



BAY VIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CONNECTION Newsletter

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Helpers... What a Blessing!

The children are on my mind as we round out this Sunday School program year. Our church embraces children in a way I have not experienced elsewhere – ever! You see them and value them and you encourage parents with your support in so many ways. Numbers never reflect the truth of a church or a program. It's the heart that fuels the joy (and success) of ministry as it impacts persons, for good! The heart of Bay View UMC for children beats with passion and I am so grateful for our families and those who care for their spiritual formation.

The Sunday School has been blessed this year with wonderful lead teachers and supportive helpers. Volunteers that commit their time, talent and treasure to bring wonderful classroom and ALL group experiences week after week are priceless!

I have been praying for some time now about how to expand the volunteer and leadership opportunities to work with children in the coming days here at Bay View UMC. Please pray with me, Church, as the vision

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Who We Are Together

Last month Pastor Kelly wrote about our need to “belong” to something. She highlighted the fact that our desire to belong is a biological one...satisfying a basic human need to feel connected and safe. I couldn't agree more! Consider for a moment what groups or organizations you “belong to” besides our church. That list may include a veteran's organization, a garden or book club, a service organization such as the Lion's Club or maybe even a kickball team. The point is that we by our very nature crave the company of others who welcome us and who share the same interests.

And so it is with our church. As a United Methodist congregation we are part of a denomination that encompasses the entire globe. I

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for more helping hands and willing hearts to serve unfolds for children's ministry next year.

We will celebrate this year of Sunday School in a single service of worship ALL together on Sunday, June 4th at 9:45am followed by our PEP group hosting an ice-cream Sunday bar! Proverbs 22:6 says "Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it." Families are blessed here through the love and care our community has for the children! Thanks be to God!

Peace be with each of you,

Pastor Kelly

Where's The Cube?

New Sign Up Location

We have replaced The Cube in the Gathering Space with a new spot for announcements and signups next to the usher room. This bulletin board will make seeing everything that's available more simple. It's located across the hall from the prayer wall before you get to the stairs.

Everything is there, from servant leaders to altar flowers to upcoming events. Check to see what's happening today!

New Door Code

As we have planned for some time, the Trustees have changed the lock and code on the Pryor Avenue glass door.

We have done our best to update everyone on this new development, but know that there will be some who still need to get the door code. If you need the code, please contact Jan Colson or the church office.

Thank you for your patience as we transition to help make our church safer.

First Sunday Forums

We'll wrap up our First Sunday Forum series for the season on May 7th with a very special guest: Former Wisconsin governor and longtime friend of our congregation, Marty Schreiber. He will be with us to talk about his book, *My Two Elaines*. This is his story of his wife Elaine's struggle with Alzheimer's and his own journey as her care-provider. You won't want to miss this one!



Loving Start Preschool Fun-d Raiser (Tonight)

Loving Start Preschool is having their annual Culver's fundraiser today, May 1st, from 5pm to 7pm. LSP receives a portion of all sales during these hours. This is a super easy way to help support this wonderful ministry. Bring a friend or neighbor and get yourself some delicious frozen custard!

At the Culver's location on the corner of South 6th St. & Layton Ave.

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don't know about you but when I'm traveling and I see our Cross & Flame logo on a local church it warms my heart. I feel that way because I know that within that building and community are like-minded people and if I should ever get in trouble while traveling, it's one of the first places I would go for help.

This is also why Pastor Kelly and I give our time to our Southeast Covenant Faith Community events such as our ecumenical Good Friday service and the occasional Night of Conversation at the Islamic Society. Rather than embracing a sense of competition between us, these local churches support one another because they recognize that we are indeed all in this together. Martin Luther spoke of "being part of the priesthood of all believers." I hear those words as an invitation to explore the world that exists beyond the four walls of my own church and home.

With that in mind I want to share that, on the weekend of August 18-20 our Bishop Hee-Soo Jung will be leading a bus tour of some of Milwaukee's various faith communities. I've been working with him to set up a diverse schedule that begins on Friday night with a visit to Congregation Shalom to participate in their Shabbat service. Saturday will include visits to the Sikh Temple of Wisconsin, The Islamic Society of Milwaukee and The Hindu Temple of Wisconsin. On Sunday morning the group will worship at St. Mary & St. Antonious Coptic Orthodox Church. In a few weeks I will have some promotional materials for this tour available. But for now, check your calendar and decide if you might want to participate in what I'm sure will be an instructive and fun opportunity.

