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BAY VIEW ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## **Programming Update #3- June 5, 2020**

**2020 Assembly Season: June 21 thru August 16**

### **PURPOSE**

This is the third 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. 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](#).

We are pleased to report that we hope to have two large outdoor tents available for committee meetings, smaller programming events, and other functions on campus this summer. These tents will be open air (no walls) and have chairs available where individuals can easily social distance from each other. The administrative office will be maintaining a reservation system to ensure that events are not double booked. Reservations will be required. More information on size and location will be forthcoming.

**WORSHIP:** Director of Worship: Daniel Moser [worship@bayviewassociation.org](mailto:worship@bayviewassociation.org).

We would be doing ourselves a disservice if we did not acknowledge and lament the losses this pandemic brings. There will be people we will miss, activities we won't be participating in, routines we will no longer be able to follow. But this unique summer at Bay View will also be filled with new possibilities.

To create the best Bay View 2020 summer experience during these uncertain times and with the utmost consideration of our members and our guests' health and well-being, we have postponed our scheduled speakers and are in discussions to reschedule their engagements for 2021. We plan to have Worship services with live streams from the Bay View Chapel beginning June 28th. Director of Worship and Religious Life, the Reverend Daniel Moser will kick-off our summer online Worship Services. The beautiful interior of Crouse Chapel will be a moving and familiar setting for live streaming of worship with special music from faculty.

As we look to local and regional sources for worship leadership and programming this summer we will be forging ties that will serve the community well for years to come. Gina Robinson, a former worship intern, soon to be Dr. Robinson, will be coming back to lead a worship service. A leader in the Odawan community has reached out to us with programming ideas and a willingness to lead another of our services. Regional pastors and professors from Michigan churches and schools are being contacted, not to mention the treasure trove offered by our own members. Porch chats may be expanded for small groups. A safe outdoor social communion service is being planned. And, weather permitting, we are planning a socially distanced outdoor service on the grounds July 5<sup>th</sup>. After months of isolation, just being able to see old friends and family will be healing to us all.

Our live streaming of worship services opens up a whole new outreach to the larger community that could become a permanent part of what we do. At the same time, we are exploring the possibilities of holding outdoor worship and classes - a return to our roots in the tradition of the Methodist camp meetings out of which Bay View emerged.

The Bay View community, whether physically present or participating from home, will be worshipping together and supporting one another as we enter this new normal. With God as our guide it will be well. And all will be well.

*PROGRAMS CANCELLED:*

1. June 21 Worship Service
2. All Weekly Lectures, June 22-August 27 (some new online or small group lectures where appropriate may be added)
3. Children's Sunday School, June 21 – August 9

**EDUCATION:** Education Director: Jeanne Greer [education@bayviewassociation.org](mailto: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. Please note on our registration platform that cancelled classes are indicated. Also, many classes are moving to digital streaming or Zoom options and are so noted.** To participate in yoga classes, you need to bring your own mat and protective gear. In all classes we will abide by current social distancing guidelines and use of protective gear.

*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 (rescheduled for July 20, 2021)
- Bridges: Crossing Cultural Divides Speaker Series (postponed until 2021)
- Toddler classes reinstated as streamed classes
- Culinary classes will be offered in virtual format only
- All Bridge and Mah Jongg (cancelled)
- All Book Groups: Reading Circle, Chautauqua BC, and Jane Austen
- Most classes with June start dates have been delayed a week

*NEW CLASSES:*

- Awesome Summer Writing for High Schoolers (Zoom)
- Awesome Summer Writing for College Students (Zoom)
- Two discussion classes (in process) one for adults and one for youth on topics of white privilege and racial inequality and the role we need to have in enacting solutions

**DEADLINES:**

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

**PERFORMING ARTS:** Artistic Director: Chris Ludwa [chris@bayviewassociation.org](mailto:chris@bayviewassociation.org). 6/5/20

Having successfully launched our first VIRTUAL VESPER, we are in contact with artists about doing four more of these this summer, beginning with late June and moving through July, then assessing where we are with donations toward our budget goals. Patrons who had previously bought tickets for our vesper series have been contacted by email, phone message, and personal conversation in hopes of turning their purchase into a tax-deductible donation to help support this vital programming and the response rate has been roughly 50% have opted for the donation toward programming.

