



*Fifth Avenue United Methodist Church
Family Connections*

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Our Mission: “We are a welcoming Christian Community where all can experience the saving grace of Jesus Christ. We are growing as disciples of Christ as we teach, support, and nurture one another in ministry to our community and world.



WORSHIP WITH US!

Sundays: 8:30am & 10:45am

Note change of time: 10am service on Sept. 11 & 18

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| Sept. 4 | 16th Sunday After Pentecost
Sacrament of Holy Communion |
| Sept. 11 | 17th Sunday After Pentecost
10:00 am Service Only—Rally Day
Choir Sings |
| Sept 18 | 18th Sunday After Pentecost
10:00am Worship Service/Choir Sings
United Methodist Women’s Sunday |
| Sept. 25 | 19th Sunday After Pentecost
5:45am Waupun Prison Ministry
Choir Sings at 8:30am
3:00pm Voice Recital |

United Methodist Women Sunday

On **September 18th**, our church will recognize and honor all that UMW does, world wide. There will be a **luncheon** following the our **10:00am Service (only one service on the 18th)**. Please **sign up by Sept. 12** in the north entrance so we know how many people to expect. **Free-will offering** for the meal. A **special offering envelope** will be in your bulletin on the 18th.



A Graceful Mess By: Megan Vollmer

As fall approaches, many of us are focusing on the new school year. We are figuring out schedules for homework, extracurricular activities, and spending time with the kids or grandkids. As our summers wind down and we make our plans for the coming season, let's talk about the importance of keeping healthy physical activity in our routines.

Most people are aware of how physical activity benefits a person's physical health, but it can also be extremely beneficial to a person's mental health. A workout can be a useful tool in fighting stress, anxiety, and many other mental illnesses. For many families, back to school is a time of adjustments with an extra side of stress. With everybody doing their own activities, it can be difficult to spend time together as a family. One solution with many positives is to go do something together like hiking, walking, or playing catch. Start small. A walk around the block can do a lot for a person's mood or be a good time to catch up on your child's day.

(Editor's Note: We are happy to have Megan Vollmer as a contributing writer to our newsletter. She is a young adult who is sharing her youthful insights in the everyday walk of life. She and her husband, Jacob, have a 5-month old son, Mason. (Megan is the granddaughter of Joyce & Don Walters.)

Call Pastor Clarissa

If you or a family member are ill at home or in the hospital, **please call Pastor Clarissa Martinelli, 262-334-2059.**

Because of the privacy act, sometimes the hospital does not inform the church office.

Thank you for letting us know!

Parish Updates



Change of Address

-Michelle Thompson

N168 W21700 Main St. #66, Jackson, WI 53037

-Maxwell & Kaitlyn Muehe, 6265 Nabob Dr., WB 53095

Baptisms

-Max Wolf, son of Heather Wolf and The Late Curt Rogge, born Jan. 3, 2009, and baptized July 31, 2016 Maternal Grandparents: Rob & Paula Rogge and Joseph Wolf. Paternal Grandparents: Chuck Rogge, and Jim & Connie Hulse

- **Nathan Dale Arnold**, son of William and Jessica Arnold, born March 1, 2016 and baptized on Aug. 14, 2016. Maternal Grandparents: Bruce & Ellen Fladvid. Paternal Grandparents: Dave & Shirley Arnold.

Birth

Holden Henry Muehe, son of Maxwell & Kaitlyn Muehe, born June 28, 2016.

Deaths

-Randy Loomis, son of **Ron & Vivien Loomis** on July 20.

-Dean Weasler, on July 23. He was a member since 1960.

-Marilynn Jaastad on July 25. She was a member since 1963.

-John Becker, husband of **Nan Koehler-Becker** on July 25.

He was a member of St. Francis Cabrini Church.

-LaVerne Schaller on Aug. 2. She was a member since 1997.

Music Notes by John Abuya



Our church is in for another musical treat. **Martha Winquist Emrey** will present another voice recital in our beautiful sanctuary. This will take place on **Sunday, Sept. 25, 2016 at 3:00pm.**

The program of about an hour will include art songs, sacred songs, and songs from Broadway. She will be accompanied by **John Abuya** on our new Yamaha Grand Piano. John will also perform his piano solo which was not played at the piano dedication in May.



Adult Sunday School

This fall lessons in Adult Bible Studies follow the theme "**Sovereignty of God**". Through the visionary images of the authors of Isaiah, Hebrews and Revelation, we come to see more clearly the sovereign nature of God. The quarter begins with a study of Isaiah's rich images of God as the one who rules the whole universe. In the Letter to Hebrews, we see how God comes to lead humankind in the person of Jesus. The Revelation of John offers the vision of God as the beginning and end of all things. The student book writer is Simon Iredale; Bob Walker is the writer of the teacher book.

The four lessons in this unit explore how the prophet Isaiah viewed the reign of God over the whole world as a peaceful kingdom, a mountain of God, the foundations of the earth and a new and everlasting covenant.

The Adult Bible study is held every **Sunday in the Disciple Room from 9:45-10:30am.**



Bell Choir Needs You

Are you looking for an outlet for your musical gifts? If so bell choir needs your help. The bell choir is in need of some additional members. If you played an instrument while in Jr. High or High School, think about using those musical skills again. New member training is available at 5:30-6:00pm on Wednesdays or as arranged. The bell choir practices every **Wednesday from 6:00 to 7:00 PM in the Sunshine Room.** Bell Choir will try to play once a month during the school year. **Practices will start Wednesday Sept. 7.** If you would like more information or to give ringing a try, contact the church office and your name will be passed on to Kathy Schneider, our bell director.



