

BAY MESSENGER

AUGUST 2009

10 a.m. Sunday School

10 a.m. Sunday Worship

Child care available



PASTOR'S CORNER

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 SHACK DISCUSSION"

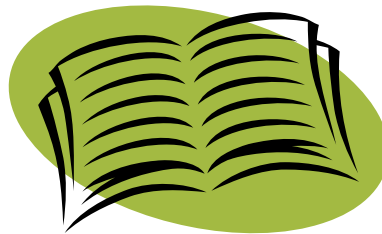
Wednesdays, August 5, 12, 19, 26
7 p.m.

"The Shack" is a novel which paints some provocative and interesting images of God. It has made the best seller list. Have fun this summer and read it, then come to a group where Rev. Bill will lead the discussion of those images in a relaxed and casual setting. You might even want to register at "shackbook.com" to see the kinds of response this book has generated in others!

We will meet in the 5th—6th grade classroom (the only air conditioned classroom in the church)!!

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



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ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

Our annual congregational meeting, known in United Methodism as a Church Conference, will be held on Monday, September 28, here at Bay UMC. We will meet jointly with Avon UMC while we use the time to evaluate our ministry and discern where God is leading us next. It will also be an opportunity for us to meet our new District Superintendent, Rev. Orlando Chaffee.

Every member of Bay UMC has a voice and vote at this meeting. It is hoped that every chairperson and group president will attend this important planning session.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Rev. Bill

FINANCE MINISTRY

2009 YEAR-TO-DATE INCOME AND EXPENSE

Beginning Cash Balance 1/1/09	\$	27	
Receipts (See note below)	+	227,217	
Expenses year-to-date	-	226,004	
Ending Balance 6/30/09	\$	1,240	



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

Although your response to the letter with your first quarter statement was very positive, our receipts for May and June have fallen over \$28,000 below our projections. This leaves us over \$16,600 below our projections for the first half of the year. If you are behind in your pledge, would you 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.



FACELIFT NEEDED — BECAUSE YOU NEVER GET A SECOND CHANCE TO MAKE A FIRST IMPRESSION!

Please notice the white exterior of our church building. It is in dire need of repainting. How our church looks tells the community who and what we are. This is too strong a congregation to let our church become run-down looking.

Right now, the Trustees are acquiring bids to see what this work will cost and Stewardship is looking into plans for us to pay for this work.

While details are still being decided upon, the question is this:

Would you give a special, one-time, gift so that we can repaint and give this beautiful building the facelift it so badly needs? More details will be available in the weeks to come.

BAY UMC HAS A RE-DESIGNED WEBSITE!

Check it out at www.bayumc.org

After months of hard work, our re-designed website is up and running. It's the same web address but a new, more "heavenly" presentation. I hope you'll find the information to be more organized and inviting.

Coming soon to the website will be a VBS page, Church History page, Wellness page, more photos, and (hopefully) a recording of the Sunday sermon.

If you have any comments, corrections, or feedback, please let me know. My email link is available on the web!

Patti Thomas
Web Site Administrator



“THE WORD THIS SUMMER”

July 26

Ephesians 3:14-21

Message: “Rainbows, History, Heavens, and Graves”

August 2

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Ephesians 4:1-16

Message: “God’s Quilting Bee”

August 9

Ephesians 4:5-5:2

Message: “Live in Love”

August 16

Ephesians 5:15-20; 1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14

Message: “Smart or Wise?”

August 23

Ephesians 6:10-20

Message: “The Armor of God”

August 30

James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Message: “Monkey See, Monkey Do”

September 6

Labor Day Sunday

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

James 2:1-10; 14-17



**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.

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PLEASE NOTIFY

THE CHURCH OFFICE

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

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!**

JOB SEEKERS/FOR HIRE?

Over the past 9 years hundreds of out-of-work individuals have attended the Bay United Methodist Church Job Seekers group. While the primary purpose of the group is of support and training in specific job search skills, a secondary purpose is to put networking into action and pass on information of job openings for the group's consideration.

