

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,

Happy Easter! Are you ready to celebrate new beginnings? Spring is here and it actually almost feels already like summer has arrived as we have hit several high 70's and 80's in temperature. This month I want you to consider new beginnings and signs of resurrection. In the month of March, we as a congregation were invited to read the Gospel of Mark. In this Gospel there were many healings, teachings, traveling to "the other side", and a unique perspective of the resurrection of Jesus.

In the last chapter of Mark's Gospel, in the original ending, we read: "Go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid."

This is not your typical Easter scripture is it? Have you ever been so afraid that you did not go and tell someone what caused your fear? I am sure it happens all the time. We might be embarrassed that we were scared and don't want others to see us as scaredy-cats. We might have witnessed something that could cause further harm if we told someone such as details of an accident. I wonder what was behind the actual fear that day in the garden tomb. Was it disbelief? How about shock? I am guessing that the five stages of grief were in play here and what we are seeing here is denial. Interesting isn't it? Peter denied Jesus as a friend, so what if those at the tomb denied Jesus at resurrected because it might have sounded too good to be true?

However, before we go too far in that direction, while the Gospel of Mark's original ending has the women saying nothing, we know that someone said something. How do we know? Well, because here we are over 2000 years later telling the Good News that Jesus Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! The tomb is empty. The stone is rolled away.

It takes great courage to tell about an empty tomb, even today in the year 2021. You might recall me sharing in my Easter sermon that those who worship on Easter Sunday, an average of 50% believe that the tomb of Jesus is still his tomb today because there was no resurrection! We cannot have the story end with people being afraid to tell the rest of the story. Jesus is alive! The tomb is empty! "Life is worth the living, just because He lives".

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We all know somebody who needs to either hear this Good News for the very first time or someone who needs to be reminded of this Good News once again. Will you be bold in your faith and go proclaim that Jesus Christ is risen today? Will you share why the empty tomb is important to you today? We must not let the story go that the tomb is not empty or the stone has not rolled away. Go proclaim! Celebrate! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

Let the journey continue....

*Pastor Kevin*

## Upcoming Events

### 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!

### First In-Person Worship Service

Sunday, April 25th at 9:45am

2772 S. Kinnickinnic Avenue, ML Sanctuary

Join us for our first in-person worship service of 2021— ALL are welcome!

We have guidelines that we expect all attendees to follow in order to keep everyone safe. Please review those guidelines on page 3.





# First In-Person Worship Service of 2021!

We will begin in-person worship on Sunday, April 25 at 9:45am. All are welcome! Online worship will still be offered through Facebook & YouTube. Masks will be required for in person attendance. At any point due to changing circumstances, the church may decide to return to online worship only. Failure to follow these guidelines might lead to being asked to leave the building. Please review our in-person guidelines:



## HOW TO COME TO CHURCH

**Wear a mask or face covering over nose and mouth. Provide your own tissue & cough drops as needed. Offerings should be placed in the basket at the entrance of the sanctuary. Maintain social distance 6 feet at all times. Refrain from shaking hands and hugging.**



## HOW TO ENTER CHURCH

**Please use Clement/KK entrance and maintain social distance. Check in at registration table. Temperatures will be taken. You will be invited to fill out a connection card. We will use the information as a way to create a tracking system recommended by the Milwaukee Health Department and update your contact information in our church system. Wait for an usher to seat you in the sanctuary. Seating will be from the front of church to the back of the church in marked pews.**

## WHAT TO EXPECT IN WORSHIP

**Prepare for a 45 minute worship service**  
**Bulletins will be in the pews at the marked spots. At this time, we will not be singing hymns, but musical reflection will take place. You may hum along. When Communion is provided the first of the month, pre-packaged elements will be provided. Please follow the ushers directions for both entering and leaving church.**

## POST-WORSHIP / EXITING CHURCH

**There will be no fellowship time for coffee or food. Please exit the building the same way you entered. Maintain social distance. If you need to talk to the pastor, let Pastor Kevin know and he will meet with you in his office.**

## SAFETY / CLEANING PROCEDURES

**The church will be sprayed each week with a Purerox Covid-19 EPA approved disinfectant. Doorknobs will be sanitized. Hand sanitizer will be provided at the front door and also by the entrance of the sanctuary.**



# Bread and Jam Update

Jan Kosanke, Volunteer Coordinator

On March 15, 2020, the Bread and Jam Meal Program served its last meal in the dining room to 44 guests. Before the next Sunday meal, Covid-19 had caused a city-wide shut down of everything; schools, churches, restaurants, etc. We converted the meal program to a bag lunch meal on March 22, 2020 and have continued that format through today. Over the past year we have served 1,149 bag lunch meals.

