



BAY VIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# CONNECTION Newsletter

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## 2017! Can You Believe It?!

As we enter this new year I give thanks to God for continuing good health, for the opportunity to work and use my gifts and especially for the gift of friendship and collaboration with ALL of you, my Bay View UMC family.

A new year gives each of us the opportunity to take a look back, say ‘so-long’ to the challenges of 2016 and to look ahead with expectation for good.

My prayer for each of you is that you take the knowledge of God’s unconditional love and presence always with you. That this community is a place that will always welcome you as Jesus models for us in scripture and that the inspiration of God’s spirit will continue to give us guidance as we go into this new year together!

Happy New Year, Church! I see you! And I look forward to hearing your voices responding: “I am here!”.

*Pastor Kelly*

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## It’s a New Year

### What Should Be Different?

It is the season for making resolutions and while we all have our own personal goals, I’d like to suggest that we begin this year focusing on some of John Wesley’s words. It might be that they will not only help shape who we are but will also impact how we live into this new year of 2017.

Let’s start with one we all know:

*“Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as ever you can.”*

What do you think of when you read those words? For me it is an invitation to try to always be mindful of the opportunities before me. I may not always be “on” enough to respond or even acknowledge those opportunities but for the times that I do...these words will go a long way towards helping me step up to whatever is before me.

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# New Year...

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Last month I wrote about my struggle with our recent presidential election. Here is a good one for me, and maybe for all of us, to consider:

*“We should be rigorous in judging ourselves and gracious in judging others.”*

And with that in mind, consider this one:

*“Though we cannot think alike, may we not love alike? May we not be of one heart, though we are not of one opinion? Without all doubt, we may. Herein all the children of God may unite, notwithstanding these smaller differences.”*

Finally, we have some words that remind us that we are called to be together...not just within this congregation but also as part of our greater community:

*“The Gospel of Christ knows no religion but social; no holiness, but social holiness.”*

As I close this first Connection article of 2017 may I simply say to all of you how very blessed I am to serve here alongside Pastor Kelly and with ALL of you. May this coming year be grace-filled and full of just enough surprises to keep us all on our toes! Amen and Happy New Year!

**Pastor Andy**

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## New First Sunday Forums

February 5<sup>th</sup> we welcome Dr. Aaron Chevinsky, Director of Surgical Oncology with Aurora Cancer Care. He will be talking with us about some of the myths and realities of cancer diagnosis and care. So many of us have been touched either personally or through our families by this disease that we felt this would be an important topic to address.

On March 5<sup>th</sup> Kayla Steinke, the new Regional Director of South Shore Interfaith will be here along with Vickie Jensen, their Volunteer Outreach Coordinator, to talk about the great work they do with seniors in our community. In 2015 their volunteers provided nearly 14,000 hours of services to over 900 clients.



You can sign up to volunteer by going to [SignUp.com](http://SignUp.com) or use the QR code with your phone, by talking to Jan Kosanke on Sunday mornings or emailing at: [breadandjam@bayviewumc.org](mailto:breadandjam@bayviewumc.org).

	Meals Served	Bag Lunch Served
December 4	68	55
December 11	55	45
December 18	43	49
December 25	51	53

Guests Served December 2016

## Winter Camp 2017

The weekend of January 13-15, 2017 will be the 57th time that hearty, fun-loving, God-in-nature loving, WI Winter loving folks from this Church journey to United Methodist owned Camp Lucerne on beautiful Lake Lucerne, just southeast of Watoma, WI. This weekend has evolved over the years from the well organized, all group effort to plan for, supply and cook every meal and the over-the-top scavenger hunts to a more relaxing optional Friday Fish Fry at a local Inn and Camp prepared meals, group hikes and bonfire worship for the entire group. There have always been board games and puzzles going, always been sledding on the big hill and skating on the beautiful lake, knitters and readers and visiting and resting and that glorious first night late-night hike to experience. Camp Lucerne has changed over the years too: from meager cabins and “do your own cooking” to more efficient fireplace inserts, showers in each cabin, and a beautiful dining room facility. These Conference Camp improvements have increased the cost to campers as well.

