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Advent with our Children and Youth

This Advent Season is filled with opportunities for us to see our children and youth celebrating the season.

Children and youth will be our "light bearers" each week as we begin our 10:45am worship by lighting the Advent Wreath. Each week, our meeting place will be the usher room prior to start of 10:45am worship and parents are welcome to assist younger children as needed.

11/28 Senior High Youth
12/05 Junior High Youth
12/12 K5-5th grade Children
12/19 Preschool Children
12/24 Nursery Children
12/26 Students home from college

Celebrate with our younger children on Sunday, December 12th at 10:45 am as they present their "Young Children's Expression of the Season".

Youth join the Faith Singers choir to sing carols for seniors living on the near north side and an early service on Christmas Eve invites all ages to attend and participate in welcoming the Christ Child!

Our Advent theme is candlelight and we will be led in our celebration each week by our children and youth. Our kids, as light bearers, show us the way to the manger by the individual lights they bring forward each week. Their candlelight is symbolic – a reminder of how God's love was born to light the world with peace, hope, love and joy.

This season we are offered the opportunity to reflect that love as we illuminate the story of hope, the promise of peace, the gift of love and the celebration of joy that God is to the world – Emmanuel!

As our children get younger each week the light they carry becomes more simplified, more innocent, more tender and true to the pure light of God's love for us all.

Church! – these children need to see us see them as they bring the light
Church! – you need to fan their flames to encourage their faith to grow

Church! – we need to celebrate each light present in this place as God-sent and God-blessed in this Season and always!

Happy Advent and a Very Merry Christmas!

God's peace to each of you,

Pastor Kelly

Advent Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday Mornings, Bay View UMC

We will start Nov. 28 at 9:30 and continue for the 4 Sundays in Advent. The name of the study is The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly. Herod, the Three Wise Men, Joseph, and the shepherds are the 4 topics. The cost of the book is \$6. We should have books available by Nov. 21.

Tuesdays, Faith UMC

Pastor Andy will be leading an Advent study at Faith United Methodist Church on Tuesdays beginning November 30th and continuing for six weeks through January 4th. He is offering two different time slots; 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. and 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. If there is enough interest he will do both an afternoon and an evening group.

We will be using "Meeting the Messiah" by Kara Lassen Oliver as our study book. It requires daily Bible reading, reflection and a group discussion. The cost of the book is \$11.00. Pastor Andy would love to see folks from Bay View and Faith come together for this study opportunity so if you are interested please call (744-3927) or e-mail (aoren@wi.rr.com) him and let him know which time slot you prefer.

“So What Kind of People Are We?”

Because I’m not around Bay View on Sunday mornings I’ve been watching our stewardship campaign more or less from a distance although I did get to the celebration luncheon on November 7th. It was there that I heard what is in my opinion, the best recent piece of statistical news about our church which was that there were 23 new pledging units this year. That represents 23 people or families who have caught a glimpse of the vision of our church and the possibilities we can offer to our community. Their actions brought the following story to mind.

I’m sure that some of you are familiar with George Burns and Gracie Allen but if you’re not, please know that they were a beloved comedy team both on stage and in the movies for many years and when Gracie died, George was devastated. They had been married for thirty-eight years at the time of Gracie’s death. Burns was 68 years old and he felt that life without Gracie would hold no meaning. But then he came across something that his wife had written and left among her papers, knowing her husband would not find it until after her death. What she wrote was simply this;

“Dear George, never put a period where God has placed a comma. Love, Gracie”

Now I don’t think we need to be English majors to understand the wisdom of Gracie Allen’s statement. She knew how hard her passing would be for her husband. But she did not want his life to end as well as her own. Her words encouraged him to not only live but to continue his career. As a matter of fact, George Burns lived another 32 years and was probably more popular when he died than at any previous time in his life.

“Never put a period where God has placed a comma.” Those words are so profound that they have been adopted as the official slogan of The United Church of Christ, whose members now refer to themselves as “people of the comma!” What they mean by that is that they believe the last word has not yet been spoken...not about life or death, war or peace, injustice or freedom, exclusion or welcome, hope or despair. They believe that no matter who we are or where we are, no matter what circumstance we find ourselves in...God is still speaking!

I’m guessing those 23 new pledging units also believe that God is still speaking and one place God’s voice it is being heard loud and clear is on the corner of Clement and Kinnickinnic Avenues. Now it’s up to us to take that message into the rest our community. Whom shall I send? Is it I, Lord?

Blessings,
Pastor Andy

Apportionments...What Are They Good For?

As a United Methodist Church we have a connectional giving responsibility called apportionments that are paid to the conference office. The amount of the apportionment each church pays is based on a formula which includes the number of its members and its local expenses.

