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# Connection

JUNE 2010



## “My Sweet Lord, Jesus Loves Me! ... And You Too!”

Yes, this is a statement of belief that I hope all of our children embrace without exception as they complete another year of Sunday School on Sunday, June 6, 2010. And, a statement I pray that all of those graduating will take with them as they continue to live their story.

This was also the title of the latest ‘Rejoice and Ring’ youth bell choir anthem arranged for them by Mark Humphrey and offered in worship on Sunday, May 16, 2010 highlighting, for me, the foundational ministry motivation of this congregation. Our worship brings music that’s relevant and a message that proclaims God’s intention for

an inclusive, open and welcoming place that honors the story of each person’s life. Our ministry and program goals invite newcomers and long time attenders to worship, fellowship, learn, lead and serve in ways that honor each person’s path and their current/hoped for relationship with God. This is a space for comfort and challenge, hope and help shared with the love of Jesus Christ.

Is this your view of our church community? Does your story reflect the gift of giving and receiving through community? Are you looking for a deeper connection to living this statement of belief as a real reflection of your

faith?

I can answer yes! to all three of these questions – and I want to know if you can too.

If you agree that our church and our lives strive to reflect God’s love through our faith-action and our story then add your name (your yes!) to the statement banner: BVumc believes: “My Sweet Lord, Jesus Loves Me! ... And You too!” Don’t get to the building much? Send an email to [officeadmin@bayviewumc.org](mailto:officeadmin@bayviewumc.org) and your name will be added to the banner.

Being free to love is God’s greatest gift to give and to receive – let it be so in this place through all of us, together. Amen. Pastor Kelly

## What is God’s Yearning for Our Congregation?

That was the question those who have just completed the 10-week Way of Discernment class wrestled with in our last session. I think it’s a great question for all of us to consider as we continue to offer ministry in this place. Just what is it that God would have us offer here on the corner of Kinnickinnic and Clement?

We are all proud of our wonderful Bread & Jam program and what it provides for our neighborhood. Likewise, our Loving Start Preschool has been the destination for young families in Bay View for years. We’ve also provided a great opportunity to our

wider community by our continued support of the Bay View High School Outpost program. Those could all be considered some form of “social services.” But what else might we offer to this community?

We’ve been known for many years as a church with a great music program. Our bell choirs and our vocal choirs are second to none. Each of these talented groups contributes to making worship here a powerful and intimate experience. But what else might we offer to this community?

So often we come to church for ourselves, seeking

comfort or renewal or answers to our questions. What if the answer is that we are supposed to come to church for someone else? What if we are supposed to be here because someone else needs us? How does that change “going to church?”

So what is God’s yearning for our congregation? I’d love to know what you think it is. Why not drop me a note, either via e-mail or in my mailbox at church, and maybe together we can explore turning God’s yearnings into our reality.

Blessings,  
Pastor Andy



## CONNECTION

CARD  
RECYCLING!

We depend on you to supply us with your greeting cards for recycling. We're especially in need of holiday cards (Halloween, St. Patrick's Day, etc.). Please put cards in the basket under the table outside of the office. Thank you.

## CONNECTION

## Welcome, new members!

When you see these folks in worship and fellowship, please introduce yourself! They joined our Bay View UMC family on April 25, 2010.

- Linda and Ron Schultz
- Megan Erickson and Matt Brezinski
- Vern Snyder
- Sarah Hillmert-Gudelsky
- Katie Paustian
- George Berka

## Common Ground Update

*Regarding work with the banks on the foreclosure issue:*

- US BANK—On April 7, Common Ground representatives and US bank representatives met. Our three main demands to tear down unfixable houses, fix the salvageable ones, and sell responsibly were laid out and CG offered to develop a plan for the Sherman Park Neighborhood that could be followed in additional neighborhoods. The outcome was very positive and US bank agreed to further discussions in the summer.
- Wells Fargo—There is continued dialogue. They are waiting to see the development plan which is currently being worked out. They have committed to meeting this summer.
- Deutsche Bank—This bank is still unwilling to sit down and meet with CG. CG has requested meetings with the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency and the FDIC to research how CG can get Deutsche Bank to the table to talk. German Consul General Huckman will not commit to a meeting so CG went to him! On Tuesday, May 18, 50+ members bussed to Chicago to put pressure on Huckman and demand a meeting.

