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Finding Time to be Jesus in the World

By BVUMC Pastor Anna-Lisa Hunter

Raising kids. Job responsibilities. Caring for aging relatives. Many of us have a lot of obligations in our lives these days, and it seems hard to find time for church and God amongst our daily tasks.

Or is it? This devotion is not a time for shame or regrets, but rather opening our eyes to opportunities. The Great Commandment (Matthew 22:37-40) has Jesus calling us to love God and love our neighbor as ourself. This is where we take time each week to worship God. Then we have the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20) where Jesus calls us to go and make more disciples who follow Jesus. This is where we take time to tell others about Jesus. Finally, we have the Great Compassion (Matthew 25:31-46) where Jesus calls us to take care of people in need.

These three passages are the foundation of the life Jesus asks us to lead as his followers. How do we do this when we have people in our lives to care for and jobs to perform to serve our community and make a living?

God also gives us the gift of creativity, and we can creatively find ways to fulfill all these requests from Jesus in the midst of our daily lives.

When I was in my 30s and raising kids and helping my husband through seminary to change careers, I felt stuck at home. I knew I was doing good work within my family, but what about Jesus' call to feed people? The internet was exploding, and I discovered Kiva.org, where I could make small loans in increments of \$25 to people who wanted to grow their businesses or gain education to support their families and communities. I have been making loans since 2007 that make a difference in lives around the world.

When I was in a women's ministry group, we read a book called *Small Things with Great Love*. It was filled with stories of people with busy lives who found ways to be Jesus to people around them. One story that stuck with me was an executive who didn't always get home for a lot of time with his family. But he knew he needed to do more for the people around him and not just focus on his job.

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Musings from the Pew: Sacred Places, Thin Spaces

By Susan Troyer, BVUMC Lay Leader

According to AI, a sacred space is “a physical or virtual location that has been intentionally set apart from ordinary life and dedicated to reverence, worship, reflection, or deep connection.” It is defined by physical boundaries, symbols, rules, or a shift in behavior to separate it from the everyday world. A thin place is a location or moment where the boundary between the physical world and the spiritual realm feels so narrow that heaven and earth seem to collide.

Throughout my life, I have had the good fortune to travel and visit numerous famous and lesser-known places of worship, both Christian and non-Christian. Some of these places were stunning examples of architecture, resembling museums more than places of worship. Others seemed more like tourist attractions. And some overwhelmed me with awe, becoming “thin places” where heaven and earth feel intimately connected.

My “first cathedral” was the magnificent Gothic cathedral in Cologne. I remember standing in it, overcome with awe. I was sixteen and had no idea such a place of worship could exist. I have no idea how often I’ve been there since, but each time the same feeling overwhelms me. A few years ago on our first post-Covid trip, Ron and I attended Easter Sunday mass there, and I still get goosebumps thinking about it. Another favorite is the massive Romanesque cathedral in Mainz, located on the Rhine River. Unlike the soaring and light-filled Gothic cathedral, a Romanesque cathedral is heavy and feels earthbound. It feels like it has deep roots and makes me think of the “trees planted by streams of water” in the first Psalm, deeply rooted, not like the “chaff that the wind drives away.” When I’m there, I feel the profound rootedness that permeates the space.

The Rothko Chapel in Houston is another thin place for me. According to Wikipedia, the chapel became the world’s first broadly ecumenical center, a sacred space open to all religions and belonging to none. It became a center for international cultural, religious, and philosophical exchanges, for seminars and performances. And it became a place of private prayer for individuals of all faiths. The chapel features fourteen paintings by Mark Rothko, each painted in varying shades of black. While the starkness of the painting may seem off-putting, the environment has a comforting presence. One could sense the spirits and presence of the many persons who visited and held dialogues, including Nelson Mandela, the Dalai Lama, Desmond Tutu, and Jimmy Carter.

A very personal thin place is my little room at home. This is the space where I am surrounded by books, photos of loved ones, and other mementos that have special meaning. It is also the place where I pray, meditate, and study. My personal sacred space.

October Worship Liturgists

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

October

4 - Christy Smith

11 - Diane Evans

19 - Kay Putney

26 - Mary Guardalabene



Halloween Fun

Join Pastors Anna-Lisa and Park Hunter in our parking lot for Trunk-or-treat, an organized event where kids collect treats from open, decorated car trunks rather than door-to-door.

Other Bay View traditions:

Pumpkin Pavilion, Humboldt Park, Oct. 21-24.

