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Sunday worship at 9:45 am in our sanctuary or watch online, live or later, at www.facebook.com/BVUMC/ or at www.youtube.com/@bay_view_umc.

Disciples of Jesus Christ All

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A Time for Preparation and Reflection

By BVUMC Pastor Jerry Cho



Grace and peace to you in the name of our risen Lord Jesus Christ.

As we enter the month of April, we find ourselves standing at the heart of our Christian faith—walking the sacred journey from the cross to the empty tomb. This is a season filled with both deep reflection and great joy. We remember the suffering and sacrifice of Jesus on Good Friday, and we celebrate the victory of life over death on Easter morning.

Spring itself becomes a beautiful witness to this truth. After the long and quiet winter, the earth begins to awaken. Trees bud, flowers bloom and new life emerges all around us. In the same way, Easter proclaims that God brings new life even out of what seems lifeless. What appears buried is not gone—God is still at work beneath the surface.

The message of Easter is not only about what happened long ago; it is about what God is doing in us today. The resurrection reminds us that no situation is beyond hope, no sorrow is beyond healing and no life is beyond renewal. In Christ, we are invited to begin again—to live with faith, courage and love.

As a church family, let us enter this season with open hearts. Take time to pray, to reflect and to draw closer to God. Let us also reach out to one another with kindness and compassion, sharing the hope we have received.

May the risen Christ fill your hearts with peace, renew your spirits, and guide you in every step.

Wishing you a blessed and joyful Easter season.

Musings from the Pews: Healing Humor

By Susan Troyer, BVUMC Lay Leader

I hope by now each of you has received and is reading the booklet “A Year of Practicing Hope” put out by our Wisconsin and Northern Illinois conferences. There are words of inspiration and comfort, many based on the life experiences of the authors, all reminders that we are Easter people.



According to the online dictionary ethmonline.com, the word hope comes from the Old English *hopa* (noun) and *hopian* (verb), meaning confidence or expectation of a desired future, primarily used in theological contexts: hope for salvation and mercy, trust in God's word, to have trust, have confidence.

The word *hope* is used well over one hundred times in the Bible; the number depends on the

translation. The King James Version uses the word some 133 times, the New International Version 174 times.

Optimism and hope are radically different attitudes. Optimism is the expectation that things—the weather, human relationships, the economy, the political situation, and so on—will get better. Hope is the trust that God will fulfill God's promises to us in a way that leads us to true freedom. The optimist speaks about concrete changes in the future. The person of hope lives in the moment with the knowledge and trust that all of life is in good hands. (Henri Nouwen: Bread for the Journey)

Since we have been made right with God by our faith, we have peace with God. This happened through our Lord Jesus Christ, who through our faith has brought us into that blessing of God's grace that we now enjoy. And we are happy because of the hope we have of sharing God's glory. We also have joy with our troubles, because we know that these troubles produce patience. And patience produces character, and character produces hope. And this hope will never disappoint us, because God has poured out his love to fill our hearts. He gave us his love through the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to us. (Romans 5:1-5, New Century Version)

Verse 5 of the scripture quoted above reads in the Message: *In alert expectancy such as this, we're never left feeling shortchanged. Quite the contrary—we can't round up enough containers to hold everything God generously pours into our lives through the Holy Spirit!*

Halleluja!

April Liturgists

Every Sunday, many help Pastor Jerry move through worship, including liturgists who read prayers, share responsive selections, encourage us to give ourselves to benefit others. Liturgists pick which Sunday works best for them, and others can do Children's Time, if they prefer. Volunteer to be a liturgist. Or do just Children's Time. All are appreciated.

April

5 - Easter - Susan Troyer liturgist
12 - Mark Humphrey message; Pam Karg liturgist
19 - Bishop Dan Schwerin message; Diane Evans liturgist
26 - Rodge Taylor listurgist; Cindy Cho Children's Time



Why a Butterfly for Easter?

