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✕ Ramping Up ✕

As September comes it is time to ready the community (all of us) for another year of vital ministry together in this place. We've been through a fairly busy summer with folks regularly attending worship, truly responding to the apportionment campaign, committing to the off-site mid-week class and tending faithfully to Trustee projects, monthly team meetings and special, one-time needs. We've gathered to play and to promote our faith community; we've gone out into the mission field and we've celebrated in our worship life together. We've welcomed visitors, received new members, sang, rang, prayed and played as the summer days have gone by us.

Now we move beyond our reflection and into the reality of another ministry-filled Fall. There will be experiences of worship, opportunities to learn, ways

to serve and needs awaiting a response – a place for everyone to utilize their gifts and talents and to securely offer financial support where the need or passion is greatest.

New and older members are encouraged to take a new step in faith as you think about what you'd like to be doing in the life of our community. You are encouraged and expected (although not pressured) to find a way to respond to God's grace and love in your life that is stretching yet comfortable for you. Make church a place where you can grow and feel the connection to a healthy, open, growing, faithful community.

Peace to each of you,
Pastor Kelly

Rally Day:

IT'S AN ALL CHURCH EVENT!

Please plan to attend the Rally Day Worship Celebration happening at 9:45am (only one service) on Sunday, September 11, 2011. We look forward to blessing the launch of our Sunday School, our program ministries and our gift of remembrance project. Our Oasis head chef, Al Eckoldt is planning a special family friendly luncheon right after the worship and everyone is invited to stay to eat, share fellowship, tour the Sunday School rooms and enjoy a little family fun on the knoll (weather permitting). This is also Grandparents' Day (on the Hallmark calendar) so invite your "grands" to spend the day with you, at church!

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Apportionments:

What are they good for?

The average apportionment for each family is about \$120 per year. This money is paid to the Wisconsin conference, and a portion goes to the general funds. This is how each dollar is distributed:



Connectional Giving enables United Methodists to together do what no church, district or annual conference could do alone.

All of this—and so much more—is possible because when we join The United Methodist Church, we promise faithfully to participate in its ministries through our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. Paying ALL of our apportionments at 100 percent, and giving faithfully to the six church-wide Special Sundays, we become a part of something big and accomplish wonderful things in Jesus' name!

When you give through your local church or annual conference your gifts expands your church's ministry globally.

-Julie Oren, Finance Chair

FINANCE REPORT FOR ENVELOPE GIVING <i>as of July 31, 2011</i>		
Year to Date Giving	\$95,092.73	
Year to Date Pledged	\$99,341.69	
Overage/(Shortfall)	(\$4,248.96)	☹
Monthly Giving	\$14,182.75	
Monthly Pledged	\$14,191.67	
Overage/(Shortfall)	(\$8.92)	☺
Apportionments Through July	(\$4,910.00)	☹

Baby Food or Real Food

WHICH DO YOU PREFER?

I think almost all of us would be quick to answer “real food” as we long outgrew the pabulum served up to us as infants. And yet, when it comes to our faith many of us still prefer “that old-time religion” we learned back in Sunday School (which does go down nice and easy) over a message that we might have to chew on for a while. Philip Gulley, writing in *If the Church were Christian* offers that “in every other endeavor, we welcome the advancements of science, careful thought and progress. But in theology, we not only fear such advancements, we condemn them.”

One of the challenges facing those who preach is having to walk the tightrope of offering a message that both comforts and challenges not only the listener but the preacher as well. Part of that challenge, for all of us, comes with simply voicing what it is we do believe...about God, Jesus, the church and what it means to be a Christian. Some of us have never really put our beliefs into words, much less had anyone challenge us on them. If you're willing, I'd like to invite you to do just that.

Beginning on Tuesday evening, September 6th, I will be leading an adult study group at Faith United Methodist Church, 400 S. 91st St., from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. We will be using a video series featuring Marcus Borg called “Embracing An Adult Faith.” It will run for five weeks, concluding October 4th and we'll cover a different subject each week; God, Jesus, Salvation, Practice and Community. I'd love to have you join us for what I'm sure will be some provocative and enlightening conversation. One reviewer of this study says, “Borg and his friends create a comfortable and safe place for our own questions. The study guide encourages deep, meaningful engagement with the big questions.”

The cost of the material is \$10. If you're interested or have any questions please give me a call (744-3927) or drop me a note (aoren@wi.rr.com). I hope you'll consider adding your voice and thoughts to our conversation!