And please, take a Sunday morning sometime to visit another church in your neighborhood. Let them know how much you appreciate their presence and all they do. Because together...we can really make a difference!

Blessings,

Pastor Andy

The May PEP Event: Another Evening with John McGivern

John is best known for his Emmy-award winning work on PBS. You can purchase tickets at the South Milwaukee PAC website. [Click HERE.](#)

All proceeds benefit St. Matthew School.

When:

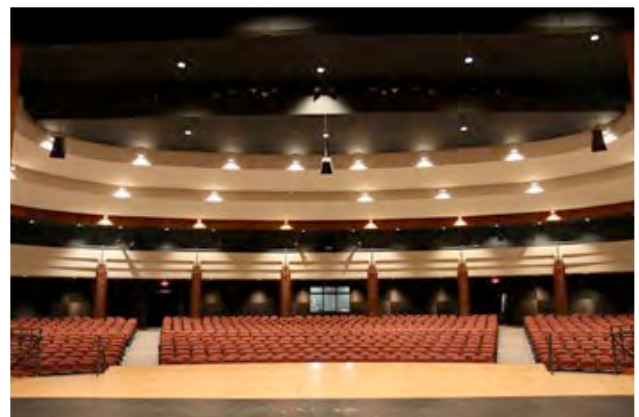
Friday, May 5 7:30pm-9pm

Tickets \$37.00

Location:

South Milwaukee PAC

901 15th Ave, South Milwaukee



Bread & Jam for Mother's Day

No, this is not a menu idea! It's an invitation to join a wonderful work team as they prepare, serve and clean up after our Sunday afternoon weekly free meal. Sign up on the events wall or use the QR code. You can also sign up on [our volunteer website](#) or by talking to Jan Kosanke on Sunday mornings, or by emailing her at breadandjam@bayviewumc.org. Bread & Jam volunteers can choose from a variety of shifts between 1pm and 5:30pm on Sunday afternoons.



by Pr. Kelly

	Meals Served	Bag Lunches Served
April 2	101	64
April 9	89	59
April 16	65	54
April 23	87	68
April 30	69	52

Guests Served April 2017

Hunger Task Force Senior Stockbox Volunteer Team



Saturday, June 10th

9am-noon

MKE Regional Business Park

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 on the new Servant Leader Board next to the usher room (across the hall from the Prayer Wall). 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. Deadline to sign up: May 28

Summer Worship Services

Now through May 28th

Sundays

8:15am In the Dining Room
&
10:45am In the Sanctuary

Sunday, June 4th

Single Service Worship
9:45am
In the Sanctuary

June 11th through Summer

Sundays

8:00am On the Pryor Ave Knoll
(weather permitting)
&
9:45am In the Sanctuary

Celebrating Sunday School with Our Children

Pr. Kelly

We round out the Sunday School year this month and look forward to PEP's invitation for an ALL Church ice-cream bar social following the single service of worship on Sunday, June 4. (service time is 9:45am that day).

The CREW (Children Really Enjoying Worship) will meet one last time on May 21st and Rotations will meet on the 7th, 14th and 21st, preceded by table fellowship in the Library. There is NO Sunday School on May 28th in honor of Memorial Day weekend.

Parents, please be sure to have children attending each week as we will be polishing up our "special surprise" to the Church family for June 4th!



Grief Share



Help and encouragement after the death of a loved one

Grief Share is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. Groups are always led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help you through the difficult days ahead. We know it hurts, and we want to help.

Sundays 2:00pm - 3:30pm In the Gathering Space

Led by: Allan Eckoldt; No Registration Fee; \$20 materials Contact Allan at (414) 628 - 4671 or by email at : griefshare@bayviewumc.org

Upcoming PEP Events

Ice Cream Social

Sunday, June 4th

10:45am

Gathering Space

Stick around after this single service worship Sunday for intergenerational fellowship. Worship is at 9:45am in the Sanctuary, and the beginning of our summer worship schedule.



PEP ALL Church Picnic

Tuesday, June 24th

6pm - 8:30pm

Chill on the Hill

@ the Humboldt Park Band Shell

Enjoy fun in the sun at our annual church picnic. Bring a dish to pass and your lawn chairs and listen to some live music.