The butterfly is a popular Easter symbol because its metamorphosis—caterpillar, cocoon, and winged insect—is a powerful metaphor for the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It represents the transformation from death to new, eternal life. The cocoon signifies the tomb, while the emerging butterfly symbolizes Christ rising and the promise of hope, joy, and new life.

Celebrate our Risen Christ Sunday, April 6, at 9:45 am worship in person or online on our Facebook or YouTube channel. Faith Singers, Wesleyan Bells and other musicians will add to the celebration!

ALB April 13

Our Accountable Leadership Board meets March 9, 6 pm, Gathering Space.

All are always welcome to attend ALB, which streamlines board of trustees, administrative council, finance and staff-parish relations to give oversight, direction and purpose to our ministries and outreach.

April 13 agenda highlights:

Approve summer camp and college scholarship application forms

Approve revised Guiding Principles

Discuss Initial Meeting with Milwaukee Police Dept. about safety protocols in various emergencies

ALB Asks You to Take New Actions

By Pamela J. Karg, Accountable Leadership Board Chair

Our laity and leaders continue to reinvigorate our congregation to form disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, love boldly, serve joyfully and lead courageously—so communities flourish and all creation is made whole.

This season, we're asking all ministries and programs to track the impact of their work—both in our community and beyond.

Our Bread and Jam free meal has led the way since 1994, able to track that facts that we now serve about 30 weekly bagged lunches and 50 sit-down meals monthly. Our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper has grown from 40 to 79 meals in just three years. Thanks to Luella Wolbring, we know our four hosts welcomed 68 visits at Share A View gatherings its first year. Our

Tracking numbers helps us report back to you, improve programs to meet our post-Listening Session goals and shows how we're bringing God's love to life.

This season, we also encourage everyone to reach beyond their routines such as we're already witnessing:

- Sunday School children packing lunches monthly.
- Pastor Jerry offering communion in the community.
- Music shared beyond the sanctuary.
- Bible studies taking prayer walks in the neighborhood.
- Outreach through social media and inter-faith collaborations.

Because, at the heart of all these programs, are people.

- A person who came for a meal and found dignity.
- A child who discovered the joy of serving.
- A neighbor who walked in because someone invited them.

These moments don't always show up in statistics—but that is where God is at work.

Imagine if each of us made just one intentional invitation or a "like" or extra donation of time and talent this season. That's how communities flourish. That's how lives are changed. That's how God's love becomes visible.

Renew your commitment with us: love boldly, serve joyfully, lead courageously—and remember, even a small act of kindness can make a big impact.



Community
Ecumenical

Good Friday

Tennebrae Worship
recreating the emotions of Jesus' death

April 3 ~ 7 pm

Bay View
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2772 S Kinnikinnic Ave, MKE
crossroads of KK, Clement & Pryor

In person or Livestream on our Facebook & YouTube pages
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or
https://youtube.com/@bay_view_umc

Who is Bishop Dan Schwerin?

Dan Schwerin was born in Waukesha and heard a call to ministry when he was 17 at Concord UMC, Jefferson, a few miles from where a Methodist circuit-rider in his family cast a shadow with his witness a lifetime before him.

Schwerin has a bachelor's degree from Carroll University and a Master of Divinity from Perkins School of Theology, Dallas, Texas.

Sunday, April 19
9:45AM



Come and listen
to our beloved
Bishop!

All are welcome!

Schwerin's first Sunday in the pulpit was in 1985 as a student pastor to Stephens UMC, Duncan, Okla. The congregation became racially integrated and grew to support a full-time pastor. After seminary, he was appointed to Parfreyville UMC, Waupaca. The congregation grew, renovated and built a new parsonage. Schwerin was then founding pastor of Still Waters United Methodist Church, Jackson, where he

helped the congregation charter and finish its first phase building.

