

# BAY MESSENGER

SEPTEMBER 2009

10 a.m. Sunday School

10 a.m. Sunday Worship

Child care available



## MAKEOVER SUNDAY

Bay UMC needs a **MAKEOVER!** All of our exterior white trim is in need of repainting. There are also some areas where the wood is beginning to rot, so these areas need to be repaired before they can be repainted. To see for yourself exactly what we are contending with, you can go to our website, ([bayumc.org](http://bayumc.org)) to see pictures.

The Trustees and the Stewardship Ministry have been working together to address this situation. Both groups believe that we have to care for this repainting before another winter passes. We cannot risk more damage to our beautiful structure.

We will be having **MAKEOVER SUNDAY** on September 27. During our worship service that morning we will be asking for the best gift you can give to this painting project. We will be seeking to underwrite the entire painting project on that one Sunday. While there is one more estimate still in process (as of when this is being written), we are faced with a price tag of approximately \$22,000 to do all the repairs and paint all the white trim on every side of the building.

Is raising \$22,000 in one day a challenging goal? YES! Is it a reachable goal? YES! Bay United Methodist Church has a wonderful ministry to offer to our community. We must be certain that the outside of our building looks like it! Our church building can proclaim the greatness of our God and the blessings that await those who enter here — but it needs the best, all of which every one of us is capable.

Let's give our building the **MAKEOVER** it so badly needs. Our building is the number one asset for the ministry we do here. We maintain it so that we can be faithful to all the other ways we serve the needs of this community in the name of Jesus. Please prayerfully consider what you can give so this project is a success for our congregation.



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## CHARGE CONFERENCE

Our Charge Conference will be on Monday, September 28, at 7 p.m. What is a Charge Conference? Other denominations call this the "Annual Meeting." At this meeting we will evaluate our ministry. What has happened in the last year? Where are we going in the next year? What are the goals to which God is leading us? How can we be more faithful in our mission and ministry? Our new district superintendent, Rev. Orlando Chaffee, will be here to lead us. Our Conference is open to every member of our church. And, as in other years, our Conference will be a joint conference with Avon United Methodist Church.

# FINANCE MINISTRY

## 2009 YEAR-TO-DATE INCOME AND EXPENSE

Beginning Cash Balance 1/1/09	\$	27
Receipts (See note below)	+	254,011
Expenses year-to-date	-	<u>264,680</u>
Net Receipts Shortfall	\$	(10,642)
Transfer from ENDOWMENT		
Spendable Interest	20,000	
Ending Balance 7/31/09	<u>\$</u>	<u>9,358</u>

NOTE: Receipts include \$30,307 in prepaid pledges for 2009.

Receipts for July were slightly below projections for the third consecutive month, which necessitated our having to draw on the Endowment Spendable Interest. To date we are over \$17,700 below our projections through the end of July.

Many of us have taken time off this summer, but our church expenses have not. If you are behind in your pledge, please consider catching up. For those who are current, thank you for your continued generosity and support of Bay UMC's ministry in these difficult financial times.

## OCTOBER RETREAT CANCELLED

The "50 and Over Retreat" for the fall has been cancelled. Oberlin Inn has reduced the number of available rooms due to unplanned maintenance. With a limited number of rooms and a great response to the Retreat, we had no other choice but to cancel. We were thinking of having a one-day event on October 3, but all events for that weekend have been cancelled, and we are devoting our efforts towards next fall. We will keep you posted on our future plans.

The Retreat Committee

## READ THE WRITINGS OF PAUL AGAIN, FOR THE FIRST TIME!!

Did Jesus and Paul say the same things or different things? Would Jesus have liked what Paul had to say about him? You will know the answers after you attend Sunday morning's adult study this fall. **"Eclipsing Empire: Paul, Rome, and the Kingdom of God,"** will begin on Sunday, September 13, at 8:30 a.m.

Each week we will watch the video segment, presented either by Marcus Borg or John Dominic Crossan, and then discuss what has been presented. It is guaranteed that you will understand Paul's writings in new, deeper ways after participating in this study led by Rev. Bill. All adults are welcome — come to one session, come to them all, pick and choose the topics that interest you — you WON'T be disappointed.

The class will discuss the following topics on the following days:

- September 13—Empire
- September 20—Jesus
- September 27—Paul's Mission
- October 4—Paul's Character
- October 11—Paul's Vocation
- October 18—Cities
- October 25—Paul's Letters
- November 1—Paul's Ethics
- November 8—Paul's Theology
- November 15—Paul's Eschatology
- November 22—Icons
- November 29—Eclipse

## “THE WORD IN SEPTEMBER”

### **September 6**

The Sacrament of Communion will be served  
 Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23  
 James 2:1-10, 14-17  
 Message: “Rich Man, Poor Man”

### **September 13**

8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School resumes  
 10 a.m. all Sunday School classes resume  
 Proverbs 1:20-33  
 Mark 8:27-38  
 Message: “Who Am I? Who Are You?”

### **September 20**

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a  
 Mark 9:30-37  
 Message: “Line Up!”

