

BAY VIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CONNECTION Newsletter

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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Brothers, Sisters, and Siblings in Jesus Christ,

The time has drawn near! Are we there yet? Patiently wait. I will get back to you on that. Tomorrow is a new day. These phrases can go on and on of what we are hearing or maybe telling each other in these days. While it seems, at least to me, that this "Safer at Home" has lasted decades, it has only been about three months.

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So what is it that we have learned? Where do we go from here? Well, one area I give praise to God is for all of you in the Bay View congregation. So many of you have offered words of hope and inspiration to each other and to me that got me through the tough days. Many of you have given above and beyond donations for the Bread and Jam ministry, tithes and offerings, and checking in with one another. While we were always a faith family, I believe we have become a stronger faith family because of these few months. We have used the gift of technology to reach out and continue our ministry of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. Actually, I give thanks and praise that I believe we are reaching more people than before Covid-19.

In reflecting of this time of uncertainty I am reminded of the words from the book of Ezekiel 37. Hear these words of promise:

The Lord took hold of me, and I was carried away by the Spirit of the Lord to a valley filled with bones. He led me all around among the bones that covered the valley floor. They were scattered everywhere across the ground and were completely dried out. Then he asked me, "Son of man, can these bones become living people again?" "O Sovereign Lord," I replied, "you alone know the answer to that." Then he said to me, "Speak a prophetic message to these bones and say, 'Dry bones, listen to the word of the Lord! This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Look! I am going to put breath into you and make you

live again! I will put flesh and muscles on you and cover you with skin. I will put breath into you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord.'" (Ezekiel 37:1-6, NRSV, emphasis added)

Will we find life again my friends? Well, what do the scriptures reveal to us in this reading? It is a promise of God that even when all we see around us are bones and death, dry bones at that, meaning that death has been around awhile, there is hope. This is not the end. God will once again breathe life into the bones. God will give a new breath of a new day. We are renewed people of God. The church I believe is renewed and made fresh. The prayers that were offered for so many decades now of the church finding new ways to serve a society of closed hearted people have been answered. While church sanctuaries remain empty, let us not forget that from all pastors and clergy we are being told church "attendance" and participation is up from the past.

So while this is very good news, let us not allow these bones of new life parish in the dry deserts of tomorrow. Continue to take the spirit within you and me to new people, new friends, new places and I believe we will be blessed. The church will find its resurrection and it will continue to move our world...

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...closer to God as God has already moved closer towards us, even though God has never left us alone.

I look forward to the day which is unknown as of right now of returning back to our beautiful sanctuary. Even better, I look forward to seeing your faces and smiles, hearing your laughter, and reflecting on our days of isolation. I hope that day is soon but I am sure you are understanding by now that we are taking our time in making critical decisions to protect all of our people in our congregation and care. I thank you for your patience. I thank you for your prayers. I thank you for not giving up in your participation in joining us for online worship, Zoom Bible study, dialogue in church meetings, and your support for one another. We are strong people of God. We are loved children of God. Never forget this promise and hope.

Blessings,
Pastor Kevin

Upcoming Events

Monday-Saturday

Every Monday through Saturday at 10am

Daily Devotional

www.facebook.com/BVUMC

Join Pastor Kevin on Facebook Live for a daily devotional based on Scripture.

Wednesdays

Wednesdays at 10:30am

Weekly Bible Study

Zoom

Study the weekly lectionary scriptures with us on Zoom! E-mail pastorkevin@bayviewumc.org to be added to the group.

Sundays

Sundays at 10:45am

Facebook Live Service of Worship

www.facebook.com/BVUMC

Join us on Facebook Live at 10:45am every Sunday for our service of worship! If you would like to be e-mailed the bulletin and hymns to follow along, please e-mail: officeadmin@bayviewumc.org to be added to our weekly email list!

