

 BAY VIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# CONNECTIONS

OPEN HEARTS. OPEN MINDS. OPEN DOORS.™



## I Pray God's Richest Blessings Upon You

*By BVUMC Pastor Jerry Cho*

**Sunday worship 9:45 am** in our sanctuary or online, live or later, at [www.facebook.com/BVUMC/](https://www.facebook.com/BVUMC/) or at [www.youtube.com/@bay\\_view\\_umc](https://www.youtube.com/@bay_view_umc).

**Disciples of Jesus Christ** All

**Pastor** Jerry Cho

**Office Administrator** Jill Weber

**Accompanists** Stacy Eisman & Vickie Wagner

**Wesleyan Bells** Stacy Eisman

**Faith Singers** Vickie Wagner

**Custodian** Deb Baldwin

**Safer Sanctuaries** Deb Baldwin & Alba

**Loving Start Preschool** Annie Espinoza, director

**Kid's Sunday School** Kelly

Supataraporn & Hannah Brylow

**Online Ministry** Don Evans & Zachary Kitzman

**Bread & Jam Ministry** Jan Kosanke, Joannie Stepanski & Yvonne Smith

**Financial Secretary** Linda Kreider (Diane Evans filling in)

**Accountable Leadership Board** Diane Evans, Mark Humphrey, Pamela Karg; Stacy LaPrad, Adrian Largaespada, Ron Monroe, Christy Smith, Kelly Supataraporn, Ex Officio Pastor Jerry



As I prepare to conclude my time of ministry among you, I want to express my deepest gratitude for the love, kindness, prayers and support you have shown me through the years. It has been a sacred privilege to walk together with you through seasons of joy and sorrow, worship and service, hope and uncertainty.

Thank you for allowing me to be part of your lives and your faith journeys. I have learned much from your faithfulness, generosity, resilience and compassion. You have blessed me more than I can adequately express.

I also wish to humbly ask for your forgiveness for the times I may have disappointed you, failed you or fallen short as your pastor. Like every servant of God, I have carried both strengths and weaknesses. I trust in God's grace that continues to sustain us all.

As your congregation enters a new chapter of ministry with your new pastor, Rev. Anna-Lisa Hunter, I pray God's richest blessings upon you. May you welcome one another with openness, patience and love as together you continue the work of Christ in this community. I trust that God, who has guided this church through many seasons, will continue to lead you faithfully into the future.

Please know that I will carry you in my heart and prayers always. Though pastors may come and go, the love of Christ remains steadfast forever.

"May the Lord bless you and keep you;  
the Lord make his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you;  
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace."  
— Numbers 6:24–26

**Love Boldly**  
**Serve Joyfully**  
**Lead Courageously**



**#LoveServeLeadUMC**

## Musings from the Pews

By Susan Troyer, BVUMC Lay Leader

We recently returned from three weeks of relying on trains and taxis for transportation and rental apartments for lodging—a journey of dependence for two relatively self-sufficient people. However, I imagine that we are all less self-sufficient and more dependent than we realize or care to admit. While we all hear stories about rude officials and terrible service, most of our experiences were very positive.

One memorable incident involved a young railway worker who carried my suitcase down an out-of-order escalator and apologized for the inconvenience. Another incident was a hotel employee who came to the desk when we were checking in and said “I know you. You stay here a lot.” And gave us a room upgrade. We had been frequent guests at that hotel for years and will continue to do so.

In a cafe, a lady noticed my struggle to open the restroom door and kindly offered to show me the code. Another instance was a train worker who we initially thought was from the bistro car taking orders but turned out to be the ticket checker. When I apologized, she assured that she would let someone know our coffee order. She did.

A bookstore employee went above and beyond by exchanging my defective e-reader, even though I hadn't purchased it there and didn't have the receipt. She also helped me download all my ebooks, which I had purchased from a competitive bookstore.

A young cafe server became familiar with our preferences so we didn't even have to order—he knew what we wanted. Another delightful encounter was an airport worker who started chuckling while checking our passports. Initially, I thought my poor photo was amusing. However, she said: I am looking at your happy age. How refreshing.

The people likely have no idea that their kindness and honesty are now cherished memories. Their generosity made our journey memorable.



## June Liturgists

- 7 - Pam Karg message, Liturgist Mark Humphrey
- 14 - Pastor Jerry's final worship with us, Liturgist Cindy Cho
- 21 - Judie Liebenstein message; Liturgist Kitty Schaefer
- 28 - Mark Humphrey message, Liturgist Kay Putney

## Annual Conference Here

The Wisconsin UMC annual meeting, "Practicing Grace," is June 4-7 in Madison. Please keep in your prayers those from our church going: Pastor Jerry Cho, our elected Delegates Susan Troyer and Zachary Kitzman, and Members Jo Bierer and Judie Liebenstein. *God grant them safe travel and each an open mind and heart as they make decisions, journey in faith and fellowship with others from across our state.*

*Blessings on Your*  
**Retirement**

**Pastor Jerry & Cindy Cho**

*Leading us since 2021, join in Pastor's final worship here, sharing our appreciation and honoring his service to God*

