



BAY VIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CONNECTION Newsletter

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This Is Us

How humbling it is to receive gifts during the holiday season! I'm so grateful for the support and leadership in this congregation and increasingly, in the expressed understanding and willingness to assist in ALL aspects of the ministry. I'm grateful as folks, of ALL ages and stages have not only asked how they can help but have seen beyond the current 'list of activities' and have forecast need and their willingness to step up. I truly believe THIS IS US being the Church as Christ might have envisioned it. Meeting need through our gifts and talents as collaborators with Christ for the transformation of [at least our part] of the world!

Our community is in for a very special Advent Season this year! I'm welcoming each of our trained Lay Speakers to offer the messages for each week of Advent. I will be contributing a threshold moment to 10:45am each service that I hope will expand our experience of worship and understanding of "God-With-Us/Emmanuel" this Advent. I will also be available for coordination and leadership for Children's Ministries for the month of December.

I will preach both the 4:30pm and 10:45pm services on Christmas Eve to bring culmination and celebration to our faithful journey through Advent. Please lift Mark Humphrey, Diane Evans, Susan Troyer and Judie Liebenstein in your daily prayers as they study and prepare to offer each week's sermon.

Peace be with each of you,

Pastor Kelly

P.S.: Did you catch/like the way I used the hit TV show about triplets title without focusing on triplets?!

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Quotable Leadership from churchleadership.com

"I do not at all understand the mystery of grace -- only that it meets us where we are but does not leave us where it found us."

~Anne Lamott

Upcoming Dates

Church Office Update

The Church office will be closed December 26 – January 1 for daily business. The Church office will reopen on Tuesday January 2, 2018 at 8:30a.m. Pastor Kelly will be in CA for the wedding of her daughter.

If you have a pastoral emergency during that time, please call Rev. Wendee Nitz, Pastor at Oak Creek UMC: her cell is: 608- 279-3010.

Worship Service Times through the Holidays

Celebrating the Fourth Sunday of Advent:

December 24 – one morning service with Holy Communion at 10:45am

Celebrating Christmas Eve:

December 24 - 4:30pm Intimate Service with candlelight

and 10:45pm with beautiful music and candlelight

Holy Communion Open Table from 5:00pm-6pm and from 9:30pm – 10:30pm.

Celebrating the Season with Carol Singing and liturgy led by the BVUMC Orchestra:

December 31 – one morning service at 10:45am

Celebrating Epiphany and Remembering our Baptism with Wesleyan Bells

January 7, 2018 at both 8:15am & 10:45am with Holy Communion

MLK, Jr. Celebration

Save the Date: Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

Bishop Melvin George Talbert is the guest speaker for the service on January 14, 2018, 7:00 p.m. at Brown Deer UMC: 5736 W Brown Deer Rd, Brown Deer, WI.

The event will also be livestreamed for those who cannot attend.

Bishop Talbert's complete bio is on the Rainbow Covenant Mission Board in the Gathering Space.

MISSIONS from WI Conference ENEWS

Sign Up for Volunteers in Mission Trip to Texas

There are still just a couple openings for the Volunteers in Mission trip to Houston, Texas to help with Hurricane Harvey clean-up and rebuild. The team will be working January 1-5 with travel days before and after. If you are interested, contact Amy and Andy Hess at alhess3@aol.com or [920-434-8065](tel:920-434-8065). Cost of the trip is \$300. All young adults and older are welcome to attend. No experience required.

Thank You! Thank You!

Heartfelt thanks to our first Accountable Leadership team! Each of you has made a selfless sacrifice of service trusting me to lead us into a new understanding of leadership for our church. God placed each of you on this inaugural board with a particular gift to share and I'm so very grateful for your energy, enthusiasm and willingness to lead.

The New Year ushers in a new slate of servant leaders to ALB: please welcome and pray for:

Board Leader	Jason Rae
Lay Leader	Judie Liebenstein
SPR	Stacy LaPrad
SPR	Brenda Gebhardt
Trustees	Jan Colson
Trustees	Rodge Taylor
Finance	Muriel Blackwood
Finance	Gwen Erdman
Special Appeals	Phillip Bailey (non voting)
At-Large	John Liebenstein
At-Large	Chris Hutchinson
At-Large	Sue Neiderheiser
At-Large	Ann Pier
Pastor	Kelly Fowler



The entire list of ministry teams and works teams that complete the 2018 BVUMC leadership team can be found in the 2017 Church Conference Packet on the credenzas in the Gathering Space and near the office.

