

# Bay United Methodist Church



**2020 Guide Book and Directory**



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## Welcome to Bay United Methodist Church

Dear Friends,

The church is not merely another human institution. It is not a club. It is not just a religiously based service organization. Jesus instituted his church to be the instrument through which the world might be redeemed. We are the body of Christ. We represent who he is. And by the power of his Holy Spirit we become the means by which he works his will on earth.

Those who say they believe in Jesus and yet neglect their part in his body make a serious mistake. Salvation consists not only of being saved out of the world. Jesus came to save us *into* his church. The church is not perfect by any means. Anything with a human component will be flawed. Nevertheless, Jesus has established his church and identifies himself within our fellowship. The church is the means by which Jesus imparts his grace to the world.

This booklet is more than informational. It is an invitation to become more intimately involved in God's mission for world transformation. Find what you need here to become more integrated into the movement to claim this world for Jesus. Welcome to the rebellion.

*And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10: 24-25*

Rev. Jonathan McCleery  
Pastor

# Sunday Service Schedule

Worship Services:

Traditional Service – 10:00 a.m.

Youth and Children begin in Traditional Worship Service

Youth/Children's Sunday Schools – 10:15 a.m.

Classes are divided by age-appropriate groups

## Mission Statement of Bay United Methodist Church

The mission of Bay UMC is to  
Live the example of Jesus Christ.



## A Brief History of Bay United Methodist Church

(Adopted from the history written by Carol Klamm Meermans)

In 1827, the Dover Lake Shore Methodist Episcopal Church, our church's ancestor, was organized by Elizabeth Tyron Sadler. The members of this new church held worship services in their homes or in a log cabin until 1840, when Mrs. Saddler gave the land at Bassett and Lake Roads, and seventeen members shared in the construction costs for a little wooden church. By 1907, the membership outgrew the little wooden church, and on June 30, 1908, with 95 names on the register enclosed in it, the cornerstone was laid for a new brick church. Again outgrown in 1953, ground was broken for our existing sanctuary which was consecrated in October 1955.

There were many name changes after 1827, with the last one in 1968. The merger of the Methodists and the Evangelical United Brethren formed United Methodist Church, and we became Bay United Methodist Church now led by Rev. Jonathan McCleery, our 38th pastor.

On September 9, 2018 The Ohio History Connection presented the Church with a historical marker, located on Lake Road, in front of the Church. The text of the marker is as follows:

## Dover Lake Shore Methodist Episcopal Church

Elizabeth Tyron Sadler started the Methodist Episcopal Church in North Dover Township in June, 1827 on land owned by her father-in-law Christopher Sadler. Charter members were the Rev. Eliphalet and Mrs. Margaret Johnson and their daughter Rebecca, along with niece Catherine Porter Foote. Elizabeth and William Sadler donated the land and much of the material needed to build a new wood-frame church here in 1841. The still-growing congregation built a brick church in 1908 and added a new sanctuary in 1955. Taking the name Bay United Methodist Church in 1968, the church has remained a center of community life and faith continuously since 1827. Family names associated with the church's early decades include Aldrich, Cahoon, Drake, Foote, Osborn, Powell, Sadler, Tuttle and Wolf.

## Ministry Team

Pastor .....	Jonathan McCleery
Pastor Emeritus .....	Alfred J. Hubler
Pastor Emeritus .....	Rollin A. Conway
Children's Ministry Director .....	Leigh Ann Spratt
Youth Ministry Director .....	Cindy Gulley
Chancel Choir and Bell Choir Director .....	Ronald H. Muth
Organist .....	William Zurkey
Administrative Assistant .....	Iva David
Financial Administrator .....	Jennifer Sauer
Nursery Staff .....	Tiffany Duke
.....	Abby Lindway
.....	Julie Ware
.....	Vaselea Cowin
Weekday Custodian .....	Katie Anderson
Weekday Custodian .....	Steve Smith
Sunday Custodian .....	Phil Kendel

## Committees, Ministries and Events Worship

### Worship Services

Our worship services are on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. Please be sure to sign the registration pad at the end of each row, *and* greet your neighbor! There is a strong emphasis on mission. Communion is served monthly on the first Sunday of the month.

