

BAY MESSENGER

MARCH 2009

10 a.m. Sunday School

10 a.m. Sunday Worship

Child care available

PASTOR'S CORNER

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

On April 5 Bay United Methodist Church will have an all-church potluck dinner following the worship service. This service is being sponsored by the Worship Ministry. Bring a dish to share and your own table service. Beverages will be provided. Let us begin Holy Week by breaking bread together, just as Jesus and the disciples did.

HOLY THURSDAY SERVICE

April 9 is Holy Thursday, also known as Maundy Thursday. We will have a worship service at 7:30 that evening with both our Chancel Choir and Youth Orchestra participating. The Sacrament of communion will also be offered. The message of the evening is, "How Do You Say, 'Thanks'?"

Rev. Bell

COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

The annual Community Good Friday Service will be held at 12 noon at St. Raphael's Roman Catholic Church on Dover Center Road. Rev. Bill will be among the participants.

NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY

On Sunday, April 26, Bay UMC will participate in the denomination-wide offering for native American Ministries. Fifty percent of this offering remains in the East Ohio Annual Conference for our ministries honoring Native Americans. The rest is used nationwide in the same ways, providing scholarships, filling food pantries, starting new native American congregations, and providing shelter for the victims of domestic violence. If part of your passion for ministry is honoring Native Americans, there will be a special envelope for your use that morning.

Have you remembered Bay United Methodist Church in your will?



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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

CIRCLE NEWS



Circle of Hope

Sunday, April 5
7 p.m., Parlor

Sarah Ruth Circle

Wednesday, April 15
9:30 a.m., Parlor
Speaker—Gene Matthews
“Global Warming”

Lydia Circle

Tuesday, April 28
7 p.m., Parlor
Hostess—Jean Youngs
Devotions—Cyndy Monjot
Program—Jaye Dupal
Charlie Guinta will speak
about the Red Cross



ECUMENICAL SALAD LUNCHEON

Thanks to all who prepared salads and helped to make this luncheon such a success. Approximately 85 people in attendance were inspired by Jim Szakacs, Executive Director of the Nehemiah Mission of Cleveland, as guest speaker. The UMW was able to donate \$346 to the Nehemiah Mission, due to the generosity of those attending.

If you have left dishes in the kitchen and they are not claimed, they will be put in the Nearly New Sale!

NEARLY NEW SALE
Saturday, April 4, 9 a.m.
Pre-Sale for Members
Friday, April 3, 6—7 p.m.
Bring items to the stage.
Cookies can also be donated.

ADULT STUDIES MINISTRY

ADULT CLASS OPPORTUNITIES

Congratulations to JJ Perrine. By the time you read this she will have successfully completed her special series for women, “You Matter More Than You Think.”

Betty Bauer has concluded the Tuesday morning class focusing on Psalms. Look for another class offering on Tuesday mornings in the fall.

The adult class meeting at 8:30 Sunday mornings will conclude its Lenten study on Palm Sunday, April 5, and will not meet on Easter Sunday. Following Easter a 7- or 8-session series will begin on April 19 and run through May 31 or June 7. Several possibilities are being reviewed for this series, so look for further details in the Sunday bulletin.

Bob Penick is researching various sources for future programming that might involve bringing in speakers from nearby colleges or schools of theology.

Karen Cooper, Mark Moore, and Ron Smith have agreed to co-lead the Faith Link series, which we initially discussed in last month’s *Messenger*. We will be starting this as a Sunday evening program (early evening!). We plan to begin on Sunday, April 19, and continue for 8 sessions through Sunday, June 7. This will be a “contemporary issues” type of course with the emphasis on “contemporary.” Each week we will receive our class material for the following Sunday via e-mail download from Abingdon Press. We will forward this course material to all known participants and have extra copies for Sunday night. Each week’s topic will be an issue that is currently being discussed in the news. The printed material will contain a well-researched discussion of the problem, followed by relevant Biblical and Wesleyan views. If the download arrives in time for that Sunday’s church bulletin deadline, we can put the topic in the bulletin. We look forward to seeing

“OVER 50” RETREAT

The Retreat Committee has established the following:

- ◆ What? Over 50 Retreat
- ◆ When? October 2, 3, 4
- ◆ Where? Oberlin Inn
- ◆ Why there? Lakeside Scheduling

Committee: Larry and Susan Johnson, Julius and Linda Shinko, Jan York, Andy Lihani, Mae Allen, George Reash, and Rev. Bill

We encourage all to come and be with us!

