the gospel writers, exploring the historical and personal significance of Jesus' birth. This Advent season church families will come together to remember what's important. In the face of uncertainty and conflict, Christians reclaim the Christ Child who brings us together, heals our hearts, and calls us to bring light into the darkness. Now more than ever, we invite you to reflect upon the significance of the Christ-child for our lives and world today! Books are available on Amazon or a local bookstore. To sign up for class or if you need assistance in finding how to locate this book, please contact Pastor Kevin at (920) 255-2402 or at [pastorkevin@bayviewumc.org](mailto:pastorkevin@bayviewumc.org)





"We hafta hold hands while we say grace so nobody gets a head start eating. Right, Mommy?"



For the safety of our children, families and staff, Loving Start Preschool will remain closed for the first semester. We will continue to monitor COVID safety regulations and meet with the preschool board in December. In the meantime, we decided to record ourselves and send out fun videos to our families once a week. These videos contain some of our most popular songs and stories which can be enjoyed by the whole family.

## LOVING START PRESCHOOL



We want to extend our thanks to Bay View United Methodist Church and all our dedicated families for their continued support! We hope everyone stays healthy and safe!

Miss Annie, Miss Karen and Miss Mary

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### **November 3**

Travis Drow

### **November 4**

Katrina Schultz

### **November 6**

Gary Aubry

### **November 10**

Marie Burrows

### **November 11**

Kenneth Becker

### **November 13**

Mark Humphrey

Kelly Fowler

### **November 14**

Stephanie Collins

### **November 16**

Douglas Romfoe

### **November 25**

Patty Thompson

### **November 26**

Mary Lou Rice

### **November 29**

Kelsie Petrie



# November 2020

**KEY:** AA: Alcoholics Anonymous  
 ALB: Accountable Leadership Board  
 FB Live: Facebook Live  
 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 9:45am Worship Service on FB Live 10:50am Coffee Hour on Zoom 2:30pm Bread and Jam Bagged Lunch Ministry  <b>Daylight Savings</b>	2 10am Daily Devotional on FB Live	3 10am Daily Devotional on FB Live  <b>Election Day</b>	4 10am Daily Devotional on FB Live 3pm Bible Study on Zoom	5 10am Daily Devotional on FB Live	6 10am Daily Devotional on FB Live  <b>Pledge Cards Due</b>	7 10am Daily Devotional on FB Live
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[bayviewumc.org](http://bayviewumc.org)



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

WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAYS  
[WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/BVUMC](http://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/BVUMC):

9:45am Worship



*Please Recycle*

OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday,  
Wednesday  
9:30am - 1pm  
Friday  
9:30am - 3pm