## **The Sacrament of Baptism**

Christ welcomes us into the church through baptism. It is a service of Christian “adoption” where we offer ourselves, or our children, to God and are “adopted” by God into God’s great family. The water of baptism is a visible sign of the Holy Spirit being given to us and filling our hearts. Baptism is available for adults and children. Baptisms are scheduled in consultation with those receiving this sacrament, but will only be scheduled for Sundays when they fit into the theme of that day’s liturgy, music and message. To schedule a baptism please call the pastor in the church office, 440-871-2082.

## **The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

Holy Communion is celebrated during the worship services on the first Sunday of each month, and other holy days. Our communion is an “open communion” available to all who love Jesus Christ as Lord and earnestly repent of their sins and seek to live in peace with one another regardless of membership or affiliation with this local church.

## **Funerals**

The Church is available for funeral and memorial services when members so request. Contact the Church Office as soon as possible so the minister can meet with the family in preparation for the service.

# Engage

## **Adult Formation**

### **Adult Studies**

The Adult Studies Ministry provides a variety of opportunities for church members to explore their faith, link their religious faith and beliefs to current events, seek personal growth through the application of Christian concepts, and enrich their understanding and knowledge of the Bible.

We use Disciple’s Path as a preparatory study for adult membership, or as a way for current members to reinforce their membership vows. Many of our members have joined home study groups which meet for spiritual growth and fellowship. We seek spiritual depth and intellectual understanding, but there are also meaningful friendships formed in all these classes. Sometimes there are even refreshments! Look for our announcements in the weekly **Bulletin** and the monthly **Messenger**. For additional information regarding adult studies, please contact Ron Smith at 440-933-9396 or [smirg@lor.net](mailto:smirg@lor.net).



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## **United Methodist Women**

The Bay United Methodist Women support the mission of the church and ministries to women and children globally through our own channels of undesignated giving. We are a varied group of women at the church who meet in circles on a monthly basis. A circle meeting encompasses all of the following: refreshments, a short business meeting, devotions, a variety of programs with topics including mission, book studies, women's issues, and other fun ideas. The Bay United Methodist Women have several activities each year that allow the circles to join together, including several projects to help finance their mission: Soup Supper and Cookie Sale. Membership is open to all women. We currently have three circles:

**Lydia Circle** - meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the parlor.

**Sarah Ruth Circle** - meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the parlor.

**Circle of Hope** - meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the parlor.

For additional information regarding the UMW, please contact Betty Pfeifer at 440-835-3095 or [pfeiferbj@gmail.com](mailto:pfeiferbj@gmail.com).

## **Gray Eagles**

The Gray Eagles group of the Bay United Methodist Church consists of senior men of the church. They have organized to accomplish the following purposes: to provide fellowship for the older males of the church and strengthen their connections to the church and their personal connections to the beliefs of the church, to provide programs that will enhance their knowledge of the church, the community, social issues, and the entertainment of the group or as will otherwise seem appropriate, to maintain contact and assist senior men who are ill or disabled, to provide assistance to the church by our prayers, attendance, gifts and service. This group meets the third Wednesday of each month at 9:00 a.m.

## **Coffee Fellowship**

To create an opportunity for informal fellowship, we serve coffee, donuts and snacks each Sunday after the worship service (September-May) in Fellowship Hall. A different family hosts each week.

## Children's & Youth Formation

### **Vacation Bible School**

Each summer for a week, the church transforms into an active learning center for children of Bay UMC and the community. The theme varies from year to year, and offers worship with music, crafts, Bible stories, snacks, and games. Youth and adults are encouraged to share their talents as crew leaders or teachers. This week is a wonderful way for a child to experience God's Word with every one of his or her senses. For additional information on Vacation Bible School please contact Leigh Ann Spratt (childrensministry@bayumc.org).

### **Drama Ministries**

Children and youth participate in leading worship through drama presentations. These include telling Bible stories in creative ways, liturgical movement and dance, skits related to living a faithful life, and holiday productions including a Christmas and Easter pageant. Children and youth interested should contact Leigh Ann Spratt (childrensministry@bayumc.org).

### **Sunday School**

Sunday School begins at 10:15 a.m. for pre-school-12th grade. Pre-school-8th graders use a curriculum which teaches the same Bible lesson adults are learning in worship, and focuses on learning spiritual disciplines like prayer and worship. Classes are divided by age group. 9th-12th grade meets in Fellowship Hall Stage for their formation time.