More information to follow.



HELP WANTED

Bay UMC seeks to have an inviting and user-friendly website to publicize our church. I am currently looking for someone with expertise in *Adobe DreamWeaver CS3* software to tutor me! I just need a few hours of your time to help me learn some short-cuts that will enable me to better utilize our Web Design software.

If interested, call me at the church, 440-871-2082.

Patti Thomas
Web Site Administrator

FROM OUR MAILBAG . . .



On behalf of my family, thank you all for the prayers, cards, meals, and visits that have been provided for my mother, Eleanor Gregory. I wanted to provide a brief update for the church members. She was diagnosed with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) last May, and we were advised that they felt she had 6-12 months left. Hospice has been visiting and doing an excellent job assisting, especially providing time for my father to take time to run errands, shop, etc. She had complications at Christmas time and was admitted to Bradley Road Nursing Home but made a nice recovery, and we were able to bring her home. She has continued to improve since. Her appetite is excellent, and she sure does love all the food that has been delivered. I am certainly appreciative of Rev. Bill, Bob Kirkpatrick, and the Stephen Ministers. She has had a wonderful life and, obviously, God doesn't want her just yet. We are not ready to share her at this time, either. I cannot fully express my sincere gratitude to all of you who are continuing to keep her in your prayers, but "thank you."

Scott Gregory
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We acknowledge with gratitude your gifts to Disaster Response, International and Disaster Response, United States.

Roland Fernandes
General Board of Global Ministries

I want to take this time to thank you for once again paying 100% of your apportioned shared ministry funds for 2008.

Lives are impacted and changed because of your decision to give. Thank you.

Jessica Vargo
Conference Treasurer
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On behalf of everyone associated with West Side Ecumenical Ministry, I would like to extend our most sincere appreciation for your recent gift to benefit the Near West/SWEM Food Center.

Your precious donation gives us the opportunity to provide real help, real hope, and real futures for Clevelanders in need. Because of your investment, hundreds of children, youth, adults, and families are receiving the help they need to get their lives back on track.

Judith Z. Peters
President & CEO
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Thank you for your generous gift to North Coast Health Ministry. Your gift helps us provide primary medical care, pediatric and gynecological clinics, specialty care referrals, mental health counseling, and prescription assistance to our low-income neighbors without health insurance coverage.

Lee E. Elmore
Executive Director

WELLNESS MINISTRY

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE?

Are you providing care at home for your family member with Alzheimer's disease or another type of dementia? If so, we invite you to consider taking part in the Caregiver Knowledge and Skills Project.

The Caregiver Knowledge and Skills Project is a research study being conducted by **The University Memory and Aging Center of Case Western Reserve University** and **University Hospitals Case Medical Center**. The goal of the study is to learn how best to help family members of persons with Alzheimer's disease or

other types of dementia increase their knowledge and skills related to caregiving.

Participating caregivers will take part with other family caregivers in a series of workshop sessions designed to help caregivers develop new knowledge and skills and benefits of the workshop and answer questions periodically about their well being, their experiences with and attitudes toward caregiving and their opinions about the project. There are **NO COSTS** for participation in the study.

THE KNICKERBOCKER

Did you know that The Knickerbocker Apartments in Bay Village is owned by the Bay Interfaith Housing Corp? Did you know that Bay United Methodist Church is one of the four partners in Bay Interfaith Housing Corp? Did you know that the Knickerbocker recently completed some very low cost, but impressive, renovations? Did you know that the Knickerbocker, for almost the first time in their history, has a 10% vacancy rate, which is straining their financial resources? Did you know that the Knickerbocker is asking for your prayers, donations of your time and money, and your referrals

for people who wish to explore moving into one of the studio or one-bedroom apartments? Now you do!

Bay UMC's relationship with the Knickerbocker Apartments goes back to 1972 when members of our community accepted the mission of building affordable housing for people 62 years and older in Bay Village.

In 2009 the Knickerbocker is asking each member of BUMC to consider the Knickerbocker as part of their own personal mission field. First, pray for the building, board, staff, and residents. Second, would

you be able to donate time or money? They are always seeking sponsors for events and non-monetary donations. Third, if you know someone who needs housing, please refer them to the Knickerbocker. The Knickerbocker would love to provide housing to someone in need of a place to live.

