



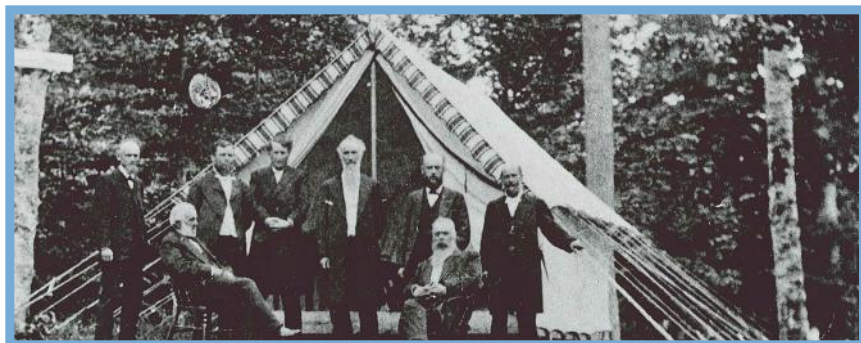
BAY VIEW ASSOCIATION

MIDWINTER BULLETIN

2025

Friday, March 14, 2025

Bay View, Michigan

2025 Theme: *Jubilee*

Above: Bay View began as a "tent city" Chautauqua in 1875.

Below: 150 years later, we still gather to enrich mind, body, and soul.

From the President

Walt Byers



Each year your Bay View Board of Trustees and staff participate in a midwinter meeting to discuss and learn about topics and issues relevant to Bay View's future.

The 2025 midwinter meeting produced a number of helpful outcomes.

This year, for the first time, an outside consultant, Johnson Center for Philanthropy at Grand Valley State University, led a "back to basics" training session intended to help the Board become more efficient both as individual members and as a policy board as a whole. One valuable takeaway from the training was the need to adopt meeting norms for

all meetings. These norms include:

- *Raising a hand to be recognized to speak*
- *Respecting the person who has the floor, no side conversations*
- *Listening to what the speaker says*
- *Respecting time i.e. know when to step in and when to step out of the discussion*
- *Using cell phones in a meaningful way as related to the meeting*

These norms were put into practice at the February 15 mid-winter Board meeting where all Trustees reported positive results. These same norms will be used at Bay View staff meetings, and Committee meetings. Bay View members will be expected to use the norms when dealing with staff, committees or attending Board meetings.

Another outcome of the workshop is a revised member comment procedure to be used at Board meetings. The new procedure will be formalized at the March 24th Board meeting and publicized soon after. To summarize, the new procedure should help make comments on specific agenda items more meaningful.

Robin Caldwell and Eric Breisach will not seek Board re-election. The entire Board and the staff expressed gratitude to both for their dedicated service and leadership on the Bay View Board of Trustees. We encourage members with a passion for Bay View and an interest in helping shape the future to consider running for the Board. Attending Board meetings offers a way to become familiar with the work of the Board. Questions can be addressed to me at W.Byers@BayViewAssociation.org.

OUR 150TH JUBILEE SEASON IS ALMOST HERE! GET READY!

Walt Byers, President

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*We're excited to host 10 Chautauquas
from across the nation for a Learning
Lab in March.*

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As we celebrate our 150th year, let's embrace what it truly means to be One Bay View—not just in our four program areas, but in the connections, traditions, and shared experiences that bind us together. We can't wait to celebrate with you and make this a truly unforgettable summer.

Jubilee Update



The buzz is growing to celebrate Bay View's 150th Jubilee, a once-in-a-lifetime milestone

honoring our rich history and vibrant community! So many volunteers have been working tirelessly to ensure this celebration is one for the history books! The heart of the official celebration takes place **July 2–6** and **August 2**, featuring enhanced events, performances, and gatherings that will make this summer truly unforgettable. Of course, the Jubilee spirit extends all season long, with commemorative programs, traditions, and exclusive merchandise to help us mark the occasion in style. Events will be designated in the Summer Program to highlight their Jubilee significance.

To help you plan, a **Commemorative Jubilee Program** will be available in the Wade Administration Office upon your arrival. This special keepsake will outline all the events taking place all season and will be **free for members and Friends of Bay View** (available to others for a nominal fee).

Join us for the Jubilee Picnic!

No celebration is complete without a community gathering, and it wouldn't be a Bay View event with-

out exciting musical performers, which will be hosted on three stages! The **Jubilee Picnic** will take place on **Sunday, July 6**, featuring **BBQ, side dishes, and a root beer float** for just **\$10 per ticket**. Be sure to purchase your tickets by June 20 [here](#), so you don't miss out!

After the **Annual Meeting** on **August 2**, we will celebrate **Assembly Day**, honoring Bay View's **very first gathering on August 2, 1875**. Join us for a special program as we reflect on **150 years of community, tradition, and vision**—and, of course, **enjoy cake and ice cream** to mark the occasion!

Reviving a Cherished Tradition

In honor of this momentous year, we invite cottagers to **extend the cherished Chautauqua tradition of paper lantern** displays beyond the traditional Illumination Week to the entire season! Lanterns can be purchased [here](#), allowing you to light up Bay View in celebration all summer long.

Wave your Jubilee Pride

We are also excited to offer **Commemorative Jubilee Flags**, available for purchase [here](#). Select the option to pick up your merchandise at check out and pick up your merchandise at Wade Administration office beginning on April 25.

