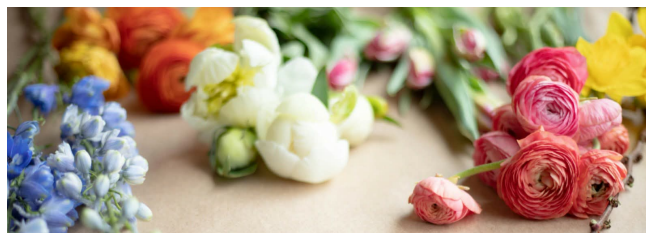


 BAY VIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CONNECTIONS

OPEN HEARTS. OPEN MINDS. OPEN DOORS.™



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

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 Snith

Financial Secretary Linda Kreider (Diane Evans filling in)

Accountable Leadership Board

Chair Pamela Karg; Vice Chair & Trustee Diane Evans; Secretary Stacy LaPrad; Lay Leader Susan Troyer; Finance Mark Humphrey & Christy Smith; Human Resources Kelly Supataraporn & Ron Monroe; At Large Adrian Largaespada; Ex Officio Pastor Jerry Cho

Got news or photos to share? Story idea? Send to officeadmin@bayviewumc.org.

We're Invited to Live the Resurrection

By BVUMC Pastor Jerry Cho

As May unfolds, we see new life all around. Trees bud, flowers bloom and the earth awakens from winter rest. Simple yet beautiful, creation bears witness to the hope of Easter—that life has the final word.

In this season, we are reminded that resurrection is not only a celebration, but something to live each day. The risen Christ meets us in our ordinary lives—bringing hope where there is discouragement, light where there is uncertainty and renewal where we feel weary.

This time of year also invites reflection and gratitude. We give thanks for those who have nurtured us in faith, celebrate milestones and transitions, and look ahead with hope. In all these moments, we trust that God is at work—guiding, sustaining and renewing us.

As I prepare to conclude my time with you, I do so with a heart full of gratitude. It has been a true blessing to share in ministry with you—to worship together, to walk alongside one another in times of joy and challenge, and to witness your faithful love in action.

I give thanks for the ways we have grown together in faith, deepened our relationships and served others in Christ's name. I carry these memories with me, and I trust that God will continue to lead and bless this congregation in the days ahead.

May the risen Christ renew your spirit, strengthen your faith and fill your hearts with peace and joy.



Join in June 14 for Pastor Jerry's final sermon with us and to honor Pastor and wife, Cindy, as he retires from full-time ministry. (He has accepted a call a part-time at Port Washington UMC—not too far for you to visit!)

Musings from the Pews

By Susan Troyer, BVUMC Lay Leader

I'm sharing two stories that are special to me. Both stories have various versions, but their core message remains the same. The story about heaven and that other place I remember from Sunday School days. The second story was found several years ago in a book titled *Letters for God's Name* by Gail Ramshaw-Schmidt.

Heaven and Hell

Imagine two rooms side by side. In each room there's a large round table filled with all the wonderful, delicious kinds of food you can imagine. People are seated around these tables, each holding a spoon with a very long neck. In the first room, the people are thin and undernourished. And very grumpy. Due to the shape of the spoons, they can't feed themselves. This room represents hell. On the other hand, the people in the second room appear healthy and happy. They're laughing and socializing with each other. Because of the shape of the spoons, each person is feeding the person sitting opposite. This room symbolizes heaven.

Prayer

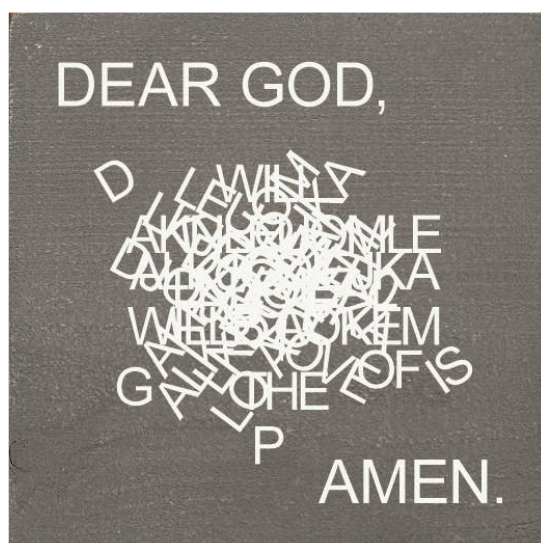
It is the night of the Passover. A peasant is rushing to finish his work in the fields so he can attend the holy service. But before he can finish, the sun sets and it becomes dark, a time when travel is not permitted. The next day the rabbi sees the peasant and asks him where he has been.

"Oh, Rabbi, it was terrible—I was stuck in my fields after dark and had to spend the night there."

"Well," says the rabbi, "I suppose you at least recited your prayers."

