

BAY VIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CONNECTION Newsletter

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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Brothers, Sisters, and Siblings in Jesus Christ,

What a roller coaster ride we have been on over these last few weeks. If I am counting correctly we are only 51 days into our quarantine. However, at least for me it feels like this has either been day #68093 (random typing of numbers) or 10 years. We already know that we have minimally one more month to go; however, of course the reality might be a few more months. When will this nightmare end? When can we go outside without fearing of spreading or catching the virus? What will the life of the church look like when we return back to "normal". In addition, in many articles I have been reading, this is now called our "new normal".

Take a few breaths. Writing that first paragraph was extremely difficult. Reading it I am sure was just as horrific. Again, breathe. Count to 10 and now inhale a really, really big breath. Hold a bit. Release all the air, all of the frustrations, the anger, the fears, the anxiety, the uncertainties out of your system. If this includes somewhere in the process a scream, do it! Let it all out; safely of course. No injuries.

In thinking of the letter I am to write, I have many scriptures come to mind of how we together can discover hope again. I have a few favorites. I bet you do as well. The Psalm that comes to mind is Psalm 46, which is so often used in moments of hardship and tragedy. It was the Psalm that was read during the prayer service after the attacks of September 11, 2001. What we really need is a double portion of Psalm 46 as there are more deaths and people affected than 9/11/01. Still we reflect on the words in their entirety. I have boldened the words that speak to me. I invite you to do the same...

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God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

*Therefore **we will not fear**, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. **There is a river whose streams make glad** the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. **God is in the midst of the city**; it shall not be moved; **God will help** it when the morning dawns. The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. **The Lord of hosts is with us**;*

*the God of Jacob is our refuge. Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations he has brought on the earth. **He makes wars cease** to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.*

"Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth."

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Scripture is one resource I am turning to everyday as I try to get through these difficult days. My devotion time spent with you each morning and our worship service on Sunday morning is also healing and comforting my soul. I hope you are feeling inspired by these devotions and acts of worship. I want to send a tremendous thank you to all of those who are working behind the scenes. You are all wonderful people. You are doing great work. Thank you!

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This month I have included more jokes and cartoons as I feel laughter can be the best medicine for our souls. Take time to laugh. Take time to cry. Take time to vent in a healthy way. If you are in need of spiritual guidance or pastoral care, please do not hesitate to contact me either at pastorkevin@bayviewumc.org or at 920-255-2402. I am here for you!

I miss all of you deeply. I miss our time around the tables in the gathering space between worship services. I miss the laughter I hear in the church. I miss the time with the children making us all laugh and still learning about God during the Treasure Box moment. Yet, the Lord is still with us and will continue to guide us in these days. I look forward to reuniting with you all when it is deemed appropriate and safe. To get to that point, I will pray, work with government leaders such as Lt Governor Barnes as I have been, with conference leaders, and with our Accountable Leadership Board (ALB). Once details are ready for us to move forward, I will make sure we get the word out the best ways possible.

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!

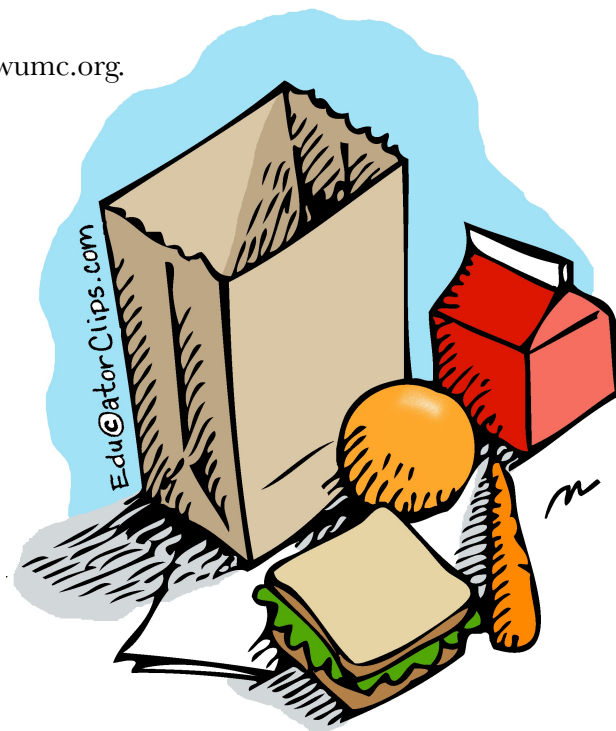
Bread & Jam

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.





CartoonChurch.com

Kids Say the Darndest Things...

When a mother saw a thunderstorm forming in mid-afternoon, she worried about her seven-year-old daughter who would be walking the three blocks from school to home. Deciding to meet her, the mother saw her daughter walking nonchalantly along, stopping to smile whenever lightning flashed. Seeing her mother, the little girl ran to her, explaining happily, "All the way home, God's been taking my picture!"

A mother took her three-year-old daughter to church for the first time. The church lights were lowered, and then the choir came down the aisle, carrying lighted candles. All was quiet until the little one started to sing in a loud voice, "Happy Birthday to you, happy birthday to you...."