Wear your Jubilee Pride

Celebrate this historic

150TH JUBILEE SEASON PREVIEW 2025



DON'T MISS THIS SEASON'S BIG 10

- **ABBA Mania Tribute Concert** (June 28)
- **Jean Twenge, *Generations*** (July 5)
- **American Experience Week: Jefferson Cowie, Historian** (July 7-11)
- **Ragtime** (July 11-12)
- **Molly Fletcher, *Dynamic Drive*** (July 15)
- **Postmodern Jukebox Concert** (July 19)
- **Carmen** (July 24-25)
- **Temple Grandin, *Visual Thinking*** (July 31)
- **Resurrection, A Journey Tribute Concert** (August 1)
- **Robin Wall Kimmerer, *Braiding Sweetgrass*** (August 7)



year with **limited-edition Jubilee merchandise**, available [here](#) until April 1.

These special items are the perfect way to commemorate the occasion and take a piece of the Jubilee home with you. Once you arrive at Bay View, you'll find **even more Jubilee treasures** at the **Shirt Shoppe** and the **Gathering Post**, including unique gifts, an expanded kids' section, festive décor, and special commemoratives for everyone. Whether you're looking for the perfect souvenir or a meaningful way to celebrate, there's something for all generations to enjoy.

For more details, visit our website at www.BayViewAssociation.org/Jubilee. The full Summer Program, featuring all Jubilee events, will be available in April.

We can't wait to celebrate this incredible milestone with you—this will surely be a Jubilee to remember!

Education Programming

by Julia Healy, Education

Director



Celebrate Jubilee

The Education Program is pulling out all the stops for Bay View's Jubilee season. In addition to our regular roster of

20 weeks of Monday Night Movies, Friday Forums and Classroom Learning, we're presenting these exciting, "tentpole" events this summer:

Theme Week: Peril on the Sweetwater Seas

The Great Lakes are home to violent weather, rocky shorelines, and perilous travel for people and cargo. Join us as we explore the hazardous history of these vast, natural resources, and the human adaptations that make travel possible on the "sweetwater seas."

6/24: Capt. James Bendle, Coast Guard Sector Northern Great Lakes (co-hosted with Campus Club)

6/25: Ric Mixter, "The Demise of Great Lakes Leviathans the Carl D. Bradley and Edmund Fitzgerald"

6/26: Steve Libert, "Has Steve Libert Discovered the 17th - Century Shipwreck Le Griffon?"

6/26: Ned Canfield and Anne Fleming, "The History of the Vermilion Point Life-Saving Station"



Molly Fletcher July 15

6/27: Bridge Director Kim Nowack, "The History of The Mackinac Bridge"

Dr. Jean Twenge, Generations: The Real Differences Between Gen Z, Millennials, Gen X, Boomers and Silents—and What They Mean for the Future

Saturday, July 5, Hall Auditorium



Learn and laugh with Dr. Jean Twenge July 5

Dr. Twenge's talk – spiced with plenty of pop culture references and humor – takes a look at the forces that have shaped the five generations alive in the US today. Understanding the differences in work attitudes, behaviors, mental health, political views, and other factors can help build cohesion in multi-generational communities like Bay View.

American Experience: Dr. Jefferson Cowie

July 7 – 11, Voorhies Auditorium

Vanderbilt Professor Jefferson Cowie will lecture on his Pulitzer Prize-winning book *Freedom's Dominion*, The New Deal, Key Words in American Political History, and Johnny Cash.

Molly Fletcher and *Dynamic Drive: The Purpose-Fueled Formula for Sustainable Success*

Tuesday, July 15, Hall Auditorium

Hailed as the "female Jerry Maguire," Molly Fletcher broke barriers as one of the first female sports agents, representing some of the biggest names in sports—Hall of Fame pitcher John Smoltz, PGA TOUR golfer Matt Kuchar, broadcaster Erin Andrews, and championship basketball coaches Tom Izzo and Doc Rivers.

Now a sought-after speaker, best-selling author, and podcast

host, Molly brings two decades of experience working with elite performers to audiences worldwide. Her #1 USA Today bestseller, *Dynamic Drive*, shares proven strategies to sustain high performance, unlock potential, and achieve success in every area of life.

Temple Grandin, *Visual Thinking*

Thursday, July 31, Hall Auditorium

25 years ago, Temple Grandin forever changed our understanding of autism with her bestselling memoir. In her latest book, *Visual Thinking*, Grandin reveals, celebrates, and advocates for the special minds and contributions of visual thinkers like herself.

One of the world's most accomplished and well-known adults with autism, Temple Grandin has written six books, including the national bestsellers *Thinking in Pictures* and *Animals in Translation*. Her work has been covered by the New York Times, People, National Public Radio, and 20/20. The HBO movie based on her life, starring Claire Danes, received seven Emmy Awards and will be shown in Loud Hall the afternoon before her talk on July 31.



American Spoon and The Berry Center, "Building an Economy That Sustains Small and Mid-Size Farmers"

Tuesday, August 5, Voorhies Auditorium

What does it take to build a thriving, small-to-midsize farm economy, and why does it matter to everyone? Join Wendell Berry's daughter Mary Berry, founder and Executive Director of The Berry Center in New Castle, KY, in conversation with Maggie Keith, fourth generation steward of Foxhollow Farm, and Justin Rashid and Noah Marshall-Rashid of American Spoon to discuss this important and timely topic.

Performing Arts Programs

by Chris Ludwa, Director of Performing Arts



Performing Arts and Music Festival Updates

H a p p y
Spring, Bay Vie
c o m m u n i t y !

As we approach another spirited summer at Bay View Association, excitement is in the air! This year's lineup of concerts and performances promises to be one of the most thrilling yet, with something for everyone to enjoy. From stunning pops concerts to soul-stirring spirituals, a grand opera production (*written the same year as Bay View was founded*), and plenty of **Sunday night surprise guests**, we can't wait to share this experience with our community.

Enjoy the Opening
Vesper Concert!
Open to ALL for FREE
Sunday, June 15 at
8 p.m.