Blessings,

Pastor Andy

Say Hello to our Newest Members

PASTOR KELLY

Nancy Radtke, Alys Herranen and Judy Denson are three gifted, generous, and enthusiastic women eager to meet you and to be involved in the community here at Bay View UMC. Nancy has most recently asked for your prayers as she underwent serious (and thankfully successful) heart surgery this summer. Alys has embraced sitting nearer to the front in worship (thanks to the Roepke's welcome!) and she has been very generous to our office and Judy has attended both hours of worship joining in easily with the early hour dialogue. These new members add joy to our numbers, friends! Introduce yourselves and become acquainted. Invite them to serve alongside you and be ready to be wowed by their many gifts and kind hearts.

Support Bread & Jam! FEEDING AMERICA RUN/WALK



Partner with Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin and support our Bread & Jam Program by participating in a 5K run or a 2mile run/walk.

Every dollar raised by our team during the event will be credited to Bread and Jam and will be used to purchase food from Feeding America at 19 cents per pound.

Alternatively, cash donations made to Bay View UMC (specify Bread & Jam in memo line) would be beneficial and allow us to purchase necessities that are not available through Feeding America, such as non-food items, milk, and other various needs.

If you would like to participate:

You can register online,

Go to www.firstgiving.com/feedingamericawi

Select "Teams" tab at the top of the page

Select "Team Bread & Jam"

Select "Join Now" on the right side of the page

Or by fax/mail

Take an individual registration form from the CUBE and either fax in the completed form, mail the form or leave it in the mail tray outside of the office. Be sure to take a Donation Form.

Feeding America Run/Walk

When: Saturday, September 24, 2011

8:00am Registration

10:00am Run/Walk Start

11:00am Award Presentation

Where: Veteran's Park

1010 N Lincoln Memorial Drive

How: 5K Run (timed & scored)

\$20 Registration (before Sept 16)

\$25 Registration (after Sept 16)

2 mile Run/Walk

\$0 for team members

If you have any questions, contact Mary at 747-0221

5th Annual Food Walk BAY VIEW COMMUNITY CENTER FOOD PANTRY

In addition to the Hike for Hunger, which helps fund Bread & Jam, there will also be a food walk benefitting the Bay View Community Center Food Pantry (BVCC). The Lutheran Chapel of the Cross is proud to sponsor this event on Saturday, September 17 at 10:00am. All food and monetary donations will go to support the Food Pantry of the BVCC.



You may return registration forms by September 13, but you may also register the day of the event. The first 100 people to arrive on Sept 17th will receive a 2011 Food Walk Button. The registration fee is food or monetary donations to the BVCC Food Pantry. Participants are also encouraged to collect pledges. All pledges are to be returned to the BVCC either the day of the walk or no later than Friday, Sept. 23rd. All checks should be made payable to the "Bay View Community Center Food Pantry".

On September 17, all participants will meet at 10am at the BVCC. There are two routes, a 1.8mile and a 2.6 mile. Water bottles will be available for \$1 and can be filled at BVCC. We will celebrate from 11am until noon, walkers and non-walkers are welcome!

Recommended food donations: Mac and Cheese; Canned Soups, both broth and cream; Cereal, especially those without sugar coating; Canned Tuna; Peanut Butter; Jelly; Canned Fruits and Juices; Canned Vegetables; Pasta; or Rice.

Prayer Wall Ministry

24/7

God knows our hearts whether we speak our prayers aloud or write them on a wall. The community benefits from the on-going 'voice' of the wall as more joys and concerns, more names, situations and hopes are written each week. Our e-pray and phone chain prayer teams get weekly updates from worship and the wall and pastors handle follow-up with prayer cards that come to them in confidence. The prayer wall is on it's third layer now – how deep goes the cry of our hearts to God and how wide is the care that this ministry extends just by the presence and gift of prayer.

SEPTEMBER SERVICES

SEPT 4

Hymn Sing

One Service 9:45am

SEPT 11

Rally Day

One Service 9:45am

Special Oasis 11:00am

SEPT 18

Fall Schedule Resumes

8:15am Service

9:15am Sunday School

10:45am Service

Your Prayers are Appreciated!

Pray for the ministries of this church; for leadership and for willing volunteers as Lay Leadership prepares to extend opportunities to serve on teams. We will be utilizing the data base information that Erin has been streamlining and making calls in September to fill current openings as well as upcoming transitional spots that come with the new year. Team volunteers serve all areas of ministry in the church as a part of membership and as an on-going discipleship response to God's love and grace. Everyone is equipped to serve and Lay Leadership is

grateful for the many who have, who are and who will be active in servant ministry. If you have a desire already in your heart to serve, please don't wait to be called. Rather, take the initiative and contact the Lay Leadership team. (Sara Lewin, Muriel Blackwood, Judie Liebenstein and Pastor Kelly)

If you'd like more information about ministry opportunities please go to the website at www.bayviewumc.org or take a look at the ministry resource box in the church library.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2nd

Danny Warkaske

4th

Alex Romfoe

5th

Lauren Niemiec

6th

Joe Pupero

8th

Sue Kreider

10th

August Grennier

11th

Neil Morgan

12th

Jean Krieder

13th

Jean Barden

Jimmie Gibson

Fionna Grumley

David Longe

15th

Megan Erickson

16th

Myrtle Berg

18th

Etta Nafziger

19th

Elizabeth Bowers

21st

Cassandra Mussatti

22nd

Irene Williams

25th

Barbara Holdorf

Everett Miller

Bill Paul

28th

Terry Garside

29th

Peter Jackson



Brighten up your home for fall.

