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- Write in apportionment campaign

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“God’s Love Revealed - Lent 2011”

I love Lent! It is the season of the wilderness journey; time in the desert for prayer, self-awareness, reflection, study and questioning that lead toward a deeper, more heart-felt faith and a stronger, more action-driven life.

Sundays through this season re-energize our Lenten journey – some call them “mini-Easters” reminding us to celebrate creation and affirming who we are as God’s people. I encourage you to be in church on Sundays. We gather as individuals and families to worship God, offer support and to welcome new and invited friends into fellowship, study, discernment and action for the remaining days of the Lent and beyond.



The Sanctuary will be available every day for you to pray, light a candle, write a message or document an image of how God’s love is being revealed to you this Lent. You may share a deeper question or a healing thought or a willingness to use your gifts for good toward others. We all benefit from one another as we share and I want to provide a place of on-going celebration for the witness of God’s love revealed to us in each of these 40 days of Lent!

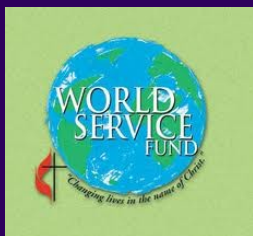
The mid-week Oasis will continue. Andy and I will be offering a study/worship we found through RE-THINKCHURCH called, “FEARLESS THE COURAGE TO QUESTION”. The full Lenten schedule will be available in print and on the website.

All kinds of things motivate action within us. Recently, we’ve seen Egyptians, motivated by desperation, oppression and extreme poverty, rise up for freedom while the Southern Sudanese celebrate and prepare diligently for independence.

Teachers, healthcare workers and other state service persons have rallied for their rights for representation at the bargaining table and our denomination in this state is preparing to bring a servant of God to trial for her loving action. Lent is the Season of the Christian year when we take stock of how we’re listening to and acting out of God’s love revealed to us. What passions and current local, national and world issues motivate you to action?

Guides for our Lenten Season at Bay View UMC will be available on Sunday, February 27th – you’ll find class descriptions, more info about the mid-week study, worship options and a registration sheet. Please pray now about how you wish to experience Lent 2011 and join me on the journey!

Peace to each of you,
Pastor Kelly



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Apportionment Write-in Campaign

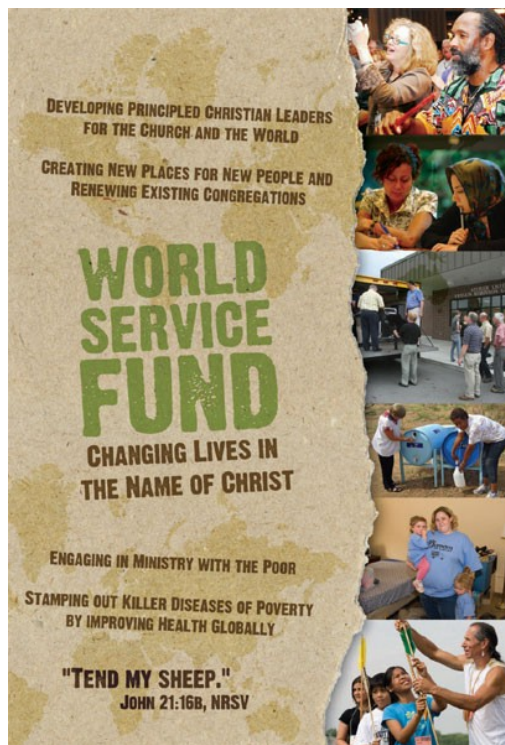
As a United Methodist Church we have a connectional giving responsibility called apportionments that are paid to the conference. Through apportionments, the conference efficiently uses our money to connect with the needs of others. Because we give generously, exciting things happen.

What happens when a young pastor's dream comes to life? The answer: a new church called Jacob's Well, which launched Saturday, October 9, 2010.

Rev. Jamey Lee has a vision and passion for racial reconciliation and justice. Lee and his family moved to Memphis five years ago when he became an associate pastor at Christ UMC. The 32-year-old minister and his family built a house in Binghamton, where they fell in love with the community and their neighbors. Jamey's desire to bring together people of all races and his long-held dream of planting a church led to the

vision for Jacob's Well. Creating New Place for New People is one of the Four Ares of Focus supported by the denominations' World Service Fund.

