

BVUMC *Connection*

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So Where has Your Incredible Journey Taken You?

This past month we've all been traveling along in spirit with Pastor Kelly as she journeyed to the Holy Land. I've been telling her all along that this would be "Kelly's Excellent Adventure!" a la the Bill & Ted movie from a few years ago. Now here's a little insight into how my mind works...thinking of one movie automatically takes me to another one, this one from my childhood. I remember seeing a movie when I was eight years old called The Incredible Journey. It was about two dogs and a cat that were separated from their owners for some reason and together make the long journey home. It was one of those tear-jerking "nature" movies that Disney did so well back in the day.

And that got me wondering about our own journeys...our journeys through life and through faith. With the gift of hindsight I look back and marvel at how I journeyed from a manufacturing job to joining Pastor Lowell here as a lay minister before moving on to become a bonafide United Methodist pastor...and now back again. It has indeed been an incredible journey and looking back, I can see where God was at work in it (Not always so easy to see in the here and now!).

But what about you? Where has your "incredible journey" taken you? Have you made this journey in the company of others or has it been a solo adventure? Has it been a trip of literal miles or has it been one of mind and spirit? Have there been rough spots along the way? Have you been to some high mountaintops? Where are you now on this wild journey of life and faith?

I'd love to hear your answers to those questions as well as anything else you might like to share about your life's journey. With your permission I would compile some of your responses for a future newsletter article. So drop me a line at aoren@wi.rr.com or write your story out longhand and leave it in my mailbox in the office. Remember, it's in our stories that we know the presence of Jesus...so talk to me!

Blessings,

Pastor Andy

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Why We Apportion

Apportionments are our first mile of giving. They are the framework for our connectional ministry and missions.

The Four Areas of Focus express the vision and yearnings of the people of The United Methodist Church. Over the 2009-12 quadrennium, the church is focusing the work of making disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world around these areas of ministry:

- ◆ Combating the diseases of poverty by improving health globally;
- ◆ Engaging in ministry with the poor;
- ◆ Creating new places for new people and revitalizing existing congregations; and
- ◆ Developing principled Christian leaders for the church and the world.

When we follow Jesus, we give our all — whether it is in dollars and cents, hours of the day, talents or attention. How can we give any less when we have received so much?

“God has poured out everything needed for ministry in this time, in this global place and for all the people of God,” said Los Angeles Area Bishop Mary Ann Swenson. “Let us be the cup overflowing in a thirsty world.”

Thanks to each congregation’s support of the World Service Fund, United Methodists strive to do just that. Please support apportionments by giving generously.

Finance Committee

FINANCE REPORT FOR ENVELOPE GIVING <i>as of January 31, 2011</i>	
Monthly Pledged	\$11,340.80
Received January Pledges	\$16,029.03
<i>Please Give Generously.</i>	
January Apportionments	Paid in Full

✂ WOW ✂

That was Big!

This would be my “bumper sticker thumbnail report of my trip to Israel in February. Here is just a partial list of the BIG pieces of this adventure:

- Accepting this gift – trusting the timing to be away was BIG.
- Making this trip – as a first-time international traveler was BIG.
- Being on my own – traveling with 43 strangers was BIG.
- Going to Israel – a place of mixed angst and unrest was BIG.
- Seeing the Holy Land – a place where so many lay their faith was BIG.
- Engaging my experience – absorbing the sights and sounds of past and present was BIG.
- Managing my return – resetting my body and my focus to life beyond the trip was BIG.

And lastly:

- Taking the next step – finding time to process for myself and for my ministry IS BIG.

THANK YOU, CHURCH, for journeying this with me!

THANK YOU, CHURCH, for sending me off AND welcoming me home!

THANK YOU, CHURCH, for your interest and anticipation in hearing all about it!

There is much to recover from, to process and to share with you in the days ahead. I look forward to all that will continue to be revealed in the days ahead as a gift from this experience.

For now, I can only speak my heartfelt words of thanks first to Leo Cigale, and the Knight's Templar for giving me this opportunity to participate in their pilgrimage program. Thanks to those, here, who loaned my large and small items to make my trip easy and comfortable. I'm grateful to the Sunday School children for their wonderful cards that I opened each day on the trip and for the sustaining blessing offering by all of you, my church family, while on this adventure. And, I am thankful to God for presence and peace in the midst of each day – no matter where I am!

Peace to each of you,

Pastor Kelly



*Winter Camp was a great time!!!
Come and hear all about it!*

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, March 11** and join the Winter Camp 2012 group as they host a “Camp Report” luncheon. The menu will be “camp-y,” - and so will the decorations and the conversation! Come and celebrate this wonderful intergenerational event.

Missed it this year? Don't worry, it happens every year! Winter Camp will be January 18-20, 2013.

Thank you from the Card Ministry

The recycle card group would like to thank those of you who supported us last year. Because of your support, we were able to give to the Open Door Free Clinic, Camp Lucerne, UMCOR, Bay View Community Center Food Pantry, Southeast Interfaith, the Warming Room at Tippecanoe Church, and the Northcott Neighborhood House for a total of \$1300.

If you would like to help make the cards, please join us on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 12:30pm until 2:30pm. We need your help in many areas of making the cards. If you are unavailable during the day please let us know because we have been considering starting an evening session.

Remember to keep all of your seasonal or holiday cards for us to recycle!