We're especially thrilled to highlight this season's three incredible pops concerts, featuring dynamic performances that will have audiences tapping their feet and singing along. Mark your calendars for these can't-miss events:

- **June 28: ABBA Mania (ABBA tribute)**
- **July 19: Postmodern Jukebox**
- **August 1: Resurrection, a Journey Tribute**

Each of these concerts will bring an energy that is sure to delight

audiences of all ages. Gather the family for a great time—music brings us closer, so let's celebrate together!

Another major highlight of the season is the **first Vesper Service on June 15, which will be free to the public**, thanks to the

For the Whole Family!

Bay View is committed to nurturing a love of music in people of all ages. Music lovers under age 18 are invited free of charge to the Bay View hosted opera and all vesper and chamber music concerts!

generosity of the Bay View Woman's Council. We are beyond grateful for their support, which allows us to offer this inspiring evening at no cost. Even more exciting is the fact that every Vesper Service this season is fully sponsored—an incredible achievement that underscores the dedication and generosity of our supporters.

Opera lovers are in for a special treat as we present **Carmen**, (July 24-25) celebrating its own 150th anniversary alongside our milestone year. This timeless opera, filled with passion, drama, and unforgettable music, remains one of the most performed and beloved productions worldwide. We can't wait to bring it to life in a way that honors its rich legacy



Don't miss ABBA Mania on June 28!

while offering a fresh and powerful performance for our audiences.

Additionally, we're looking forward to a robust and moving presentation of spirituals and our beloved brass program to wrap up our season, a cherished tradition that continues to inspire and uplift. **Ragtime** is also set to be a highlight, bringing its compelling historical narrative of the American dream to the stage along with several free community conversations. These performances, along with our opera production, simply wouldn't be possible without the unwavering support of our scholarship donors. Their generosity ensures that talented students have the opportunity to train, perform, and bring these



Our musical, *Ragtime*, is sure to get toes tapping July 11-12.

incredible works to life. To them, we extend our deepest gratitude—your support makes all the difference.

A special congratulations goes out to **Akropolis, who recently took home a Grammy Award!** Their dedication, talent, and artistry continue to inspire, and we are so proud to celebrate this remarkable achievement with them. With so much to look forward to, this season is **shaping up to be one of the most spectacular yet**. We can't wait to welcome you to the concerts, performances, and services that make our community so special. Let's come together to celebrate music, history, and the power of the arts!

See you this summer!

Recreation Programming

by Amy Liddicoat Seamster,
Director of Recreation



As we gear up for Bay View's 150th Jubilee season, excitement is mounting for a summer filled with tradition, competition, and community fun! We have put together an unforgettable Jubilee

week to celebrate this milestone, and we can't wait to see you there!

Jubilee Week Highlights

We kick off the celebration on June 16 with our beloved traditional Sam Spayde Hot Dog Roast, setting the tone for a week of festivities. Wednesday, July 2, we welcome the Jelly Roll Blues Band at 7 p.m. for a high-energy concert on Swift Field. Thursday, July 3, will be a special Throwback Thursday during Club, where we hope to welcome past Recreation Leaders and campers to join in and help us relieve the classic games of years past. That evening, the fun continues with a softball game, sure to be a highlight for players and spectators alike. To round out the celebration, we lace up running (or walking) shoes for a 5K walk/run on Saturday, July 5 at 10 a.m.

Waterfront News

Beyond the Jubilee, we are excited to share updates to our Recreation program. Thanks to generous donations in memory of our beloved Burt Atkinson, we are adding two new 420 sailboats to our fleet, creating even more opportunities for sailors of all ages to get out on the water. This summer, we are also **introducing an adult sailing class**, led by Charlie Schloff, providing an opportunity to learn the fundamentals or refine your sailing techniques. In addition, we have added brand new stand-up pad-

dleboards, which will be available for rental; perfect for those looking to explore the lake in a fun and exciting way. We are also thrilled to announce an **increased pay rate of up to \$25 per hour for lifeguards**. Waterfront safety is our top priority and lifeguards play a critical role in ensuring a safe and enjoyable experience for all.

Racquet Sports

An exciting addition to the Recreation program is the introduction of **Court Reserve**, an app designed to streamline racquet sports registration. This app will be used for all racquet registration, including pickleball, adult tennis, junior tennis, and tournament play. Since many in our community are already familiar with Court Reserve, we anticipate a smooth transition.

Our goal is to have the app fully operational by May 1, ensuring ample time for members to become familiar with the process. We are committed to keeping the Bay View community informed and will provide additional details well in advance of registration. Stay tuned for more information as we roll out this new platform.

Reminders

As we prepare for the season here are a few key reminders. The first day of Club is June 16. Registration for Recreation will go live on April 1. **Leader applications are due April 14** (look for an email sent late February). We are looking for leaders in training, 15 years or older, or completed the ninth grade.

Boat storage and locker payments can be made in the office starting May 1. Beginning June 16, payments can be made directly at the boathouse.

Also, if you no longer use your kayak or sunfish, we kindly ask you to remove it from the boat-house. This is a huge help in keeping our space clean and organized. If you would like to volunteer or need more information about anything mentioned above, feel free to email me at



*Throwback photo of the Fawns with
Glenna Atkinson.*

rec@bayviewassociation.org

Recreation has always been about bringing people together and this season is no different. It takes the collective effort of so many to make our program possible, from the dedicated volunteers, and leaders, to the families and individuals who participate. We are so incredibly grateful for everyone who contributes making it truly "Fun and Recreation for ALL!"

The craft house has some wish list items:

- Altoid mint tins
- Thin foam board
- Laundry detergent caps
- Paper egg cartons
- Cardboard
- Beads, costume or play jewelry

Please email
rec@bayviewassociation.org
to donate!