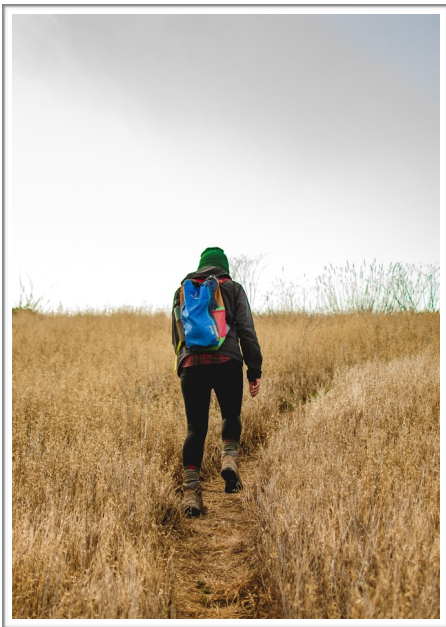
Bread & Jam

Thank you to all who help and support the Bread & Jam Community Meal Program. We simply cannot run this program without the help of our wonderful volunteers!

During this global pandemic, we have been unable to serve weekly hot meals— but that hasn't stopped our ministry! We are still handing out bagged lunches every Sunday from 2:30pm-3:30pm at the Pryor Avenue Door!

We need volunteers to help assemble and pass out bagged lunches. Please don't hesitate to reach out for a date where we could use your help!

Talk to Jan Kosanke via e-mail at breadandjam@bayviewumc.org.



Dealing with Loneliness and Isolation: Five Top Tips

Provided by The Church of England

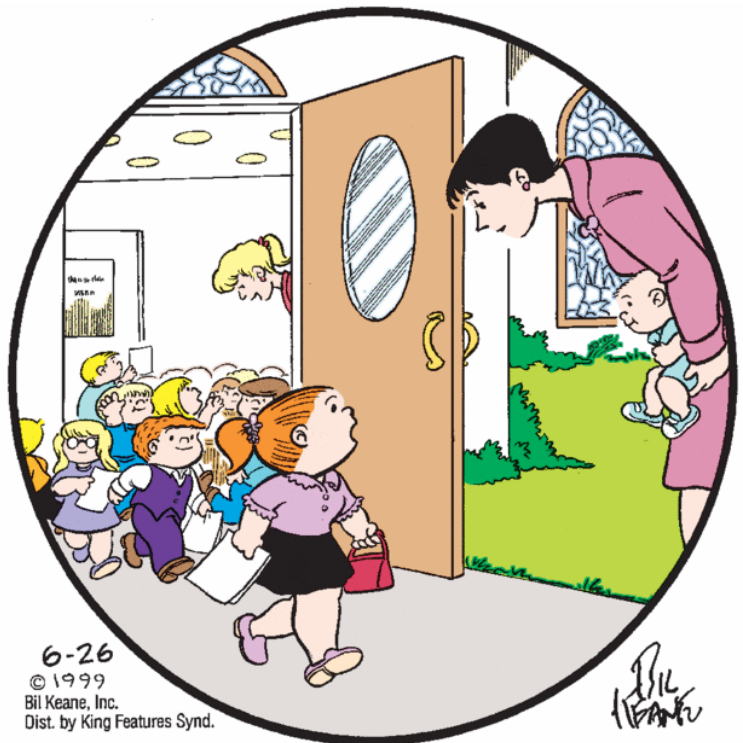
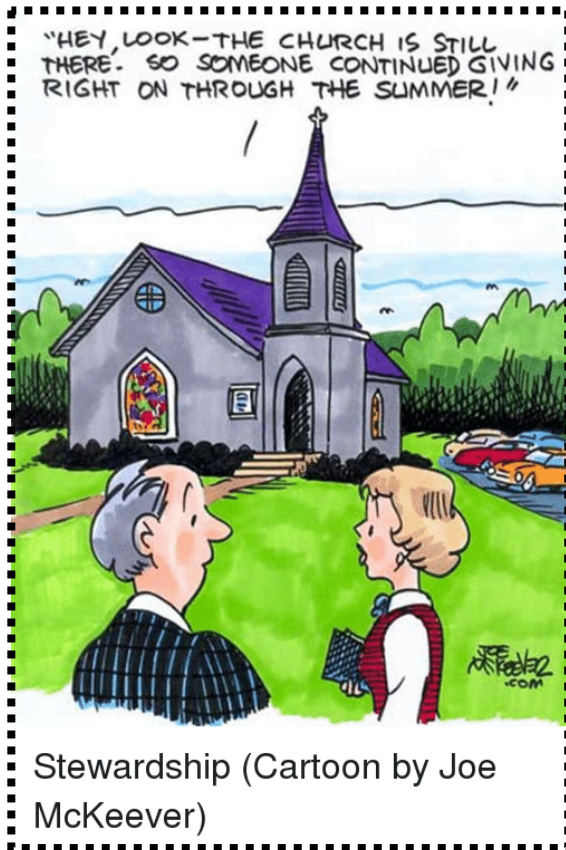
Pray. Light a candle, if safe, and pray for hope, faith, and strength to keep loving and caring for each other during this time of struggle.