For additional information, refer to the tri-fold brochures in the information kiosk near the elevator. You may contact Dave Britton of the Knickerbocker Apartments directly, 440-871-3234, or visit www.knickerbockerapartment.com.

2009 YEAR-TO-DATE INCOME AND EXPENSE RECAP

Beginning Cash Balance 1/1/09	\$ 527
Receipts Year-to-date: (See note below)	+ 88,614
Expenses year-to-date	- 78,496
Ending Balance 2/28/09	\$ 10,645

NOTE: Receipts include \$30,307 in prepaid pledges for 2009.
One major expense to date was for snow removal, which was \$2,190.

“THE WORD IN APRIL”

April 4—Palm/Passion Sunday

Chancel Choir Cantata, “Colors of Grace”
All Church Potluck after worship

April 9—Maundy Thursday

Sacrament of Holy Communion
Chancel Choir and Youth Orchestra to participate
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; I Corinthians 11:23-26
Message: “How Do You Say ‘Thanks’?”

April 12—Easter Sunday

Identical Services at 9 and 11 a.m.
Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18
Message: “Mistaken Identity”

April 19—Second Sunday of Easter

UMW Sunday

April 26—Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:12-15; Psalm 4
Message: “God, Get My Enemies”



If you have a student in college, please call the church office, 440-871-2082, with his/her address. We like to send the *MESSENGER* to our college students.

PLEASE NOTIFY

THE CHURCH OFFICE

of any birth, death, marriage, hospitalization,
change of address, or change of email address



**When you change e-mail address,
don't forget to notify the church!**

GO PAPERLESS — GET THE MESSENGER ON LINE!

Because we are actively striving to be good stewards and due to the increasing cost of publishing the *MESSENGER*, we encourage you to view the *MESSENGER* from our website.

E-mail carolsue_bumc@sbcglobal.net, and we will take you off our “snail” mail list. You will receive a notice by e-mail each month letting you know that the new issue is on our web site, www.bayumc.org.



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I wish to participate in the beautifying of our sanctuary with Easter flowers.

I am enclosing \$9 for each plant ordered:

Name _____

Address _____

No. of Plants Ordered _____ Phone _____

Amount Enclosed _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Please take your plant for yourself or for a shut-in after the 11 a.m. Easter service.

If you wish to be included in the list of donors in the Easter bulletin, the DEADLINE is Sunday, April 5.

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At the time we publish the plant list, we will also publish a list of the Alternate Easter Giving.

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EASTER SHARING THROUGH ALTERNATE GIVING

APPALACHIAN SERVICE PROJECT - An ecumenical Home Repair Ministry sponsored by the United Methodist Church; has existed for 25 years and covers 5 states.

KNICKERBOCKER APARTMENTS - Provides housing for the elderly, supported by HUD and originally built by Bay Interfaith Housing, Inc., a group of Bay Village churches.

NEAR WEST FOOD AND FAMILY CENTER - One of the Cleveland Hunger Centers where people can receive periodic bags of groceries.

BEREA CHILDREN'S HOME - Provides residential services and treatment for children, youth, and families with problems and crises.

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK - Provides shelter, meals, and comprehensive services to temporarily displaced families through participating churches and synagogues.

NORTH COAST HEALTH MINISTRY - An Ecumenical Health Ministry to those who do not have insurance and do not qualify for government aid; staffed by volunteer professionals and financed through donations.

WORLD SERVICE – The basic program and benevolence fund of the UM Church; participates in thousands of world-wide ministries.

I WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ALTERNATE GIVING:

Name _____

A donation of \$ _____ designated for:

- _____ APPALACHIAN SERVICE PROJECT
- _____ KNICKERBOCKER APARTMENTS
- _____ NEAR WEST FOOD AND FAMILY CENTER
- _____ BEREAS CHILDREN'S HOME
- _____ INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK
- _____ NORTH COAST HEALTH MINISTRY
- _____ WORLD SERVICE

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

SAVE THE DATE!!!!



FIESTA FLING

Friday, May 15



6 p.m.—Hors d'oeuvres

*6:30 p.m.—Fiesta Concert
(featuring fun, light music)*

7:30 p.m.—Fiesta Meal



- Fun for the whole family*
- Babysitting for those too young to enjoy the concert*
- Free-will offering to benefit the Nehemiah Mission in Cleveland*

*Watch the bulletins
For further details!*