He was a district superintendent before serving First UMC Waukesha. During that time, the church led an ecumenical response to the issue of homelessness, became a reconciling congregation and developed a beloved community of non-profit partners serving families with kids. Schwerin was asked to lead a statewide effort with partners to increase racial justice and radical inclusion and was serving as the assistant to the bishop when he was elected a Bishop in 2022 in the Northern Illinois Conference. Shortly after, it was announced he would serve both Northern Illinois and the Wisconsin conferences.

Schwerin is married to Julie. They have Rachel Schwerin Kuschewski and Andrew Schwerin, and four grandchildren. Dan and Julie love labyrinths and evening walks. His debut poetry collection, *ORS*, from red moon press, won the Haiku Foundation's 2016 Touchstone Award. (April 17 is National Haiku Day!)

You can join in person or online to hear the Bishop's message, "You Have Been Born Anew," based on 1 Peter 1:17-23.

Our Easter Flower Donors

Say thanks to our Easter flower donors and the beauty of their gifts:

Will Bachar in Honor of My Sister Christine

Deb Bernal in Celebration of Spring

Jo Bierer in Memory of Terry Bierer and Alan Grupe

Muriel Blackwood in Memory of My Parents

Janette Colson in Memory of My Parents

Patti D'Aquisto in Memory of My Dad, Myron Junion

Dave & Diane Evans in Celebration of Our Family

Sharon Hacker in Memory of Magnus Hall

Mike & Laurie Horne in Memory of Our Grandparents

Mark & Peg Humphrey in Celebration of Our Families

Ron & Angela Jackson in Honor of Our Family

John & Jan Liebenstein in Memory of Our Parents

Sharon & Ron Monroe in Celebration of the Risen Christ

Kay Putney in Celebration of Family

Mary Lou Rice in Celebration of Family

Christy Smith to God's Glory

Gordon & Joy Steckler in Celebration of Jesus, Our Savior

Rodge Taylor in Memory of Mary Campbell



You Surpass Lenten Goal!

On Palm Sunday, we announced our Lenten season goal of collecting \$1,200 for 150 personal dignity kits for Midwest Mission was surpassed!

Ron and Sharon Monroe are hauling the kit supplies back from their trip as volunteers to Midwest Mission. We'll soon join together at church to assemble the kits so everyone can serve in mission by putting God's love into action.

The kits will then be sent with our two lay delegates—Susan Troyer and Zachary Kitzman—to our Wisconsin Conference's annual meeting in Madison June 4-7. In Madison, our kits will be added to donated supplies from other Wisconsin UMCs to fill a truck heading down to Midwest Mission.

UMCOR'S RESPONSES IN 2025



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April 19 is Native American Ministries Sunday

Native American Ministries Sunday, April 19, is one of six special Sundays designated to support ministries and causes important to the entire United Methodist Church. On this day, we honor and support Indigenous peoples and communities, recognizing the gifts, cultures and contributions of Native Americans to society and the Church.

Many lack understanding of Native American life, culture and spirituality. This special Sunday helps bridge this gap by celebrating Indigenous heritage and empowering Native voices in ministry. It also addresses the critical shortage of Native American pastors and trained leaders, helping ensure that Indigenous communities have strong Church representation and leadership.

This is our chance to focus prayers and support on important ministries—uniting our gifts to multiply our impact. Your generosity strengthens Native leadership and sustains ministry across the connection. Funds are distributed in three key ways:

Annual Conference Ministries (50%) Remain in our state to support ministries through the Committee on Native American Ministries.

Scholarships (25%) For Native students pursuing ordained or licensed ministry at theological schools.

Programs (25%) Develops mentoring, economic empowerment and leadership development.



Mark your April 19 gift **NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES**. Learn about the difference your support makes and the lasting connections being created at <https://tinyurl.com/2tv92nv2>

In addition...

March 15 was UMCOR Sunday
and we collected \$200 towards this
humanitarian aid arm of our denomination!