**June 14 ~ 9:45 am**

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In Person or Stream



## The Power of We

**Join our Humboldt Park  
4th of July float! Sharon  
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# June 2026

| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                                                       | MONDAY                                                              | TUESDAY                                                                                                                   | WEDNESDAY                                                                                                                                                           | THURSDAY                                                               | FRIDAY                                                                                 | SATURDAY                                                                                                                                               |
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| Find June Dairy Month Breakfast on the Farm at <a href="https://www.wisconsin dairy.org/june-dairy-month/Dairy-">https://www.wisconsin dairy.org/june-dairy-month/Dairy-</a> | 1<br>Jo Bierer                                                      | 2                                                                                                                         | 3<br>Julie Oren<br>9:15a Meditation<br>10:15a Bible Study<br><br>5:30p Unity Lutheran free community meal                                                           | 4<br>Wisconsin Annual UMC Conference, Madison<br><br>6p Wesleyan Bells | 3<br>Wisconsin Annual UMC Conference, Madison                                          | 6<br>Aiden Evans & Doralin Fortner<br><br>Wisconsin Annual UMC Conference<br><br>8a-12p South Shore Farmers Market<br><br>10:30a Women's AA, childcare |
| 7<br>Jerry Cho<br>Wisconsin Annual UMC Conference<br>9:45a Worship, Pam Karg, Mark Humphrey<br>2p PRIDE Parade<br>2:30p Bread & Jam                                          | 8<br><br>6p Accountable Leadership Board<br>7p Alcoholics Anonymous | 9<br><br>5p Humboldt Park Chill on the Hill food trucks open, 6:30p free concert                                          | 10<br>Dave Evans<br>9:15a Meditation<br>10:15a Bible Study                                                                                                          | 11                                                                     | 12                                                                                     | 13<br>8a-12p South Shore Park Farmers Market<br><br>9a Women's Breakfast, Castillo's<br><br>10:30a Women's AA, childcare available                     |
| 14 June<br>Dick Boedecker & Aiden Torres<br>Flag Day<br><b>9:45a Communion, Pastor Jerry's final worship, Singers, Bells</b><br>2:30p Bread & Jam                            | 15<br><br>7p Alcoholics Anonymous                                   | 16<br><br>5p Humboldt Park Chill on the Hill food trucks open, 6:30p free concert                                         | 17<br>9:15a Meditation<br>10:15a Bible Study<br><br>5:30p Unity Lutheran free community meal                                                                        | 18<br>Summerfest                                                       | 19<br><b>JUNETEENTH</b><br>Office closed, 9a-4p Festivities, MLK Dr.<br><br>Summerfest | 20<br>8a-12p South Shore Park Farmers Market<br><br>10:30a Women's AA, childcare available<br>Summerfest                                               |
| 21<br>9:45a Worship, Judie Liebenstein, Kitty Schaefer<br><br>2:30p Bread & Jam                                                                                              | 22<br><br>7p Alcoholics Anonymous                                   | 23<br>Jennifer Balfanz & Mary Guardalabene<br><br>5p Humboldt Park Chill on the Hill food trucks open, 6:30p free concert | 24<br>Mary Kitzman<br>9:15a Meditation<br>10:15a Bible Study                                                                                                        | 25<br>Summerfest                                                       | 26<br>Summerfest                                                                       | 27<br>8a-12p South Shore Farmers Market<br><br>9a Men's Breakfast, Castillo's, Cudahy<br>10:30a Women's AA<br>12-1p IC Catholic free meal              |
| 28<br>9:45a - Worship, Mark Humphrey, Kay Putney, Wesleyan Bells<br><br>2:30p Bread & Jam hot meal, dining room                                                              | 29<br><br>7p Alcoholics Anonymous                                   | 30<br><br>5p Humboldt Park Chill on the Hill food trucks open, 6:30p free concert                                         | <b>SAVE THE DATE!</b><br><br><b>With Christ Church UCC we'll stock food boxes for low-income elderly</b><br><b>July 15, 9 am - Noon</b><br><b>Hunger Task Force</b> |                                                                        |                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                        |

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## A New Logo for Our Radiant Community

We are in a season of change, and coming out of the week that followed Bishop Dan Schwerin's preaching April 19, the rekindled spirit filled our communications team around how we as a community exist in our digital spaces. To better reflect the warmth and inclusivity of our congregation today, we have refreshed our visual identity.

Our new logo, designed by Don Evans, is built on the theme of "Radiant Community." It honors our deep Methodist roots while signaling an inclusive, vibrant future in the heart of Milwaukee. We are not a monolith; we are a collection of diverse stories, backgrounds and people, and the mosaic within the flame captures this beautifully. Just as light passes through stained glass to illuminate a sanctuary, the light of faith passes through our congregation to impact the world.



Every piece of this design has a purpose. The varied geometric shapes and colors represent our commitment to being an open doors and open hearts community where no two pieces are the same, yet all are held together by the bold cross at the center. By removing the traditional bounds of the United Methodist flame and allowing the shapes to breathe, the design communicates innovation and openness to the contemporary needs of our neighborhood. Even the color palette connects us to our home, using blues and greens that pay homage to Lake Michigan and our Bay View spaces, while the warm yellow and orange tones evoke a rising sun, symbolizing hope and new beginnings.

You will see this new design roll out across our website, livestream and print materials over the coming weeks. While a logo is ultimately just a symbol, we hope it serves as a daily reminder of our shared calling and our growth together.