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MAY 2010



Joy Comes

The church continues to celebrate the new life of the Easter Season as we enter May - and joy comes. Spring also continues its' celebration of new life across neighborhood yards including our own beautiful church grounds - and joy comes. More day light means more time for work, play and a better emotional feeling for our day - and joy comes.

Do these scenarios ring true for you? Has joy come to you this Easter, this Spring, this day?

Life in community means that we nurture and care for one another always and in all ways. That means we journey together in darkness and in light, good times and in bad, sorrow and joy. All of us must be alert and willing to trust

one another - to take the time to: check in with those we miss seeing, check up on those who have shared a concern in worship, and to check out situations that peak our intuitive sense that maybe a listening ear would be helpful. When community cares in this way, with intention and attention, joy comes!

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Jesus as Bob Dylan?

I bet that got your attention! Bob Dylan has always been my favorite singer-songwriter and so my ears perked up this morning when I heard on the radio that his planned tour of China had been canceled by the Chinese government. As soon as I got in front of my computer I googled and found that, sure enough, China had decided that he was too much of a risk to be allowed to perform. Most of the internet news sites carried pretty much the same story but one writer came at it a bit differently. His headline read, "*China bans Bob Dylan, Confusing Him for '60s Radical*" and

the first line of his article read, "It seems China has mistaken today's essentially harmless 68-year-old Bob Dylan with the counterculture hero of the 1960s..."

That got me to wondering...what if Jesus had lived? What would Jesus and his followers be like if they had made it to 68 years of age? Would Jesus still be the hero of the counterculture or would he too be seen as "essentially harmless?" What about the disciples? Would they still be following along behind still living the hippie lifestyle or would they have drifted into other things? In Dylan's song "*Tangled Up in Blue*" he writes, "All the

people we used to know, they're an illusion to me now. Some are mathematicians, some are carpenter's wives; don't know how it all got started; don't know what they're doing with their lives..."

One might ask the same thing of the church today. Are we still on the forefront of faith...fighting for social justice and human dignity? Or have we too become essentially harmless? One has to wonder if we are, as people of faith, still *blowing in the wind* or are we simply *knocking on heaven's door*?

Pastor Andy

Wisconsin Annual Conference United Methodist Church

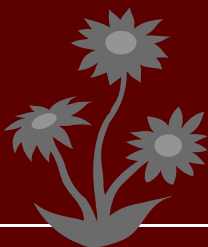
"Give Wholeheartedly!" is the theme for this year's Annual Conference in LaCrosse from June 13-16, 2010.

The Wisconsin Annual Conference Session brings lay and clergy members together to do the work of the Church. This communal gathering includes worship, prayer, study, ordination and commissioning, discussion, sharing the good news of our Health and Welfare ministries and establishing and implementing the ministry of the United Methodist Church in Wisconsin for the coming year and beyond.

Keep John Liebenstein, our Lay Member to the Annual Conference, Pastor Kelly, and Pastor Andy in prayer as they represent Bay View UMC at the conference. *Ingathering 2010 options are on the CUBE in the Gathering Space.*



CONNECTION



SAVE THE DATE!

Wednesday, May 19
is **Southeast Interfaith Day** at **Custom Grown Greenhouse**

4507 S. 6th St
Milwaukee, WI
9 am—7 pm

Mention SE Interfaith when you check out and they will get a percentage of the day's sales.

Recognizing Soldiers & Graduates

Are you a veteran or currently serving in the military? Or do you know members of BVUMC who are? We'd like to recognize those who serve our country during our services of worship on Memorial Day weekend (Sunday, May 30th).

Are you celebrating a graduation this academic year, 2009-2010? High School, College, Grad school, or maybe a special training? We'd like to celebrate your accomplishment on Sunday, June 6th at the 10:45 am service.

If either of these statements describe you (or someone you know), please let Betsy know by email: officeadmin@bayviewumc.org.



Reminder...

Administrative Council, the gathering of church leaders, meets on **Monday, May 10th at 7 pm in the Gathering Space.**

Thank you!

- ◆ To all of the wonderful Connection assembly volunteers
- ◆ To everyone who came out to support YAH's Church Clean up
- ◆ To those who donated mugs for Coffee Hour. We now have enough mugs. If you are interested in further supporting coffee hour, you are invited to sign up to host the May 30th Coffee Hour. The Sign up is inside the cupboard door over the sink.



Soles For Jesus

Changing Lives, 2 by 2

Let your shoes do some important faith walking!

Give new and gently used shoes, Toddler to Adult Size 9. And, truly, you will change lives 2 by 2.

Shoes! Millions of people across the globe live barefoot lives. The unsanitary conditions of their roads and paths allow disease to spread through the open sores on their feet. A pair of new or gently used

shoes can prevent many of these diseases.