Worship & Religious Life by Rev. Dr. Hilary Barrett, Director of Worship



Bay View Welcomes A Rich Season of Preachers in 2025

Week 1 - Bishop David Alan Bard: June 15 – 19

As presiding bishop of the Michigan Conference of the United Methodist Church, we welcome Bishop David Alan Bard to open Bay View's 150th Season.

Week 2 – Rev. Brian D. McLaren: June 22 – 26

A thought leader in “a new kind of Christianity,” Brian McLaren is passionate about rethinking faith for a changing world and calling us to live out a love-centered, justice-driven spirituality.

Week 3 – Rev. Dr. Mary Luti: June 29 – July 3

Mary Luti taught the history of Christianity, Christian worship, and preaching at the former Andover Newton Theological School (now Andover Newton Seminary at Yale). Dr. Luti also served First Church in Cambridge, Massachusetts; the first woman to occupy that historic pulpit.

Week 4 – BIG SUNDAY – Rev. Dr. Trygve Johnson: July 6

Trygve Johnson is the CEO of The PreachFor Foundation, an organization working to identify and empower a new generation of talented young leaders through experience, education, and mentorship, to help churches reach their full potential, and make a positive impact in their communities.

Week 5 – Marilyn McEntyre: July 13 – 17

Marilyn McEntyre taught writing at the UCB-UCSF Medical School and now coaches writers and teaches in programs at New College Berkeley, Western Seminary, and the Oblate School of Theology. Marilyn is here to share her unique

blend of writing, spirituality, and soul-deep reflection—an experience designed for anyone who loves language, is writing their own story, or wants to connect more deeply to the world.

Week 6 – The Rev. William H. Lamar IV: July 20

Bill Lamar is pastor of Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal Church in Washington, D.C., where he seeks daily to extend the cathedral of African Methodism's nearly two centuries-long legacy of bearing witness to and ushering into this world the reign of the living God.

most shaping culture and the church today. Her blog is one of the top 10 Christian blogs on the web and has become a daily well for the weary and soul-thirsty.

Also Week 8 – Robin Wall Kimmerer: Thursday, August 7 (Key-note address)

Robin Wall Kimmerer is a mother, scientist, decorated professor, and enrolled member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Author of *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants*, she was named a MacArthur Fellow in 2022.



Week 9 – Rev. Dr. Luke A. Powery: August 10

Luke Powery is the Dean of Duke University Chapel, Professor of Homiletics and African American Studies, and is a national leader in the theological study of the art of preaching.

Post-Season

Week 1 – Rev. Aaron Tredway: August 17

Aaron Tredway is lead pastor of Fellowship City Church and vice presi-

dent of Ambassadors Football International. He was founder and executive director of the Cleveland City Stars, a professional soccer team, and has mentored thousands of athletes and coaches around the world.

Post-Season Week 2 – Julie Greyerbiehl: August 24

Julie Greyerbiehl is the pastor of Petoskey United Methodist Church.

Learn more about Bay View's 2025 [Preachers of the Week here](#).

Week 7 – Rev. Dr. William H. Willimon: July 27 – 31

Will Willimon is Professor of the Practice of Christian Ministry at the Divinity School, Duke University and a retired Bishop of the United Methodist Church. Baylor University named him one of the Twelve Most Effective Preachers in the English-speaking world.

Week 8 – Ann Voskamp: August 3 (Preaching) & August 4 (Q & A)

Ann Voskamp is the author of four NY Times bestsellers, and was named by Christianity Today as one of 50 women

Donor Relations by Michelle Hansen



One Bay View, Honoring Our Generosity, Together

As we celebrate **150 years of Bay View**, try something new—step beyond the familiar, experience something different, and **embrace all that Bay View has to offer**. Whether it's attending an event outside your usual interests, volunteering in a new way, welcoming new faces, or simply taking a moment to appreciate the beauty of our campus, every act of engagement is a tribute to the generosity that sustains this community.

For generations, Bay View has thrived because of those who have given their time, talents, and treasure to preserve its legacy. Our historic buildings, our 160-acre woods, our vibrant programming—all exist because of the generosity of those who came before us and those who give today. Their commitment ensures that Bay View remains a place of inspiration, learning, and connection for today, and for future generations.

But Bay View is more than the sum of its parts. It is **not just four program areas—it is a multi-generational community**. A place where education, performing arts, recreation, and religious life are woven together with family, friendships, traditions, and shared experiences, creating something greater than any single piece. As we look to the future, it is time to fully embrace what it means to be One Bay View—a unified, engaged, and connected community.

Being One Bay View means recognizing that **everything we do**—whether it's the Big Read discussion,

Assembly worship service, a morning swim, or a Sunday Night Vesper—is made possible by the collective strength of our community. Each tradition, each friendship, each shared experience is a testament to the enduring spirit of Bay View and an act of community.

So, this summer, let's honor our donors and the hundreds of volunteers who make Bay View possible by embracing something new. As we look ahead to our next 150 years, let's celebrate not just what Bay View has been, but all that it can be—together, as One Bay View.

Stay tuned! The Giving Report will be published in April in a new format to align with audited financials.

Welcome Jason Scheper!



Welcome Jason Scheper as Bay View's new Maintenance Manager! He takes over for Brock Lobsinger, who recently retired, and brings enthusiasm and a strong work ethic to the role. Jason says the best part of his job is the variety—no two days are ever the same! While he's still getting used to Bay View's unique topography, he's confident he'll have it all mapped out soon. We're thrilled to have Jason on board, and we hope you'll give him a warm welcome when you see him around campus!





CALL FOR *submissions*

**Bay View Literary Magazine
2025**

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OUR EDITORS.