Caroling on KK – Christmas on KK – Tonight!

Our church choir, Faith Singers, has unanimously voted in favor of caroling on Friday, December 1st, during the 2nd annual Bay View Christmas on KK. We start out at the opening ceremony at 5pm at Stone Creek and move on 'popping in' to local businesses on the KK corridor - the hub being KK Ave & Lincoln Ave. If you would like to join the choir on this night, please contact Kathleen Matts for details.

Hangin' of the Greens

Kitty Schaefer

Trimming of the tree and beautifying our church will be Wednesday, December 6th 9am to noon. If you are attending Bible study during that time, please consider staying after to help with decorations. We need anyone who could give an hour or more to get the church ready for the Christmas season. Come and enjoy some fellowship and hot cider while we hang the greens and make the church sparkle. Sign up on the Servant Leader Board across the stairs from the elevator.

Mission Team Announces January 2018

First Sunday Forum for January 7th: “Project Pick Me Up”

Ryan Otto is a UW Parkside student, living in Bay View. Ryan is working on setting up a donation allocation service to help out local homeless shelters in need. He’s developed a website that helps to link people willing to donate with the shelters in need and he is willing to pick up anything we donate! projectpickmeup.org

As Missions visions 2018 in our congregation, the possibility of becoming a networking partner with “Project Pick Me Up” is exciting! Below is the current list of needs: Anyone willing/able to donate – please bring ONLY these items to the Church on or before Sunday January 7, 2018.

- Men's and Women's deodorant
- Diapers
- Men's socks
- Winter Jackets – all sizes
- Shoes – all sizes
- Men's Jeans – especially large sizes
- Men's boxers – especially large sizes
- Boy's underwear (size 4-6)



Secret Angel Gift Shoppe

Secret Angel Gift Shoppe allows our younger shoppers to browse tables filled with items for siblings, parents, ‘grands’, neighbors and friends that their nickels, dimes and dollars can easily afford. Kids get a chance to meet Santa and Mrs. Claus (between 10am and 11am only). Adults relax in the cafe and enjoy hot drinks and sweet treats while the kids shop!

Shoppe Hours

December 2

9am - 12pm

Cookie Walk

We would like to welcome church members, friends, and neighbors to our 11th Annual Cookie Walk. We always have a wonderful variety of cookies but also will have fair trade gifts by Go Earth, Nancy Radtke will have her special jewelry for sale, and some of our members and friends prepare special treats. In past years, proceeds from the cookie and gift sales



have benefitted local groups such as the Southeast Interfaith Older Adult Programs, Bay View Community Center, and many others. Sunday, December 10th, 9am to 12pm
Sign up in the Gathering Space to bake or volunteer on event day.

NEW FaithLink Intergen Class

Sunday Mornings, Library @ 10am Fourth Sundays of each Month

This is a 'faith and real world context' conversation held once a month. It is an opportunity for the confirmation students and interested adults to look through a faith lens at current events and learn perspective and greater understanding from each other. This month: November 26th

Wisconsin United Methodists Gave

\$148K for Disaster Relief in October


Wow! Another month of abundant support for disaster relief in the United States. In September, the United Methodist Churches in Wisconsin gave \$106,000. And in October, our Churches reached deeper and gave over \$148,000! What a blessing we have been to the areas affected by natural disasters in the U.S.

UMCOR is working to fulfill unmet food, clean water, temporary shelter, hygiene supplies, and non-food item needs. As you feel led, please continue to be a part of alleviating human suffering by giving to Advance 901670 Disaster Response, U.S. Make your check payable to your local church and drop in the offering plate on Sunday. We are helping people on the path to recovery, after experiencing loss and devastation.

By Tamara Wims, Conference Treasurer & Director of Administration

Bread & Jam

Sign up on [our volunteer website](#) or by talking to Jan Kosanke on Sunday mornings, or by emailing her at breadandjam@bayviewumc.org.

Sign up on the events wall or use the QR code. 