Spring Cleaning

All hands needed for Spring Clean Up Day at church!

We will meet on Saturday, March 17 from 9am until noon to clean and polish the church for Spring and Easter Celebration. Just come, we will have cleaning products available. Contact Kitty Schaefer with questions at 483-6539.

Liturgist/Reader Training

Current volunteers and youth or adults interested in worship leadership as readers or liturgists are encouraged to attend this hour of orientation, training and practice on Sunday, March 18 in the Sanctuary at noon.

Spaghetti Dinner

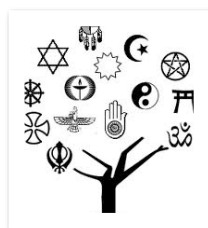
Come support Southeast Interfaith Neighborhood Outreach at a Spaghetti dinner featuring Chef Mark Bolin. The dinner will be held on Saturday, March 24 from 4pm-7pm at Grace Presbyterian Church (2931 S Kinnickinnic Ave). Carry out is available.

Tickets are \$8 per person for adults, \$6 per person for children aged 3-10, children 2 and under are free. Coffee, milk, salad, bread and dessert are included in the ticket price.

To order tickets, or for more information, contact Southeast Interfaith at 744-3266.

YISR

Mark your calendars: Friday, April 27 and Saturday, April 28 the Southeast Interfaith



Community will again join together its youth to share a weekend of worship, fellowship and service. More details will be shared through the Green Sheet and the

March issue of Connection after the planning meeting.

Junior High Youth Convo

Junior High Convo will be April 20-22, 2012 at Blue Harbor Resort in Sheboygan, WI. Registration starts at 5:00 pm on Friday, April 20. Convo ends at noon on Sunday.

We hope you will join us at this gorgeous venue right on the shore of Lake Michigan! For more information on the venue visit: <http://blueharborresort.com/>. Room prices will range from \$115 - \$369/night. Please keep in mind that scholarships are available.

We only have a few youth in this age group, church, and what a wonderful opportunity to give them as they prepare for the journey through Confirmation next fall. If you would like to chaperone or sponsor this experience for a youth or chaperone, please see Pastor Kelly.

This year's Junior High Youth Convo will be held at Blue Harbor Resort in Sheboygan. More info on the Cube!

Hobo Dinner, Bake, Craft and Plant Sale

South Milwaukee UMC (1327 Marshall Ave, South Milwaukee) invites you to their annual Hobo Dinner and sale on March 24 from 3:30pm until 7:00pm. Dinner will be stew, coleslaw, bread relishes, beverages and homemade pies. There will be a craft sale, bake sale and a silent auction.

Tickets are \$9 for adults, \$5 for children 6-12 and free for children 5 and under. The building is handicap accessible and carry out is available.

Call the church office at 762-6030 for more information.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1st

Michael McKean

4th

Anthony Bernal

7th

Alivia Case

8th

Kathleen Borders

11th

Gina Wrobel

14th

Amelia Heilmane

Steve Meyer

15th

Oliver Nafziger

Yvonne Smith



16th

Allan Eckoldt

Chris Grumley

17th

Kyle Haile

Katelyn Kowalsky

18th

Deconte Essence

Edwards

Peg Humphrey

Lauren Karnes

22nd

Theresa Kitzman

Kelley

27th

Mackenzie Moebius

29th

Adam Garside

Marie Hoaglan

Loving Start Preschool News

We had our Space Night, there were space helmets, glow in the dark necklaces, memory games and rocket ships to make. The children got to "orbit the sun."

We were dressed in red and valentines were plentiful as we celebrated with valentine parties.

There will be the wonderful aroma of pancakes coming from the basement when we have pajama day. If you'd like to join us for pancakes, come on down, but you need to wear your pajamas.

There might be a leprechaun loose, turning things green around St. Patrick's Day including green eggs and ham.

Miss Martha, Miss Francine, Miss Joan, Miss Dawn



March 2012 Calendar

KEY:

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26 <i>30 Hour Famine ends</i> 8:15am Worship 9:15am Education 10:45am Worship 3pm Bread & Jam 5pm YAH Potluck 7pm AA	27 8:30am Outpost 8:45am LSP 7pm 3 Simple Rules 7pm AA	28 8:30am Outpost 8:45am LSP 10am AA 5:30pm AA 7pm Yarn Ministry	29 8:30am Outpost 8:45am LSP 10am Bible Study 4pm Alive Now 6:30pm Lenten Class	1 8:30am Outpost 8:45am LSP 6pm Praise Band 6:30pm Faith Singers 7pm Keystone AA 7:30pm Wesleyan	2 8:30am Outpost 8:45am LSP	3 10am WF AA 6:30pm Grief Share
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LENTEN WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday

8:15am	Worship	LL Dining Room
9:15am	Final Words Adult Study	ML Library
10:45am	Worship	ML Sanctuary

Monday

7:00pm	3 Simple Rules Adult Study	ML Gathering Space
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Wednesday

10:00am	Bible Study	ML Library
4:00pm	Alive Now! Discussion	LL Den
5:00pm	Oasis	LL Dining Room
6:30pm	Final Words Adult Study	ML Library

* Praise Band has moved to Thursday nights at 6pm

WINTER HOURS

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



Please Recycle

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday- Thursday
9:00am - 2:30pm

Friday
9:00am - 2:00pm