



BAY VIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CONNECTION Newsletter

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Fledgling No More

“The young birds, referred to as “fledglings” or “branchers” at this stage, typically leave the nest and move about on the ground and on low branches for a few days before they can fly. Their parents are nearby and continue to care for the birds, answering their demanding calls with regular deliveries of food.”

Dear friends,

Our Methoduck church family is being called, in this coming month, to bear the parenting ‘pangs’ of our duckling, Pastor Eddie, launching from our nest! Pastor Eddie has been with us since September, learning and growing and serving among us; and he has not only been a great staff asset but has become a part of our Methoduck family!

In the midst of this experience, you – the church community – have also grown! You have practiced well the tenants of a teaching church as you have encouraged, gently corrected and gracefully groomed Eddie for pastoral ministry. Your willingness prayerfully begun over a year ago with discussions at the Staff-Parish and Finance tables and affirmed through Administrative Council, have paved the way for another minister in this Wisconsin Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church to begin his journey in ministry. This is one of our greatest gifts as a connectional church: that we can be available to the Seminary (Garrett-

Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, IL) as a host sight for seminarians. It has been a blessing to receive such an enthusiastic, capable student pastor, and a further blessing to have willing persons here to walk with him through his tenure here.

My thanks to team leaders, to Eddie’s site team (who met with him monthly), to staff for your willingness to include Eddie in meetings and to the congregation for your willingness to welcome Eddie among you.

On Sunday, September 21st we presented Pastor Eddie with a robe and a baby, glow-in-the-dark duck, representing his eagerness to learn to ‘shine’ the light of God in our midst as herpracticed the craft of pastoring. On Sunday, May 10th, we celebrate Eddie’s growth, his bright spirit and future he has ahead of him with graduation (receiving his Masters of Divinity degree), his marriage to Katie, his commissioning into ministry at Annual Conference (3:30pm on Sunday, 6.14 in Middleton) and the beginning of his first

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appointment to Danbury, Webster, Siren and Lewis on July 1, 2015.

Please plan to be present in worship on Sunday, May 10th (Mother's Day) to join in celebrating our fledgling duck as he launches into his life and his ministry!

Peace to each of you!

Pastor Kelly

It's Summertime...And the Living is Easy!

Okay, maybe it's not summer yet...but we can see it from here! I don't know about you but I love this time of year. Baseball has a lot to do with that and this year my Cubbies are even supposed to be good. I know...they're still the Cubs but hope does spring eternal, right?

I also love this time of year because there summer is...stretching out ahead of us, beckoning us to come enjoy every moment of it. For me summer means softball games, picnics, parades, tennis and nights at Chill on the Hill. Every day seems to offer new opportunities to hang with old friends and maybe even make some new friends. So yeah...I love summer!

Personally this summer is going to be way different than any previous one as Julie is retiring at the end of June...yippee! I am overjoyed when I think about the new freedom she will enjoy and the fact that we will be able to do more things together in the warmth of the sun. We're already planning a drive along the Blue Ridge Parkway for the end of July. God is good!

But what about our life together here at church? I already mentioned Chill on the Hill, the Humboldt Park music program. That's been a great venue for us as a church to not only hang out together but to engage the community on the nights we sponsor when set up our tent and hand out our promotional stuff...a.k.a. ducks!

I also appreciate the freedom of "Ordinary Time"...that period in our lectionary cycle between Easter/Pentecost and the beginning of another Advent season. It's probably the most relaxed time for pastors so it allows us to connect with our congregations in meaningful ways that are sometimes harder to accomplish in the midst of the busyness that often accompanies so much of the rest of the church year.

With that in mind, it's my hope that "we" can hang out together this summer, that we can grow in our understanding of each other and maybe even of God's love, a love that encompasses ALL of us. This might happen on the golf course, the tennis court, the softball field, someone's backyard...who knows...maybe even in church!

I'm excited for the coming months and I hope you are too. Don't forget your sunscreen!

Go Cubs!

Pastor Andy

Your Heart For Community

Be sincere in your love for others. Hate everything that is evil and hold tight to everything that is good. Love each other as brothers and sisters and honor others more than you do yourself. - Romans 12: 9-10 (Common English Version)

Hope is here. Love is here. Family is here.