Not surprising, the Bay UMC Job Seekers group is growing!

Do you realize that **you** can play an important part in connecting these fine people with employment opportunities?

Have you heard of an opening in your company — perhaps an opening that has just occurred? Remember that we have a large pool of people in our **Bay UMC Job Seekers Group** from this and other local congregations who are available to fill important positions for your company. These people have an

enormous amount of experience and are eager to dedicate themselves to furthering the success of your company. They offer expertise in nearly all areas and disciplines.

If you know of an opening, let us connect our skilled, innovative people, all with strong work ethics, to the proper person in your company. Call Bob Kirkpatrick at the church, 440-871-2082, or e-mail: bob_bumc@sbglobal.net.



INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

We finished our second Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) host week on June 28, and we had a full house with 5 adults and 9 children under the age of 12! It was a fantastic week. Thank you, Bay Church Family. We could not have done it without you! Also, thank you to the tireless efforts of the IHN Mission Team here at Bay UMC — Terri Bialowas, Ken and Karen Cooper, and Jeff Mell.

The week wouldn't have been successful without the support of close to 60 members of our congregation, including:

Patsy Nash, Evelyn Zweifel, BUMC Staff, Sue Mell, Tom and Sue Roehl, Judy Buttle, Joy Bredenbeck, Susan Johnson, JoAnne Marshall, Sharon Kratt, Mike and Paula Kertes, Rev. Bill Buckeye, Terri Kuck, The Welham Family, Cathy Schofield, Jean Bowman, Nancy Rodgers, Mary Jones, Chris Funkhouser, JoAnn Post, Pam Lindstrom, Brenda Porter, Andy and Barb Lihani, Dixie Neuhaus, Connie Priest, Judy Trask, Margaret Saltis, Dorothy Stewart, Connie Vannucci, Bev Allphin, Billie Maier, Karen Bradley, Maynard and Betty Bauer, Nancy Davis, Nancy Hill, Trey Bialowas, Gene and Sandy Matthews, Mark and Eileen Moore, Kris Gilland and Ben

Plaza, Sue, Joe, and Kerry O'Brien, plus Dominick, Keith McGregor, and Ann Rich.

During this host week several members from CrossRoads Church in Bay Village brought food and hosted meals with the families. Thank you to Angela Anderson, Ivan and Heather Grieve, Mike and Jean Hanson, Diana Sinea, Lisa Nicholls, and Pastor Jay Schroder for their help during the week. CrossRoads Church is very excited to work with us in this important mission, and we are happy to be partnering with them.

Also during the week Kaitlyn Davis brought a friend of hers for a youth night of fellowship with the families. A special thanks goes to them. It's great to see our high school students getting involved.

All in all, the week went well, and we are sure that the three families felt welcomed by the many warm people they met here during their visit.

Thank you, Bay UMC Family, for helping to serve the Interfaith Hospitality Network

FROM OUR MAILBAG . . .

A big thank you to Rev. Bill and the members of this congregation who helped me so much during my recent convalescence after open heart surgery. The meals were a godsend, and your prayers and concerns were greatly appreciated. Thank you all for everything.

George Macdonald
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Many thanks to all of you for the cards, calls, and prayers during my stay at Fairview Hospital. And a special thanks to Bob for his visits and the beautiful flowers. I'm doing better and hope to be out soon.

Sincerely, Lorene Ellison

Grateful thanks for the loving and caring notes, prayers, and calls from dear friends at BUMC regarding Dick's surgery. He is doing excellently, and we are so, so thankful to God.

Love to you, Dick and Juanita Schubert
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Thank you, church family, for the many cards, visits, flowers, and especially prayers for me after I fractured my ankle. I've healed well, had the necessary hardware removed (not all of it) and feel great. All that remains to be done is a bit more physical therapy. I appreciate the caring folks at Bay Methodist. Thanks, again.

Judy Groeneweg



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