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Sign up for classes,
buy tickets online
at new web site

The new Bay View Association web site is up and running at www.bayviewassociation.org.

You can buy tickets online – and pick your seats for reserved seat events – 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You also can register for education classes online.

The improved members-only area allows you to register on the spot, pick your name and password, and change your password anytime. Previously registered members can login with their existing names and passwords.

In addition to offering instant sign-up, the members-only area offers improved security.

As with any new technical venture, there have been problems. Our consultants (ICTNS) have been quick to respond and fix issues as they are reported.

We ask that you please bear with us while we work things out. We are all on a learning curve this year. Thank you in advance for your patience.

Questions and/or comments about the new site are welcome to perry@bayviewassociation.org.

Or, you can fill out the contact form on the web site – we urge you to try it!

Addressing the Needs of Today and Tomorrow

By Carrie Lyons

With an average of 140 scheduled events each season in our two auditoriums, the central concern about today's Bay View is the aging of John M. Hall Auditorium.

The auditorium is "the heart of the community" for Bay View residents and "the face of Bay View" for the greater community. Dedicated in 1914, Hall Auditorium has been the spiritual center of our valued religious, musical, educational and yes, recreational Bay View way of life for nearly a century.

It has, however, become increasingly evident that in order to insure continuing the values of life and location in Bay View, for now and for future generations, there is a need to invest in Bay View's most central treasure. An enhanced Hall Auditorium is critical to the ongoing religious, musical, and educational offerings that serve our unique Bay View culture and provide vital links to the greater community.

The exterior of Hall Auditorium should be and has been preserved. But the facility must be made viable so that it will not lose its ability to be used as originally intended and as it always has – as the Bay View center of our worship, lecture and music traditions.

The interior of Hall Auditorium must receive a comfort and technolog-

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ical update, incorporating recommendations for sound, acoustics, seating, and critical safety needs. Changes should

be made that will enhance the performance and reception of current and future programming for all ... yes, including the important guests that are part of our John M. Hall tradition.

We are Bay View ...

*pray with us ... sing with us ...
dance with us ... learn with us ...
talk to us ...*

*hear us ... laugh with us ... cry
with us ... stay with us.*

Carrie Lyons coordinates "The Heart of Bay View" fundraising campaign.

Bay View Outreach Looking for Web-savvy Volunteer

Bay View Outreach, a project of the Worship and Religious Life Committee, needs someone who can help them link with the Association web site. Outreach will be a clearinghouse where people can list volunteer opportunities in the community, as well as names of

volunteers. Outreach will also sponsor events in connection with the Education and Recreation committees, and would like to list these events on the site. If interested, please contact Karen Weaver at 231-348-5271 (after June 1), or at 248-683-8754.

An Update from the Recreation Director

By Renée Allen

The recreation season at Bay View will fast be upon us and I wanted to give you some early information to help our Friday special activity events be a big success.

The first week at Bay View, the Boys' and Girls' Club will concentrate on the Narnia theme. The last day of the week, your child or grandchild will come home with a sticker on their shirt that says "ASK ME ABOUT NARNIA AT BAY VIEW."

One of our concentrated efforts this year in Club is to have the counselors teaching level one activities – motor skills, game and play activities – and level two activities – life skills.

As part of a community effort, please take the time to find out what your child learned about Narnia and what some of the information means to them. Perhaps they have a question you can help answer, or perhaps they have an answer to a question that is deep and meaningful.

Let's find out, ask away. Have they read the C.S. Lewis series? Would they like to?

Thanks in advance for your input to this year's department heads collaborate Narnia effort.

The following Friday event will be "Boo at Bay View." This event will be Friday, June 26, and some of the parent evaluations had a very good idea.

In the spirit of giving and receiving, we are asking for a food can donation as a price of admission for the kids to participate in the popular trick or treat event.

Of course we will take donations from anyone in the community that would also like to participate with generous canned food donations; drop off those cans before Friday, June 26, to the Boys' and Girls' Club.

Canned goods will be donated to The Manna Food Project. Details on "Boo at Bay View" will come home with the kids from their leaders.

Also, let's get into the spooky spirit this year and have your house decorated for the occasion. A fabulous prize (within Bay View budget, of course) will be given to the most "spirited house," with recreation administration staff to vote on this.

Recently I attended a presentation by local weather expert and instructor for North Central Michigan College (NCMC), David Rodgers. He received a grant to put a weather station at NCMC.

David informed all of us in attendance that weather radios may well be worth purchasing for up to date weather information.

The new tower in Good Hart gives the radios much better reception than in the past. Tune your weather radio to frequency 162.475 MHz, and you will receive the weather information including watches and warnings.

We are purchasing a weather radio for the boat house, and the waterfront director will have access to this information on a daily basis.

Remember, we have four kayaks for rent at the beach now. Check with the waterfront director. It's first come first serve, and kayaks will be used by recreation staff as a perk when not being rented.

Please note that the recreation staff for 2008 has been chosen. There are no vacancies for any positions except LIT's.