An open invitation is extended to ALL Church members and friends and their friends to attend this year’s camp weekend. Cost and cabin sign up information is in the Gathering Space on The Cube. You may also speak with Judie Liebenstein to get more information. See you at Camp!

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## Craft Club Dates in January

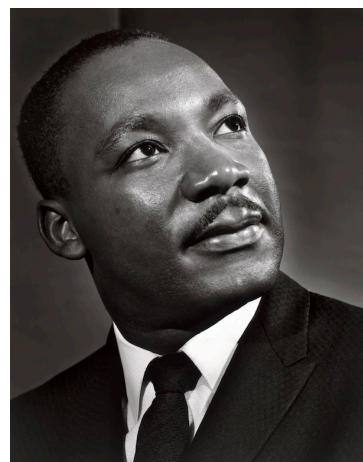
Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> 12:30pm

Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm

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## MLK Celebration

A Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration hosted by Bishop Jung for the Wisconsin Conference will be held on Sunday, January 15 at 7 p.m. at Wauwatosa Ave. UMC in Wauwatosa. Milwaukee Branch NAACP President Fred Royal will be the featured speaker at this worship service celebrating Martin Luther King Jr.’s life and what we are doing to live out his vision. At the service, an offering for Rising Sun Camp, one of our justice ministries that serves school-age children who have an incarcerated parent, will be taken. Donations cover nearly all the cost of camp for these children, and churches who cannot participate in the celebration are encouraged to send a love gift for Rising Sun Camp to the Conference treasurer’s office. Child care will be available during the event, and the event will be live-streamed on the Wisconsin UMC homepage. The event will also include prayer, a community high school choir, youth and young adult participation, food, and fellowship. We look forward to seeing you at this special celebration! Sign up for carpooling is on The Cube.



**Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>**

**7pm - Carpool at 6pm**

**from Church**

**Location: Wauwatosa Ave  
UMC**

1529 N Wauwatosa Ave,  
Milwaukee, WI 53213

# Pastor Kelly and Pastor Andy:

## Blessed to Minister Together here at Bay View UMC

The ordained role and function of Pastor encompasses four very specific areas of leadership: service, word, sacrament and order. Andy and I have taken different routes to get to this point and thus are designated differently on our appointment letters. However, from the onset of our working partnership, we have considered ourselves as mutual, collaborative pastoral equals and have planned for and conducted our ministry efforts intentionally honoring this unique and wonderful collegiality.

The move into Accountable Leadership is the perfect time to recast our roles and function in this pastoral team to best fit the new model and to offer the best stewardship of our time and talent to the life of the Church.

As we discussed our ministry together, what we affirmed is the beauty of not differentiating to the point of putting the care of this congregation and its ministry into pastor silos. We celebrate our mutual and fluid effort to meet the needs and growing edges of this Church, being mindful of our individual gifts and strengths. We are clear in our need and desire to have both pastors included on the Accountable Leadership Board, and that with regard to vision and mission that both of us have voice at that table. We are committed to the collaborative nature of our leadership and look forward to greater collaborative efforts with the committed lay participants of this inaugural Accountable Leadership Board.

Andy and I will continue to meet regularly on our own to discuss:

- The overall care/function for the community and ministries of Bay View UMC
- The function and care for volunteer and paid staff
- The personal check-in that keeps us healthy
- The calendaring of the extra commitments we carry

We both feel blessed with the opportunity to lead together, in a new way, in 2017.

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## Free Financial Seminar Series

### Taxes - What to Do (and Don't)

This talk will be on tax basics - why you should file a tax return, and when you don't need to file. Bring your questions: How do I file? Who do I include in my return? What is itemizing?

Sign-up is on The Cube and on [Facebook](#).

**Monday, January 9, 6:30pm in the BVUMC Gathering Space**  
**A light snack will be provided. Bring a friend or neighbor.**

These seminars are a part of our free financial series and are open to anyone wishing to know more. Each seminar will take place at 6:30pm in the Gathering Space on the first Monday of each month (second Monday in the case of national holidays).