INTERFAITH OLDER ADULT PROGRAMS

WINE & BEER TASTING AT THE BASILICA

Thursday, May 18, 2017

6:30 - 9 pm

The Basilica of St. Josaphat
2333 S. 6th St., Milwaukee

**TICKETS IN
ADVANCE**

\$30

per person

**TICKETS
AT THE DOOR**

\$35

per person

**VIP 1ST SERVING
& TOUR TICKET**

\$50

per person

Entry at 6 pm

Wine & Beer Tasting - Appetizers

Raffle Prizes - Free Tours

Live Music

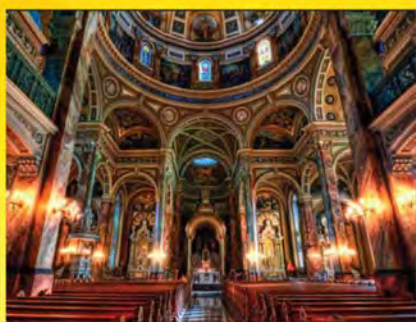
Free, Convenient Parking

Accessible Entrance and Elevators

Enter through the Visitor's Center

For more information,
call 414 762-1998

Order tickets online at
my.interfaithmilw.org/winetasting



Since 1975, Interfaith has provided hundreds of services and opportunities for individuals age 50 and better, including caregivers. Interfaith's volunteers and professionals help those we serve stay safe, connected, independent and engaged in their communities. Learn more at www.interfaithmilw.org.

**All proceeds from the event will
directly benefit South Shore Regional
Neighborhood Outreach Program.**



Financial Support Can Be Fun!

Pr. Kelly

Talking about apportionment giving, the operating budget and fiscal stewardship are about as exciting as watching grass grow (although with all of this rain you can almost actually see it growing!)

Several years ago the idea emerged to develop monthly “fun-d raising events” in the summer months to bring the church community together and to sustain the lighter attendance/giving trend that had been the norm.

The anchor idea was the launch of a Golf Outing and around that came opportunities for family friendly dining/fun. We have continued to look for businesses that offer good return fundraisers and that lead us to add the Chinooks Outing to this series.

These events are painless ways to support the financial needs of Bay View UMC AND build a stronger base of relationship across our community. Our business connections, especially through the Golf Outing have expanded our presence in the community. We also reciprocate support by sponsoring Chill on the Hill nights, participating in the July 4th Parade, and by sharing task projects works through the park, Bay View Neighborhood Association, and the MPS Adopt-a-School program.

Prayerfully consider your participation and support for our 2017 Summer Fun-d Raisers! They are better when YOU join in the fun!



Monday, June 5th 5pm-7pm

Location:

Culver's, 575 W. Layton Ave., Milwaukee, WI
53207
(Corner of 6th St. & Layton Ave.)



vs.



Monday, June 26th 6:30pm

Location:

Kapco Park, 12800 N Lake Shore Drive,
Mequon, WI 53097
(Concordia University)



Saturday, July 15th 12pm

(10:30am Check-in)

Location:

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



Wednesday, August 23rd 8pm
(Date Tentative)

Location:

Hamburger Mary's, 730 S. 5th St.,
Milwaukee, WI 53204
(Corner of 5th St. & National Ave.)

Update on School Kit Supplies – InGathering

Relief supply kits help provide care for the most vulnerable people during times of crisis. Here at BVUMC, we focus our efforts each year on school kits for children. We have 14 assembled kits ready to go! Here is a list of items needed to complete sixty kits;



- 0 - Tote bags (A huge thank you to all of our sewists!)
- 126 - single-subject spiral notebooks
- 269 - #2 pencils, must be unsharpened and without advertising
- 6 - 12" rulers with metric
- 30 - 24-count Crayola crayon boxes
- 45 - 2.5" pink erasers
- 36 - school scissors, must be blunt tip
- 46 - individual pencil sharpeners
- \$50 - \$1 per bag shipping costs

What is InGathering?

Where do those school bags go?

During the Wisconsin Annual Conference, an Ingathering truck is available for all attendees to bring donations for Missions and specific needs. We choose to donate to the need of school bags. Among the other things that are gathered are: cleaning buckets, bedding kits, and general hygiene kits.

These items are then shipped to the Midwest Missions Distribution Center (MMDC). MMDC collects, makes, assembles and restores supplies for humanitarian aid and disaster relief. The work is done mostly by volunteers who come from all over the US to serve. The facility is located 4 miles south of Springfield, Illinois. MMDC is a cooperating depot in the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), Relief Supply Network.