### **Confirmation**

Confirmation is a reflective journey encouraging our eighth graders to further explore their faith. At the end of the school-year program, students have the opportunity to make a "profession of faith," or in other words, an affirmation of Christian faith and commitment to church membership. Confirmation is also understood as taking vows for oneself that were previously made by one's parents at the time of baptism. The confirmation journey includes participation in Sunday School, faith formation retreats, group learning events, and a mentoring program. Confirmation is under the direction of Cindy Gulley (youthministry@bayumc.org).

## Music Ministries

### **Bell Choir**

Rehearsals are held in the R.H.M. Rehearsal Hall at 7:00 p.m. on selected Wednesday nights, mid-September through early May. Performances are scheduled randomly throughout the church year. Membership requires the ability to read music and there being a spot available in the choir.

## Chancel Choir

The Chancel Choir rehearses in the R.H.M. Rehearsal Hall from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. beginning the first Wednesday after Labor Day. This 4-5-part mixed choir sings weekly throughout the first Sunday in June as well as performing special Christmas and Lenten Cantatas, which involves chorus, soloists, and orchestra. Membership is open to anyone who loves to sing.

## Summer Music

Music for our summer Sundays is provided for our services by volunteers from our church family and individuals throughout our community. In early May, a sign-up sheet is placed on the table in the Narthex. Accompaniment is provided if needed.

## The Bedient Organ Opus 53

On a beautiful Sunday morning in September of 1996, the Bedient organ was delivered to the Bay United Methodist Church. On that Sunday morning, two 18-wheel trucks parked on Lake Road in front of the church. Following the worship service, members of the congregation gathered in rows and carried pipes, while singing, into the sanctuary and laid them on the pews. What a glorious day for the church congregation.



In just three short months, the organ was completed and dedicated on Sunday, December 8, 1996 in a worship service of praise and dedication followed in the afternoon by a dedication recital. It is an organ rich in fundamental sound with many individual colors. Although a contemporary instrument, the organ draws on traditions of 18th century Germany and 19th century France.

The organ has two keyboards and pedals. The 30 sets of pipes in the organ are combined into 26 individual stops and total 1558 pipes. The metal pipes are made of an alloy of tin and lead and the wooden pipes are made of poplar and mahogany.

The organ console is made of mahogany. The keyboard naturals are covered with cow bone and the accidentals are of ebony. The pedals keys are made of oak and the stopknobs are of rosewood. The organ case is made of poplar and mahogany and includes decorative carvings of red gum.

2021 will be the 25th anniversary for the organ! The organ has served the congregation well and will continue for many more generations.



### **Ron Muth, Director of Music**

Ron began his church music career as the bass soloist at the Church of the Covenant, followed by a 10-year tenure as the bass soloist at Rocky River United Methodist Church. In the spring of 1977 Ron became Director of Music at Bay United Methodist Church, where he continues in a long and distinguished career.

### **William Zurkey, Organist**

After a broken pelvis sidelined Bill from football his junior year in high school, he began subbing for church organists. As a choral music education major/organ at BGSU, Bill Zurkey had many organ recitals broadcast over WGTE-FM in Toledo. He began serving the church his junior year at BG as choir director and organist at Tontogany United Presbyterian Church in Tontogany, OH. After graduation, while teaching at DeVilbiss HS in Toledo, he continued studying masters organ work at BGSU and became the organist at First United Methodist Church in Sylvania, OH. During the summers, he moved to Columbus to work on a Masters in Choral Conducting at OSU. He married Sandy and they moved to the Cleveland area where David Boe, Dean of the Oberlin Conservatory of Music, provided Bill a mentorship at First Lutheran Church in Lorain. A year later, a position opened at Bay United Methodist Church, Bill got the position and remained as organist for the next 33 years where he and Sandy raised their family and became involved in the church. He left in 2013 to become choir director at Bay Presbyterian Church, and transitioned to an organist position at Bethesda on the Bay Lutheran Church in 2019, returning to Bay Methodist Church in 2020. He feels blessed to be back home!