Southeast Interfaith is having a chrysanthemum sale on Grandparents' Day, September 11. The mums come in many colors and sell for \$7.00.

They will be available Sunday morning and through the following week.

Loving Start Preschool News

Loving Start Preschool will begin a new school year after Labor Day. We look forward to meeting new students and greeting returning ones. The parents will have an orientation night, and we will have a potluck picnic in the park. Watch for lots of fun activities happening downstairs.

Miss Martha, Miss Francine,
Miss Joan, Miss Dawn



Bee Farm Visit

The Young at Hearts invite anyone interested to visit Honey Acres Bee Farm on Friday, September 23. We will carpool from the church at 10:00 Friday morning and have a tour and visit the Museum and gift shop. The plan is to eat lunch on the way home at a local restaurant. See the sign up sheet in the gathering space or call Kitty Schaefer with questions.

September 2011 Calendar

KEY:

SPR: Staff Parish Relations
 SECA: South East Clergy Association
 WF AA: Women's Freedom AA
 Outpost: Alternative High School
 YAH: Young At Hearts
 LSP: Loving Start Preschool

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28 8am Worship 9:45am Worship 3pm Bread & Jam 7pm AA	29 6pm Block Watch 7pm LSP Parent	30 10am AA 5:30pm AA 6:30pm Grief Share	31 6pm Praise Band	1 8:30am Outpost 6:45pm Wesleyan 7pm Keystone AA	2 8:30am Outpost	3 10am WF AA
4 9:45am Worship 3pm Bread & Jam 7pm AA	5 <i>Office Closed Labor Day</i>	6 8:30am Outpost 10am AA 5:30pm AA 6pm Music Mtg 6:30pm Grief Share	7 8:30am Outpost 8:45am LSP 3pm SECA 6pm Praise Band	8 8:30am Outpost 8:45am LSP 6:45pm Wesleyan 7pm Keystone AA	9 8:30am Outpost 8:45am LSP	10 10am WF AA
11 <i>Rally Day</i> 9:45am Worship 11am Oasis 7pm AA	12 8:30am Outpost 8:45am LSP	13 8:30am Outpost 8:45am LSP 10am AA 5:30pm AA 6pm Trustees 6:30pm Grief Share 7pm Yarn Min	14 8:30am Outpost 8:45am LSP 12:30pm Card Min. 5pm Oasis 6pm Praise Band	15 8:30am Outpost 8:45am LSP 6:45pm Wesleyan 7pm Keystone AA	16 8:30am Outpost 8:45am LSP	17 10am WF AA 10:45am Bay View Food Walk
18 8:15am Worship 9:15am Sunday Sch 10:45am Worship 7pm AA	19 8:30am Outpost 8:45am LSP 6:30pm Finance Mtg 7pm District 28 AA	20 8:30am Outpost 8:45am LSP 10am AA 5:30pm AA 6:30pm Grief Share	21 8:30am Outpost 8:45am LSP 5pm Oasis 6pm Praise Band	22 8:30am Outpost 8:45am LSP 6:45pm Wesleyan 7pm Keystone AA	23 8:30am Outpost 8:45am LSP 10am YAH Bee Farm	24 8am Hike for Hunger 10am WF AA
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The Connection is Different!!!

Due to some interesting computer and software changes, I will be altering the look and format of the Connection. I will be tweaking the layouts, formats and fonts of the Connection in the coming months.

I want this to be readable and enjoyable for you. If there is something in particular that you like or dislike in the new format, or alternatively, if there is something you really miss from the old format, please let me, Erin, know directly (don't go through other people, I want to hear from YOU). Drop a note off in the basket outside of the office, call the office 744-4036 during office hours to speak with me, leave a voicemail after office hours, or send me an email officeadmin@bayviewumc.org

I won't be able to please everyone, but I will make every effort to make the Connection as pleasing and readable as possible.

Thank You!

Erin McReynolds, Office Administrator

FALL HOURS BEGIN SEPT 18!

8:15am Worship
9:15am Sunday School
10:45am Worship

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday- Thursday
8:00am - 1:30pm
Friday
8:00am - 1:00pm



Please Recycle