Don't forget the work bee session on Memorial Day weekend, starting at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 24. We need spring cleanup workers at the waterfront.

Recreation Committee Chairman Tom George is springing for doughnuts and bagels, so have a bite and

help get the waterfront looking sharp for summer.

Barb Turkal is looking for any used or new nature books. She will host an informal nature program for kids in the back of the Fawns' building this summer. If you have an interest in helping to launch a small addition to this building or work with the existing space, please e-mail Barb Turkal at turkals@hotmail.com.

Barb needs assistance getting the existing space up and running by Monday, June 16.

Barb has great ideas for seeing this program through. She has worked for Bay View for over 30 years; let's see if we can make this idea a reality for someone who has given so many years of service to our organization.

Volunteers are needed for Monday registration at Boys' and Girls' Club. If you are interested, we are hosting a training session with Nancy Kirby at 4 p.m. Saturday, June 14, at Swift Field.

It takes only 30 minutes or less to get trained for helping with an important task, so our leaders can spend their time with the kids on opening day!

We prefer to have volunteers that can work every Monday or at least four Mondays from 9:30-10:15 a.m. This allows us consistency at these stations. Call 231-348-3940 or e-mail me at renee@parishonline.tv.

We are also looking for crafty folks for the Mary Spade Craft House early birds. If you have a special talent you would like to share with the youth of Bay View, please contact Renée or Caroline Campbell-McCarthy, phone 314-961-2578, or campbellmccarthy@charter.net.

Renée Allen is Recreation Director for the Bay View Association.

Summerchor

Men's Glee Club is Bay View's Newest Ensemble

Beginning at 6:45 p.m. on Wednesday, June 18, at Hitchcock Hall, Bay View Music Festival Artistic Director Chris Ludwa will start rehearsals for Summerchor, a special men's chorus open to all men ages 16 and up.

The ensemble, Bay View's newest, focuses on the repertoire, camaraderie, and exciting sound of the men's glee club experience at its finest. The ensemble is open to all who wish to sing, regardless of ability, provided they have sung in a choral ensemble before. The goal is to have 80 men enrolled.

Rehearsals will be held on Wednesday nights from June 18 through Aug. 6, and the ensemble will perform at a few selected times throughout the summer, pending

availability of the singers.

Rehearsals will be 45 minutes long, lasting from 6:45-7:30p.m., and are timed to allow members to come, rehearse, and then stay to enjoy the Festival Concerts which Bay View presents at 8 p.m. every Wednesday.

Repertoire will include favorites like *Viva l'amour*; *Brothers, Sing On*; Biebl's *Ave Maria*, fight songs, and similar repertoire that one would have experienced in a college glee club. To all who have fond memories or a deep love for the power of a full male chorus, we welcome you. There is no audition.

Please send an email to chris-ludwa@yahoo.com with questions or to indicate your interest prior to Tuesday, June 10.

Communion Celebrants Named for 2008

Holy Communion is celebrated every Sunday during the Assembly Season, 9 a.m. at Crouse Memorial Chapel.

The Rev. John W. Grob, communion coordinator, has announced this year's celebrants. They are:

- June 15 – The Rev. Walter Coffey
- June 22 – The Rev. David E. Kidd
- June 29 – The Rev. Marshall Dunlap
- July 6 – The Rev. Doug Trebilcock and Chris Wyatt
- July 13 – The Rev. Dr. Thomas Swears
- July 20 – The Rev. Ted A. Hartley
- July 27 – The Rev. Dr. Maurice Sharai
- August 3 – The Rev. Dr. Ned Dewire
- August 10 – The Rev. Douglas Q. Bowden

FRIENDS Will Again Offer Preferred Seating to Major Donors

By Sandra Voigt

The 2008 performing arts season in Bay View promises to be yet another exciting experience.

FRIENDS will once again offer preferred seating for all performing arts events for those participating in our very important fundraising to support our arts programs held in John M. Hall Auditorium, Voorhies Hall and Crooked Tree Arts Center.

All donations of \$300 or higher

qualify to receive vouchers for the preferred seating area. Seating charts are available at the Bay View Box Office and online beginning May 1 at <http://bayviewfestival.tix.com>.

FRIENDS contributions in 2007 made it possible for Artistic Director Chris Ludwa to purchase a much needed piano for Voorhies Hall, and other needed equipment to enhance the performances in Hall Auditorium and Voorhies.

FRIENDS goal for the 2008 season is \$30,000, therefore continuing our support of the performing arts program.

We look forward to many new contributors in addition to our current supporters.

The committee thanks all of you for your support.

Sandra Voigt chairs FRIENDS of the Bay View Performing Arts.

Bay View Will Be Invited to Join Campaign to End Malaria in Africa

The Bay View community will be invited, this summer, to participate in "Nothing But Nets" campaign as a way to end malaria in Africa!

The "Nothing But Nets" program is a global, grassroots campaign to save lives in Africa by preventing malaria, the leading killer of African children.

