



BAY VIEW ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Programming Update #1- April 22, 2020

2020 Assembly Season: June 21 thru August 16

PURPOSE

These updates will continue to be provided to the membership, and the general public, as we progress through the spring and summer with the goal of providing up to date information on program cancellations, deadlines on when decisions will be made, and alternative program options such as virtual worship services and outdoor concerts. There is the potential that we will not print and publish the summer program. We will provide up to date information through email blasts, social media, and the Bay View website.

Some programming decisions have to be made sooner, such as Performing Arts, and others such as Recreation and Education can be made later with the assembly season still two months away. Our decisions will be guided based on the health, safety, and welfare of our staff, volunteers, and program participants. We will also consider costs, attendance, and other factors in making these decisions. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work through these difficult decisions. Bay View will endure through these challenging times.

WORSHIP Director of Worship: Daniel Moser worship@bayviewassociation.org.

“When two or three are gathered together in the Lord’s name, there is our Lord in the midst of them.” Worship means being together, be it for worship, communion, lectures or bible study. But being “together” in this time of pandemic and social distancing can take different forms. Due to the uncertainty of limitations for social gathering, and the consideration of our members and our guests’ health and well-being our director of Worship and Religious Life, the Reverend Daniel Moser will serve in the pulpit either present or through a live streaming broadcast beginning Sunday, June 21. Dr. Jerusha Neal and Dr. Thomas Elliott, Jr. who was to preach and lecture in June will be offered an opportunity to speak in 2021. If we are restricted to small gatherings, for worship, Sunday School and/or youth groups - we have discussed small gatherings at the chapel and in other buildings with Bay View members who are clergy presiding. We have also discussed streaming lecture series if need be.

PROGRAMS CANCELLED:

- No pre-season Worship service June 14.

DEADLINES:

- Worship services and lectures with guest speakers beginning July 5 – determined 3 weeks before.

EDUCATION: Director: Jeanne Greer education@bayviewassociation.org

The educational programming in Bay View is comprised of a variety of formats and group size dynamics. Due to the concern for the health and safety of all our participants, instructors, and staff, we have had to make some difficult decisions regarding some of our larger group offerings. Some are still to be determined at a later date. We have reached out to all special event speakers and instructors with the intent of exploring options such as live streaming, outside class options, and holding smaller-sized classes. Online registration is now active on our [ASAP site](#) where you can currently register for classes without payment. Payments will be processed at a later date. These registration numbers will give us a better sense of what classes will run. Based on registration, feedback we've received and social distancing guidelines, we have made the following decisions:

PROGRAMS CANCELLED/DELAYED START:

- Taste of Knowledge Education Benefit Dinner (cancelled)
- Friday Forums (cancelled)
- Aging Gracefully Symposium (moved from June 19 to August 20)
- International Films (start date July 6)

DEADLINES:

- The Chautauqua Big Read Author: Decision to be made by June 1
- Bridges Crossing Cultural Divides Speaker: Decision to be made by June 15
- American Experience Week: Decision made by June 1
- Classes: Decision 2 weeks prior to class start

RECREATION: Recreation Director: Amy Seamster rec@bayviewassociation.org.

The recreation program motto for generations has been "Fun and Recreation for All". The recreation program includes the waterfront, tennis, and morning club activities with children ranging from ages 3-14, plus staff. This program is heavily reliant upon social gatherings for all daily functions. We realize a lot is in question during this unprecedented time. As of right now, we are moving forward with the expectation of running all of our programming as normal, with the understanding and knowledge that we may have to limit or cancel all programming. The safety of your children and our staff is our number one concern, but we feel there is still plenty of time to see how things progress and we do not know what that might look like at this point but with the input of

the Recreation Committee we are planning for whatever may come. If you need our support in anyway please reach out to us. We are all in this together.

PROGRAMS CANCELLED:

- Nothing at this time.

DEADLINES:

- Boys' and Girls' club: Decision made by June 1.
- Waterfront: Decision made by June 1.
- Tennis: Decision made by June 1.

PERFORMING ARTS: Artistic Director: Chris Ludwa chris@bayviewassociation.org.

As you know, the Performing Arts program is heavily reliant upon social gatherings for rehearsals concerts, and performances. The vast majority of summer music festivals, universities, and colleges throughout the nation have cancelled student programs and we have had to make the same difficult decision to cancel conservatory (student) programming. Rest assured that all previous donations made for student scholarships will be held and distributed in 2021.

Even though the student program has been cancelled, we are, nevertheless, planning to have a limited number of music faculty to provide entertainment through various performances throughout the summer, focused primarily on a weekly concert similar to vespers and support for worship services. Wednesday night and/or Vesper Concerts may also be live streamed depending on recommendations on social gatherings. We have also discussed outdoor concerts, with locations determined based on current distancing guidelines. Again, what programming we are able to offer and more importantly how we will be able to offer it, will depend on directives from our state and local governments, which are put in place to protect the health and safety of both the audience and performers.

PROGRAMS CANCELLED:

- All conservatory programming including SOARS (June 5-21) and Spirituals Intensive (Aug. 7-16)
- Mainstage Opera (June 21-August 7, incl. performances July 30 & 31, Aug. 4 & 5)
- Musical (June 21-July 11, incl. performances on July 10 and 11)

DECISION DEADLINES:

- Pops Concerts: Decision will be made three weeks before the scheduled event.
- Concert Musical (July 10 and 11): Decision made by June 15.
- Wednesday Night Chamber Music Series: Decision made by June 1.

- Vespers: Decision, dates, and themes made by June 1
- Youth Theatre: Decision will be made by June 1.