



BAY VIEW ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Programming Update #2- May 8, 2020

2020 Assembly Season: June 21 thru August 16

PURPOSE

This is the second update to the membership, and the general public, to provide current information on program cancellations, deadlines on when decisions will be made, and alternative program options being considered such as virtual worship services and outdoor concerts. As a friendly reminder this update, and other important information, can be found on the [COVID 19 Information and Updates](#) page on the Bay View website.

Please be aware that we have decided to not print and distribute the summer program in 2020. The best way to be informed on programming is through the COVID 19 page linked above, or the [online events calendar](#).

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

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 28. The Reverend Moser is currently in contact with the guest speakers scheduled for the 2020 Bay View season to discuss any restrictions and the possibilities during this time.

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 Worship service June 21

DEADLINES:

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

EDUCATION: 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. Class offerings are available on the Bay View website and our online registration is now open. Payments will be processed at a later date. We encourage you to sign-up as soon as possible, so that we can determine registration numbers. To participate in yoga classes, you need to bring your own mat and protective gear. In all classes we will use current social distancing guidelines.

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)
- The Chautauqua Big Read (postponed until 2021)
- Bridges: Crossing Cultural Divides Speaker Series (postponed until 2021)
- Toddler classes (cancelled)
- Culinary classes will be offered in virtual format only
- Most classes with June start dates have been delayed a week

DEADLINES:

- American Experience Week: Decision to be made by mid-June
- Classes: Decision two weeks prior to class start

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

Since our last Recreation Department update, we have been monitoring this unprecedented pandemic. In response to the extension of state guidelines for social distancing through May 28th, the Bay View Recreation Department has decided to delay the start of the summer program. This provides time for staff to prepare facilities, gather necessary equipment, and modify plans for the summer based on evolving guidelines. This postponement leaves us with a six-week schedule right now, barring further postponements or cancellations as decided in accordance with relevant health guidelines and expertise. The six-week program is tentatively scheduled to begin July 6th, 2020 and end August 14th, 2020. Season rates will be adjusted/prorated for the shortened season. **Please be aware that this is a tentative plan, and we may still have to cancel all or some of the recreation programming.**

Our mission in Bay View Recreation is to bring families and friends together, but we will only do that if we can do so safely. We will continue to monitor the spread of the virus and relevant guidelines regarding group gatherings and social distancing. A final decision will be made by May 15, regarding all Recreation activities for the summer. We are actively monitoring plans at 31 other Michigan camps and all pertinent public health guidelines to be sure we make safe decisions for our program, staff, and families. Please know that none of these difficult decisions are made without great thoughtfulness and support of the Recreation Committee.

PROGRAMS CANCELLED/ DELAYED START:

- June 22 – July 3, 2020 Recreation events cancelled.
- Recreation will delay its start to open July 6th.

DEADLINES:

- Boys' and Girls' Club: Decision to be made by May 15.
- Waterfront: Decision to be made by June 1 is not sooner.
- Tennis: Decision to be made by June 1 if not sooner.

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 canceled 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)
- Week of Handbells (August 10)

DECISION DEADLINES:

- Pops Concerts: Decision will be made three weeks before the scheduled event.
- Wednesday Night Chamber Music Series: Decision made by June 1.
- Vespers: Decision, dates, and themes will be made by June 1
- Youth Theatre: Decision will be made by June 1.