ALL WELCOME TO
CELEBRATE HOPE,
RENEWAL & NEW
BEGINNINGS THIS
EASTER

APRIL 5 ~ 9:45 AM

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United
Women
in Faith

SOCIAL ACTION DAY:

Responding in Love

Zoom ~ April 11 ~ 9 am to Noon

As United Methodists, we believe God has given us principles for how to live in a community. Central to Jesus' teachings, life, death and resurrection is the Great Commandment: we must love God and love our neighbors as ourselves. (Matthew 22:35-40; Mark 12:28-34)

"We declare that all individuals, no matter their circumstances or social standing are entitled to basic human rights and freedoms... As a church, we will work to protect these rights and freedoms within the church and to reform the structures of society to ensure that every human being can thrive." The UMC 2025-2028 Social Principles: The Political Community, Government Responsibilities, Basic Rights and Freedoms.

United Women in Faith invites you to **Social Action Day**, a Zoom event **April 11 from 9 a.m. to noon**, centered on **"Responding in Love."** Featured speakers include immigration attorney **Grant Sovern**, who will address immigration and due process in Wisconsin; and **Rev. Breanna Illéné**, who will share practical ways congregations can take action on immigration within their own communities.

Attorney Grant Sovern is a graduate of Tufts University and Michigan Law School and has been an immigration lawyer for 30 years. He has taught at the University of Wisconsin Law School. He was a founding attorney of the Community Immigration Law Center, a public defender service for immigrants threatened with deportation. CILC believes everyone has a right to due process, including people accused of being deportable. He is presently CILC's administrative director.

Rev. Breanna Illéné is ordained in the United Methodist Church and has served congregations, and has worked on multicultural church planting. Presently she is the director of Ecumenical Innovation and Justice Initiatives at the Wisconsin Council of Churches where she leads its advocacy work, resourcing churches to respond both at the state capitol and in their local communities.

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/y2hm7tav>

Questions? Contact Josie Gobel at josiegobel@charter.net or call 920-988-0705



APRIL

Free Meals

Sundays 2:30 – 3:30 pm

5 – Bagged Lunch*

12 – Bagged Lunch*

19 – Bagged Lunch*

26 – Hot Meal served in Dining Room (Clement Ave. door)

*Sandwich, snacks, fruit, bottled water & Chef's Choice (soup, mac & cheese, casserole, stir fry etc.) Pick up at Pryor St. door along with special gifts such as soap, lotion, lip balm, cards, extra snacks etc. Always accepting donated bottled water, granola bars, fruit/pudding/jello cups for bagged lunches! Free to everyone, no reason needed. Volunteer to help at 414-744-4036.

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(crossroads of KK, Pryor & Clement)

Free Food Sources

BV Community Center Pantry

Monday and Wednesday: 4-6 pm.

Saturday: 11 am-1:30 pm.

BVUMC Meal & Pantry

Little Food Pantry on Clement: 24/7.

Meals: Bagged lunches Sundays 2:30-2:30 pm. Sit-down meal last Sunday each month.

Immaculate Conception Meal

Last Saturday of Month: 12-1 pm, carryouts allowed.

Milwaukee Co. Senior Meals:

12 sites (Wilson Park Senior Center, Kelly Senior Center, Muslim Community & Health Center, etc), and 3 restaurants for people 60+. \$3 suggested (not required.) Download menus and sites at <https://tinyurl.com/3dp873tv>.

St. Veronica's Pantry

Wednesday: 4-6 pm.

First and Third Saturday: 9-11 am

St. Vincent de Paul Pantry at St. Veronica's

First and Third Thursdays 1-7 pm

TrickleBee's Cafe

4424 W. North Ave. Vegan. Pay what you can. Wednesday-Saturday, 11 am-2 pm.

Unity Lutheran Meal & Pantry

Bag lunch second & fourth Wednesday 5:30-6:00 pm; hot meal first & third Wednesday 5:30-6:30 pm. Food Pantry and Clothes Closet: Wednesdays 5-6 pm.