### **September 27**

Esther 4:12-14  
 Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22  
 Message: “the Right Place at the Right Time”



## ADULT STUDIES MINISTRY

We are looking forward to a great year with the continuation of classes that were successful in the past and the addition of new programs. It is our goal to provide programming that will be attractive and interesting to everyone in the congregation.

On Rally Day, September 13, our 8:30 a.m. class in the Parlor will begin a 12-week series entitled, “Eclipsing Empires: Paul, Rome, and the Kingdom of God.” Rev. Bill will lead us as we learn about new ways to understand Paul’s journey and his letters to new churches. This fascinating study begins each session with a video presentation with scenes from the actual locations of those early churches, along with discussion and commentary by Bible scholars John Crossan and Marcus Borg.

Also on Rally Day we will resume our FaithLink series at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor. Contemporary issues which are usually current in the day’s news are discussed in the light of secular, Biblical, and Wesleyan values. Each week’s study material is sent by e-mail or snail mail to class participants around midweek so that we have a chance to review and gather some of our own thoughts about the topic before Sunday night.

Help us launch the new “church year” by joining us at either or both of these times. We welcome new and old participants. You can come to talk or to just watch and listen. You see old friends and make new ones. It’s fun, and it makes us think!

## RALLY DAY

### Lunch on the Lawn and Health Fair

Sunday, September 13, will be our **Welcome Back From Summer Rally Day, Lunch, and Health Fair!**

- ◆ **Sunday School** starts:  
8:30 a.m for adults  
10 a.m. for Crib Room through Senior High
- ◆ Our fabulous **Choir** will be singing, under the direction of Ron Muth and accompanied on our Bedient organ with its 1,558 pipes played by Bill Zurkey.
- ◆ The **Rev. Dr. William Buckeye** will be preaching. Rev. Bill is now in his second year with us, bringing the word of God through his exciting, innovative presentation.
- ◆ **Lunch on the east lawn.** Following the service the Membership and Evangelism Ministry will be hosting a luncheon feast of freshly grilled hot dogs, veggies, fruit, chips and pretzels, cookies and more!
- ◆ **Health Fair.** Your Wellness Ministry, in conjunction with the professional from the Outreach Department of St. John West Shore Hospital, will be hosting a Health Fair, following the service. You will have the opportunity to have your blood pressure, sugar, and cholesterol checked, as well as bone density screening for osteoporosis.
- ◆ We will have a **bike helmet raffle** for the children, plus other surprises!



### BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS!

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS FALL

Sunday school for grades 4 through 6 will begin Sunday, September 13. We will be using the KidMo curriculum for ages 4 through grade 4 but structuring the classes differently. We will meet in a large group at the beginning of class in the 1st and 2nd grade classroom for the initial lesson and then divide into small groups using all the classrooms. These groups will focus on Bible use and discussions. Grades 5 and 6 will study their own pre-confirmation curriculum in their own classroom the entire class time. **This method will need many more teachers for it to be successful. Please consider volunteering to teach!**

#### METROPOLITAN CHORUS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

6 p.m.

The Metropolitan Chorus will present a concert at BUMC as part of their 2009 Fall Concert Series entitled, "Lord of All." For more than 40 years the Chorus has been sharing the message of Christ in music with people from various racial, ethnic, economic, and denominational back-

grounds. The Chorus presently consists of about 20 members from churches of the greater Cleveland area. The group is led by Director, Sue Cowen, and Accompanist, Helen Sommer. A freewill offering will be taken at the concert to assist the Chorus in fulfilling its mission.

Refreshments will be served following the concert.



**NORTH COAST DISTRICT  
HAITI MISSION  
OCTOBER 31—NOVEMBER 7**

This is the third in a series of trips in support of the NCD Haiti mission to Dondon, Haiti. Dondon is a rural village located outside of Cap Haitien in the northern district of Haiti. Our focus is largely in support of the schools operated by the Methodist Church.

Join us! No specific skills are necessary beyond a desire to serve and willingness to adapt.

- ◆ Trip cost is estimated at \$850 and includes round trip transportation from Fort Lauderdale, FL, to Cap Haitien, meals, lodging, and other fees. Team members pay their own travel/living expenses.
- ◆ Each participant is responsible for arranging and paying for their own round trip transportation from home to Fort Lauderdale, FL. Due to early departure on Saturday, October 31, this will require travel to Fort Lauderdale on Friday, October 30.

- ◆ Deposit of \$252.50 is required to hold a spot. A second payment of \$252.50 is due September 23. Final payment of approximately \$345 due October 23.
- ◆ Team members are asked to raise some funds to support the ongoing work and mission of the NCD Haiti mission.

**Can't go? The mission needs home team support.**

- ◆ Help us plan and prepare English language instruction materials
- ◆ Help us collect and package school uniform sewing kits
- ◆ Help us with your ideas for the future of our mission

Contact Timothy Persons at 216-272-9437 or e-mail [tpersons@gmail.com](mailto:tpersons@gmail.com) for details or an application.



**FROM OUR MAILBAG . .**

I am still getting everything in order after being at the nursing home for four months. Thank you for the wonderful cards and all of the visits.

It's a pleasure belonging to such a wonderful, caring church.

Janet Woodward

**GO PAPERLESS —**

**GET THE MESSENGER ON LINE!**

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