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Treasurer's Report by Martha Blandford, Treasurer

I am pleased to report that Bay View remains in a strong financial position as we begin 2025. Our recent independent financial audit, conducted by Plante Moran, was completed on schedule and within budget. **We were awarded a clean audit opinion**, reaffirming our commitment to sound financial management and transparency. The auditor's report is available for review on the member side of the website. Additionally, our investment portfolio saw an impressive 12.43% growth last year thanks to the guidance of the Investment Advisory Committee.

A key initiative introduced by Executive Director, Megan DeWindt, and Finance Director, Matt Gawenda, was the **ONE BAY VIEW BILL**, which members first saw reflected in the December 2024 invoice. This streamlined billing system consolidates multiple fees into a single, easy-to-understand invoice with clear due dates. While it does not include real estate taxes or water bills, **ONE BAY VIEW BILL** provides members with a predictable financial scenario, allowing ample time for budgeting. In addition to serving members more effectively, this new process enhances operational efficiency across the Association.

In line with our ongoing efforts to enhance transparency and align with best practices, the Finance Team has introduced a new financial reporting format. Beginning this year, we will provide quarterly financial updates to the Finance Committee and Board, ensuring consistent oversight and communication. We will also work to update and refine our Finance Committee Charter and internal financial policies and procedures.

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to Finance Director Matt Gawenda and the Audit

Committee, for their exemplary work on the recent external audit. Matt was instrumental in ensuring that all internal deadlines were met. The Audit Committee performed numerous internal audits which were leveraged by the external auditors. The many hours contributed by Audit Committee members helped to keep the fee for the external audit as low as possible. Both staff and these volunteer auditors assist us with maintaining the highest financial standards while also controlling costs.

As we continue to plan for Bay View's future, our financial stewardship remains a top priority. Thank you for your continued trust and commitment to our shared community. If you have any questions or concerns, you can reach me directly at M.Blandford@BayViewAssociation.org.



THE GATHERING POST

Get ready for a fresh season at the Gathering Post! This year, we're introducing new merchandise, including exclusive Jubilee logo items to celebrate Bay View's 150th anniversary. Plus, we're expanding our selection with fun finds just for kids!

Of course, the Gathering Post will still be your go-to spot for coffee and delicious baked treats. Be sure to stop by, explore the new offerings, and enjoy the warm, welcoming atmosphere you love!

Opening day is June 16!

Bay View Box Office

2025 Opening Day:
Thursday, June 12

BOX OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. until
12 p.m..

Saturday: 8:30 a.m. until 12 p.m.

*The Box Office will be open
one hour before performances at
the performance venue

Member Perk: The Box Office
will be open for Members Only on
June 12, 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Members
can skip the opening day line and
pick up pre-paid tickets in person,
provided they send in the form
prior to May 30.

*Open to all,
Bay View is a
welcoming place to
experience a summer
that transforms the
mind, body and soul.*

Campus Club by Hugh "Sandy" McLeod



Campus Club eagerly anticipates another season of educational and recreational activities where new friendships will form. We're especially excited about our 2025 speaker program:

June 10: Board President Walt Byers and Executive Director Megan DeWindt will preview the 150th Bay View anniversary season at our potluck supper.

June 17: Carrie Klingelsmith, Manna Food Project's Executive Director, will discuss their efforts to combat local food insecurity.

June 24: In partnership with the Education Dept, CAPT James Bendle, US Coast Guard Commander, Sector Northern Great Lakes, will present on their mission of Search and Rescue, Marine Safety, and Oil Spill Response during BVA's "Peril on the Sweetwater Seas" theme week.

July 8: Brian and Anne Bates, founders of Bear Creek Organic Farm, will share their journey to becoming Michigan's first USDA Certified Organic Farm.

July 22: We'll honor Bay View's Vietnam Era Veterans as part of the United States Vietnam War Commemoration program (See separate article.)

July 29: Regina Gasco, Tribal Chairperson of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, will provide us with a deeper understanding of our shared community – yesterday and today.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Vietnam Era Veteran Recognition Ceremony

On July 22 Campus Club in partnership with the Association of the United States Army will recognize and thank Bay View community Veterans, and their families, who served during the Vietnam War era, November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975,

This ceremony is in response to a 2012 Presidential proclamation that our nation should ceremoniously commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War during the period beginning Memorial Day, 2012 and ending on Veterans Day, 2025. Our guest speakers for the ceremony are (SP4) Jim McCloughan, Vietnam War medic and Medal of Honor recipient, and BG (Ret) Dick Miller, President, 2nd Region, AUSA.

We're developing a list of Bay View community Vietnam Era Veterans to be recognized and have identified 25 so far. We believe there are more in our community. If you haven't been contacted please reach out to our POC, Hugh "Sandy" McLeod via email (sandy_mcleod@comcast.net). Thank you. And, thank you for your service!

Save the date for the
CROP HUNGER WALK
Saturday, June 28, 2025



Visiting Minister Hospitality (Muffin Ministry)

by Meredith Pyers

The Worship Committee invites you to join us in showing hospitality to our Preachers of the Week by providing them a stocked pantry for their stay in Bay View! **You may schedule as many slots as you wish.** We will be in touch with the volunteer(s) via text at the appropriate time with an updated list of



what is needed (so please be sure to provide your cell phone number).

Suggested items are: **orange juice, fruit, eggs, bread, breakfast pastries, milk, and cereal.** You may deliver the items directly to the Ditto Cottage at 1771 Moss! Please delivery on the Friday evening or Saturday morning of their arrival weekend. We also have a slot to sign up for entertaining the visiting minister and their guests (hosting a meal, showing them around town, etc.) if you prefer to serve in that way. Thank you for serving and showing our trademark Bay View hospitality to our guests!

[Sign up to help here](#), or contact Meredith at 614-806-0809 or Meredith.Pyers@gmail.com with any questions!