In another action, 70+ CG members walked the Sherman Park neighborhood to assess the condition of 300+ homes. We talked to neighbors and gathered information about the state of the area. I surveyed four blocks with another fellow, finding one place with squatters in it and three or four places with renters who had no idea that the home was under a foreclosure action. In a hopeful sign, three or four homes had recently been bought and were being repaired and another two had made arrangements with their lender so the foreclosure was not proceeding. All in all, it was an interesting day and we experienced the neighborhood as very receptive to our efforts.

The next step is development of a detailed action plan for the rehab of houses in this area, incorporating the research that CG has been gathering. This plan will be presented to the three banks this summer and then be replicated throughout the region. Keep CG in your prayers and think about joining in this important work to keep our area's housing stock vital and families in their homes. Ann G. Pier

## Thank you

I want to thank you for all the cards, support, encouragement and especially prayers during this difficult time in my life. The doctors can't tell me that I am cancer-free, but they do say I'm in remission. I'll have to take one day at a time.

Thank you just doesn't seem to be enough after all that has been done for me and my family. All of you have been a blessing from God.

God's peace to all of you!

Thank you,  
Linda Kreider

## Concerned About Global Hunger?

Bread For The World is an organization that describes itself as “a collective Christian voice urging our nation’s decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad.” BFTW has been urging legislators to address the needs of the hungry for 36 years, helping to prove that the world *can* reduce hunger, and that persuading our government to do its part is crucial to this effort.

Bread for the World’s most recent efforts have helped to win an increase of \$1.7 billion in U.S. aid to alleviate hunger and poverty in developing nations and have resulted in the launching of a \$20 billion international initiative to strengthen farming in those same areas.

In the U. S., BFTW continues to press Congress to reauthorize federal child nutrition programs, and has won key changes to the Women, Infants and Children nutrition program. BFTW’s past support for increases in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program has made a big difference in people’s lives during the economic downturn, as has the Hunger Free Communities Act, which provides federal grants for local anti-hunger efforts.

Several of Bay View United Methodist’s members and friends are active supporters of Bread For The World. If you’d like to know more about the organization check out the BFTW website, [WWW.BREAD.ORG](http://WWW.BREAD.ORG) or speak with Dick Truitt.



## Pennies for Schoolbooks

Let’s collect 1 million pennies to purchase schoolbooks for the Methodist orphanage in East Angola as part of the Ingathering 2010! Don’t know where Angola is? Google Angola and you will find a country racked by continual war and poverty. Lack of educational materials and school buildings keeps many children from having a chance to move ahead. **Donate your pennies from now until JUNE 6th in the jars available in the Gathering Space.**

## Changing Lives, 2 by 2



**LAST CALL—Hurry up and clean out your closets!!!**

Over 1 billion pairs of unworn shoes are taking up space in U.S. closets and basements. Some are outdated; some outgrown. But, ALL can make a difference. Please contribute:

**What: Toddler to Adult Size 9 New and Gently-Used Shoes**

**When: NOW – June 20, Father’s Day, 2010**

**How: Rubber band shoes together and bring to the gathering space during this time period.**

**Destination: Ethiopia**

[www.solesforjesus.org](http://www.solesforjesus.org)

Soles For Jesus



## Hunger Never Takes a Vacation

As we think about trips up North and well-deserved breaks to rest from our jobs and school, it’s good to remember that summer is a time when food pantries continue to need our donations. Thanks are due to our many members who faithfully remember and act on this by bringing in food to share.

Our donations are targeted for the Bay View United Community Center’s Food Pantry, which serves postal zip codes 53207, 53215, 53221, and 53235. Every month we receive a wonderful letter of gratitude for making our community a place where families can survive and thrive.

