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UNITED METHODIST

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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.

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Got news, photos or stories of God working through you? Story idea?

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Devotion: Spreading Smoke

By BVUMC Pastor Anna-Lisa Hunter

Here in Milwaukee, we have been dealing with a lot of smoke from northern wildfires this year. I ask that you pray for the people who live in the fire zones, in Canada and Spain and France in particular.

But smoke is a funny thing. It isn't the fire itself, but it tells us that something is burning. It is an important communication tool—you smell or see smoke and you know something is burning! Smoke can be harmful itself, and it causes many breathing problems for people.

Most importantly, smoke spreads all over the place. The smallest amount of smoke smells and is hard to breathe. It spreads long distances, as we are affected by smoke from western Canada here in southern Wisconsin.

I was thinking about smoke when I was reminded of this parable or story from Jesus:

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast, which a woman took and hid in a bushel of wheat flour until the yeast had worked its way through all the dough." Matthew 13:33

Smoke is like yeast. A small amount goes a long way! A small amount makes a huge difference. The smoke is a negative difference, and the yeast is a positive difference that makes delicious bread. But it doesn't take much of either to affect everything around it.

Jesus was the Son of God and also a human man. He had divine power, but chose to live within the confines of being a human, and chose to take his small, physical presence and use teaching to spread God's message of grace and forgiveness. His lessons were passed from person to person until they spread around the entire globe. Just like smoke, Jesus' teachings spread everywhere and changed people's lives.

Are you spreading the word? Are you taking the small moments of our lives to share the grace and forgiveness of Jesus to the people around you? We don't have to be big celebrities or wealthy businesspeople to influence the world. We can be small like yeast and help grow God's Kingdom. Right here, right now. Amen.

Musings from the Pew: Our Flag, A Personal Reflection

By Susan Troyer, BVUMC Lay Leader

This article was initially written for another newsletter. We were asked to reflect on the personal significance of our flag.

My relationship with the flag and patriotism is perhaps unique. I grew up in an Anabaptist community where memories of persecution and expulsion were passed down through generations. The memories of these experiences were deeply ingrained in my childhood. I was always aware that our religious heritage included martyrs who were imprisoned or executed for their faith. These stories were reinforced by the fate of the many displaced persons our churches sponsored. Many of these individuals were Anabaptists expelled from the Soviet Union during the Stalin years or in the aftermath of World War II.

During and after the Reformation, Anabaptist groups in Switzerland faced expulsion or imprisonment. Those who left often found refuge in other areas, but they remained vulnerable to the whims of the ruler. When the ruler changed, so did the situation of the community. This constant state of displacement made it difficult for Anabaptists to form a strong attachment to a specific area or the flag that represented it. The sense of being sojourners was very real.

Fortunately, many Anabaptists eventually made their way to the United States. For me, the flag symbolizes the freedom my ancestors found, along with many others, in a country where they were free to become citizens and practice their faith.

Growing New Ideas

Great ideas don't come from nowhere—they grow out of knowledge and experience.

At Bay View Church, we offer classes and groups that study the Bible and church history to expand our wisdom and knowledge so we can have great ideas to help our neighbors and communities thrive and flourish.

This fall, you're invited to our single-session conversations or short-term classes to learn something new. Bring your spiritual curiosity and grow in new ways. These opportunities will be announced soon.



August Worship Leaders

Every Sunday, many help Pastor Anna-Lisa move through worship, including worship leaders who read prayers, share responsive selections, encourage us to give ourselves to benefit others. Worship leaders pick which Sunday works best for them Volunteer by talking to Peg Humphrey, worship team chair, at worship@BayViewUMC.com

August

2 - Paul Warkaske
9 - Rodge Taylor
16 - Diane Evans
23 - Mark Humphrey
30 - Pam Karg



Free Aug. 30 Cookout at Bread and Jam

We're planning a cook out Aug. 30 during our monthly in person meal in our dining room for Bread and Jam.

Everyone is welcome to join in for good food and fellowship. Bring your neighbors. Pass the word! Volunteer any Sunday you have time!



August Always Free Meal

Sundays 2:30 – 3:30 pm

2 – Carry-out Lunch*

9 – Carry-out Lunch*

16 – Carry-out Lunch*

23 – Carry-out Lunch*

30 – End-of-Summer Cook Out!