Breakfast Group will meet at **8:30am on Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2016** at the **Copper Penny, 1700 E. Washington St., West Bend.** No sign up is necessary.



Lunch Group At the Ridge!

The Lunch Group will meet on **Thursday, Sept. 15 at 12:00 Noon** at Top of the Ridge Restaurant. No sign up necessary. Lunch will be the special of the day. Join in for food and

The following "People at Home" will have Sept. Birthdays:

- Ed Bartel (Sept. 17)
5577 Home Dr. #224, WB 53095

Happy
Birthday

Wonderful Wednesday Update

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Our Wonderful Wednesday meals will begin in **October**. See October newsletter for details. Dean Pok is looking for menu ideas. If you have any, please let him know.

Thank you!

Thank
You!

July 31 was the perfect day to enjoy the beautiful weather with an **outdoor service and picnic**. I would like to especially thank Tony Kuhaupt, Dean Pok, and Bob Krell for their shopping and grilling skills. Special thanks to John Childers for new sandwich boards and flyers artwork, and to Linda Childers for the centerpieces. Sincere thank you to everyone who came to the park early to help me set up and who stayed late to help me clean up! Thank you to the United Methodist Women's Board for working behind the counter. And, of course, everyone appreciated all the favorite dishes that were contributed. **If you have any ideas or suggestions for next year's picnic, please share with me. What, if anything, should we do different next year?** Do we want to change parks?
- Debra Matthies



Bridge Anyone? Couples Bridge Marathon

Deadline to sign up for **Couples Bridge** is **Sept. 6**. Call **Betty Felt** at 262-338-1819 if interested. You host no more than four times. Play 18 hands and serve a simple dessert if you wish. **No cost except entry fee of \$15 per couple** which goes to United Methodist Men for their activities.

New Bridge Group to Start

If you are interested in learning to **play bridge**, call **Betty Felt** at **262-338-1819** for more information.

A new group will be starting soon.

Adult



Calling All Singers!

Don't miss out on a wonderful opportunity to be extraordinary! Join Chancel Choir. We will start the upcoming season on **Wednesday, September 7, at 7:00pm**. The Sunshine room is the place and you are all welcome!

You bring your heart and voice and we'll supply the seats and treats! **One hour** of musical fun a week. What could be better?!?! Any questions, please contact Choir Director, **Dave Bertelsen**, at 262-338-9144.



Harvest House Serve the Hungry

Approximately 90-100 people from the West Bend area will be fed on **Saturday, Sept. 17** at **St. James Episcopal Church, 148 S. 8th Ave. West Bend**. You can help by making a 9x13 cake size dessert and/or serving tables. **We need 12-15 people to help.**

Sign up in the north entrance or call Marolyn Kell at 334-5865. Thank you!



Scholarships Awarded

The Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary commencement was held in May. Out of 72 individuals who graduated that day, **two Butler/Fifth Avenue Methodist Church scholarship recipients** were in the group. **Rev. Kimberly Woods**, Master of Arts in Christian Education and **Marsha Thrall**, Master of Theological Studies. Both recipients have received financial help from our church and are thankful for our support in preparing them for the service of Christ. If any church member is interested in contributing to the scholarship fund, please contact the church office. **Marolyn Kell, Chairman, Memorial Fund**

Sunday School Registration

Go to our website: faumc.org to electronically fill out the form for the 2016-2017 Sunday School or you can print a copy and bring it to the office. Hard copy will be available on Rally Day



Can You Help?

Playing cards, shufflers and hand holders are still being collected for the V.A. Their rehab dept. could also use gently used board games.

There is a collection box above the coat rack in the north entrance for your donation. Thank you! **-Marge Wendt**

Welcome Committee



Welcoming Words of Wisdom

As much as we love our church, our motivation is to make visitors welcome, not to gain new members. It is to keep the passion for GOD alive in people. It is to help make new disciples for Jesus Christ.

- The Welcome Team



Happy Birthday, Missionary!

Gordon Graner came to our church two years ago to share his ministry with us so many of you will remember him. After some 27 years in the mountains of Bolivia, he and Ardell were transferred to Dominican Republic. What a change: from the rugged mountains to an island in all that water! And then they came on itineration.

While in the Midwest they met a man who has been developing and distributing solar ovens to Haiti. So now Gordon is involved in acquiring solar ovens for Dominican Republic. What a ministry! With solar ovens there is no need to purchase electricity, gas, charcoal or wood. It also saves the precious trees! Sun is free!

In the last two years they have welcomed many VIM (Volunteer in Mission) teams who have worked with the children, with construction, with youths, with medical teams, with nutrition, health and sewing projects and more. Gordon's background includes farming, laboratory and agricultural research, Refugee Resettlement manager, and refugee sponsor Developer and Refugee caseworker. WOW!

To help in their mission, write your check to the church and designate it for:

Lost & Found: Children of the Dominican Republic #3021935



Waupun Prison Ministry

Fifth Avenue United Methodist Church will be leading the **Sunday morning worship services** at **Dodge Correctional Institution on Sunday, Sept. 25th**. This is an ongoing outreach ministry of our church.

We are in need of members of our congregation to attend (you do not need to participate in leading the service). **We will be car pooling to Waupun and will leave West Bend at about 5:45 am**. If interested in attending, **sign up in the north entrance**. If you have questions, please call **Bruce Nissly at 262-343-6057**.