# Senior Stockbox Building – Hunger Task Force



Date: February 4, 2017

Time: 9am-noon

Location: MKE Regional Business Park,  
300 E College Ave., Milwaukee

Volunteers Needed: 18-25 people (minimum 18)

**Deadline to Sign Up: January 28<sup>th</sup>**

Volunteers will build and fill boxes of basic needs food for low income senior citizens. This box contains 16-17 items which Hunger Task Force provides to almost 10,000 seniors a month. Sign up to be a part of the Bay View UMC team! Sign up is in the Gathering Space.

Please Note: Volunteers will be doing some lifting, up to 30 pounds. You must be able to be on your feet for the activity and bend, stoop and lift.

## Stewardship Update

In “A Christmas Carol”, Dickens wants each of us to discover what old Scrooge had to learn the hard way: The only way to hold onto something is to give it away. This is the paradox of giving: The one who gives (from substance and without counting the cost) is the one who is most grateful. Hope you look back on your holidays believing, “besides being a donor, the generous person is also the beneficiary”.

We appreciate your generosity of Time, Talent, and Treasure, supporting BVUMC this season.

*BVUMC Stewardship Team*

2016 December Giving Record						
Fund	Rec'd This Month	Needed Monthly	(Short)/ Over This Month	Rec'd This Year	Needed So Far This Year	(Short)/ Over This Year
General	\$18,703	\$17,927	\$776	\$181,109	\$215,124	(\$34,015)
Apportionment	\$1,734	\$2,442	(\$708)	\$25,028	\$29,304	(\$4,276)
<b>Totals</b>	\$20,437	\$20,369	\$68	\$206,137	\$244,428	(\$38,291)

**Note: No Finance Meeting in January**

Loving Start Preschoolers made gifts for their families and had a wonderful Christmas Program. The children filled a laundry basket full of peanut butter and jelly for Bread and Jam and the Bay View Community Center. The Butterfly Room had two kindness elves that went home with different children each night. The child and their family were encouraged to do an act of kindness. Some families baked cookies for someone, one child helped their grandmother, and another child drew a picture and took a dozen donuts to a fire station. We also made cards for others and gave one to the mail carrier and sent some with the poinsettias the church was given to home bound members. We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday. In January we look forward to learning about what animals do in winter.

## LOVING START PRESCHOOL



Miss Martha, Miss Debbie, Miss Mary, Miss Karen



### January 3<sup>rd</sup>

Tyhesha Shumpert

### January 4<sup>th</sup>

Paul Gibson

### January 6<sup>th</sup>

Emily Kallio

### January 10<sup>th</sup>

Elsa Eggert  
Don Evans  
Scarlett Kallio

### January 15<sup>th</sup>

Phyllis Ditch

### January 18<sup>th</sup>

Gwen Erdman

### January 19<sup>th</sup>

Samantha Wold

### January 20<sup>th</sup>

Cheryl Berry

### January 24<sup>th</sup>

Jan Kosanke

### January 27<sup>th</sup>

Francine Knepper

### January 28<sup>th</sup>

Sue Neiderheiser

### January 30<sup>th</sup>

Gary Haase

### January 31<sup>st</sup>

Luis Torres

# January 2017

AA: Alcoholics Anonymous  
 ESCP: East Side Chamber Players  
 FSF: First Sunday Forum - Missions  
 LSP: Loving Start Preschool  
 MLCS: Main Level Concert Series  
 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
1 10:45am Worship 3pm Bread & Jam  <b>New Year's Day</b>  <b>Holiday Alkathon</b> <b>12pm Dec 31 -</b> <b>11:59pm Jan 1</b>	2 7pm District 28 AA 7pm AA Mtg  <b>Church Office</b> <b>Closed</b>	3 10am AA Mtg 5:30pm AA Mtg	4 8:45am LSP 10am Bible Study 1pm SECA	5 8:45am LSP 7pm AA Mtg 7pm WBC	6 8:45am LSP 7pm NA Mtg	7 9am Men's Breakfast 10:30am AA Mtg
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*January*  
2017

We're on the web:  
[bayviewumc.org](http://bayviewumc.org)



PEP

## New Year Potluck Party

Location: Gathering Space  
Sunday, January 8 5:30pm

Sign Up w/Dish to Pass on The Cube

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

### WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAYS:

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