What's unique about Jacob's Well? Lee says, “We unconditionally accept everyone without regard to race or economic status and we seek to be transparent and authentic. We don't put up fronts; we don't wear masks.” One of his greatest joys is seeing the relationships that develop between



persons who would not otherwise be drawn together. “Not long ago, a regular from this neighborhood came in on his bike with a flat tire and no resources to fix it,” he relates. “I called a church leader to ask him to help – only to find that he already had.”

This kind of work is supported by our apportionments. In order to keep our apportionment obligation on track this year, please use the “Other” line of your giving envelopes and write in Apportionment Giving.

“Love is in the Air”

As I write this it is Valentine's Day...and a warm and sunny one to boot! It would seem one's thoughts can't help but be drawn to signs of spring and...love! Now I realize this warm spell won't last and we will still feel the icy fingers of Old Man Winter before everything truly begins to bloom again but why wait? That's one of the joys of our faith...that we never have to wait to offer God's love to one another.

One of my favorite scripture passages is John 15:12-13; “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.” Few of us will ever be put in a position where we might have to literally lay down our life for another and that's a good thing. But it doesn't let us off the hook. When I read these words I think of the times I am called to set aside my own agenda and respond to the needs of another. Sometimes all a person needs is a listening ear but in order to be that ear one has to give that person their full attention...which means setting aside, at least for the moment, whatever it was you

were planning to do in that time.

As winter turns to spring, I wonder how Bay View United Methodist Church will lay aside its own agenda to respond to the emerging needs of our community and even within our own congregation? How will we continue to offer love...not only to our friends but to those whom we have not even met yet? We can do it by living not in isolation but in community. We can do it by always considering how our actions will impact others. We can do it by keeping our eyes and ears open to those around us, always searching for ways to spread God's love in our families, our workplaces, our neighborhoods and yes, even in our world.

Jesus told his disciples “I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.” May we all do just that. Happy Valentine's Day!

Love,
Pastor Andy



Loving Start Preschool News

Do you know how long some dinosaurs were? Our yarn that stretches across the basement hallway will show you. Dinosaur night was a stomping success with dinosaur eggs, painted bags, a lava fountain with a dinosaur mobile, and, of course, dinosaur cookies to frost. We also passed our Valentines out to our classmates.

In March, we will be doing some construction, so if you are doing some remodeling and need help, let us know.

We had our open house and registration for new families on February 27th. If you know anyone who is interested, but missed the open house, have them call the school.

Happy St. Patrick's Day,

Miss Martha, Miss Francine, Miss Dawn, Miss Joan

Beware! Around St. Patrick's Day, things start turning green..



A Letter of Thanks

Dear new friends,

Thank you very much for your hospitality and your assistance with our Lay Servant Class in January and February. The Bay View Church was a wonderful setting for our class, and you treated us so well! I will send a more formal thank you card to the Church in the next month. I am behind in my cards, but I do want to give you something to share with the congregation.

We discussed hospitality as part of our final session last night, and the Bay View Church was definitely a wonderful example in our group discussion, we all concluded. I plan to be back on future Wednesdays to join you again at the wonderful meal and community time. I am facilitating a course at First Church on Wednesdays in March and April, so I won't be back on a Wednesday for a while though. Ah, wonderful anticipation!

Joy to you all!
Tom Bolton

Travel to the Holy Lands: Ten Days of Biblical Discovery

Pastor Susan Patterson-Sumwalt and the United Methodist Church of Whitefish Bay are traveling to the Holy Lands, and have invited any one interested to join them. They will be following the paths that Jesus followed in his lifetime, including three days in Jerusalem and visiting the Sea of Galilee.

The trip will be October 18-28, 2011

The cost of the trip is: \$3,343 including: the basic trip, Milwaukee Departure, Tips, Taxes and an administrative fee. Extra costs would be: lunches, beverages (other than coffee or tea), optional trip protection, single room, and a voluntary love offering for the driver or guide.

There will be an informational meeting on March 12 at 10am in the Walnut Room of the United Methodist Church of Whitefish Bay. For more information, see the brochures in the Gathering Space or contact Pastor Susan 414-964-2424



Map of the Holy Lands

Young at Hearts Gets a Tour

Young At Hearts will tour the United Methodist Childrens' Services facilities at 3940 W Lisbon Ave on Saturday, March 19, 2011, at 3pm.