"That's the worst of it, Rabbi. I couldn't remember a single word."

"Then how did you spend the holy evening?" Says the rabbi. "I could only recite the alphabet and pray that God would rearrange the letters."



May-June 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.

May

3: Christy Smith, Kitty Schaefer with Children

10: Diane Evans with Dick Smith as Baha'i speaker

17: Kay Putney, Mark Humphrey with Children, Ahmed Quereschi as Islam speaker

24: Kitty Schaefer

31: Paul Warkaske, Susan Troyer with Children

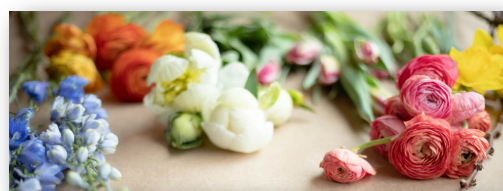
June

7: Joy Foster Steckler with Pam Karg as speaker

14: Cindy Cho with Pastor Jerry's final worship time with us

21: Rodge Taylor with Judie Liebenstein as speaker

28: Kay Putney with Mark Humphrey as speaker



Help spruce up church grounds & plant flowers with Kitty Schaefer May 16 starting at 9 am. There's something beautiful everyone of all ages can contribute!

ALB Meets May 11

Our Accountable Leadership Board meets May 11, 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 direction and purpose to our ministries.

May 11 agenda highlights:

Finance, accountant, furnace & employee online trimesheets updates

July 4th Humboldt Park Parade & other summer activities discussions

Communications & social media updates



Pastor Jerry, Lay Leader Susan Troyer and our congregation welcomed (from left) Natalie Mamerow and daughters Hansa and Meera; Victor Henderson; Katrina Rasler; and Chris Hamilton as they professed their faith April 19 with Bishop Dan Schwerin attending. Make sure to introduce yourself to them and learn more about each in upcoming church communications.

Filling the Tank—and the Spirit

By Pamela J. Karg, Accountable Leadership Board Chair

In the past few weeks, I was shocked.

First, I filled up Mum's car and it topped \$52. I'll admit, a few expletives slipped out. Not long after, I managed to fill more than three supermarket bags, with only one item costing over \$1—and I felt a bit of pride in our family's knack for finding bargains.

I'm fortunate. Between Social Security, a small dairy co-op pension and some agricultural economics editing I still do, I get by. Living overseas as a local taught me to set aside many wants and focus on what's truly needed. Yet I know not everyone has that margin. Wants are always present, and too often, even basic needs go unmet.

But, again and again, our church hears even the quiet cries—and acts.

We fund and assemble Personal Dignity Kits. We tuck a few extra cans into our Free Little Food Pantry. We show up for weekly rehearsals to make music. We check in on those who can't be with us in person. We step in when a volunteer is needed. We offer a hug, a listening ear, a card, a moment of care, grace when there are errors.

These acts may not lower the price at the pump or the grocery store. But they do something just as important: they sustain one another.

As many of us feel the strain of rising costs, it's worth remembering that generosity isn't only measured in dollars. The time we give, the talents we share and the care we extend are essential to building a healthy, resilient community. In these simple, faithful acts, we are putting God's love into motion.

And that is something that never runs empty.



Uttke Heating & Cooling installed four new furnaces at a cost of \$24,745. This one is in the library closet and also heats the nursery. Other priority replacements were in the Loving Start Preschool area, Gathering Space and Office/Music Rooms. Since 2024, we've replaced five of our 12 furnaces and hope to continue to replace more in coming years with your support. Thanks Bob Schaefer for photos and helping Uttke during installation.

Peace with Justice

ADULT DISCUSSION

What does the Bible say?

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. - **Matthew 5:9**

But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who harass you so that you will be acting as children of your Father who is in heaven. He makes the sun rise on both the evil and the good and sends rain on both the righteous and the unrighteous. - **Matthew 5:44-45a**

What of the wisdom from above? First, it is pure, and then peaceful, gentle, obedient, filled with mercy and good actions, fair, and genuine. Those who make peace sow the seeds of justice by their peaceful acts. - **James 3: 17-18**

If possible, to the best of your ability, live at peace with all people. Don't try to get revenge for yourselves, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath. It is written, Revenge belongs to me; I will pay it back, says the Lord. Instead, If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink. By doing this, you will pile burning coals of fire upon his head. Don't be defeated by evil, but defeat evil with good. - **Romans 12:18 - 23**

So then, if anyone is in Christ, that person is part of the new creation. The old things have gone away, and look, new things have arrived! All of these new things are from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and who gave us the ministry of reconciliation. - **2 Corinthians 5:17-18**

Those who make peace sow the seeds of justice by their peaceful acts. - **James 3:18**

He has told you, human one, what is good and what the Lord requires from you: to do justice, embrace faithful love, and walk humbly with your God. - **Micah 6:8**

Acting justly is a joy to the righteous, but dreaded by those who do evil. - **Proverbs 21:15**

Begin by grounding
everything in the
truth and foundation
of Scripture

Build awareness
through the Social
Principles of The United
Methodist Church

What does The United Methodist Church say?