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*Sandwich, snacks, fruit, bottled water & Chef's Choice (soup, mac & cheese, casserole, stir fry etc.) Pick up at Pryor door
Feeding everyone since 1994. Volunteer to help at 414-744-4036.

August

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Aug. 30 9:45a Pastor Anna-Lisa "Summer: Stories of the Outdoors" Brewers game outing 2:30-3:30p Bread & Jam cookout	Aug. 31 NOT LABOR DAY	This is International Peace Month & we celebrate ministries that help create lasting change in communities around the world. Your past Peace with Justice Sunday support helps provide: ✓ Peace with Justice Coordinators in annual conferences ✓ Grants for community programs and social justice education ✓ Advocacy networks that empower local change Together, United Methodists are building a more just and peaceful world — one act of compassion at a time.				1 Susan Rice 8a-12p South Shore Farm Market 10:30a Women's AA, childcare available
2 9:45a Communion, Pastor Anna-Lisa "Summer: Stories of the Outdoors" 2:30p Bread & Jam	3 7p Alcoholics Anonymous	4 5p Humboldt Park Chill on the Hill food trucks open, 6:30p free concert	5 9:15a Meditation 10:15a Bible Study	6 State Fair thru 16th, West Allis 1-5p Blood Drive sponsored by BV Neighborhood Assn, Triive Realty & Versiti blood center of Wisconsin	7 Andrew Oren	8 Margot Brylow 8a-12p South Shore Farm Market 9a Women's Breakfast, Castillo's 10:30a Women's AA, childcare
9 9:45a Pastor Anna-Lisa "Summer: Stories of the Outdoors" 2:30p Bread & Jam	10 Peggy Greenberg 6p Accountable Leadership Board 7p Alcoholics Anonymous	11 5p Humboldt Park Chill on the Hill food trucks open, 6:30p free concert	12 Nancy Schlaak 9:15a Meditation 10:15a Bible Study 5:30p Unity Lutheran free community meal	13	14 Stewardship Conference, Pine Lake Camp	15 Stewardship Conference, Pine Lake Camp 8a-12p South Shore Park Farmers Market 10:30a Women's AA, childcare available
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Loving Mother-Daughter Camp

By Lucy Meyer, Camp Scholarship Recipient

I went to mother-daughter camp at Pine Lake this year, my first time going to mother-daughter camp.

My favorite thing was spending so much quality time with my mom. We got to stay in the retreat center with all the other families. It was very nice. We also did a bunch of crafts such as bracelet-making, painting, beading and decorating hats.

When it was nice outside, we also got to swim in the lake together. They had a lot of fun activities set up such as s'mores.

It was such a fun experience for me and my mom. We had tons of fun by the end of it and we both really enjoyed the meals that they provided.

Sailing Forward

By Pamela J. Karg, Leadership Team Chain

It's an exciting season, and we're grateful to welcome Pastor Anna-Lisa Hunter aboard to help guide us as we continue to put God's love into action. While Christ remains our true Captain, Pastor brings faithful leadership as we navigate the opportunities God has set before us.

Some important changes have been happening "below deck." When you join us for worship online through YouTube or Facebook, you've already seen results. Don Evans, with assistance from first mate Zach Kitzman, is strengthening our technology ministry with additional cameras, smoother transitions, improved sound and better tools for sharing meaningful moments. This dedication helps us reach beyond our boat to welcome new people aboard our journey of faith.

Our leadership structure is clearer. Our Leadership Team (formerly Accountable Leadership Board) serves faithfully, remaining accountable to God, one another and you. Our People Team (formerly Staff-Parish Relations) walks alongside our employees while helping us discern and nurture our calls. Diane Evans and the devoted Facilities Team ensure our ship remains seaworthy for ministry. Our Finance Team has new procedures to responsibly steward the chests of treasures God has entrusted to us. Together, Pastor and the Leadership Team continue strengthening policies and planning so we can navigate calm seas and unexpected storms with wisdom, preparation and confidence.

The priorities identified during our Listening Sessions have kept us focused on strengthening our crew before setting a broader course. Because of the faithful service, generosity and commitment of so many, we are prepared to sail into new opportunities while remaining firmly anchored in Christ. As we continue this voyage together, may we have the courage to step out of the boat when Jesus calls, trusting God to guide our course as we share Christ's love with all we meet.