Many people have made the continuation of the meal program possible. We would like to thank these dedicated members:

**Crew Chiefs** (volunteers who hand out the bag lunches)

Jan Colson  
Muriel Blackwood  
Kitty & Bob Schaefer  
Joanie Stepanski  
Yvonne Smith  
Jan Kosanke  
Kelly Heipel

**Cookie Bakers** (volunteers who baked cookies each week to add a fresh, homemade item to the bagged lunches)

Kitty Schaefer  
Peg Humphrey  
Diane Evans  
Jan Liebenstein  
Hertha Kornkven  
Al Eckoldt  
Laurie Horne  
Debbie Bernal

**Cooks** (volunteers who prepared a special item to hand out with the bag lunches, usually homemade soup but also included casseroles and other treats)

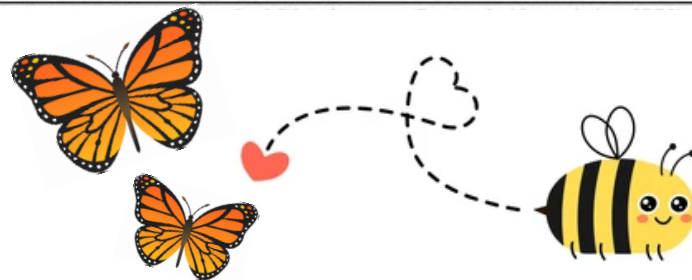
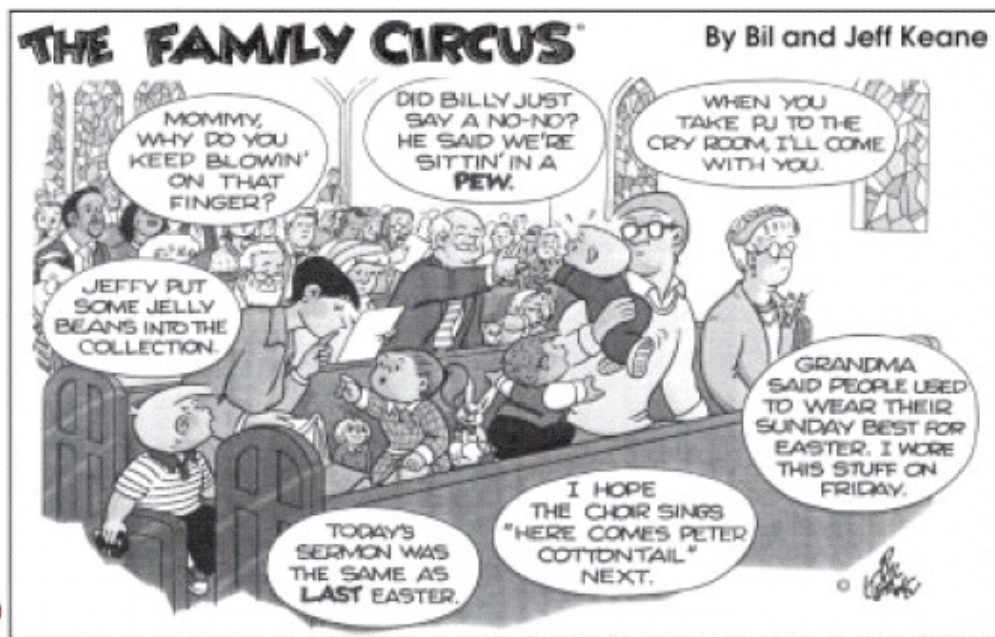
Mary Guardalabene  
Jenni Callison

Kelly Heipel ordered all packaged food supplies needed for the lunches. Jan Colson donated fresh fruit, bread and yogurt weekly. Mark Humphrey donated water bottles. Will Bachar donated many cases of apples.