Here is the schedule for your planning purposes:

June 15-19: Bishop David Alan Bard
June 22-26: Brian D. McLaren
June 29-July 3: Rev. Dr. Mary Luti
July 6: Dr. Trygve Johnson
July 13-17: Marilyn McEntyre
July 20: Rev William H. Lamar IV
July 27-31: Rev. Dr. William H. Willimon
August 3-4: Ann Voskamp
August 7-10: Robin Wall Kimmerer/
Rev. Dr. Luke A. Powery
August 17: Rev. Aaron Tredway

Woman's Council by Amy Rosacker



Opening Luncheon in 2024 (L-R: Marsha Ostler, Shelley Hunsberger, Marcia Bidwell) Photo by Mary Bowden

Woman's Council has exciting programming this summer. Please join us for our programs and stay for socializing and a lovely tea!

Thursday, June 19 – 12 p.m. - Bay View Inn - Woman's Council / Morning Council OPENING LUNCHEON. Check-in starts at 11:30 am. Enjoy punch in the lobby while you reconnect with friends.

Tickets are \$35. Menus are being finalized. Dianna Stampfler (President of Promote Michigan) will share a dynamic program "Ladies of the Lights." Come learn all about Women Lighthouse Keepers! Purchase tickets through the Bay View website starting May 12. Reservations close June 8. Questions? Please contact Marilyn Perrin at marilynperin@yahoo.com.

Wednesday, June 25 – 6 – 8 p.m. – Woman's Council Building – Joint Morning Council / Woman's Council Salad Supper. Bring your own place-setting and a salad or dessert to

share. There is no such thing as too many desserts!

TUESDAY PROGRAMS

1:30 p.m. – Woman's Council Building

June 24: "Making Food Fun" with Lynn Van Etten & Friends. Bring a paring knife to practice what we learn.

July 1: Jane Bauer presents "The Royals." Drink tea with your pinky up and perhaps there will be clotted cream too.

July 8: "Get to Know Our Music Students" - Enjoy performances by some of our talented students!

July 15: "Octogenarian Tea" Please come and celebrate all Bay View Women with 80 or more years of life experience. Watch the Town Crier for details.

July 22: "A Conversation with Dr. McCorvey" - We'll chat with this deeply admired Performing Arts Faculty member.

July 29: Shelley Hunsberger will share a program from her recent "African Adventure." Don't miss this!

August 5: Our "Carry-In-Luncheon" will begin at noon. Bring your own place-setting and a salad or dessert to share. We will install our new Officers and wish one another "Fair Winds and Following Seas" until 2026.

The Woman's Council Building has five beautifully appointed bedrooms available for rent. Please reach out to Kathy Duquette at kduquett@umich.edu for information.

Other Woman's Council events will be listed in the Summer Program and the Town Crier.

We would love to have you join us, reconnect with old friends and make new friends at Woman's Council. Hope to see you soon. Safe travels coming back home to Bay View.

Special Announcement

We are pleased to announce the new House Hostess is **Nina Howerton!** Stop by the Woman's Council and welcome her to Bay View!

Please contact Patti at 239-994-1000 with any questions.



For reservations contact

Kathy Duquette
Call or Text
734.239.3495

Room Rental will be \$65 per night during the 2025 Jubilee Assembly Season

Bay View Library by Lisa Thompson, Bay View Librarian



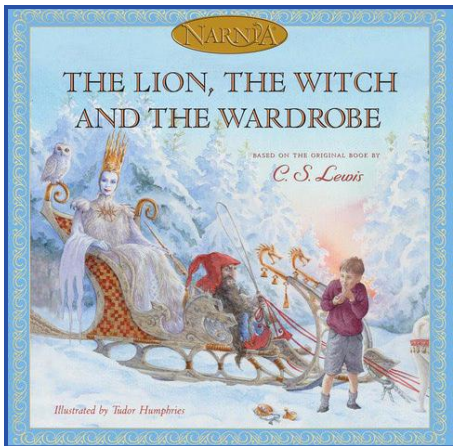
Hours of Operation

Bay View Library will be open June 10-12 from 10 a.m.-noon. Starting June 16, hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m, Monday through Friday.

Thanks to the Library Committee Volunteers who staff the extra hours on the circulation desk. A warm welcome to our new Library Committee members, Shannon Burton, Shelley Hunsberger and Christine Wyatt.

PRESENTING...*The Bay View Family Read: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*

Bay View Library invites everyone to join in reading *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* by CS Lewis
Meredith & Zach Pyers are the



chairs for this event. The week after July 4, they will do weekly trivia with prizes, "fun pages", crafts and other activities at the Bay View Library

BVL will have age-appropriate copies of various editions of the book available for a nominal fee.

To tie up our celebration, on **Thursday, July 24**, David Crouse will speak at Voorhies about the book and host a time of Q&A. After he speaks, Voorhies will show the 2005 classic film of *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*.

Prior to the movie on July 24: Children are invited to the Bay View Library for Narnia-themed activities, snacks and crafts.

Books for Sale in the Reading Room: Just like last year, used books and puzzles on display are available for purchase all season long.

Bay View Library 2025 Programs & Events

1. **Reading Bingo** for All Ages – win cool prizes! Sign-Ups start on Monday, June 9
2. **Tuesdays at 2** (and more!) Story Times-Tuesdays at 2 p.m.-geared towards kids ages 2-6 (7 weeks: June 24-August 5). ****NEW!** - Tuesdays at 10 a.m.-Toddler Storytime for kids not yet old enough for Tot Lot (5 weeks each Tuesday in July)
3. **Michigan Notables** TBA
4. **BVL Puzzle Sale** TBA
5. **The Big Book Sale** Thursday, July 10 9:00 am- 12:00 p.m.
6. **2025 Bay View Chautauqua Book Club** meets Thursdays at 4 p.m. starting the end of June

Updates from the Board of Assessors by

Keith Hearit



Be on the lookout for two important communications in the coming months from the

Board of Assessors (BoA).