I am writing to get you acquainted with our apportion-

ment commitment.

When I looked up the definition of apportionment I found sharing. So, by sending money to the conference office, we share in global ministries that change lives, create missions, feed the homeless, and build churches that we alone could not do. Did you know that we shared in the relief efforts after the earth-

quake in Haiti? UMCOR was there, and therefore, so were you. You are also at Northcott Neighborhood House right here in Milwaukee, helping community programs like Head Start and Older Adult programs.

Why am I telling you this now? I am telling you this because, while we have paid our

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STEWARDSHIP

Notes from your Stewardship Team

Our Fall Stewardship Campaign was successful and the following are our up to date numbers for your budget and mortgage debt retirement support for 2011. Here are some statistics from the Team:

- 91 households turned in pledge cards.
- 26 of these households increased their financial commitment above last year's pledge.
- 23 are new pledges!

These 91 pledges, commit to supporting the 2011 operating budget with a total pledge amount of \$143,157.60. Our total projected 2011 budget is 226,920.

Considering income, using past years figures for faithful unpledged giving at approximately \$20,000 and our projected income (from things like building usage and holiday giving) at \$29,400 brings the amount needed for envelope/pledged giving for the 2011 budget to \$192,537.60. This reflects that we are currently under funded for 2011 by \$34,382.40.

Here is some other important news:

Of those 91 received:

- 54 households also made financial commitments toward the mortgage debt retirement.

These 54 pledges total \$ 34,926.00. Divided by 12, this comes to \$2910.50 and the good news is: that's enough to cover our current monthly payment of \$2421. John's challenge was to take a year off the life of the loan; saving us \$5000 in interest. We are really close and it is still within our reach @ \$2930!

So, where do we stand?

First, we stand in awe of the God who loves us and has heard our prayers and has begun, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to move through our community prompting new and increased commitments, and generous hearts.

Second, our building debt will continue to decrease at least by the prescribed amount for 2011 and optimistically with principle reduction bringing overall savings that will enable more ministry funding opportunities sooner.

Third, a fair number of givers have taken a growing step by increasing their level of financial commitment and 23 people have responded by pledging for the first time! That's

Apportionments

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mortgage, our electric bills and our salaries, we have not paid our share of connectional giving this year. You will

be seeing more on this in the upcoming weeks. Please support our shared connectional giving as we talk about Sharing the Light in our community and

beyond in the upcoming Advent Season.

Thanks,

Julie Oren,

Finance Committee Chairperson

Thank You

Many thanks and much appreciation to those who assisted with our 2010 Stewardship Campaign:

First to the congregation that is Bay View United Methodist Church for your prayerful support and participation in the 2010 Stewardship pledge drive.

Rodge Taylor, Stewardship team leader

Linda Becker, financial secretary

John Liebenstein, building mortgage debt presenter

Gwen Erdman, church treasurer

Julie Oren – Finance team leader

Speakers, mailings, meals workers - Jeremy Nafziger, Rodge, John Liebenstein, Linda Becker, Jeanne Schultz, Peg Greenberg, Sue Davey, Julie Oren, Mary Lou Rice, Wendy Boedecker, Sally Warkaske, Muriel Blackwood, Jan Colson, Jan Liebenstein, Sue Krieder, Brenda Gebhardt, Debbie Baldwin the usher team, The Hoosier Millionaires and the Outpost students.

Membership data base- Pastor Andy and Erin McReynolds, Lay Leadership team time/talent stewardship calls, - Muriel Blackwood, Sara Lewin and Judie Liebenstein

a lot of growth, people!

We are not yet at our hoped-for budget goal, but more cards come with each day's mail and with continued optimism and prayer, I believe we will begin 2011 with a fully funded budget.

Bay View United Methodists are a giving bunch. You give of your time and your talent day in and day out through the work and ministry we share together. You come forward when the call goes out for a special request and you never hesitate to offer yourselves when you perceive a true need.

The Stewardship and Finance team has worked diligently toward a need based, yet faith based budget request for 2011. There are no frills, no undesignated expenditures and very few unknowns with most of those coming under Trustees building expenses.

We feel confident that what is being asked for is reflective of our true need for ministry in God's name for the coming year, and we feel confident that this community will continue to grow – one more giver, one dollar closer, one more heart changed by the love and grace of God through the ministry we share and offer to others.

FELLOWSHIP

Music Ministry Notes

The holiday season gives us greater opportunity to spread God's word through music. The Faith Singers get it all started as they lead a hymn sing during the Hanging of the Greens on November 28th at noon in the Gathering Space.

