



BAY VIEW ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## Memo

To: Committee Chairs  
From: Barbara Pfeil, Executive Director *BP*  
Cc: Program Directors, Lisa Thompson, Karl Hansen  
Date: September 01, 2022  
Subject: 2023 Inter-program Theme and Preliminary Author / Book Selections

I write to share with you some of the ideas that are coming together for Bay View's 2023 inter-program theme as well as on Worship and Education selections for 2023 authors and books.

### 2023 Inter-program theme:

*Won't you be my neighbor* – (Researching the rights use tagline from Mr. Rogers' TV show)

Ideas for exemplifying the neighbor theme were discussed this summer at our weekly Program Director meetings and include:

- Encourage visiting at each other's cottages
  - Revive historic tradition: "Good Neighbor Night" – each Thursday
- Block parties
- Engage Odawa Bands
- Share history / cottage build dates / etc. per neighborhood
- Cottage garden walks
- Inter-program book fair

We welcome your ideas around the theme of what it means to be a good neighbor. Perhaps you will identify ways for your committee to join inter-program efforts next year. I will continue to update you on Program Directors' themed planning for 2023 as we work through the shoulder seasons.

### Program-specific Author / Book Selections:

(Note: Worship and Education selections listed are not all tied to the inter-program "neighbor" theme.)

Rev. Dr. Hilary Barrett has provided a list of authors who will visit Bay View as worship speakers in the 2023 Season. Of these authors, Gary Schmidt (winner of the Newberry Award in 2005 and 2008) has authored several books that might appeal intergenerationally. Please click [here](#) to view info about the authors.

Per Jeanne Greer, the Education Committee is considering the following books / authors for 2023 Big Read:

- Finding Mother Tree by Suzanne Simard
- Full Ecology by Gary Ferguson and Mary Clare
- Rooted: Life at the Crossroads of Science, Nature, and Spirit by Lyanda Lynn Haupt, 2021

The 'Bridges: Crossing Cultural Divides' speaker is James Edward Mills who wrote the book called, The Adventure Gap: Changing the Face of the Outdoors. This author explores the importance of creating opportunities for minority / multicultural populations to experience and enjoy our parks, forests, preserves, and wilderness areas.

### **Invitation to Share Your Committees' Ideas / Plans for 2023**

All Committee Chairs are invited to be in dialog with one another by sharing programming ideas for 2023. (You may use "Reply All" to this email.) I am happy to participate in committee meetings via Zoom. Program Directors have monthly meetings with me between Assembly Seasons.

I plan to communicate with Committee Chairs and Program Directors via memos similar to this from October through April in order to facilitate opportunities for shared ideas, collaboration, and planning assistance.

Thank you for your commitment to excellence in programming at Bay View Association!