Bay View neighborhood trick-or-treating—including Wentworth Avenue (Estes to Oklahoma) extravaganza—Oct. 31, 5-8 pm.

Leadership Team Oct. 12

Our Leadership Team meets the second Monday monthly: Oct. 12, 6 pm, Gathering Space. It streamlines board of trustees, administrative council, finance and staff-parish relations to give direction and purpose to our ministries. All are welcome.

This month centers on 2027 ministerial budget priorities, and updates to our computer system, member names and our Annual Congregational Profile report.

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He started by getting to know the woman who cleaned his office in the evenings, when he was often still there. He then invited her and her family to his house for meals and holidays. This way he started to spend more time with his own family as well as supporting a family that needed extra support.

To be honest, he admitted that this was a messy ministry in his life. The growing relationship didn't always go smoothly with differences in culture due to ethnicity and economic status. But both families were enriched by the relationship and time together.

Who is part of your life that you can reach out to and show the love and grace of Jesus? Many of the people Jesus called never left their families or villages or jobs to serve Jesus; rather they served Jesus in their neighbors and families. Sometimes the "go and serve" call of Jesus really means "open your eyes to the people around you." May the Holy Spirit show you the people who need Jesus today. Amen.

Preparing for Our Annual Meeting

By Pamela Karg, BVUMC Leadership Team Chair

Our Leadership Team is preparing for our local annual meeting Nov. 8 immediately after regular worship. District Superintendent InSun Lee will preside. We planned it early because, twice last year, Pastor InSun was set to worship and meet with us; each time bad weather was a challenge! Information and an agenda will be distributed beforehand.

Called Charge Conference, it is the required annual governing meeting that connects our congregation to the wider denomination and ensures accountability, legal compliance and shared mission alignment.

You'll elect leaders, committee members and state annual meeting representatives. Our nominations team—Susan Troyer, David Longe, Kelly Supataraporn, Mary Guardalabene and Pastor—has been talking with people about leadership. You can also talk to them if God is speaking to you about using your time and talent.

You'll also review and evaluate this year's mission, ministry and spiritual health, while adopting 2027 goals and objectives.

Keep all our leaders in your prayers as we prepare for this meeting and continue to fulfill our responsibilities to God and you.



We've been wrestling in our current series. Pastor Anna-Lisa encourages us to bring our questions to a Bible study, friend or her—in her office or at SmallPie Sundays at 4 pm or Anodyne Coffee Tuesdays at 9 am. Our Tuesday emails also provide a link to more devotions and study questions. To get the email as well as the Friday preview of Sunday—helpful if you're online—contact OfficeAdmin@BayViewUMC.org



Rummaging for Food Pantry Support

We raised a record \$1,500 at our Pay-What-You-Want Rummage Sale, in conjunction with Bay View Bash, for our Free Little Food Pantry.

Leftover treasures were shared with Rooted & Rising-Washington Park, Project Concern Cudahy & St. Francis, Habitat for Humanity ReStore (and hauled away by a veteran-owned moving company that works with ReStore), and Salvation Army and St. Vincent de Paul thrift stores.

Special thanks to workers setting up, selling and tearing down: Pam Karg, Ron and Sharon Monroe, Laurie Horne, Sally Warkaske, Rachel and Maurice Hayes, Rodge Taylor, Diane Evans, Dick Boedecker, Mary Guardalabene, Jan Colson and Muriel Blackwood.

The funds will augment rather than replace our donations to this ministry.



October Always Free Meal

Sundays 2:30 – 3:30 pm

4 – Carry-out Lunch*

11 – Carry-out Lunch*

18 – Carry-out Lunch*

25 – Meal in dining room

*Sandwich, fruit, snacks, bottled water, Chef's Choice (soup, mac & cheese, casserole, stir fry etc. Vegan option available.) Pick up at Pryor door

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Free Food Sources

BV Community Center Pantry

Monday & Wednesday 4-6 pm; Saturday 11 am-1:30 pm.

BVUMC Pantry

Little Food Pantry on Clement Ave. 24/7.

Immaculate Conception Meal

Last Saturday 12-1 pm.

Milwaukee Co. Senior Meals

Weekdays at Wilson Park, Kelly Senior Center, Muslim Community & Health Center, etc & restaurants. People 60+. \$3 donation. <https://tinyurl.com/3dp873tv>.