	Meals Served	Bag Lunches Served
November 5	54	45
November 12	48	49
November 19	42	40
November 26	74	58

Guests Served November 2017

2017 November 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	\$9,895	\$17,804	(\$7,909)	\$153,963	\$195,844	(\$41,881)
Apportionment	\$1,131	\$2,482	(\$1,351)	\$22,190	\$27,302	(\$5,112)
Totals	\$11,026	\$20,286	(\$9,260)	\$176,154	\$223,146	(\$46,992)

Loving Start Preschool is getting ready for Christmas. To emphasize giving over wish lists we will be collecting peanut butter and jelly for both Bread and Jam and Bay View Community Center. The Butterfly class will also be taking home a "Kindness Elf" that gives suggestions on how to help others at this time of the year. We will be making presents for our families, singing songs and taking pictures for our program. You are invited to join us on Dec 18th at 6:00 pm for our annual Christmas Family Sing Along.



Miss Martha, Miss Debbie, Miss Mary, Miss Karen



December Birthdays

December 2nd
Wendy Boedecker

December 3rd
Andrew Kosanke
Kim Payne
Doris Van Dervort

December 4th
Carl Kucharski

December 6th
Linda Balfanz

December 8th
Magdelana Bernal

December 11th
Jose Bernal

December 17th
Christy Smith

December 19th
Elizabeth Comp
Mitch Wagner

December 22nd
Arnold Balfanz
Rodge Taylor

December 24th
Kirsten Decker

December 30th
Angel Davis

December 31st
Marilyn Schroeder

Children's Ministries Update

Our children prepared for Advent with light making lanterns in the worship rotation on November 26th that will be a part of our "expression of Christmas" in worship on Sunday December 17, 2017 at the 10:45am service of worship.

Sunday School and rotation time on Dec. 3rd and 10th will focus on continuing preparations for the 17th.

There is NO Sunday School on December 24th or 31st.

Sunday School will resume at 10am on Sunday January 7, 2018!

A continuing call: more adults are vitally needed to become involved with Sunday leadership for our children.

Please pray for our children and listen closely for God's voice for ideas and opportunities to assist with children's ministries.

December 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
3 8:15am Worship 9:15am FSF 9:30am Children's Chime Choir 10am Sunday School 10:45am Worship 3pm Bread & Jam 7pm AA Mtg	4 8:45am LSP 7pm District 28 AA 7pm AA Mtg	5 8:45am LSP 10am AA Mtg 5:30pm AA Mtg 6:30pm Praise Band	6 8:45am LSP 9am Hanging of the Greens 10am Bible Study 6:30pm Faith Singers	7 8:45am LSP 7pm WBC 7pm AA Mtg	1 8:45am LSP 4:30pm Suzuki 5pm Caroling on KK 7pm NA Mtg	2 9am Secret Angel Gift Shoppe 10:30am AA Mtg
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10 8:15am Worship 9am Cookie Walk 10am Sunday School 10:45am Worship 3pm Bread & Jam 7pm AA Mtg	11 8:45am LSP 7pm AA Mtg	12 8:45am LSP 10am AA Mtg 5:30pm AA Mtg	13 8:45am LSP 10am Bible Study 12:30pm Cards Ministry 6:30pm Faith Singers	14 8:45am LSP 7pm WBC 7pm AA Mtg	15 8:45am LSP 7pm NA Mtg	16 10:30am AA Mtg 1pm AA Workshop
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24 10:45am Worship 12pm Alkathon 3pm Bread & Jam 4:30pm Worship 5pm Open Table 9:30pm Open Table 10:45pm Worship Christmas Eve	25 All Day Alkathon Christmas Day	26 10am AA Mtg 5:30pm AA Mtg	27 10am Bible Study 12:30pm Cards Ministry 6:30pm Faith Singers	28 7pm WBC 7pm AA Mtg	29 7pm NA Mtg	30 10:30am AA Mtg
31 10:45am Worship 12pm Alkathon 2pm Grief Share 3pm Bread & Jam	1 All Day Alkathon New Years Day Office Closed	2 10am AA Mtg 5:30pm AA Mtg	3 8:45am LSP 10am Bible Study 6:30pm Faith Singers	4 8:45am LSP 7pm WBC 7pm AA Mtg	5 8:45am LSP 7pm NA Mtg	6 10:30am AA Mtg

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We're on the web:
bayviewumc.org

Dear Church Family,

I'd like to thank each of you for welcoming me into your lives as you have. It was such a pleasure getting to know you all. I know that I am a better person thanks to my hours in the service of Bay View UMC over the last five years. I hope that my new adventures will remind me of the loving kindness I've received here, and hope for blessings for you and your loved ones. Take care everyone!

With much love,

Paula Zarling

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

WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAYS:

8:15am Worship
10:45am Worship



Please Recycle

OFFICE HOURS:

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