Then on December 5th in conjunction with the Cookie Walk, BVUMC will host the Bay View Holiday Community Concert at 2:00 pm. The concert, sponsored by the Bay View Neighborhood Association and the Bay View Business District will feature the Faith Singers, the Wesleyan Bells, an instrumental group led by Gary Aubry, and Becky Rehorst on the organ. In addition, the choirs from Bay View High School and Immaculate Conception will perform.

The Wesleyan Bells will once again hold a concert at Claire Heights on Thursday, December 9th at 7:00 pm. Claire Heights is a senior housing facility located at 717 West Holt Avenue. On Sunday afternoon December 19th at 3:30, the Faith Singers will perform for the residents at East Castle Place a continuing care retirement community located at 2505 East Bradford Avenue just north of St Mary's Hospital.

Then "come home for the holidays" as we celebrate the reason for the season in worship on Christmas Eve. There will be a family friendly worship at 4:30 pm. At 10:15 pm, a brass ensemble will serenade family and friends as they enter the Church at the front entrance and caroling will take place in the Gathering Space. The celebration of the birth of the Christ Child continues at the worshipful candlelight and carols service which begins at 10:45 pm.

And we're not done yet! Christmas Sunday, December 26th the service will be led by the Praise Band – the music starts at 10:45 am.

We hope you will join our Music Ministry as we celebrate the season!

Loving Start Preschool News

Did you smell the scents and hear the voices of a Thanksgiving Feast coming from the preschool? We had a delicious feast of chicken nuggets, corn chips, fruit, carrots, and muffins to celebrate Thanksgiving.

Have you seen reindeer, Santas, elves, Marys and Josephs running around in the basement? We have been focusing on giving with our students and bought toys, clothes, and grocery gift cards for three families from The Giving Tree. We're sure you've heard the sweet sounds of children's voices as we prepare for our Christmas Family Sing-a-Long.

You are invited to join us on December 20th at 7pm in the Sanctuary to sing festive songs while you watch our preschoolers perform on the screen. After the Sing-a-Long, there will be refreshments in the Dining Room.

We all, at Loving Start Preschool, wish you a Blessed Christmas and a Healthy New Year!

-Miss Martha, Miss Francine, Miss Joan, Miss Dawn



Cookies!!!!

The fourth annual Cookie Walk will be Sunday December 5th from 9am to 4pm. Sign up sheets are now posted in the gathering space for people willing to bake or set up and clean up.

Bakers need to contribute a double batch (9-10 dozen) of Christmassy cookies (Less than a double batch would also be appreciated), in order to fill the tables with delectable treats! We are also looking for items such as candy, nuts, Christmas breads, ethnic cookies, and other items for the specialty table. Please name the kinds of cookies and/or specialty items that you will be contributing, this will help a great deal.

We also need people to setup, clean up and sit at tables. We need helpers Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Monday. If you sign up to sit at a table, you may choose from two different shifts.



Get in the Holiday Mood!

Come see the Ft. Lauderdale Christmas Pageant video, on Friday December 6th at 6pm. Food will be provided. Sign up on the Cube. If you have any questions, ask Al Eckoldt.

UW-Madison Marching Band

The University of Wisconsin-Madison Varsity Marching Band will be returning to Oak Creek High School, 340 E. Puetz Rd. on Sunday, February 13, 2011.

The 200+ member band will perform a two hour show that includes music from the sports season, 60 years of jazz, pop and rock tunes and, of course, the famous 5th Quarter. Singing, dancing and audience participation is required.

All seats are general admission and tickets cost \$10 each. Doors open at 2pm and the show begins at 3pm. Tickets are available from Dorothy Cigale; see her at church or call 481-1194 to reserve your ticket.

This is a popular show and is usually a sell-out; don't hesitate!

Poinsettias



It's time to order poinsettias. Please help to beautify our church for the Christmas week. Custom Grown Greenhouse is offering these colors-Red, White, Pink, Jingle Bells (red with white speckles), Monet (shades of rose), Burgundy, Ice Punch (rose with white streaks). The 6 1/2" pot size is \$9.75. Orders are due by Nov. 30. Look on the back page or in the bulletin for an order form, and return it to the church with your money; please indicate the type and number of poinsettias you want.

Blue Christmas

For all of you who have lost loved ones or will be blue during the holidays, join us for a time of sharing. Watch for details in the green sheet. If you have any questions, ask Al Eckoldt.

Poinsettias for Christmas week

Order due November 30.

\$9.75 per plant, please include your money with your order.

