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### Bay View Association's Welcoming Summer Events

BAY VIEW, Mich.— Are you looking to fill your summer days and evenings with engaging events? Bay View's summer schedule of lectures and events will satisfy every curiosity and there is something for everyone. Tickets and registration are open now on the website.

“We are especially excited to celebrate this season's schedule with a **free vesper concert on June 16** and we invite you to return each Sunday evening to enjoy the wide variety of music from Broadway favorites to Gershwin,” says Executive Director, Megan DeWindt. “Our mission is to provide enriching opportunities for everyone. Free admission for children provides an in-person arts experience and encourages families to Experience Summer With Us,” DeWindt says.

This season's roster has something for everyone and is punctuated by returning favorites including Emmy-nominated, multi-platinum selling pianist and singer-songwriter Ben Folds on Friday, June 28. Folds creates a unique connection with fans and engages audiences by encouraging them to make their song requests via paper airplanes.

“A summer rock concert in historic Hall Auditorium is a recipe for a memorable experience. With so many Top 10 hits to choose from, fans of all ages will enjoy singing along with Creedence Clearwater Revival on July 6,” says Chris Ludwa, Artistic Director at Bay View.

“We are planning to showcase our beautiful campus and enjoy an outdoor event on July 24 with The Accidentals. A summer lawn concert engages all ages, builds community, and serves our mission,” Ludwa states. “If the weather doesn't cooperate, the event will be at Crooked Tree Art Center.”

Readers will be pleased by the wide selection of authors presenting at Bay View, designed to spark conversation and connection. Bay View's historic campus offers smaller venues allowing the audience more intimate discussions with the writers. Subjects and authors are wide-ranging and a small sampling includes Mike Slater on June 22, Ada Ferrer the week of July 8, John Smollens on July 16, Rob Henderson on August 1, and Dr. Kirk Byron James the week of August 11.

This summer includes a traditional worship service every Sunday at 10:45am. "Bay View continues dance between honoring history and exploring fresh perspectives," says Rev. Dr. Hilary Barrett, Director of Worship and Religious Life. "Each Sunday brings a different voice as we host a 'Preacher of the Week' highlighting a variety of religious perspectives from across the nation. Rev. Dr. Jonathan Pennington from Louisville, Ky comes the week of July 21 to discuss 'Christianity as Ancient Wisdom for Modern Life' during the weeklong lecture series. There's always a chance to deepen spiritual life throughout the summer at Bay View.

For a full list of events, and to purchase tickets, check out [www.BayViewAssociation.org](http://www.BayViewAssociation.org). Register on-line for the best selection. The Bay View Box Office at Voorhies Hall opens on June 14 from 9-12pm for in-person registration.

Now in its 149<sup>th</sup> summer, Bay View is a registered National Historic Landmark and is open to the public. Bay View began in 1875 as a Methodist Camp meeting and quickly evolved to offer today's Chautauqua program offerings and is one of the few remaining historic Chautauqua organizations remaining in North America. Bay View offers a summer of education, performing arts, recreation, and worship programming and many are free of charge.

As an independent public charity, Bay View strives to be a place where people of all ages can explore innovative ideas and enjoy experiences that help them grow into the best versions of themselves. To Experience Summer With Us, go to [www.BayViewAssociation.org](http://www.BayViewAssociation.org) and see the full schedule of events, purchase tickets, or sign up for classes.

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Vesper concert in John M. Hall Auditorium