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: May 9, Mother's Day – June 20, Father's Day, 2010

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

Destination: Africa - More specifically Ethiopia, where 4.2 million children are orphans and 44% of the population is under age 15.



For more information about Soles for Jesus, visit their website at www.solesforjesus.org

The BVUMC Oasis Kitchen

We fed a person of Color.
 We fed a disabled Person.
 We fed a young Child.
 We fed a good Friend.
 We fed a Widower.
 We fed a busy Pastor.
 We fed a long time Brother.
 We fed a new Sister.
 We fed a busy Mom.
 We fed a tired Dad.
 We fed a Parishioner.
 We fed a Music Director.
 We fed a Choir member.
 We fed a Single Person.
 We fed a Married Person.
 We fed our Church Community.

Maybe we should teach them,
 all how to fish. Nah!

Peter K. Krempel, Good Friday, April 2nd, 2010

Feed My Starving Children



Jan and John Liebenstein, Ellen Tucker, Yvonne Smith, Ann Pier, and Sarah Hillmert-Gudelsky (not pictured) donned hairnets and lent a hand packing meals for starving children on the third day of the Feed My Starving Children event on April 10th sponsored by Whitefish Bay UMC. The event was a great success and over 120,000 meals were packed over three days.

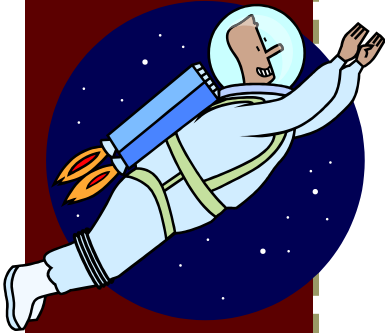
Earthquake Relief Efforts

UMCOR is collecting donations for relief efforts in China, Chile, and Haiti. Each country has experienced devastation after large earthquakes. If you write a check, please put "China (or Haiti or Chile) Emergency" in the memo line.

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

UMCOR China Advance # 982450
 UMCOR Haiti Advance # 418325
 UMCOR Chile Advance # 3021178

Loving Start Preschool News



We were off to Classic Slice Pizza in April. A yummy good time was had by all. We watched Miss Katie toss the dough way up high.

Watch out, we'll be blasting off from the basement for outer space! There will be planets and moons hanging from our ceilings. Space Night will be Tuesday, April 27th for our little astronauts and their parents.

Loving Start Preschool will be hosting a coffee hour in May to celebrate our 20th graduating class. We would like to invite all of you to Loving Start Preschool's End-of-Year Program on Monday, May 24th, at 6 pm in the church sanctuary.

Preschool ends with a family picnic on Wednesday, May 26th, so it will be very quiet in the basement until the day after Labor Day. We still have a few openings for fall.

Have a safe, healthy, happy, sunny, warm summer (I think it's safe to say warm!),

Miss Martha, Miss Francine, Miss Joan & Miss Dawn

Youth & Young Adult News

Mission Trip 2010:

Participants of the Youth Mission Trip 2010: Please do not forget to get your confirmation sheet signed and turned in. Please remember that all monies are due by May 16th. Please contact Diane Balfanz with any questions or concerns.

Mission Trip Fundraiser: Baked Goods SALES!!! through Mother's Day

Feed your sweet tooth and support youth missions! We bake fresh each Saturday to sell to you on Sunday during Fellowship time. Adults and youth interested in helping with this fundraiser as a baker or bakery attendant please contact Diane. Your generous support will underwrite youth and chaperone expenses.

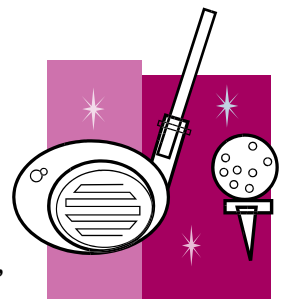
Keep An Eye Out — for the following upcoming fundraisers:

♦ Southridge Mall Glowgolf Tournament

It's competitive, it's minigolf, and it's glow in the dark! What more fun could you possibly have?

♦ What should Diane do?

Use your dollars to voice your opinion! Should Diane
a) Dye her hair fire engine red, b) Dress in Vikings colors,
or c) Come to church dressed as a Star Trek character?
Only you can help decide!



Diane Balfanz:
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Director**

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

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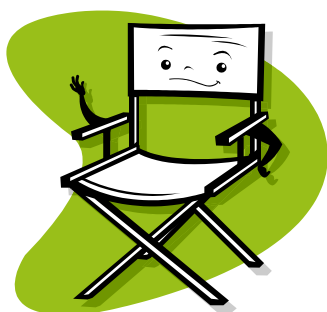
*Phone: (414)231-0303

* Office: (414) 744-4036



Bay View UMC is a sponsor of Bay View Neighborhood Association's "Chill on the Hill". So come on out and enjoy some live music while relaxing with friends and neighbors!