The site includes housing for single parents and their children, as well as a food pantry, and free clothing site. Cindy Thompson, who is their spokesperson and public relations guru, will give us the tour. This agency of the United Methodist Church is one of the places that receives apportionment funds and provides valuable services to the community. It is also a model to other agencies of a program that moves young women out of poverty and into sustaining jobs. I regularly volunteer at the pantry and others of our congregation have donated time as well.

The tour will be about an hour to an hour and a half. Afterward we will enjoy the Interfaith Spaghetti Supper. There will be a sign-up sheet on the cube. I suggest car-pooling from the church. We will need to leave about 2:30. Call me if you have any questions.

Ann Pier

Southeast Interfaith Neighborhood Outreach All You Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner



Southeast Interfaith is gearing up for its Annual Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser. Chef Peter Kwong will be on hand to prepare a delicious feast. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$6 for children AGES 3-10 and free for those under 2 years old. The meal includes coffee, milk, salad, bread, and dessert. In addition, there will be a jewelry sale and a chance to purchase drawing tickets for some fabulous prizes!

The proceeds of the spaghetti dinner will go to the Southeast Interfaith Neighborhood Outreach Program. The program provides services to help older adults remain living independently in their homes by making connections to community resources, advocacy services, and information and referral. Southeast Interfaith also recruits and trains volunteers who are available to drive older adults to doctor's appointments, the grocery store and other errands, as well as provide friendly visits.



Date: Saturday, March 19, 2011

Location: Christ Church, UCC, 915 E Oklahoma Ave (Enter on Lenox Street)

Time: 4:00-7:00pm

Dine In or Take Out

Join us on Saturday, March 19 - Have a good time for a good cause.

Please contact Kitty Schaefer 414-483-6539 with questions or to purchase tickets

March Birthdays

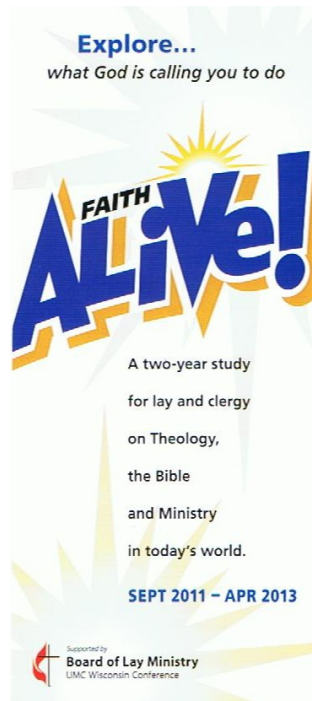


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16 - Al Eckoldt
16 - Chris Grumley
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17 - Katelyn Kowalsky
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22 - Theresa Kitzman-Kelley
22 - Denis Mussatti
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29 - Adam Garside
29 - Marie Hoaglan



Take a flyer from the Cube for this study starting Sept 2011

Head's Up!

The Mardi Gras Pancake dinner will be March 8 from 4:30pm - 7:00pm. Mark your calendars!

Bread and Jam

Free Hot Meal Program

Please join us in the Lower Level Dining Room the first and last Sunday of each month. The Pryor Ave doors open at 3pm. Enjoy a warm delicious meal prepared on site. We serve until 4:30. This free service includes snacks, beverages, dessert, and a bag lunch to go.

All are welcome. This is a great place to see old friends, and neighbors.

For more information call;

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Michael Goetzinger 897.4041
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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
YAH	= Young At Hearts

The BVUMC Calendar is available ONLINE!

<http://bayviewumc.org/calendar.html>

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For Lenten Activities - see printed Lenten Activity Guide or the website

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Youth WHAT-UPS From Pastor Kelly

Each Sunday in February gave the church a chance to see youth in action and service and gave youth a chance to build community.

- 2/6 Souper Bowl of Caring; we raised \$139 for our chosen benefit: Bread&Jam.
- 2/13 brought our middlers to their monthly Urban Confirmation class and the chance to join with more that 80 folks from our Circuit for acts of service and worship.
- 2/20 we shared lunch and a Glo-Golf outing in a snowstorm (which was very fun)!
- 2/27 will be the culmination of the 30 Hr. Famine fundraiser, learning-lock-in and worship witness.

During Lent all youth (and their friends) currently in grades 6-12, are invited to meet weekly for study, prayer and fellowship. The youth "Soul-cial Network" will convene every Thursday from March 3 through April 21 from 6pm-7:30pm in the Gathering Space.

Office Hours

8:00 am — 1:30 pm
Monday - Thursday

8:00 am — 1:00 pm
Friday



Thanks for recycling!