The program started with Sports Illustrated columnist Rick Reilly, who challenged readers to donate \$10 to purchase an anti-malaria bed net. One net protects a family for four years!

The United Methodist Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America have joined the program,

along with generous gifts from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, CNN's Ted Turner, and participation by the National Basketball Association.

Working with groups at Bay View, and receiving periodic special offerings on Sunday, let's see how many nets the Bay View community will provide!

Calling All Women

Bible Study Starts June 20

Interested in "stepping up" to the next level in your faith?

Join us for our Summer Women's Bible Study! Mark your calendars now. We meet 9:30-11:30 a.m. Fridays at the Campus Club beginning Friday, June 20, and ending on Friday, August 8. (We will not meet Friday, July 4).

Our study this summer will be Beth Moore's "Stepping Up: A Journey Through the Psalms of Ascent." This study looks at the pilgrimage theme in the Bible by unfolding many passages of Scripture to show the centrality of God's people being on a journey.

Participants will need to purchase a member book prior to attending the first class. (Available at www.lifewaystores.com or at your local bookseller, the cost is \$12.95.) This book guides participants through homework as well as a viewer guide to be filled in as the class watches Beth's teaching portion of the class together on DVD.

Please join us! Women of all ages and stages in their faith journeys are welcome!

Questions? Contact Jamie Shier, jamie.shier@insightbb.com or 859-335-8572.

Bay View Briefs

Sellers Wanted

Sellers, please save the date for Morning Council's 10th annual Marketplace, "Treasures in the Trees," Saturday, July 19, (rain date July 26) from 9 a.m. – noon in Fairview Park. Any Bay View cottager or organization can rent a booth and sell your "too good to toss" items. Each seller will be assigned a 20 x 20 foot space; sellers are responsible for setup, cleanup and pricing. Sellers keep all booth proceeds. Booth rental is \$30. To reserve now or if you have any questions, please contact Christine Lynch, email lynchc@gmail.com, or by phone at 513-321-2596.

Inviting Trained Caregivers

Stephen Ministry is a one-on-one pastoral ministry, by trained lay and clergy, to persons facing many different life challenges. People who are alone, experiencing grief, change in health, upheaval in vocation, depressed, or uncertain are often assisted by those trained as Stephen Ministers (or trained in clinical pastoral ministry). The Worship and Religious Life Committee at Bay View invites all those who are trained – as lay or clergy – and who are willing to provide ministry this summer to those at Bay View, to gather together at 11:15 a.m. Friday, June 20, at Crouse Chapel. Sharon Snyder, chairperson of Worship and Religious Life, and Ned Dewire, director of Worship and Religious Life, will enlist ideas to develop a program of "Stephen-like Ministry."

T.C. Opera Performance Canceled

The Bay View Music Festival's performance of the opera "Carmen" scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 5, at the Traverse City Opera House, has been canceled. Artistic Director Chris Ludwa said it is possible that the Traverse City facility may host a matinee on Sunday, Aug. 10, but that is uncertain at this point. Check the news updates page of the Bay View web site for the latest information.

Magazine Deadline Extended

The deadline for submissions to the Bay View Literary Magazine has been extended to Monday, June 30. Submissions can be sent to Marilyn Black Lambert at 11 Ellen St. W, Kitchener, Ontario, Canada N2H4K1; or Marjorie Andress Bayes, 200 Rampart Way #108, Denver, CO 80230. After June 18, please submit to Box 1254 or 1248 in Bay View. Emails: rdlambert@rogers.com or bayeswashburn@mac.com.

Head Usher Needed

Bay View is in need of a Head Usher for the upcoming Assembly Season. If interested, please contact Rod Slocum at 347-6225; or email rod@bayviewassociation.org.

Some Important Dates of Note

Here are some important days and dates to keep in mind:

- Trash pickup started Monday, May 5; it's Tuesday if Monday is a holiday.
- Recycling starts Thursday, June 5, and ends Thursday, Sept. 4.
- Post Office opens Monday, May 12.

Education Registration Monday, June 9, at Loud

This year's education registration will be held 9 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. Monday, June 9, at Loud Hall. Can't make it? Don't worry. You can register online anytime at www.bayviewassociation.org.

Northern Michigan Hospital is eager to continue classes in August and September. If you have suggestions for a class you would like, please send ideas to the Education Committee at jandriot@gtlakes.com.

Once again this year, Bay View will participate in "Let's Get Moving Northern Michigan." Booklets and a dropoff box will be available in the Bay View Post Office. The kick-off will be at the Odawa Casino Resort Wednesday, May 21.

Let's Go Green!

Bay View Promotes "Going Green" This Summer

Bay View is joining the push to "go green." As part of this effort, the Shirt Shop will sell reusable tote bags which can be used in place of plastic grocery bags. Energy-efficient light bulbs also will be sold at the Shirt Shop.

Other ways to "go green" include using mowers that mulch; recycle (begins in Bay View Thursday, June 5); turn up your air conditioner (or turn it off entirely); upgrade your water heater; and use Bay View Express to receive documents electronically instead of via ink on dead trees.