The church is called to be a distinctive community, marked by preaching of the Gospel, studying of Scripture, breaking of bread, and witnessing to the power of redemption in the midst of a broken world. We respond to God's call in the world by giving witness to the transformational power of the Gospel, engaging in acts of mercy, and striving toward the attainment of justice and peace as hallmarks of God's coming reign. In all of these efforts, Christians are reminded that diverse as we may be, we are all a part of the same body under the sovereignty of Christ. (Social Principles, Preface)

We urge the church to care and work for systemic justice for all people affected by war, and to advocate for peacemaking and nonviolent conflict transformation in global and local conflicts. The church deplores war and all other forms of violent conflict and urges the peaceful settlement of all disputes. We yearn for the day when there will be no more war and people will live together in peace and justice. (Social Principles, ¶ 163.F)

We commit ourselves to support all people as they discern how best to model the nonviolent example of Jesus. The church supports and guides those who serve in the military; those who are conscientious objectors; veterans living with physical, psychological, spiritual, and moral injury; and families of people affected by military service. We urge the church to care and work for systemic justice for all people affected by war, and to advocate for peacemaking and nonviolent conflict transformation in global and local conflicts. (Social Principles, ¶ 163.F)

Peace with Justice

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Know the facts.
Recognize the benefits.
Explore why it matters.

What do the facts say?

Understanding our shared impact:

Supporting Local Justice Ministries: A portion of funds remains within each Annual Conference to resource ministries that address injustice, advocate for peace, and strengthen communities at the local level.

Equipping Justice Leaders: Funding helps train and empower people to lead justice-focused ministries, advocacy efforts, and community engagement initiatives.

Strengthening Connectional Impact: Half of the offering supports denominational programs that promote peace and justice ministries across the Church and around the world.

Engaging Congregations in Advocacy: Resources and education help churches take active roles in public witness, encouraging faithful responses to issues of justice and peace.

Consider these ways to take action and get involved

- Reach out to your Annual Conference Peace with Justice coordinator to learn about the efforts and initiatives taking place in your conference.
- Visit the umcjustice.org to explore opportunities to engage in peace and justice efforts.
 - Give on Peace with Justice Sunday—through your local church or [online](https://www.umcjustice.org/give)—to support peace building efforts and resources in communities both locally and around the world.
- Email grants@umcjustice.org to learn more about ministries this Sunday supports.

What do you think?

- What does “peace with justice” mean in the context of our faith and daily lives?
- In what ways are we called to be peacemakers in our own communities?
- How can we actively support and participate in peace building efforts through the Church?
- Why is it important to address the root causes of conflict, not just the outcomes?
- Where do we see signs of hope when communities commit to justice-centered peace?
- How can our congregation take practical steps toward becoming a more active peacemaking community?
- How does our faith call us to pursue both peace and justice together, not separately?
- How does Peace with Justice Sunday support meaningful change within our Annual Conference and beyond?

United in Impact: Our Generosity Pursues Justice, Promotes Peace, and Embraces God’s Call to Be Peacemakers



Miracle Sunday Weekly Devotions

Love Boldly
Serve Joyfully
Lead Courageously

Read the devotions at <https://tinyurl.com/bdnx3v3y>

Miracle Sunday May 17 Around UMC World

The Council of Bishops, with the support of the Connectional Table and the General Council on Finance and Administration, invites United Methodists around the world to participate in a God-led, Holy Spirit-empowered spring emphasis titled Miracle Sunday, centered on our shared denominational vision: Love Boldly. Serve Joyfully. Lead Courageously.

What Is Miracle Sunday?

The season culminates on Miracle Sunday, May 17, with a one-time, denomination-wide special offering to support The Endowment for Theological Education outside the United States.

This offering addresses a critical and growing disparity within the global church:

- Over 71% of U.S. clergy hold a theological degree
- Fewer than 5% of clergy outside the U.S. have access to the same level of education

Gifts received through Miracle Sunday will help fund the gap in theological education for emerging pastors in Africa, Europe, and the Philippines, strengthening local leadership and expanding the church's capacity for faithful, contextual ministry.

Together, United Methodist congregations worldwide support approximately 500 clergy each year through this endowment.

On Miracle Sunday, mark the portion of your gift you want designated to support the Endowment. It will be added to your regular giving account. As always, loose change and dollars put in our offering baskets this Sunday will go towards the Endowment.

Free Food Resources

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 2:30-3:30 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.

SAVE THE DATE!