April 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Missed Our Town Hall Meeting? Watch our March 22 Town Hall meeting on YouTube https://tinyurl.com/5bc8v99s After local updates, Pastor Krystal Goodger explains the United Methodist Foundation in Wisconsin and our investments such as college & summer camp scholarships, the Aurelia Schultz and the Neumann funds and more!			1 Alexander Berry Fool's Day 9:15a Meditation 10:15a Bible Study 5:30p Soup & Study 5:30p Unity Lutheran free community meal	2 7p Maundy Thursday Community Ecumenical worship, Grace Presbyterian, 2931 S Kinnickinnic	3 7p Good Friday Community Ecumenical worship & Tenebrae, BVUMC	4 Chuck Carlson & Susan Troyer 10:30a Women's AA, childcare available
5 Adam Haile & Aurelia Schultz 9:45a Easter Worship, Communion, Wesleyan Bells & Faith Singers 2:30p Bread & Jam	6 7p Alcoholics Anonymous	7 Jan Liebenstein 9:30a Senior Yoga	8 Ross Jackson 9:15a Meditation 10:15a Bible Study	9 6p Wesleyan Bells 7:15p Faith Singers	10	11 Katy Meyer 9a Women's Breakfast, Castillo's 9-12 Social Action Zoom - <i>see page 6</i> 10:30a Women's AA, childcare
12 9:45a Worship, Faith Singers 10:45 Kids Sunday school 2:30p Bread & Jam	13 6p Accountable Leadership Board 7p Alcoholics Anonymous	14 9:30a Senior Yoga	15 Kris Zukrow Pay unto Cesar what is his... 9:15a Meditation 10:15a Bible Study 6p Disciple's Path Class	16 6p Wesleyan Bells 7:15p Faith Singers	17 Elizabeth Torres	18 Hazel Brylow & Richard Kumbier 10:30a Women's AA, childcare available
19 Native American Ministries Sunday 9:45a Worship with UMC Bishop Dan Schwerin 10:45 Kids Sunday school 2:30p Bread & Jam	20 7p Alcoholics Anonymous	21 Sydney Haile 9:30a Senior Yoga	22 Earth Day 9:15a Meditation 10:15a Bible Study 6p Disciple's Path	23 6p Wesleyan Bells 7:15p Faith Singers	24 Arbor Day	25 Lucy Meyer 9a Men's Breakfast, Castillo's, Cudahy 10:30a Women's AA, childcare 12p Immaculate Conception free community meal
26 9:45a - Worship, Faith Singers 10:45 Kids Sunday school 2:30p Bread & Jam hot meal, dining room	27 John Liebenstein 7p Alcoholics Anonymous	28 Linda Kreider 9:30a Senior Yoga	29 Kevin Meyer 6p Disciple's Path Class	30 6p Wesleyan Bells 7:15p Faith Singers	MAY 1 May Day	MAY 2 10:30a Women's AA, childcare available

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Everyone Can Learn *A Disciple's Path*

A Disciple's Path is a United Methodist Church study to help you move beyond mere membership to engaged discipleship. Based on a Wesleyan perspective, it focuses on deepening spiritual practices (prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness) to help you grow in God's love, discover your gifts and engage in ministry.

Whether a new or life-long member, there is something for everyone to learn or re-learn.

Sign up on the bulletin board in our Gathering Space or email pastorjerry@bayviewumc.org today to find out more.

Six Wednesdays of "A Disciple's Path" Class for New United Methodists

Theme: Deepening Your Relationship with Christ and the Church

When: 6 Wednesdays after Easter (April 15, April 22, April 29, May 6, May 13, May 20) 6-7:15pm

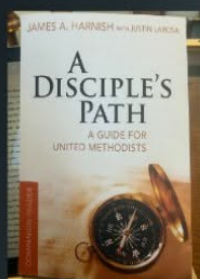
Workbook: A Disciple's Path (\$15 at Amazon)

Where: Bay View UMC (Gathering Place)

Who: New Members but open to all

Group Leader: Rev. Jerry Cho

RSVP at QR code



April is Celebrate Diversity Month, National Alcohol Awareness Month & National Volunteer Month!