*Tuesday Nights, June 8th through August 31st,
6 pm to 8:30 pm, Humboldt Park Band Chalet*



BVUMC Camp Chairs

BVUMC Logo Camp Chairs, perfect for outdoor activities and events like Chill on the Hill and summer worship. More information on how you can purchase your very own BVUMC camp chair to come!



Coming Soon...

Did You Know?

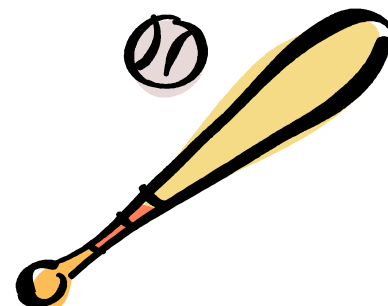
When John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist Church, came to America from England in the 18th century, he marveled at the good health of Americans and attributed it to "their continual exercise, universal temperance, and a natural diet." About the same time, Benjamin Franklin made the same observation in his Poor Richard's Almanac. Wesley, who was keenly interested in prevention, campaigned relentlessly to encourage people to live healthy lifestyles. He encouraged pastors and parishioners to strive to be both spiritually and physically fit.

Get Active!

How about joining Pastor Kelly and Pastor Andy and Faith United Methodist Church's coed softball team? We play on Friday nights at LaFollette Park on S. 92nd Street, just north of Greenfield Avenue and we are always willing to welcome new faces. You can find the schedule posted on the Blue Board in the Gathering Space.

If you are interested, give Pastor Andy a call (414-744-3927) or drop him an e-mail (pastorandy@bayviewumc.org).

Our season runs through July 30th.



May Birthdays



3—Jim Liebenstein

4—Jeannie Meyer

5—Laurie Schaefer

6—Kay Putney

10—Diana Mussatti

14—Tom Shattuck

15—Diane Balfanz,
Jude Wagner, &
Edwin Wegenke

17—John Warkaske

21—John From &
Jennifer Kowalsky

22—Meghan Cigale

25—Timothy Smith

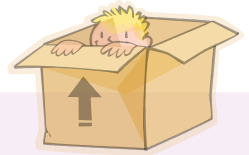
26—Geoffrey Thieme

27—Cole McKean &
Wendell Sprong28—Barbara Morbeck &
Joy Steckler31—Melissa Balfanz &
Hannah Jackson

March Offerings

Offerings for March: \$17,939.60

Offerings needed each month: \$18,146.58

Please give generously.

Missing Something?

**Check out the Lost
& Found box in the
Coat Room!**

Servant Leadership for May

	May 2nd	May 9th	May 16th	May 23rd	May 30th
Liturgist	Yvonne Smith	Sara Lewin	Mary Guardalabene	John From	Mark Humphrey
Acolyte	Zach Garside	Kai Liebenstein	Jennifer Balfanz	Zach Garside	Kai Liebenstein

MAY 2010

Key:

LSP = Loving Start Preschool
 SPR = Staff Parish Relations
 SECA = South East Clergy Association
 Outpost = Outpost Alternative High School
 Open Door = Open Door Free Clinic

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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The BVUMC Calendar is available ONLINE! www.bayviewumc.org/BVUMC/Calendar.html

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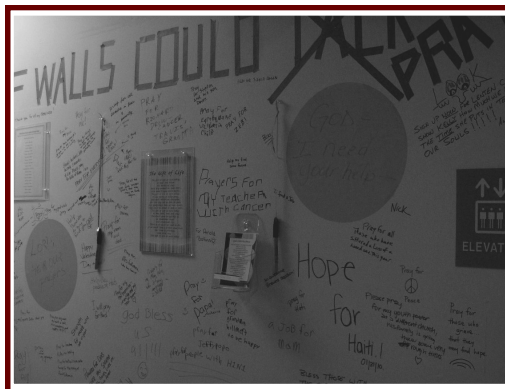


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Prayer Wall Ministry

An update from Pastor Kelly

The prayer wall is filling with the 'voices of the people' offering joys and concerns for people close to home and across the globe. Each prayer written on the wall is visually different – different writing, language, phrasing and focus.



There are grandchildren praying for their grandpa, friends praying for co-workers and church family praying for one another. If you haven't taken the time to view this wall adjacent to the main level sanctuary or to use it – make time to experience this very moving ministry.

Spring Worship

Every Sunday:

Open Circle Worship— 8:15 am

In the Pews Worship— 10:45 am

Sunday School & Coffee Hour — 9:15 am

Office Hours

Monday—Friday

7:30 am—2 pm

Thanks for recycling!