First, in early May you will receive your annual Notice of Assessment. This is a little later than we've done in the past. The change is so that I can be more prompt in responding to you, as the later date won't conflict with my work obligations.

As you know, this document will detail the market value of your leasehold. **It is not your 2025 tax bill** but rather it articulates the market value on which your 2025 taxes will be calculated.

Should you have questions about your market value, the Board of Assessors, along with Assessment Advisor Ed Vander Vries, will be available to discuss in May and June. Should you disagree with the value on your Notice of Assessment, **you can appeal it directly at the annual Board of Review session on June 27.**

Second, also in May, watch for our annual Letter to the Membership. We've now done these for four years. The letter will summarize our recent work and share how it will evolve going forward.

As always, our goal in distributing our single tax bill from Bear Creek Township is to follow the Summer Resort Act of 1889 which requires that the apportionment of taxes be "fair and equitable."

JOIN US FOR MONDAY NIGHT MOVIES

May 19 - October 6 7:30pm in Voorhies.

See full list at bayviewassociation.org/monday-night-movies

Sponsored by [Stafford's Bay View Inn](#)



2025 IMPORTANT DATES



**Red signifies dates regarding voting*

Friday, April 25: Cottagers can open their cottages for the season.

Thursday, May 1, 2025: Members begin applying for absentee ballots.

Friday, May 23: Board of Trustees first regular meeting in the Child Board Room, Wade Administration Building at 8:30 a.m.

Friday, June 13: Board of Trustees Meeting (Consent Agenda) at 8:30 a.m. in the Child Board Room.

Sunday, June 15: Start of the 150th Assembly Season.

Monday, June 16: First day of Recreation Programming.

Friday, June 27: Board of Trustees Meeting/Communion at 8:00 a.m. in the Child Board Room.

Friday, June 27: Last day to submit By-Law amendment proposals and trustee candidate nominations (must be submitted by 5:00 p.m.).

Thursday, July 3: Absentee ballot applications must be postmarked by this date in order for an absentee ballot to be issued.

Thursday, July 3: Board of Trustees meeting at 8:30 a.m. in the Child Board Room (Consent Agenda). ***Voting time qualification: new Leaseholding members must be approved no later than this meeting in order to vote.*

Saturday, July 5: Candidate & By-Law Forum in Voorhies at 8:30 a.m.

Friday, July 11: Notice of candidates and proposed By-Law amendments posted at the Post Office, the Wade Administration Building and electronically.

Saturday, July 12: Town Hall Meeting in Voorhies at 8:30 a.m.

Monday, July 14: Electronic voting begins. Paper ballot voting in office begins.

Friday, July 25: Board of Trustees meeting at 8:30 a.m. in the Child Board Room.

Wednesday, July 30: Deadline for in-person applications for members voting by absentee ballot in the business office by 5:00 p.m.

Friday, August 1: Electronic voting ends at 8:00 a.m.

Saturday, August 2: Annual Meeting at 9:00 a.m. in Hall Auditorium. **Voting by paper ballot ends at 12 noon. Election of Officers at 4:00 p.m.**

Friday, August 8: Last day of Recreation Programming

Friday, August 8: Board of Trustees meeting at 8:30 a.m. (Consent Agenda) in the Child Board Room.

Sunday, August 10: Last day of the 150th Assembly Season.

Friday, August 22: Board of Trustees Meeting at 8:30 a.m. in the Child Board Room.

Friday, September 12: Board of Trustees Meeting at 8:30 a.m. (Consent Agenda) in the Child Board Room.

Friday, September 26: Last Regular In-Person Board of Trustees Meeting at 8:30 a.m. in the Child Board Room.

Friday, October 10: - Board of Trustees Meeting at 8:30 a.m. (Consent Agenda) in the Child Board Room.

Monday, October 27: Board of Trustees Meeting via Zoom at 6:30 p.m. EST.

Monday, November 3: Last day cottagers can be in their cottage. Closing day of Bay View.

Monday, December 15: Board of Trustees Meeting via Zoom at 6:30 p.m. EST.

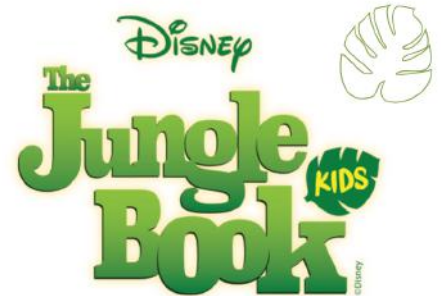
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STORE CLOSING APRIL 1

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Bay View Youth Theater presents:



KIDS, AGES 7-14

Get ready to swing, sing, and dance your way through the jungle! Disney's The Jungle Book Kids brings Rudyard Kipling's classic tale to life with catchy songs, lively characters, and plenty of jungle fun. Follow Mowgli, Baloo, Bagheera, and their wild friends as they outwit the cunning tiger Shere Khan in this heartwarming adventure filled with music and laughter.



**REGISTRATION
JUNE 23**



**SHOW DATES
JULY 26-27**

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Neighborhood Porch Chats Return!

In the summer of 2023, 181 people gathered on 20 Bay View porches for the sole purpose of getting to know one another better. We called them "Neighborhood Porch Chats" – informal gatherings designed to help us build community, enhance connectedness, make/build friendships and foster mutual understanding. They were so fun and so meaningful we decided to keep doing them.

Given how busy this Jubilee summer will be, one Neighborhood Porch Chat is scheduled.