	Number of plants	\$9.75 per plant
Red	_____	_____
White	_____	_____
Pink	_____	_____
Jingle Bells*	_____	_____
Monet**	_____	_____
Burgundy	_____	_____
Ice Punch***	_____	_____
Total plants	_____	Total Price _____
Plant	in honor of: _____	

in memory of: _____

*Jingle Bells - red with white speckles

**Monet - shades of rose

***Ice Punch - rose with white streaks

December Birthdays



2- Wendy Boedecker
 3- Kim Payne
 3- Kim VanDervort
 6- Linda Balfanz
 8- Magdelana Bernal
 9- Jarod Felber
 11- Jose Bernal
 14- Dorothy Bauman
 14- Doris Koss
 18- Maya Elliott
 18- Paul Warkaske
 19- Elizabeth Comp
 22- Arnold Balfanz

22- Jacqueline Felber
 22- Maynard Pribek
 22- Rodge Taylor
 24- Kirsten Decker

26- Ron Grennier
 30- Angel Davis
 31- Marlyn Schroeder

Stewardship Report

Offerings for October:	\$13,110.39
Offerings needed each month:	\$18,146.58
Total received (January—October):	\$132,368.93
Total Needed (January—October):	\$181,465.80

Year to date deficit: - \$ 49,096.87

Please give generously.



OTHER NEWS



Work on the Windows

We are renovating our much neglected sanctuary windows .
 Preservation of these windows is important to our church.



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Key:

SPR = Staff Parish Relations
 SECA = South East Clergy Association
 Oasis = Mid-week meal & fellowship
 Outpost = Outpost Alternative High School
 Open Door = Open Door Free Clinic @ Unity Lutheran
 Key. AA = Keystone AA Group

The BVUMC Calendar is available ONLINE!

www.bayviewumc.org/BVUMC/Calendar.html

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 Hanging the Greens 8:15 am Worship 9:15 am Sunday School Coffee Hour Advent DG 10:45 am Worship 12:00 pm Hanging Greens 2:00 pm Church Conf. 3:00 pm Bread & Jam 7:00 pm Sun Night AA	29 8:30 am Outpost 8:45 am LSP 6:45 pm Bible Study	30 8:30 am Outpost 8:45 am LSP 9:30 am AA 5:30 pm AA	1 8:30 am Outpost 8:45 am LSP 3:00 pm SECA Mtg. 5:00 pm Open Door 6:00 pm Praise Band 6:15 pm Book Discussion 7:00 pm R&R Bells 7:15 pm Faith Singers	2 8:30 am Outpost 8:45 am LSP 6:45pm Wesleyan Bells 7:00 pm Key. AA	3 8:30 am Outpost 8:45 am LSP 6:00 pm Holiday Movie	4 10:30 Women's Freedom AA
5 8:15 am Worship 9:15 am Sunday School Cookie Walk Advent DG 10:15 am Alleluia Bells 10:45 am Worship 2:00 pm BV Concert 3:00 pm Bread and Jam 7:00 pm Sun Night AA	6 8:30 am Outpost 8:45 am LSP 6:30 pm Bible Study	7 8:30 am Outpost 8:45 am LSP 9:30 am AA 5:30 AA 6:00pm Music Min Mtg 7:00pm SPR	8 8:30 am Outpost 8:45 am LSP 12:30 pm Recycle Card 5:00 pm Open Door 6:00 pm Praise Band 6:15 pm Book Discussion 7:00 pm R&R Bells 7:15 pm Faith Singers	9 8:30 am Outpost 8:45 am LSP 6:45pm Wesleyan Bells 7:00 pm Key. AA	10 8:30 am Outpost 8:45 am LSP	11 10:30 Women's Freedom AA
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Holiday Happenings Snapshot:

- 11/28 Advent begins
Hanging of the Greens, 12pm
- 12/05 Cookie Walk, 9am - 4pm
Bay View Holiday concert, 2pm
- 12/12 Young Children's Expression of the Season in worship, 10:45am
- 12/9 Bells Ringing at Claire Heights, 7pm
- 12/19 Caroling with Faith Singers and UM Youth, 3:30pm
at East Castle Place
- 12/24 Christmas Eve early candlelight, 4:30pm
Christmas Eve candlelight and music, 10:45pm
- 12/26 Services of Christmas worship and praise, 8:15am and 10:45am
in the sanctuary led by the Praise Band.
Coffee hour open house for visiting family and friends, 9:15am
- 1/2 Epiphany worship with Holy Communion at 8:15am and 10:45am

Office Hours

8:00 am — 1:30 pm
Monday - Thursday

8:00 am — 1:00 pm
Friday

**The office will be
closed
December 26**



Thanks for recycling!