Talk about how you feel. This may be difficult if you are self-isolating, but do use the telephone, internet, and social media. If you need to contact your pastor, or counselor as this can be arranged by your GP, or via local agencies, or privately.

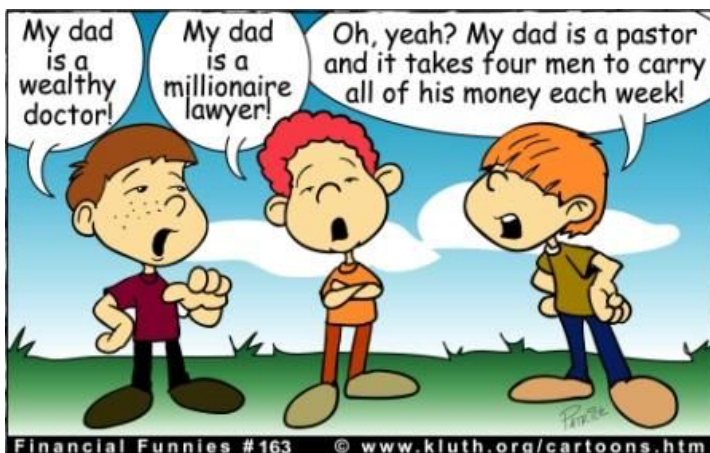
Focus on the things that you can change, not on the things you can't.

Look after yourself - physically, emotionally, spiritually. Plan in things that you enjoy at regular intervals during the day – a TV program, a phone call, a book, a favorite dish, a game.

Look after others. Even if only in small ways, but do what you can: a smile, a kind word, writing a letter or an email.



"Know what? God knew me before I was born, but I can't quite remember Him."



EVERYONE LOVES A GREAT DAD JOKE RIGHT? WELL WHAT IN THE WORLD IS A "DAD JOKE"? IT IS DEFINED AS "AN UNORIGINAL OR UNFUNNY JOKE OF A TYPE SUPPOSEDLY TOLD BY MIDDLE-AGED OR OLDER MEN; OVER THE TOP CORNY."

**HERE
WE GO!**

Where is the first math problem mentioned in the Bible?

When God told Adam and Eve to go forth and multiply.

How do we know Peter was a rich fisherman?

By his net income.

At what time of day was Adam created?

A little before Eve.

Why didn't they play cards on the Ark?

Because Noah was standing on the deck

How do you make holy water?

You boil the hell out of it.

Did Eve ever have a date with Adam?

No, just an apple.

Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible?

Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.

Who was the greatest male financier in the Bible?

Noah. He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.

What kind of car does Jesus drive?

A Christler.

What kind of man was Boaz before he married Ruth?

Ruthless

Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?

Samson, because he brought the house down

Which servant of God was the most flagrant lawbreaker in the Bible?

Moses. He broke all 10 commandments at once

What excuse did Adam give to his kids to why he no longer lived in Eden?

Your mother ate us out of house and home!

Why is it necessary to be quiet in church?

Because people are sleeping.

Why did the farmer bring his cows to church?

Because he heard they were getting a new pasture.

Why did God make man before woman?

You need a rough draft before you have a final copy.

Who was the first tennis player in the bible?

Joseph... he served in Pharaoh's court.

Congratulations to our 30th class of students!

Loving Start Preschool is now looking for an Assistant to work in both the Panda Room and the Butterfly Room with the potential to fill a vacant teaching position. Ms. Debbie Bernal will be stepping down to babysit for her 7-month-old grandson, Lucca. She will continue to help with Ayden and Marianna as well.