Jeff Daniels concert on June 25 at 8pm with Lakeside Chautauqua was announced on Thursday and initial results are extremely positive, despite some confusion on what a virtual concert is. The good news.... it is very easy. Essentially, the online platform allows anyone with access to internet on ANY device to use a unique email to buy a ticket. The access code is then emailed to patrons before the event and then they click the link to watch the concert.) The price for this level of artist is a trial run, so future pricing may not be at the same level.

**DEFINITELY OCCURRING THIS SUMMER:**

- Jeff Daniels (June 25, 2020) is a GO at 8pm. Online Concert with Q and A

**PROGRAMS CANCELLED:**

- High Tea on the Bay (June 28- rescheduled for 6/27/21) Special program TBA soon.
- Conservatory programming including SOARS (June 5-21) and Spirituals Intensive (Aug. 7-16)
- Faculty Chamber Music Concerts on Wednesday nights are cancelled
- 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)
- Youth Theatre Program (but the possibility of virtual programming is pending)

- Week of Handbells (August 10)

*DECISION DEADLINES:*

- Pops Concerts:
  - Chick Corea and Bela Fleck are cancelled
  - Brass Transit (Chicago Tribute Band) rescheduled for July 3, 2021
  - Capitol Steps rescheduling is pending for 2021
- Vespers: We plan to offer 4 virtual (online) vespers this summer on a variety of themes. Dates of release to be announced in one week
- Exploring an outdoor concert with Spectrum Brass on the campus lawn in July, pending funding and dates. Expect a decision by late June.
- Exploring a pops concert with Jerome Collins (2019 Sam Cooke/Change Gonna Come) in July, pending funding and available dates for the artist. Expect a decision by late June.
- Exploring possible lawn concerts at various cottages this summer with distancing.

**RECREATION:** Recreation Director: Amy Seamster [rec@bayviewassociation.org](mailto:rec@bayviewassociation.org).

We are so excited to be planning many new and innovative programs for this summer, while maintaining as many traditions as we can safely. All events described below will be carried out while abiding by appropriate guidelines for distancing and hygiene protocols. More details on these specifics will come out as we get closer to the events and the procedures are finalized.

### **Monday Night Events**

July 6, July 13, July 20, July 27 – Hot Dog Roasts

Corner Scoops is coming to sell ice cream on July 6 to help us celebrate our first Hot Dog Roast of the summer!

There will not be the typical children's movie following the Hot Dog Roasts, as we cannot safely carry out that event indoors.

### **Outdoor Movie Night**

We will be trying an outdoor movie night on Friday, July 10, weather permitting. Time, location, and movie title TBD. If all goes well, we will have additional movie nights.

### **Someday Funday Kits**

We are working on take home kits of activities that will be available for purchase for your children and families to enjoy throughout the summer. Stay tuned for further information regarding the purchasing and pickup process.

### **Waterfront**

We are happy to announce that we will be able to guard the beach this summer daily from 1-5pm. To do so safely, we are reviewing and monitoring state and local guidelines to ensure a safe and fun environment for potential waterfront activities.

We continue to work on Boathouse procedures for this summer and will give more details when we have them.

### **Tennis**

We continue to monitor guidelines for safe use of tennis courts and look forward to providing opportunities for the community to play together during the summer. Look for an official announcement regarding our new tennis director and program specifics in the coming days.

### **Other Activities**

We have many other potential activities in planning stages and will let you know about them when they are confirmed. We are all working around the clock to provide an exciting, safe, and enjoyable summer for all of our children and families.

We would like to express our deepest gratitude to the Recreation Committee. We cannot thank them enough for the countless hours they have voluntarily worked to help create a family friendly alternative program. With their continued support we are confident we will be true to our Bay View Recreation mission "Fun and Recreation for All".