A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible -- Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the verse. Little Bobby was excited about the task, but he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line. On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Bobby was so nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, "The Lord is my shepherd . . . and that's all I need to know!"

A little boy walked down the beach, and as he did, he spied a matronly woman sitting under a beach umbrella on the sand. He walked up to her and asked, "Are you a Christian?" "Yes." "Do you read your Bible every day?" She nodded her head, "Yes." "Do you pray often?" the boy asked next, and again she answered, "Yes." With that he asked his final question. "Will you hold my quarter while I go swimming?"



"The Son" (Author Unknown)

A wealthy man and his son loved to collect rare works of art. They had everything in their collection, from Picasso to Raphael. They would often sit together and admire the great works of art.

When the Vietnam conflict broke out, the son went to war. He was very courageous and died in battle while rescuing another soldier. The father was notified and grieved deeply for his only son.

About a month later, just before Christmas, there was a knock at the door. A young man stood at the door with a large package in his hands. He said, "Sir, you don't know me, but I am the soldier for whom your son gave his life. He saved many lives that day, and he was carrying me to safety when a bullet struck him in the heart and he died instantly. He often talked about you, and your love for art." The young man held out his package.

"I know this isn't much. I'm not really a great artist, but I think your son would have wanted you to have this."

The father opened the package. It was a portrait of his son, painted by the young man. He stared in awe at the way the soldier had captured the personality of his son in the painting. The father was so drawn to the eyes that his own eyes welled up with tears. He thanked the young man and offered to pay him for the portrait.

"Oh, no sir, I could never repay what your son did for me. It's a gift."

The father hung the portrait over his mantle. Every time visitors came to his home he took them to see the portrait of his son before he showed them any of the other great works he had collected. The man died a few months later. There was to be a great auction of his paintings. Many influential people gathered, excited over seeing the great paintings and having an opportunity to purchase one for their collection. On the platform sat the painting of the son.

The auctioneer pounded his gavel. "We will start the bidding with this portrait of the son. Who will bid for this painting?" There was silence. Then a voice in the back of the room shouted. "We want to see the famous paintings. Skip this one." But the auctioneer persisted. "Will someone bid for this painting? Who will start the bidding? \$100, \$200?" Another voice shouted angrily. "We didn't come to see this painting. We came to see the Van Goghs, the Rembrandts. Get on with the real bids!" But still the auctioneer continued. "The son! The son! Who'll take the son?"

Finally, a voice came from the very back of the room. It was the long-time gardener of the man and his son. "I'll give \$10 for the painting." Being a poor man, it was all he could afford. "We have \$10, who will bid \$20?" "Give it to him for \$10. Let's see the masters." "\$10 is the bid, won't someone bid \$20?"

The crowd was becoming angry. They didn't want the painting of the son. They wanted the more worthy investments for their collections. The auctioneer pounded the gavel. "Going once, twice, SOLD for \$10!" A man sitting on the second row shouted. "Now let's get on with the collection!"

The auctioneer laid down his gavel.

"I'm sorry, the auction is over. When I was called to conduct this auction, I was told of a secret stipulation in the will. I was not allowed to reveal that stipulation until this time. Only the painting of the son would be auctioned. Whoever bought that painting would inherit the entire estate, including the paintings. The man who took the son gets everything!"

God gave His son 2,000 years ago to die on a cruel cross. Much like the auctioneer, His message today is, "The son, the son, who'll take the son?"

So much has happened in a short span of time! In an effort to stop the spread of Covid-19, Governor Evers ordered the closure of non-essential businesses. Therefore, Loving Start Preschool is closed until further notice. We at LSP feel that we have made the best decision we can for the safety of our children, families and staff. Our staff will spend a few days thoroughly disinfecting the entire facility.

If you know of a family with a child, who will be 3 by December 31st, have them contact us through email only at lovingstart@gmail.com for a tour. We also invite them to check our website, www.lovingstartpreschool.org and on our Facebook page.

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

LOVING START PRESCHOOL



May Birthdays

May 3

Theresa Kitzman-Kelly
Jim Liebenstein

May 5

Laurie Horne

May 6

Kay Putney

May 8

Linda Schultz

May 10

Will Bachar

Ron Hanstad

May 11

Casimir Meyer

May 12

Amanda Wold

May 14

Tom Shattuck

May 15

Diane Gunby

Jude Wagner

Lucy Heipel

May 17

John Warkaske

May 19

Joe Maddalena

May 21

Ethan Heipel

John From

May 27

Shannon Haefner

May 28

Barbara Morbeck

Joy Foster-Steckler

May 31

Melissa Balfanz

Hannah Brylow



May 2020

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 10:45am Worship Service on FB Live 2:30pm Bread and Jam Bagged Lunch Ministry	4 10am Daily Devotional on FB Live	5 10am Daily Devotional on FB Live	6 10am Daily Devotional on FB Live 10:30am Bible Study on Zoom	7 10am Daily Devotional on FB Live	8 10am Daily Devotional on FB Live	9 10am Daily Devotional on FB Live
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We're on the web:
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== 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