The staff at LSP is so sad to see her retire, and they offer her their continuing love, support and prayers!

If anyone is interested in the above position please contact Ms. Annie, Director of Loving Start through email: lovingstart@gmail.com or leave a message at 414.744.4036 or see Pastor Kevin. The preschool is a child-friendly, half-day program. It is open Monday through Friday during the school year. We will continue to enroll new students for this fall. If you know of someone with a preschooler please send them our way and we will be glad to setup a tour!

-Ms. Annie, Ms. Debbie, Ms. Mary & Ms. Karen

LOVING START PRESCHOOL



June Birthdays

June 1

Judy Banta

June 3

Arthur Oseland

June 4

Pauline Bruss

Aiden Evans

Doralin Fortner

June 5

Joe LaPrad

June 10

Dave Evans

June 13

Todd Oseland

Renee Romfoe

June 14

Phillip Bailey

Richard Boedecker

Aiden Torres

Pam Ziebell

David Ziebell

June 15

Jayce Garcia

June 17

Ron Schultz

June 20

Layla Brezinski

June 22

Zachary Garside

June 23

Jennifer Balfanz

Mary Guardalabene

June 24

Mary Kitzman

June 27

Janelle Wagner



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KEY:

AA: Alcoholics Anonymous
ALB: Accountable Leadership Board
FB Live: Facebook Live
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 10am Daily Devotional on FB Live	2 10am Daily Devotional on FB Live	3 10am Daily Devotional on FB Live 10:30am Bible Study on Zoom	4 10am Daily Devotional on FB Live	5 10am Daily Devotional on FB Live	6 10am Daily Devotional on FB Live
7 10:45am Worship Service on FB Live 2:30pm Bread and Jam Bagged Lunch Ministry	8 10am Daily Devotional on FB Live	9 10am Daily Devotional on FB Live	10 10am Daily Devotional on FB Live 10:30am Bible Study on Zoom	11 10am Daily Devotional on FB Live	12 10am Daily Devotional on FB Live	13 10am Daily Devotional on FB Live
14 10:45am Worship Service on FB Live 2:30pm Bread and Jam Bagged Lunch Ministry  Flag Day	15 10am Daily Devotional on FB Live	16 10am Daily Devotional on FB Live	17 10am Daily Devotional on FB Live 10:30am Bible Study on Zoom	18 10am Daily Devotional on FB Live	19 10am Daily Devotional on FB Live	20 10am Daily Devotional on FB Live
21 10:45am Worship Service on FB Live 2:30pm Bread and Jam Bagged Lunch Ministry  Father's Day	22 10am Daily Devotional on FB Live	23 10am Daily Devotional on FB Live	24 10am Daily Devotional on FB Live 10:30am Bible Study on Zoom	25 10am Daily Devotional on FB Live	26 10am Daily Devotional on FB Live	27 10am Daily Devotional on FB Live
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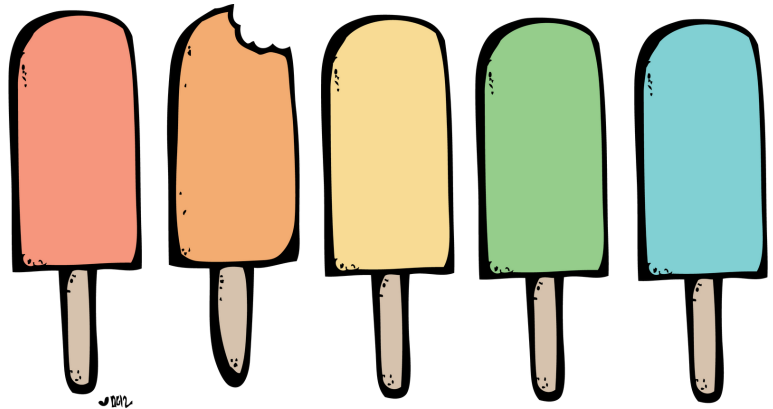
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bayviewumc.org



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

WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAYS
WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/BVUMC:

10:45am Worship



Please Recycle

OFFICE HOURS:

Fridays
12pm - 4pm