**With Christ Church UCC
we'll stock food boxes
for low-income elderly
July 15, 9 am - Noon
Hunger Task Force**

May 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
MAY 31 Melissa Balfanz & Hannah Brylow 9:45a Peace with Justice Special Sunday Worship 10:45 Kids Sunday school 2:30p Bread & Jam					1 May Day	2 10:30a Women's AA, childcare available
3 Theresa Kitzman 9:45a Worship, Communion, Wesleyan Bells 10:45 Kids Sunday school 2:30p Bread & Jam	4 7p Alcoholics Anonymous	5 Laurie Horne 9:30a Senior Yoga	6 Kay Putney 9:15a Meditation 10:15a Bible Study 5:30p Unity Lutheran free community meal	7 7:15p Faith Singers	8	9 9a Women's Breakfast, Castillo's, Cudahy 10:30a Women's AA, childcare
10 Will Bachar Mother's Day 9:45a Worship with Dick Smith on Baha'i faith, Faith Singers 10:45 Sunday school	11 Casey Meyer 6p Accountable Leadership Board 7p Alcoholics Anonymous	12 9:30a Senior Yoga	13 9:15a Meditation 10:15a Bible Study	14 Zachary Kitzman & Tom Shattuck 7:15p Faith Singers	15 Lucy Heipel	16 9a Spruce up church grounds, plant flowers with Kitty Schaefer 10:30a Women's AA, childcare available
17 John Warkaske Miracle Sunday 9:45a Worship with Ahmed Quereshi on Islam 10:45 Sunday school 2:30p Bread & Jam	18 7p Alcoholics Anonymous	19 9:30a Senior Yoga	20 9:15a Meditation 10:15a Bible Study 5:30p Unity Lutheran free community meal	21 Ethan Heipel 7:15p Faith Singers	22	23 10:30a Women's AA, childcare
24 9:45a - Worship, Faith Singers 10:45 Kid's Sunday school 2:30p Bread & Jam hot meal, dining room	25 Memorial Day Office Closed 7p Alcoholics Anonymous	26 9:30a Senior Yoga	27 Shannon Haefner & Cole McKean	28 Joy Foster Steckler & Barbara Morbeck 7:15p Faith Singers	29	30 9a Men's Breakfast, Castillo's, Cudahy 10:30a Women's AA, childcare 12p Immaculate Conception free community meal

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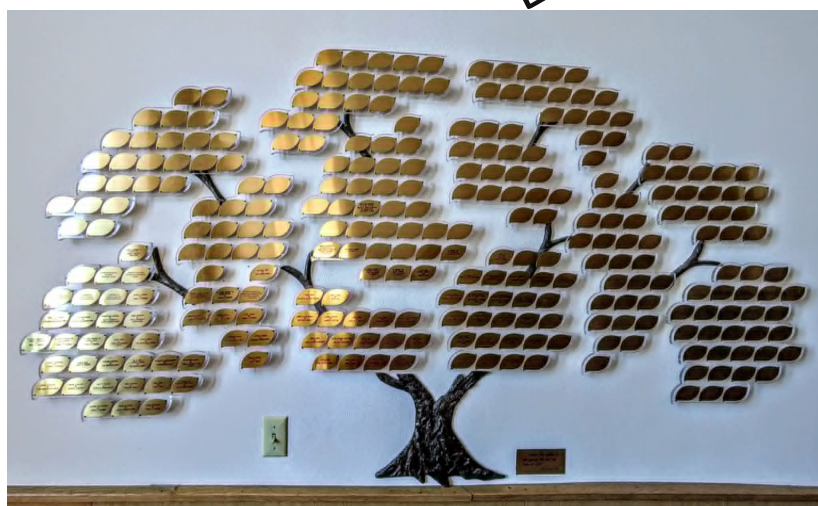
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Memorial Day (last Monday in May) honors U.S. military service people who died.

Yet many families use the holiday for general remembrances of loved ones.

Meaningful ways include observing the 3 p.m. local time National Moment of Remembrance, visiting cemeteries and local programs, retelling favorite stories, holding family gatherings or traditions, cooking a favorite meal.

This May 25, look at the leaves on our Living On Memorial Tree to see names you know or may recognize. Then take a moment to seek out members with the same last name or long-time member and ask them to share a story as a way to acknowledge and honor those loved ones who contributed to what our congregation is today.

LOVING START
PRESCHOOL
It's a Celebration!

Wednesday, May 20th, 2026
6:00 p.m.
In the Church Sanctuary
(All children report to the Panda Room at 5:45)
Cookies and Juice to follow.

We hope to see you there!
Ms. Annie, Ms. Stephanie, Ms. Beth, Ms. Natalie & Ms. Andrea

Be a summer singer or ringer!

Curious about music? Give it a try this summer to see what you think. No obligation to continue. Just a summer of fun! Talk to a singer or ringer today for summer practice schedules!