Please join in bringing a small summer food contribution to the donation basket every week this summer.

## U.S. Disaster Response

UMCOR is now working with Mississippi, Arkansas, and Tennessee to respond to the recent disasters in these states caused by tornadoes and flooding. Please donate to help the response using **UMCOR Advance #901670**. For more information, visit [www.umcor.org](http://www.umcor.org).

*Remind your family and friends that UMCOR is a great organization that puts 100% of your donation towards relief work.*

# Loving Start Preschool News



We had a visit from an ambulance. Alex's mom is an EMT and brought the ambulance to Preschool. She brought her trauma bag. We got to be bandaged and she showed us lots of things she uses. We got to go in the "rig".

We walked over to Bella's Fat Cat for ice cream. Did you know that it is named after the family cat, Bella, because they always called her fat? We made our own ice cream with a special ball.

We went to the Fire Station and visited with the firefighters. On May 24th we celebrated our 20th graduating class at our End-of-the-Year Program. On May 26th we enjoyed our End-of-the-Year Picnic.

Again, have a safe, healthy, happy, sunny, warm summer,  
Miss Martha, Miss Francine, Miss Joan & Miss Dawn

## Youth & Young Adult News

### 30 Hour Famine:

Thank you to all who donated to and participated in this year's 30 Hour Famine. The youth exceeded their goal of raising \$100 thanks to the generosity of our congregation and community. Keep up the good work and we can't wait until next year!

### Youth Mission Trip July 16th-July 24th:

On this year's mission trip youth will learn about land conservation techniques including tree harvesting or transplanting, and related tool safety and use, along with building community among themselves and with others who live in a smaller community environment.

Ken Balfanz who has a diploma in Timber Harvesting will be leading these learning experiences. Ken has volunteered with Y.I.S.R. (Youth Interfaith Service Project), and is an experienced project manager repairing homes for elderly and disabled homeowners. Opportunities for assisting other elderly Tomahawk community residents with minor home maintenance along with other Christian youth from the area are being arranged. Youth will also have opportunity to experience this community with fun planned activities. Stay tuned to the green sheet for further updates on this unique mission experience.



**Diane Balfanz:**  
**Children/  
Youth Ministries  
Director**

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Diane Balfanz.

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## FUN &amp; FELLOWSHIP

## Headed to Wisconsin Dells?

“Passport to Savings” Coupons are available on the table outside of the church office.

Save 20-35% on Wisconsin Dells Attractions.



## Lay Leadership Update *from Kelly*

Leadership is a privilege for those who embrace their connection to any organization. It is a reflection of commitment and to the perpetuation and prosperity of the organization. The church is – an organization! The church uses different terminology for its structure and product and most distinctively, the church functions through volunteers who take leadership seriously and who work (serve) willingly. Our church has limited resources for paid staffing and we highly value the spiritual gifts, life experience and interest areas of church attenders to supplement, support and step out in leadership across all areas of our mission and ministry.

When Muriel, Sara or Judie calls you to serve, please prayerfully consider your connection, commitment and willingness to serving your organization – your church!

P.S. We try hard to match individuals with their area of passion/interest and we are always eager to be approached by volunteers who are eager to serve. Want to know what areas need leadership/volunteer support? Just ask! Anxious to serve right now? Great!



Bay View UMC is sponsoring Bay View Neighborhood Association's "Chill on the Hill" on **Tuesday, August 17th**. Come on out and represent BVUMC while enjoying the rockin' cover band, *5 Card Studs!*

*Chill on the Hill is every Tuesday Night, June 8th through August 31st, 6 pm to 8:30 pm, at the Humboldt Park Band Chalet*



## Training for Leading Worship

Are you someone who currently assists during our worship services reading scripture, and/or leading responsive liturgies? Or perhaps you would like to participate in worship by reading scripture, and/or leading responsive liturgies.

