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Peace with Justice

“Say no to wrong. Learn to do good. Work for justice. Help the down-and-out. Stand up for the homeless. God to bat for the defenseless.”
Isaiah 1:17 (MSG)

Dear friends,

How we live out the scriptural call to justice for ALL in our context is important to my vision for ministry in this place. As I reflect on almost 6 years in your midst I am humbled by the many stories of just acts of compassion, advocacy and care you have extended to others. Your Spirit led ministry action has been motivated by heartfelt need: for safe sanctuary, for a new start, for healing and for the modeling of a better way for ALL to live in peace.

I have witnessed a steady opening of the heart of our congregation as we extend the hand of Christian fellowship and hear affirmation from visitors and new members that our welcome is authentic and good. This unconditional hospitality, wonderfully done for folks who risk entering our doors, requires on-going reinforcement through education and practice in our community. And, recently,

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Feeling Good or Being Good?

During the month of May, Pastor Kelly and I will craft our preaching around the new ReThink Church challenge of “Be. Go. Do.” I get to kick this off on May 5th with a sermon that will focus on Romans 12:1-2. Part of that passage speaks of not being conformed to this world but instead to “be transformed by the renewing of your minds...,” all with the intent of being better able to discern the will of God in our lives.

This particular passage is not new to me but in my attempt to read it with fresh eyes I couldn't help but pause at the words “renewing of your minds.” I stopped there because so much of our faith speaks to, and I believe, resides in our hearts.

Colossians 3:15 asks us to “let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.” In Hebrews 10:16 God speaks of

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the conversation has moved to include how we risk to extend our welcome outside these walls. To that end, as we celebrate our 125 years of ministry this year, the Administrative Council approved the installation of a Peace Pole in the front (KK side) yard of the church to signify our place as one of peace in our community. (we will dedicate this pole on Sunday, May 26 with Bishop Don Ott as our special guest). I will be asking the Council at their May meeting if we might include rainbow stripes (a welcoming symbol to the LGBT community) on the pole to further signify our commitment to include ALL in our welcome. The Council will also hear more about the preparation for our upcoming Vision II retreat (Sunday, June 2) when guest facilitator, Don Mendenhall, will guide church leaders through a discerning process for next steps in the ministry we share. Pastor Andy and I pray that as the heart of this church continues to beat for justice for ALL that a peace will guide our way, together, for the good of ALL.

“...Do what is fair and just to your neighbor, be compassionate and loyal in your love. And don't take yourself too seriously- take God seriously.”

Micah 6:8 (MSG)

Peace to each of you,

Pastor Kelly

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putting his laws not in our minds but in our hearts. Finally, Jesus comforts us in John 14:1 by inviting us to “not let your hearts be troubled...”

Certainly knowing God in our hearts is essential to our faith, but isn't the real challenge moving that faith from our hearts to our heads? Isn't it from our minds that, when feeling the call of Christ on our hearts, we hear words like “Yeah, but...” It's our minds that always want to stop and examine the cost of our call. Now I'm not saying that's necessarily a bad thing...unless it keeps us from ever risking ourselves for God.

But isn't it interesting that whenever we do throw caution to the wind and step out in faith to do something new and different (and maybe even a little scary) we almost always come away feeling better about ourselves, both in our hearts and in our minds? So I wonder where and how we as a congregation might...”Be. Go. Do.” Let's find out together!

Blessings,

Pastor Andy

Summer Connection

We will publish only one newsletter to cover the summer months. The summer Connection will be sent out in June, followed in mid-August by a fall Connection. All calendar updates will be available in the weekly bulletins, on our website at bayviewumc.org, and on our facebook page. The church office will be open all summer as well if you need information on upcoming events.

A Very Special Sunday - May 26th

Peace with Justice Sunday & Peace Pole Dedication

Our community will celebrate Peace With Justice Sunday with 10:45am worship service on Sunday, May 26th. We welcome Bishop Don Ott as guest preacher during the service. Following the service we will dedicate our new Peace Pole to the memory of Rev. Richard Truitt of Bay View UMC, who was instrumental in bringing Peace With Justice Sunday into being, and who helped it become a celebrated Sunday throughout the United Methodist Church denomination. We will not have an 8:15am service on this day. Please mark it on your calendar.

What Is a Peace Pole?

A Peace Pole is a hand-crafted monument that displays the message and prayer May Peace Prevail on Earth on each of its four or six sides, usually in different languages. There are tens of thousands of Peace Poles in 180 countries all over the world dedicated as monuments to peace. They serve as constant reminders for us to visualize and pray for world peace.



Original Peace Pole Makers

The Peace Pole Project is the official Project of The World Peace Prayer Society. It started in Japan in 1955 by Masahisa Goi, who decided to dedicate his life to spreading the message, "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in response to the bombings on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Peace Poles are handcrafted monuments erected the world over as international symbols of Peace. Their purpose is to spread the message "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in the languages of the world.