We plan to continue this ministry as long as needed. Hopefully, one day soon we can return to serving hot meals in the dining room. In the meantime, we will continue serving bag lunches. If you would like to donate to support this ministry, we are always in need of: creamy peanut butter, granola bars, 100% fruit juice boxes or a monetary donation that would be used to buy food. These could be brought to church beginning April 25th or dropped off in the church office during open hours. We appreciate your support!









We are excited here at Loving Start  
Preschool because we are preparing to  
open this fall and have begun accepting  
applications.

## LOVING START PRESCHOOL



Please talk-up our program with family and friends. If you know of  
a family with a child, who will be 3 by December 31st, please have them  
contact us through email at [lovingstart@gmail.com](mailto:lovingstart@gmail.com). Checkout our  
website, [lovingstartpreschool.org](http://lovingstartpreschool.org) to download an application. Also look  
for our virtual tour on the Bay View United Methodist Church's  
Facebook page.

Fondly,

-Ms. Annie, Ms. Karen and Ms. Mary

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### **April 1**

Alexander Berry  
Dave Rosing

### **April 4**

Susan Troyer

### **April 5**

Adam Haile

### **April 7**

Linda Becker  
Maxine Lelivelt  
Jan Liebenstein

### **April 8**

Ross Jackson

### **April 11**

Katy Meyer

### **April 17**

Elizabeth Torres

### **April 18**

Richard Kumbier

### **April 21**

Leo Cigale  
Sydney Haile

### **April 25**

Lucy Meyer

### **April 27**

John Liebenstein

### **April 28**

Linda Kreider

### **April 29**

Kevin Meyer







# April 2021

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 3pm-4:30pm Drive-Thru Communion 5:30pm-6:30pm Drive-Thru Communion 7pm Maundy Thursday FB Live <b>Maundy Thursday</b>	2 7pm Good Friday FB Live  <b>Good Friday</b>	3
4 9:45am Worship Service on FB Live 10:50am Coffee Hour on Zoom 2:30pm Bread & Jam 	5	6	7 3pm Bible Study on Zoom	8	9	10
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18 9:45am Worship Service on FB Live 10:50am Coffee Hour on Zoom 2:30pm Bread and Jam Bagged Lunch Ministry	19	20	21 3pm Bible Study on Zoom	22  <b>Earth Day</b>	23	24
25 9:45am In-Person Worship Service 10:50am Coffee Hour on Zoom 2:30pm Bread & Jam 	26	27	28 3pm Bible Study on Zoom	29	30  <b>Arbor Day</b>	



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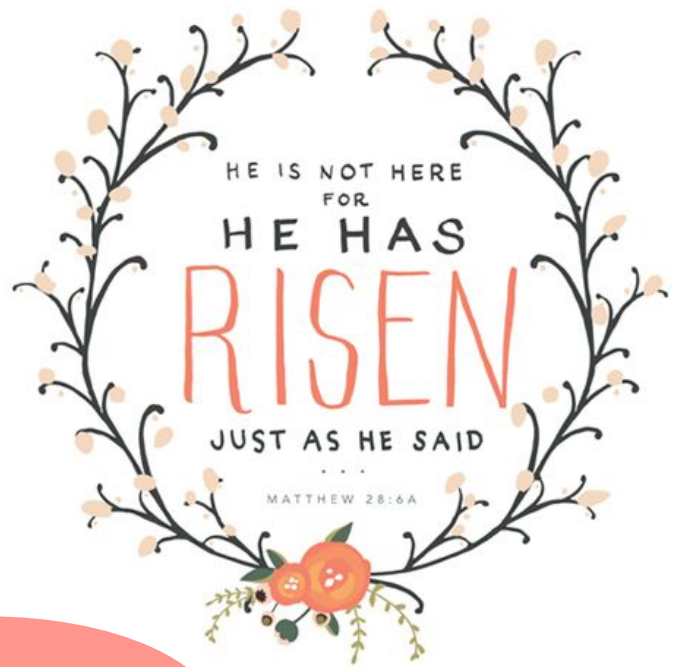
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*April 2021*

We're on the web:  
[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



OFFICE HOURS:

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