Save **Thursday, June 26 at 7 p.m.** and plan to sit a spell on a neighbor's porch to meet old friends and make new ones.

If you would like to host a porch chat or help facilitate a conversation, we want to hear from you! For more information to volunteer please contact Bay View's Worship Director, Rev. Dr. Hilary Barrett: worship@bayviewassociation.org
The Neighborhood Porch Chats are a community-building initiative of the Bay View Worship Committee.



*Friends at a 2024
Neighborhood Porch
Chat*

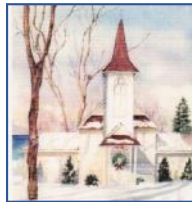


*Historic Bay View
"Porch Chat"*

In Memory....

The love and sympathy of our Bay View Community is extended to the families of those who passed since our last MidWinter Bulletin (March 8, 2024).

Jerry A. Abbott
Jane Severs Andrews
Bona Beckley
Rose W. Crandall
Richard (Dick) Crossland
Shirley Dewire
William (Bob) Robert Docking
Helen Evenson
Roy E. Figurski
Jack Giguere
Barb Harbough
Ted Heydinger
Jessie (Tay) Howell
Stuart Jenkins
Kenneth (K.C.) McAlpin
Keith D. McWilliams
Bill Millar
Doreen McLean Miller
Barbara Moran
Louise Ann Nickerson
Dr. David S. Scarrow
Clarence E. Scheffler
Patricia (Pat) Ann Sehr
Lennis B. Swift
Mary Jane Williams



CROUSE MEMORIAL CHAPEL

"What a special, beautiful sacred place." We begin the 32nd year of the chapel with continuing THANKS to the Crouse family.

The Crouse Chapel is open daily for meditation and prayer. The records of all those interred at the Memorial Garden are in the narthex.

During the Assembly season the Chapel offers Sunday Communion Services at 8:45 a.m.

It is available for Wedding, Baptism and Memorial rentals.

We would love to have you join the Crouse Chapel Altar Guild during the Season. Contact Karen Volz kvolz75@gmail.com or Mimi Milward msmilward@gmail.com

POST OFFICE HOURS



*April 28-May 30
11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.*

*June 2-August 8
11 a.m.-3 p.m.*

*August 11-October 31
11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.*

*For Questions call
(231) 347-6225
ext. 850*

Historical Museum

by Sophie McGee

The Bay View Historical Museum's exhibit for the 2025 Sesquicentennial Celebration will be "Celebrating the Early Years" with focuses on each of the Chautauqua pillars, and what is more appropriate for the placement of the displays than in our earliest buildings, Museum Building #1 (1876) and Building #2 (1881).

Last season (2024), the Museum received the gift of John M. Hall's honorary cane donated to the Museum by David W. Bieber, great grandson of John M. Hall, who remembers the cane displayed in his grandmother's cottage.

"It was always in the cottage", remembers David. "I just never asked about it".

It appears that the cane was made in honor of Mr. Hall's philanthropic endeavors and contributions to both Bay View and his hometown city of Flint, Michigan where he practiced law. The handle of the cane is a well-polished magnificent Petoskey stone, and the wood appears to be black walnut all of which will be proudly displayed in the Museum's summer exhibit. All of the items featured in the 2025 celebration are from the Museum's collection.



Join us at the Museum to celebrate Jubilee! Pictured is Building #1

National Chautauqua Trail Annual Meeting to be Held in Bay View

by Robin Pettersen



Look for an email with schedule and registration link coming soon!

The Bay View Association is thrilled to host the Annual Chautauqua Trail Meeting from **August 7–11, 2025**, as part of our momentous 150th Jubilee celebration! We are so excited to share the history and beauty of Bay View with members from other Chautauqua. Meetings the previous two years were held at New York and Lakeside Chautauqua, both celebrating their 150th year.

This event will include business meetings, meals at our historic hotels and on campus, speakers, concerts, a tour and ferry ride. Bay View members will receive an email with the schedule and a registration link so they may attend. Business meetings are open, free of charge.

We are hoping to give some of our guests a true Bay View experience. **If you are able to host one or two people during the meeting, please contact Robin Pettersen at robinpett@att.net.**

NOW HIRING

Spread the word!

Apply at

BayViewAssociation.org/jobs

Historic Awareness

by Christine Parker



Hear Dr. Causey at Evelyn Hall Monday, July 14 at 7:30 p.m.

On Monday, July 14 at 7:30 p.m. in Evelyn Hall, you are invited to a presentation by Evelyn D. Causey, PhD, a historian with the National Historic Landmarks program of the National Park Service.

Dr. Causey will discuss what it means to be a National Historic Landmark and why Bay View was awarded this prestigious honor. She will also discuss Bay View as a cultural landscape that reflects the ways in which people have interacted with and shaped the area over its history. This approach is a useful tool for preservation, looking not just at buildings but at a variety of landscape characteristics.

**Bay View Community, Friends, and Family -
Let's Explore the World Together!**



Embark on a journey with Chautauquan travelers! Experience the joy of traveling internationally with a community of life-learners who share your love for learning, growth, and exploration.

Pack your suitcase, board the plane, and let the adventure begin! Build lifelong friendships and bring home stories that will last a lifetime.

To begin the journey, visit <https://www.bayviewassociation.org/bay-view-odyssey/>

SPECIAL DATES



Opening Day
Friday, April 25

All Committee Chairs
are requested to attend
the All Committee Chair
Meeting
at Voorhies Hall on
Wednesday, June 18 at
2 p.m.

Jubilee Celebrations
Wednesday-Sunday
July 2-6

Jubilee Assembly Day
Saturday, August 2

150th Jubilee Season Sponsored by:



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**Such as love, faith, grace, hope, respect, hospitality, and service to others.*