Summer Worship Service
Time Change - Starting
Sunday, June 9th

Early Service 8:00am
Mid-Morning Service 9:45am

New “Stewardship Challenge Grant” – Volunteers

I am excited to tell you about a new grant the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation has recently announced. Bay View United Methodist Church can apply for a \$400 to \$600 per year grant for three years, to be distributed between now and 2018. Because of the many wonderful programs our church already has in place, I am sure we can achieve the qualifying requirements to receive \$600 with just a little extra effort.

We do need to set up a Stewardship Team as part of the qualifications. I am looking for a couple of people to join me on this team for the first year. It is a great way to serve and learn more about your church, it does not require a lot of your time, and includes (but does not require) a fun and informative two days retreat at Pine Lake Camp. Please contact me, Pastor Kelly or Pastor Andy for more details.

Thank you,

Judy Banta
Stewardship Leader

Live The Fruit of the Spirit at Annual Conference 2013!

At this year’s Annual Conference, we will focus on “preparing the soil.” We are excited to be gathering at the Marriott Madison West in Middleton June 7-10 and equally excited to be joining Bishop Hee-Soo Jung in celebrating United Methodist connectional ministry within the Wisconsin Conference. May God bring us together in joy and thanksgiving as we celebrate ministry: growing disciples, experiencing God’s abundance, and living the fruit of the spirit! The regular registration fee is \$125, which includes Sunday dinner. Scholarships are available. Note that June 10 is free a Learning Day for everyone in the Wisconsin Annual Conference and is open to those who are not attending Annual Conference in its entirety. To register for the entire conference, visit <http://www.tinyurl.com/WACUMC13> To register for Monday, June 10th only, visit <http://www.tinyurl.com/WAC13MONDAY> Email Karen Lamoree or call her at 888-240-7328 with any questions.

InGathering 2013: Go to this webpage <http://www.wisconsinumc.org/content/Documents/AC2013/InGathering-2013.pdf> for a list of items welcome for donation this year.

Monday June 10 is a FREE Learning Day: On Monday, June 10, we will conclude the 43rd Session of the Wisconsin Annual Conference with a learning day open to all clergy and laity. Our day together will focus on our vision of every congregation, charge and circuit becoming transformational centers of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. This Learning Day is open to anyone who wishes to attend, and is included with your Annual Conference registration, but those who ONLY wish to attend the FREE Learning Day can visit this website for more information and to register: <http://www.tinyurl.com/WAC13MONDAY>.

PEP Event – Grohmann Art Museum

Join us on our trip to Grohmann Art Museum. We will meet Saturday, June 1st at 1pm at Bay View UMC. Please sign up at The CUBE and indicate whether you are able to drive.

From the Finance Team

2013 Giving Record				
Fund	Needed Monthly	Received in April	Needed Yearly	Received so far
General	\$15,770	\$10,380	\$189,240	\$52,988
Building Debt	\$2,421	\$2,291	\$29,052	\$10,828
Apportionment	\$2,222	\$474	\$26,664	\$4,031

Imagine No Malaria

Every 60 seconds, malaria claims a life in Africa. Millions of lives, needlessly lost each year. A continent. Entire nations...slipping away. Slipping through life's precious net. Unless you hear the buzzing inside you.

This year on Sunday, May 12, Mother's Day, our church has a special opportunity to make sure your generosity will go further than usual. Our church can help to find a permanent solution for a major health crisis affecting mothers in Africa. Each year, more than 655,000 people die from malaria in Africa. Up to 90 percent of them are women and children. Pregnant mothers and children under age five are the groups most vulnerable to the deadly disease.

Your support of the Imagine No Malaria campaign of the United Methodist Church can help reduce death and suffering by 2015. Thousands of congregations across the United States, including Churches like yours, have already helped to raise \$31.2 million. The next opportunity to join this campaign is on Mother's Day.

When you give an offering on May 12th in honor of the mothers in your congregation, 100 percent of the church's contributions will go to the fight against malaria. Together, we are making a difference as the people of the United Methodist Church. Please write-in an offering for Imagine No Malaria on your offering envelope for Mother's Day.

*~Julie Oren
Finance Team Leader*



The finality of death is hard to accept...and that's what a grief group is all about: getting you to accept the reality so that you can go on with your life. This group is sponsored by people who understand what you are experiencing and want to offer you comfort and encouragement during this difficult time. It is a 13 week grief seminar, you may start any time, and each session is self-contained. Saturdays, at 10am in the Bay View UMC Gathering Space.

Call Al at (414) 628-4671 or email him at allaneckoldt@sbcglobal.net

Rain Rain Go Away!

LOVING START PRESCHOOL



We've been trying very hard to keep our preschoolers moving and active. We did manage a walking field trip to Classic Slice Pizza (one of our favorite spots for a walking trip!). We got to help make and then eat our own pizzas. They throw the pizza dough way up high!

We are also watching five caterpillars grow and grow and grow! Soon they will form a chrysalis and go to sleep. Hopefully we will have five painted lady butterflies to release at our year-end picnic.