On Monday, June 7, Pastor Andy Oren will lead a training session on Reading and Leading in Worship. The session will begin at 7:00 PM and take about one hour.

If you are currently participating and wish to continue contributing your gifts, please plan on attending. If this is a new or renewed interest, please mark your calendar and come to find out what is involved. In either case, please contact Jan Liebenstein at 744-4058 / [jlbnstn@tds.net](mailto:jlbnstn@tds.net) or Mark Humphrey at 7764-3121 / [mhumphrey@wi.rr.com](mailto:mhumphrey@wi.rr.com).

# June Birthdays



- |                                                 |                                             |                                           |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| 1—Judy Banta                                    | 7—Charlotte Bethke Sprong                   | 20—Layla Brezinski                        |
| 2—James Lombard & Lowell Schroeder              | 9—Kenneth Prott                             | 21—Nancy Miller & Sarah Mussatti Williams |
| 3—Alice Handel, Julie Oren, & Arthur Oseland    | 10—Wendy Cozzens, Michael Hough, & Ruth Meh | 22—Zachary Garside                        |
| 4—Pauline Bruss, Aiden Evans, & Doralin Fortner | 11—Samuel Gehrke                            | 23—Jennifer Balfanz & Mary Guardalabene   |
| 6—Diane Hochschild & Stacy Thieme               | 12—Savannah Heigl & Taylor Heigl            | 24—Mary Kitzman                           |
|                                                 | 13—Judith Daub & Renee Romfoe               | 27—Keri-Ayn Hough                         |
|                                                 | 18—Suzy Meyer                               | 28—Mariel Schmitt                         |

## April Offerings

Offerings for April: \$12,024.15

Offerings needed each month: \$18,146.58

*Please give generously.*



### Reminder!

You can celebrate or remember friends and family members through sponsorship of flowers (\$20) and/or the bulletin (\$10) for Sunday worship. Sign up in the Gathering Space to help make our sanctuary beautiful.

## Servant Leadership for June

|           | June 6th        | June 13th         | June 20th    | June 27th       |
|-----------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Liturgist | Mark Humphrey   | Judie Liebenstein | —            | —               |
| Acolyte   | Kai Liebenstein | Jennifer Balfanz  | Zach Garside | Kai Liebenstein |

### Want to see the Connection in COLOR?

Visit the church website: [www.bayviewumc.org](http://www.bayviewumc.org) where the Connection is now available online!

# JUNE 2010

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

The BVUMC Calendar is available ONLINE! [www.bayviewumc.org/BVUMC/Calendar.html](http://www.bayviewumc.org/BVUMC/Calendar.html)