## **Serve**

### **Appalachian Service Project (ASP)**

ASP is a Christian ministry, open to adults and youth entering the 9th grade and above. Its goal is to eradicate substandard housing in rural areas of Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia while creating relationships and experiences that transform the volunteers and the families they serve. Fundraising and Study Sessions are an integral part of this trip. It takes place during the month of June and is an intergenerational offering, welcome to all! For additional information please contact Cindy Gulley ([youthministry@bayumc.org](mailto:youthministry@bayumc.org)).

### **Stephen Ministry**

Stephen Ministry is a confidential ministry of trained parishioners within this congregation who have been called to reach out and care for others in time of need, stress and concern. As committed Christians, Stephen Ministers have been trained through a Christ-centered educational system to support others through confidential in-depth caring. A Stephen Minister generally meets once a week with their “Care Receiver” until a path through the crisis has been found. A Stephen Minister can lend support through: Life transitions, grief, illness, divorce, aging, disabilities, loneliness, and more. A person in crisis must first request a Stephen Minister and then one is confidentially assigned for a one-on-one relationship that will last as long as the need is present. Should you like more information or wish to have a Stephen Minister assigned to you, please contact Rev. Jonathan at the church 440-871-2082.

### **Other Mission Projects**

Bay UMC also participates in a variety of other mission projects including volunteering at the New Westside Food Center, serving at the Nehemiah Mission in Cleveland, and supporting the Knickerbocker Senior Center, Ohio Guidestone (formerly Berea Children’s Home), Flatrock Home, and many other organizations. Children also participate in missions throughout the year by collecting items for Bed Kits for the United Methodist Committee on Relief, and by making blankets and other items for those in need during Advent.

## **Lead**

### **Church Council**

Church Council coordinates all of the programs of the church. The chairperson of this committee works closely with the congregation’s ministries and channels appropriate items to Church Council. The committee includes the leadership of Bay UMC and monitors the programming life of the church to insure that the mission and goals of the congregation are carried out and we are fulfilling Christ’s mission in the community and in the world.

### **Board of Trustees**

The Board of Trustees is the legal authorized representative of Bay UMC. The Trustees attend to the mortgages, insurance and endowments of the church. The Trustees are responsible for all physical properties, including maintenance and repairs, purchase of equipment, and other matters pertaining to the physical facilities of the church. Sub-committees of the Board of Trustees include: Investment and Permanent Endowment Committee and Parsonage Committee.

### **Investment and Permanent Endowment Committee**

The Committee oversees the investment aspects of the permanent endowment funds and is responsible for maintaining and administering the principal and encouraging and providing opportunities for members to create and/or add to endowment funds for the benefit of Bay UMC. In addition, the Committee is charged with the ongoing marketing and administration of endowment fundraising and recommending the appropriate use of the interest income to the Church Council. The committee is open to any member interested in investing funds and marketing the Endowment Fund program to our Church membership. Meetings are scheduled semi-annually with additional meetings scheduled as necessary.

### **Education Committee**

The Education Committee guides the spiritual development and religious education of the children, youth and adults at Bay UMC. It works to provide support and assistance to the coordinators of these groups. This committee participates in the planning and implementation of such events as Rally Day, Vacation Bible School, Confirmation, graduation and scholarship awards for senior high students.

### **Finance Committee**

The Finance Committee is responsible for developing an annual budget and in leading our congregation in funding this budget so that the mission and ministry of Bay UMC are supported and strengthened. This committee is open to any member with an interest in the financial matters of the church. Meetings are scheduled each quarter (January, April, July, and October). Additional meetings are scheduled as necessary. In addition, members are encouraged to be on a count team for weekly contributions (usually a six-week rotation) and serve as an officer (Vice Chair or Secretary) or a liaison to the other committees with a finance representative (Investments and Permanent Endowment or Stewardship). The committee also oversees the work of the financial administrator and treasurer as directed by Church Council.

### **Committee on Lay Leadership**

The Lay Leadership Committee is responsible for recruiting and training the lay members of the congregation serving in leadership positions. It is the Committee's goal to match member's talents and interests with the leadership positions of the church, as well as identify other members of the church to serve on the committees.