We extend an invitation to all of you to attend our year-end program on Friday, May 17, 6:30pm in the main level Sanctuary. We will be saying good-bye to some of our families who are ending their preschool years.

Have a wonderful summer. We will see you in September!

~ Miss Martha, Miss Mary, Miss Joan, Miss Dawn

May Birthdays

14th

Tom Shattuck

15th

Diane Balfanz
Jude Wagner
Edwin Wegenke

17th

John Warkaske

21st

John From

27th

Shannon Haefner
Wendell Sprong

28th

Joy Foster-Steckler
Barbara Morbeck

31st

Melissa Balfanz
Hannah Jackson

June Birthdays

1st

Judy Banta

2nd

James Lombard
Lowell Schroeder

3rd

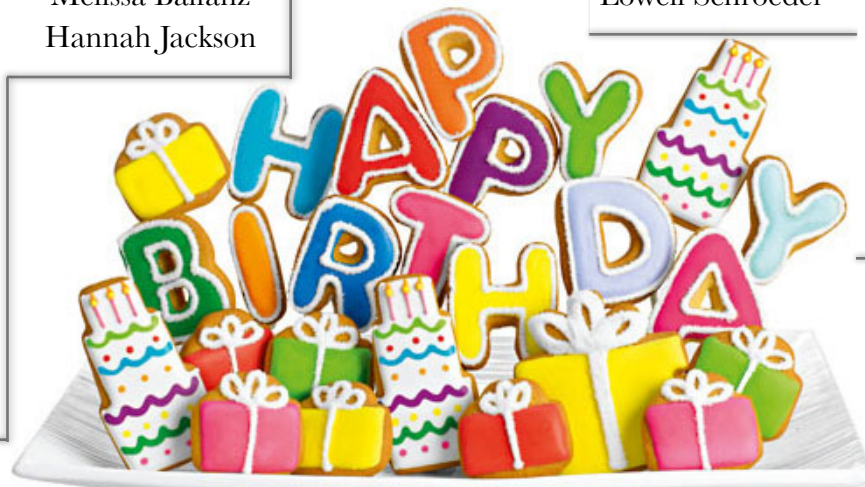
Julie Oren
Arthur Oseland

4th

Pauline Bruss
Aiden Evans
Doralin Fortner

7th

Charlotte Bethke



Calendar 2013

May/June

KEY:

LSP: Loving Start Preschool
 Outpost: Alternative High School
 SECA: South East Clergy
 SPR: Staff Parish Relations
 Wesleyan: Wesleyan Bells
 WF AA: Women's Freedom AA
 PEP: People Enjoying People
 NA: Narcotics Anonymous

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5 8:15am Worship 9:15am Sunday School 10:45am Worship 3pm Bread & Jam 7pm AA	6 8:30am Outpost BHS 8:45am LSP 6pm Music Ministry 7pm AA	7 8:30am Outpost BHS 8:45am LSP 10am AA 12:15am LSP 5:30pm AA	8 8:30am Outpost BHS 8:45am LSP 10am Bible Study 12:30pm Card Ministry	9 8:30am Outpost BHS 8:45am LSP 12:15am LSP 6pm Praise Band 6:30pm Faith Singers 7pm Keystone AA 7:30pm Wesleyan	10 8:30am Outpost BHS 8:45am LSP 7pm NA Mtg	11 10am Grief Share 10:30am WF AA
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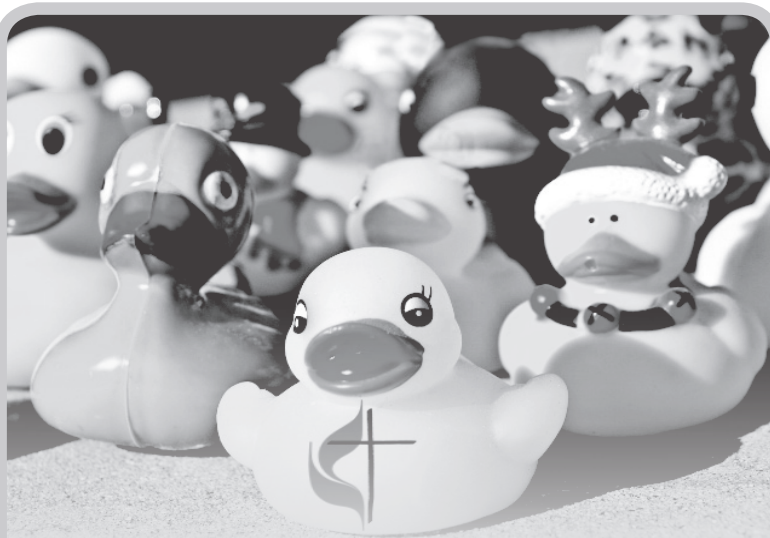
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SPRING HOURS

8:15am Worship
9:15am Sunday School
& Coffee Hour
10:45am Worship



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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday
Thursday, Friday
8:30am - 2:00pm

Wednesday
8:30am - 1:30pm