



The Town Crier

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"La Boheme" Opera Tonight and Saturday in Hall Auditorium



Packed with melodies you've heard in commercials and movies, this tale of artists and their plight will enlighten, touch your heart, and truly show the power of love over circumstance. The only fully-staged opera in Little Traverse Bay area all year, this one is great for opera-goers new and old alike. This Year in Hall Auditorium! Reserved Seating Only. Contact the Box Office at (231) 348-9551.

This Week's Lecturer: Rev. Wanda Craner Minister of Spiritual Nurture



Rev. Wanda Craner

Rev. Wanda D. Craner serves as Minister of Spiritual Nurture on the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference (PSEC) staff of the United Church of Christ (1997-present). In her work as Minister of Spiritual Nurture, her focus is the spiritual formation of pastors and laity, prayer, discernment, and healing ministries, spiritual growth education, worship and retreat ministries. She provides

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Bay View 2015 Election Results

Elected to three year terms on the Board of Trustees:



Jim Rogers



Carol Neithercut



Fred Weber

The By-law amendment on the Development Committee changing its status from an Adjunct Committee to a Standing Committee passed with 562 votes in favor, 90 votes opposed, receiving the necessary 2/3 rds vote to amend the By-law.

The Articles of Association amendment to amend the wording to conform to the United Methodist Church's requirements passed with 486 votes in favor, and 156 opposed, receiving the necessary 2/3rds vote to amend the Articles.

The By-Law amendment pertaining to delinquent tax payments (By-Law Section 25, 68 and 69) passed with 570 votes in favor and 89 votes opposed.

With 821 eligible voters, 350 members voted electronically. That is 42.6% of eligible voters. There were 139 absentee votes.

The Board elected the following officers for the coming year:
Jon Chism, President
Carol Neithercut, Vice-President
Peggy Child Smith, Secretary
Jim Rogers, Treasurer

New Executive Director Announced

The new Executive Director of Bay View Association was announced and introduced to the membership at the Annual Meeting on Saturday, Aug. 8, in John M. Hall Auditorium.



Michael Spencer

Following John Stakoe's announcement at the mid-winter Board Meeting in January that he would be retiring from his position as Executive Director for the Association at the end of October, the Personnel Committee began seeking and securing an individual to replace him.

The Personnel Committee, chaired by Bob Docking, which included Jon Chism

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enjoy the brotherhood between Rodolfo, Marcello, Schaunard and Colline. These moments in Act 1 and Act 4 are a ton of fun and there's a lot of room for improvisation which I enjoy doing.

Caitlin Crabill (Mimi): I would tell the non-opera goer that this opera is all about real people in real life situations. It is easy to understand and relate to these characters because they go through what many of us have gone through ourselves - such as love, jealousy and heartbreak. It is the most beautiful music in the world and is not to be missed. Oh, and there will be supertitles, so you will always know what we are saying, even though it is in Italian!



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Mariawald Retreat Center, Shillington, PA (1991).nce in Specialized Ministry from Lancaster Theological Seminary, Lancaster, PA.

Woods Walk Series Concludes

Monday's Woods Walk Down Memory Lane started with a bit of a downpour. The walk on Memorial Trail began with light rain and progressed to a steady shower. After that, the skies cleared, the sun came out and the Bay View Woods sparkled. Ferns glistened. Woodpeckers drummed and Eastern Wood Pewee made their silly-sounding calls. A small patch of Indian Pipe flowers were discovered along the trail between the Gateway entrance and Deer Trail. This was a pleasant surprise since the white flower are more typically seen off Indian Trail.

This walk concluded a series of eight weekly Woods Walks led by Woods Advisory Committee chair Tracy Datlen. The goal of the series was to cover the sprawling trail system one easy walk at a time. Some of the walks were easier than others; each was unique. The 160-acre Bay View Woods encompass a wide variety of terrain, elevations and ecosystems. Some land is high and dry, some is cedar swamp. Participants explored the various trails and learned about the plants, animals and birds that make their home in the woods.

The trails are in excellent condition due to the efforts and expertise of our long-time ranger Burt Atkinson. Some sections of boardwalk need to be replaced to allow proper flow of water in the stream areas. Trail replacement is an ongoing



process. On the whole, the woods are in good shape; well-treated and well-loved by the people who use them. It has been a fun summer guiding participants throughout the trail system this year. Thanks to everyone who participated in the walk and who has given feedback on the program. Submitted by Tracy Datlen, Woods Advisory Committee.

Bay View Week of Handbells Concert Approaching

Thursday evening, August 20, at 8 p.m., 104 handbell ringers from across the United States, Canada, and even Paris, France, will again present a concert on the stage of John M. Hall Auditorium.

This concert is a 38-year tradition, eagerly anticipated by audience and performers alike. The music is prepared from Monday noon until Thursday afternoon. With that kind of limited preparation, only advanced ringers are invited to participate.

The Bay View Week of Handbells was instituted by the late handbell expert Dr. Donald E. Allured, who led the annual event for its first 25 years. Since then, the Week of Handbells has been led by former Michigan resident Carl Wiltse, who now resides in Scotland.

The concert will include music written expressly for handbells as well as orchestral transcriptions. Patricia Barnes, of Downers Grove, Illinois, will play two

selections for organ and handbells.

Audience members will hear such familiar tunes as *St. Louis Blues*, *Maple Leaf Rag*, *The Washington Post*, and *Brazil*. Transcribed from the classical piano repertoire will be *Rondo alla Turca* by Mozart, as arranged by ringer-participant Catherine McMichael of Saginaw, Michigan.

Original handbell compositions will include bells and organ performing *Allegro Grandioso* which opens the concert. Other original pieces will be *Centenary*, by William Payn, and *Enhebrado de la Aguja Del Espacio (Threading the Space Needle)* by Matthew Prins.

Two hymn settings will be performed by the group: *Just As I Am* and *Pax*, both by Mr. Wiltse. *Fantasy on Southern Folk Hymns*, by Margaret Tucker, for organ and handbells will again feature Ms. Barnes at the organ joining the ringers.

Assistant Director Fred Graman of Paris (France), will conduct his own piece *Veni Veni, Emmanuel*, subtitled *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* as well as founder Allured's *Canticle of Peace*.

This concert will be the last of the Operations Manager Luanne Barnard of Grand Rapids, who has held the post for 12 years. Her responsibilities have included oversight of all the multitudinous details involved in organizing an event such as the Week of Handbells. She will be sorely missed.

The 2015 Bay View Week of Handbells Concert will start at 8 p.m. and conclude at approximately 9:30 p.m. There is no admission charge for the concert, but a freewill offering will be received to benefit the Bay View Summer Music Festival Student Scholars Fund.

The concert is not appropriate for small children.