St. Veronica's Pantry Wednesday 4-6

pm; first & third Saturday 9-11 am

St. Vincent de Paul at St. Veronica's

First & third Thursdays 1-7 pm

Project Concern Pantry Monday, 9 am-

Noon & 3-6 pm; Wednesday & Friday, 9 am-Noon; first Saturday 9-11 am

Unity Lutheran Meal & Pantry Bag

lunch second & fourth Wednesday 5:30-6:30 pm; dine-in first & third Wednesday 5:30-6:30 pm. Food Pantry Wednesday 5-6.

We're Building a Pantry Team

With money raised during the recent Pay-What-You-Want All-Church Rummage Sale, we're praying for a team to relaunch our Free Little Food Pantry ministry on Clement Ave.

We want to ensure it's consistently serving those in our neighborhood who need support.

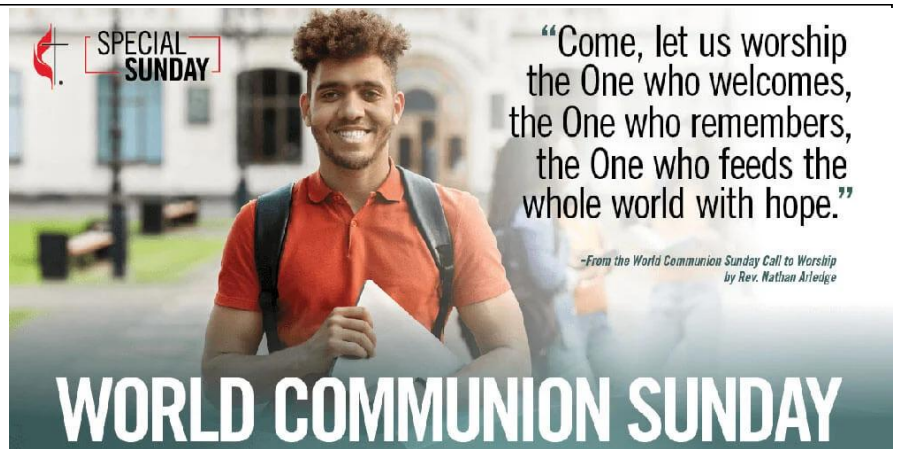
We learned from the generous donation of \$450 worth of food after a personal rummage sale by Adrian, Laura and Nina that the food only lasts about a month. And even that became sparse as we neared the end of the food donation.

So a team would determine how to prioritize spending the funds raised, inventorying the food, weighing what is put in the box daily, putting out calls to the congregation for specific donations and more.

If God is calling you, talk to Pastor



We need sandwich-makers and people to hand out Sunday lunches, especially in October and November. Talk to Yvonne Smith after worship or email OfficeAdmin@BayViewUMC.org



*“Come, let us worship
the One who welcomes,
the One who remembers,
the One who feeds the
whole world with hope.”*

-From the World Communion Sunday Call to Worship
by Rev. Nathan Arledge

Oct. 4 Offering Supports Next Generation

World Communion Sunday began in 1933 to demonstrate the interconnectedness of Christian churches, regardless of denomination. Give generously to The United Methodist Church's World Communion offering. Your gifts assist those whom God has gifted to learn and to serve in the name of Jesus Christ. Learn more about the World Communion Sunday offering at umcsgiving.org.



Our Loving Start Preschool went on its first field trip to Outpost Foods! This local market has so much to see and experience. From the visual appeal of colorful produce to the sensory smells of freshly harvested grains—there was something for everybody. This was an excellent opportunity to teach our kids about local food, different fruit and vegetable seasons, and so much more!



Apples, Pizza and Popcorn: Sink Your Teeth into Next Series

Apples, pizza, carrots, popcorn!

As we focus on God's abundance especially this harvest season, we're having some fun and giving away food at worship!

Our Fall sermon series is based on the book, *The Good and Beautiful God*, by James Bryan Smith on loving God and growing in discipleship. We're coordinating this series with our stewardship campaign since stewardship is an important element of discipleship.

We'll be nudged along to think about how God is good, abundant, trustworthy, self-sacrificing and transformational:

- God is Good!
- Do we accept God's abundance? If so, we can give generously.
- Do we trust God to provide our needs? If so, we can give generously.
- Do we understand Jesus' self-sacrificing gift? If so, we can give generously.
- Do we experience transformation in our love of God and neighbors? If so, we can give generously.

The news series begins Oct. 27 while elements of our stewardship campaign have already begun.