| Sun                                                                                                                                                                         | Mon                                                                                    | Tue                                                                                             | Wed                                                                                                                                    | Thu                                                                                     | Fri                                                                   | Sat                                   |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>30</b><br>6:30 am Open Circle Worship<br>9:15 am Sunday School & Coffee Hour<br>10:45 am In the Pews Worship<br>3:00 pm Bread & Jam<br>7:00 pm Sun Night AA              | <b>31</b> MEMORIAL DAY<br><br><i>Office Closed<br/>No Outpost</i>                      | <b>1</b><br>8:30 am Outpost<br>7:15 pm SPR Mtg                                                  | <b>2</b><br>8:30 am Outpost<br>3:00 pm SECA<br>5:00 pm Oasis<br>5:00 pm Open Door<br>5:45 pm Praise Band<br>7:00 pm Faith Singers      | <b>3</b><br>8:30 am Outpost<br>6:45 pm Wes. Bells<br>7:00 pm Key. AA                    | <b>4</b><br>8:30 am Outpost<br>6:00pm Wes. Bells<br>Special Rehearsal | <b>5</b><br>10:30 Women's Freedom AA  |
| <b>6</b><br>8:15 am Open Circle Worship<br>9:15 am Sunday School & Coffee Hour<br>10:45 am In the Pews<br>3:00 pm Bread & Jam<br>7:00 pm Sun Night AA<br>7:00 pm Book Group | <b>7</b><br>8:30 am Outpost<br>7:00 pm Worship<br>Leader Training                      | <b>8</b><br>8:30 am Outpost<br>8:30 am Staff Mtg<br>6:00 pm Trustees<br>7:00 pm Yarn Ministries | <b>9</b><br>8:30 am Outpost<br>12:30 pm Card Min<br>5:00 pm Oasis<br>5:00 pm Open Door<br>5:45 pm Praise Band<br>7:00 pm Faith Singers | <b>10</b><br>8:30 am Outpost<br>6:00 pm Wes. Bells<br>Clean Up Night<br>7:00 pm Key. AA | <b>11</b><br>8:30 am Outpost                                          | <b>12</b><br>10:30 Women's Freedom AA |
| <b>13</b><br>9:45 am One Service led by Music Ministry<br>12:00 pm Youth Group<br>7:00 pm Sun Night AA<br><br>_____                                                         | <b>14</b><br>8:30 am Last day of Outpost<br><br>ANNUAL _____                           | <b>15</b><br>7:00 pm Faith Singers Pizza Party<br><br>CONFERENCE__                              | <b>16</b><br>5:00 pm Oasis<br>5:00 pm Open Door<br>5:45 pm Praise Band<br>6:30 pm Finance Mtg<br><br>_____                             | <b>17</b><br>7:00 pm Key. AA                                                            | <b>18</b>                                                             | <b>19</b><br>10:30 Women's Freedom AA |
| <b>20</b> FATHER'S DAY<br><br>8:00 am Outdoor worship in Church backyard<br>9:45 am Indoor Worship<br>TBD Youth Group<br>7:00 pm Sun Night AA                               | <b>21</b> SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS<br><br><i>Office Hours change to 7:30 am-12:00 pm</i> | <b>22</b><br>8:30 am Staff Mtg<br>7:00 pm Yarn Ministries                                       | <b>23</b><br>12:30 pm Card Min<br>5:00 pm Oasis<br>5:00 pm Open Door<br>5:45 pm Praise Band                                            | <b>24</b><br>7:00 pm Key. AA                                                            | <b>25</b><br>6:00 pm YAH/All church Fish Fry/Play                     | <b>26</b><br>10:30 Women's Freedom AA |
| <b>27</b><br>8:00 am Outdoor Worship Garden Tour<br>9:45 am Indoor Worship<br>3:00 pm Bread & Jam<br>7:00 pm Sun Night AA                                                   | <b>28</b><br>9:00 am Worship Team Meeting                                              | <b>29</b>                                                                                       | <b>30</b><br>5:00 pm Oasis<br>5:00 pm Open Door<br>5:45 pm Praise Band                                                                 |                                                                                         |                                                                       |                                       |

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## SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**June 6th:** 8:15 am—Open Circle Worship  
10:45 am—In the Pews Worship celebrating graduates

**June 13th:** 9:45 am—One service celebration led by Music Ministry

**June 20th:** 8:00 am—Outdoor Worship in the church “backyard”  
9:45 am—Indoor Worship

**June 27th:** 8:00 am—Outdoor Worship Garden Tour\*  
9:45 am—Indoor Worship

**July 4th:** 8:00 am—Outdoor Worship Garden Tour\*  
9:45 am—Indoor Worship

**July 11th:** 8:00 am—Outdoor Worship Garden Tour\*  
9:45 am—Indoor Worship

**July 18th:** 8:00 am—Outdoor Worship Garden Tour\*  
9:45 am—Indoor Worship

**July 25th:** Yes, Virginia, there is *Christmas in July*! One service at 9:45 am

**August 1st-29th:** 8:00 am—Open Circle Worship  
9:45 am—In the Pews Worship

\* Watch for the four-week garden tour schedule available June 20th.

## Summer Office Hours

*Now through June 18th:*

Monday—Friday

7:30 am— 2:00 pm

*Beginning June 21st:*

Monday—Friday

7:30 am— 12:00 pm



Thanks for recycling!