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### **Membership & Evangelism Committee**

The M&E Committee offers programs to bring new members into this local community of faith and to integrate current members into the active life of the church. This committee provides information about the church to interested new members at the end of each weekly worship service and facilitates in providing membership classes. Special activities of this committee include hosting potluck lunches for the congregation and the reception for the 8th grade confirmation class, as well as hosting Rally Day in September. This committee also maintains the church website-bayumc.org. For information regarding visitation to BUMC or interest in membership, please contact the church office (office@bayumc.org).

### **Outreach Committee**

The goal of the Outreach Committee is to help our congregation take the light of Christ out into the world. Some of the organizations we work with include: Family Promise of Greater Cleveland (formerly Interfaith Hospitality Network), Near West Food and Family Center, Knickerbocker Senior Center, Ohio Guidestone (formerly Berea Children's Home), Flat Rock Home, The Good Neighbor Program, World Service, Fair Trade Products, Habitat for Humanity, The Broadway Food Pantry, Nehemiah Mission and other community mission projects.

### **Staff Parish Committee**

The Staff Parish Relations Committee serves as a bridge or link between the professional staff of the church and our congregation. The committee is responsible for the "human resources" functions of the church, including the interviewing and hiring of the professional staff that serves our congregation, as well as the annual performance reviews of the professional staff. The committee develops salary and benefits recommendations for the professional staff and serves as a mediator for any problems or issues that may arise concerning staff and the parish.

### **Stewardship Committee**

The Stewardship Committee encourages and provides opportunities for members to be good stewards of their many wonderful gifts from God and enable members to give of their time, talent and treasure. The principal objective of this committee is the annual commitment operating campaign, as well as other campaigns as needed. The Stewardship Committee generally meets on a monthly basis from December to September and will meet weekly in October and November during the annual campaign.

### **Wellness Committee**

The Wellness Committee provides the congregation with a variety of health-oriented programs, which aid interested individuals in achieving a healthy lifestyle. This committee provides informative health related articles that are included in the monthly Messenger and weekly Bulletins.

## **Worship Committee**

The Worship Committee works with the pastor to coordinate the worship services of the congregation. Working also with the greeters, ushers, acolytes, communion stewards, and the music ministries of our church, the worship committee seeks to provide worship experiences that are both welcoming and meaningful to those in attendance. Additionally, by observing the liturgical seasons, holy days, and special congregational events the worship committee seeks to relate worship to our life as a congregation and our lives in the world.

## **Youth Council**

Youth Council is a team of both adults and youth who guide and help facilitate youth ministry in the church. Both Youth Council and the Education Committee work alongside the Youth Ministries Coordinator of the church. The council meets approximately eight times a year and must include at least 2 youth per 1 adult. Guidance is offered for decisions that surround youth social events, community service opportunities, mission trip fundraisers and youth worship. Members serve for minimum of one year. Adults and youth grades 9-12 are welcome!

# **Celebrate**

## **Family & Seasonal Events**

Throughout the year, Bay UMC celebrates community through fun family events like the Pumpkin Patch, a fall festival including trick-or-treating, a hay pyramid, and pumpkin sales (a fundraiser for Appalachian Service Project, also known as ASP). In December, children are invited to an Advent Festival where they create small mission projects for people in our community. WinterFest is another opportunity for kids to have fun together, and support ASP. In March, there will also be a talent night, produced by ASP as well. Easter brings an Easter Egg Hunt. Watch for announcements about other fun events for the whole family.

## **Our Libraries**

The church has two libraries. The Children's library is located on the second floor, next to the Church Office. We have an excellent variety of children's books, DVDs and videos which may be borrowed. Donations of children's books or videos are always welcome. The second library is the Church library located in the Parlor on the Sanctuary level and it includes books for adults. You may use the libraries during open hours of the church.

### **Membership**

Persons desiring membership may be received by transfer of membership from another United Methodist Church or from other Christian denominations, or by personal profession of faith. Membership classes are held periodically during the year. Representatives from the Membership and Evangelism Committee are at the back of the Church in the Narthex each Sunday following the worship services to answer any questions and provide you with information on becoming a member of Bay UMC. If you are already a member, please bring your friends to worship with us; we will be glad to welcome them!

### **Weddings**

Our church and minister are available to conduct weddings for members and non-members. A wedding date may be reserved up to one year in advance. Information explaining wedding policies and procedures is available from the Church Office.

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