These words are just some of the ways that you as a congregation talk about being a faithful community that loves God and welcomes the neighbor. I have been privileged to see the many ways that you make those words come alive. Over my time as an intern I have consistently seen how Bay View United Methodist Church transforms words into action. I am grateful personally for the way that you consciously formed yourselves to be a teaching community, helping me to grow in my pastoral identity. Of course, I have a couple of great pastoral mentors in Kelly and Andy, but I was able to grow in a response to God's call because you supported me. Beyond my personal growth I have been blessed to have taken part in a vibrant model of what it means to be Christ's followers. There is so much about who you are as a church that I love and will take with me.

As I first came into the community, BVUMC had just finished the process of joining the Reconciling Ministries Network. I was excited to be part of a community that openly firms all people and I had experience with being in a reconciling congregation in college. What I came to learn was the value that you hold for all people extended beyond a welcoming statement. Your emphasis on the heart of community meant that kids are welcome to stampede up the center aisle during children's time. Care for your neighbors meant building a rapport with Bread and Jam guests. Faithfully walking this journey of life together meant leadership of GriefShare and opening the church to AA programs. The heart of community was not just claimed in word, but embodied.

As I graduate this month I want to say thank you for the opportunity to learn by doing. The seminary has taught me a lot, but I have learned so much by being in ministry together. My time spent in community with BVUMC is the type of learning that will further me in ways that the seminary cannot. Thank you for helping me to grow and nurturing genuine community.

Pastor Eddie

First Sunday Forums

First Sunday Forums are opportunities for you to learn about all types of Missions and how your apportionment dollars are at work. The first Sunday of each month from 9:15am to 10:15am we will have a speaker who is or has been involved with a mission outreach either locally or in another part of the world. The forums will take place in the Gathering Space. May 3rd is our last First Sunday Forum until Fall.

- May 3rd: The Benedict Center - Jeanne Geraci - This Sunday we are welcoming former BVUMC member and Executive Director of the Benedict Center, Jeanne Geraci. She'll be talking about their work and especially their Sister Program. Just recently this program was awarded two Milwaukee Awards of Neighborhood Development Innovation highlighting the women who are working so hard to get their lives turned around.

Bay View United Methodist Church

1st ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

When

**Saturday, July 18th, 2015
12:00pm**

Where

**South Hills Country Club
3047 S. 27th St, Franksville, WI 53126**

Featuring

Giveaways • Games • Raffles • Prizes • Great Food

**Registration information at:
bayviewumc.org (click the banner)**

Registration Information

4 person teams

Early Registration*

(Before June 1st)

\$90/person

Regular Registration*

(On or After June 1st)

\$100/person

Dinner Only

(4:30pm or later)

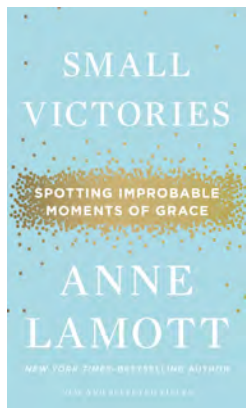
\$15/person

*Prices include giveaways,
green fees, cart, lunch,
2 drinks, and dinner

Stewardship

Biblical Stewardship Principle: God owns everything. Christ didn't hold back on his love when he willingly went to the cross for us. God didn't hold back and make the cross the last word. God who owns everything also offers everything for our sake. We, in turn, are called to share that Good News. If we believe that all we have is a gift from God, then we affirm a faithful distribution of Gods gifts in the world. How much of your time, talent, and treasure will you offer to share?

Stewardship Team



Spring Women's Book Study

Pr. Kelly

It's time for another woman's book study! Women are invited to pick up Anne Lamott's newest book, *Small Victories*. Register for this book discussion led by Pastor Kelly on The Cube and to mark your calendars to join in fellowship and conversation hosted by Judie Liebenstein 3312 S. Griffin Ave. every Monday (5 sessions) beginning June 1st from 6:30pm – 7:45pm.

Lay Servant Class on Polity

An advanced class for Lay Servants on United Methodist Polity & Mission will be offered at the Brown Deer United Methodist Church on Wednesday evenings in May at 6:30pm. Your leader will be Rev. Paul Armstrong. The class will run two hours and utilize the text "Polity, Practice, and the Mission of the United Methodist Church" by Thomas Edward Frank (Abingdon Press/Cokesbury). Copies are available online or at the Brown Deer Office. Please call the church office to confirm registration at (414) 354-4477.

Sunday School Celebration

Pr. Kelly

Sunday June 7th at 9:15am – 10:00am in the Dining Room. ALL parents and children are to attend this time of affirmation for students and teachers and information sharing with parents and caregiving adults.