In February MMDC sent two shipments totaling 28,990 pounds of medical supplies, sewing machines, Personal Dignity Kits, school bags and much more to World Mission Outreach (WMO) in Hickory NC. In April WMO sent a group to Nicaragua on a mission trip. A mission they focus on is teaching Trade Skill Education. One of the days they focused on sewing to make clothes, blankets, sheets and anything else they may need for their daily life or to sell and make a profit! They also handed out school bags and Personal Dignity kits to the children.

Please help with school supplies, bags and funds needed to bring the school bags to Annual Conference on June 16th.

To find out more please visit midwestmissiondc.org

Craft Club Focus: Prayer Shawl Ministry

Did you know that knitters and those who crochet add prayer to their stitching? These crafters meet at church for fellowship, to share new patterns and to help one another with the mechanical learning of knitting and crocheting. It's an afternoon or evening gathering for personal learning and also for ministry outreach. The groups not only work on their own projects but they also create beautiful shoulder wrap shawls, lap shawls and pocket shawls. They are available to anyone in need of comfort.

Pastors may choose a shawl for a housebound congregant to remind them of their church family. Shawls are also draped over the foot of hospital beds for patients to know the constant presence of prayer as they endure treatment.



And, recently, MaryLou and Eleanor Rice, Diane Evans and Fujie Moses donated 90 pocket prayer shawls that had been made over a long while to this ministry. Each comes with a card printed in the Church office that explains that putting this mini shawl in a pocket or purse, backpack or car will be “A tangible example of God’s love and compassion” and promises that “God’s love is with you everywhere”.

May the power of the Holy Spirit inspire the hands that create and the hands that receive these wonderful shawls! Thank you crafters!

FYI: Craft Club meets the second Tuesday of each month at 12:30pm, and the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm. If you have questions, please email Julie Oren at: juliequiltjewels@gmail.com

2017 April 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	\$15,876	\$17,804	(\$1,928)	\$63,685	\$71,216	(\$7,531)
Apportionment	\$1,652	\$2,482	(\$830)	\$10,237	\$9,928	\$309
Totals	\$17,528	\$20,286	(\$2,758)	\$73,922	\$81,144	(\$7,222)

Our caterpillars have arrived! We will watch them grow and hope for butterflies by the end of school.

LOVING START PRESCHOOL



We are learning about camping and have invited our parents for a pretend campout. We will have stories around the campfire, crafts and even s'mores. The month of May will be busy with a fire station field trip, Culver's night, and getting ready for our program. We will end the year with a musical program on May 22nd and recognize our 27th graduating class.

Miss Martha, Miss Debbie, Miss Mary, Miss Karen

May Birthdays



May 3rd

Theresa Kitzman-
Kelley
Jim Liebenstein

May 11th

Casimir Meyer

May 5th

Laurie Horne

May 12th

Amanda Wold

May 17th

John Warkaske

May 6th

Kay Putney

May 14th

Tom Shattuck

May 21st

John From
Ethan Heipel

May 28th

Joy Foster-Steckler
Barbara Morbeck

May 10th

William Bachar
Ron Hanstad

May 15th

Diane Gunby
Jude Wagner

May 27th

Shannon Haefner

May 31st

Melissa Balfanz
Hannah Brylow

May 2017

KEY: AA: Alcoholics Anonymous
 ALB: Accountable Leadership Board
 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
30 8:15am Worship 9:15am Coffee Hour 9:30am Adult Study 10am Sunday School 10:45am Worship 2pm Grief Share 3pm Bread & Jam 7pm AA Mtg	1 8:45am LSP 5pm LSP Culver's Fun-d Raiser 7pm District 28 AA 7pm AA Mtg	2 8:45am LSP 10am AA Mtg 5:30pm AA Mtg	3 8:45am LSP 10am Bible Study 6:30pm Faith Singers	4 8:45am LSP 6pm Children's Team Mtg 7pm AA Mtg 7pm WBC	5 8:45am LSP 5pm Suzuki Strings 7pm NA Mtg	6 9am Men's Breakfast 10:30am AA Mtg
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We're on the web:
bayviewumc.org

Quotable Leadership from Leading Ideas

“We're trying to sustain hope by being a hope. Hope is not simply something that you have; hope is something that you are.”

~Cornel West

== 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