At Church Camp with Casey Meyer

*By Casey Meyer,
2026 Camp Scholarship Recipient*

I'm 13 and starting 8th grade. I've been going to church summer camp for longer than I can remember. This year I attended WILD week because I enjoyed it last year and it helps me feel connected to God.

I enjoyed being around people who I get along with. I enjoyed the different graces we said before eating. I enjoyed using hammocks.

The food was phenomenal. There were walking tacos. There was an all-you-can-eat cookout for one of the dinners. There were fresh-baked pizzas for lunch on the last day. There were cinnamon rolls one of the days for breakfast.

The first time going to camp was a little bit hard at first not knowing the people and counselors there, but it became easier year by year. Last year, there was a person I didn't really talk to at all. But this year, we started talking more and became best friends.

Photo above: Lucy Meyer and brother Casey, both of whom received a church camp scholarship. Lucy's report ran in the August newsletter.

October

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 6p Wesleyan Bells 7:15p Faith Singers	2	3 Kathy Kronenberg 8a-12p South Shore Farm Market 10:30a Women's AA, childcare available
4 9:45a World Communion, Wesleyan Bells, Pastor Anna-Lisa Wrestling with Doubt 10:45 Sunday school 2:30p Bread & Jam 4p Pastor at Smallpie	5 7p Alcoholics Anonymous	6 Brenda Comp 9a Pastor at Anodyne Coffee 1-2p Making Sense of Bible, Gathering	7 Kate Krempel 9:15a Meditation 10:15a Bible Study 5:30p Unity Lutheran, free community meal	8 6p Wesleyan Bells 7:15p Faith Singers	9 Marianna Bernal 4-6p Rooted & Rising Chili Cook-off 7p Community Sing, Christ UCC	10 8a-12p South Shore Farm Market 9a Women's Breakfast, Castillo's 10:30a Women's AA, childcare
11 Sally Warkaske 9:45a Pastor Anna-Lisa Wrestling with Doubt, Faith Singers 10:45 Sunday school 2:30p Bread & Jam 4p Pastor at Smallpie	12 INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY Office Closed 6p Leadership Team 7p Alcoholics Anonymous	13 9a Pastor at Anodyne Coffee 1-2p Making Sense of Bible, Gathering	14 Kelly Heipel 9:15a Meditation 10:15a Bible Study	15 Greg Decker 10a People Team 6p Wesleyan Bells 7:15p Faith Singers	16	17 8a-12p South Shore Park Farmers Market 10:30a Women's AA, childcare available
18 9:45a Pastor Anna-Lisa Wrestling with Doubt: Finding Faith 10:45 Sunday school 2:30p Bread & Jam 4p Pastor at Smallpie	19 Angela Jackson 7p Alcoholics Anonymous	20 9a Pastor at Anodyne Coffee 1-2p Making Sense of Bible, Gathering	21 Harlan Tranmal 9:15a Meditation 10:15a Bible Study 5:30p Unity Lutheran, free community meal	22 6p Wesleyan Bells 7:15p Faith Singers	23	24 Carol Ann Kucharski 8a-12p South Shore Farm Market 10:30a Women's AA, childcare available
25 9:45a - Faith Singers, Pastor Anna-Lisa 10:45 Sunday school 2:30p Bread & Jam in dining room 4p Pastor at Smallpie	26 7p Alcoholics Anonymous	27 9a Pastor at Anodyne Coffee 1-2p Making Sense of Bible, Gathering	28 Hertha Kornkven 9:15a Meditation 10:15a Bible Study	29 6p Wesleyan Bells 7:15p Faith Singers	30	31 8a-12p Last Farm Market of season 9a Men's Breakfast, Castillo's, Cudahy 10:30a Women's AA 12-1p IC free meal 5-8p Trunk or Treat

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**11th Annual
BEET STREET
FALL FESTIVAL**

Saturday 10.03.2026

Meet You on Beet Street

Beet Street outdoor fest from 10 am to 11 pm celebrates art, music, food and community causes. The family-friendly event takes place on the 2400 block of Wentworth Avenue between Cactus Club and Goodkind restaurant (the block where our church once stood on the westside of the street!)

The quiet, tree-lined street transforms into an array of artists and small independent businesses, nonprofit/community groups (such as Rooted & Rising-Washington Park, formerly UM Children's Services), all-ages activities, food trucks and a large stage showcasing local, national and international musicians. This event roots itself connections with community and local causes. Neighborhood groups, environmental justice organizers, art collectives, health clinics, harm reduction advocates, abolitionists, voter registrants, LGBTQ+ resources—all are present!