2015 April Giving Record						
Fund	Rec'd This Month	Needed Monthly	(Short)/Over This Month	Rec'd This Year	Needed This Year	(Short)/Over This Year
General	\$15,037	\$17,851	(\$2,815)	\$60,516	\$71,406	(\$10,890)
Apportionment	\$1,365	\$2,361	(\$996)	\$11,083	\$9,444	\$1,639
Totals	\$16,402	\$20,212	(\$3,810)	\$71,598	\$80,850	(\$9,251)

*Apportionments were paid in full

The Finance Committee would like to thank you so much for your faithful giving.

Loving Start Preschoolers are learning about many things in nature. We are raising caterpillars and hope to have butterflies soon. We are learning about butterflies and other insects and have set up a nature center. We had fun with our parents on a pretend Camping Night. We made tote bags, wiggly snakes, heard stories around the campfire, ate s'mores and played a giant hiking game. We plan to learn about under the sea creatures in May.



We will end the year with a musical program on May 20th and recognize our 25th graduating class.

Help support Loving Start Preschool by eating at the Culvers on Layton Ave on Monday May 4th from 5-7pm.

Miss Martha, Miss Debbie, Miss Nicole, Miss Mary and Miss Karen



May 3rd

Theresa Kitzman-Kelley
Jim Liebenstein

May 5th

Laurie Horne

May 6th

Kay Putney

May 10th

Ron Hanstad

May 11th

Casimir Meyer

May 12th

Amanda Wold

May 14th

Tom Shattuck

May 15th

Diane Balfanz

Jude Wagner

May 17th

John Warkaske

May 19th

Joe Maddalena

May 21st

John From
Ethan Heipel

May 22nd

Jenna Dillon-
Lorenz

May 27th

Shannon Haefner
Wendell Sprong

May 28th

Joy Foster-Steckler
Barbara Morbeck

May 31st

Melissa Balfanz
Hannah Brylow

Help support Loving
Start Preschool!

Eat at Culvers at
575 W. Layton Ave.

on May 4 from
5-7pm.



10% of the evenings
profit will come back
to our school.

May 2015

KEY:

AA: Alcoholics Anonymous
 ESCP: East Side Chamber Players
 FSF: First Sunday Forum - Missions
 LSP: Loving Start Preschool
 NA: Narcotics Anonymous

PEP: People Enjoying People
 SECA: South East Clergy
 SPR: Staff Parish Relations
 WBC: Wesleyan Bell Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 8:15am Worship 9:15am FSF 9:15am Coffee Hour 9:15am Sunday School 10:45am Worship 2pm GriefShare 3pm Bread & Jam 7pm AA Mtg	4 8:45am LSP 5pm LSP Culver's Fundraiser 6:30pm Music Mtg 7pm AA Mtg	5 8:45am LSP 10am AA Mtg 12:15pm LSP 5:30pm AA Mtg 6:30pm Praise Band 6:30pm Bells Play at Yacht Club	6 8:45am LSP 10am Bible Study 12:30pm SECA 6:30pm Renegade Gospel Study	7 8:45am LSP 12:15pm LSP 6:30pm Faith Singers 7pm AA Mtg 7:30pm WBC	1 8:45am LSP 4:45pm Suzuki Strings 7pm NA Mtg 8 8:45am LSP 7pm NA Mtg	2 10:30am AA Mtg 9 10:30am AA Mtg
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We're on the web:
bayviewumc.org

A very special thanks to John Liebenstein for the Litany of Easter that he recreated from our United Methodist Book of Worship and that we are using in worship during the Easter Season. *Pr. Kelly*



Prayers for Pastors and Lay members to Annual Conference as they prepare for the June 12-15 event in Middleton, WI.



We are still in need of a few items to complete our kits for the Annual Conference InGathering school bags: 7 hand-held pencil sharpeners, 6 12" rulers (with metric), 11 kids safety scissors (must be blunt tip), 16 Spiral Notebooks, 10 tote bags

...We very much need sewists! If you are interested in sewing 1 or more bags and need fabric, please contact Julie Oren.



Administrative Council Meets in the Gathering Space
Monday, May 11th, at 7:00pm.

== Hope is here. ♥ Love is here. ♡ Family is here.

WORSHIP SERVICES:

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



Please Recycle

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday
8:30am - 1:30pm
Tuesday through Friday
8:30am - 2:00pm