



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

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| Oct. 2 | 20th Sunday After Pentecost
World Communion Sunday/Special Offering
No Choir |
| Oct. 9 | 21st Sunday After Pentecost
Choir Sings at 8:30am |
| Oct. 16 | 22nd Sunday After Pentecost
Laity Sunday
Choir Sings at 10:45am |
| Oct. 23 | 23rd Sunday After Pentecost
Choir Sings at 8:30am
Handbell Choir at 8:30am & 10:45am |
| Oct. 30 | 24th Sunday After Pentecost
No Choir |



A Graceful Mess By: Megan Vollmer

We Are Created in His Image

“So God created human beings in his image. In the image of God, he created them. He created them male and female” Genesis 1:27. Today we live in a society that often forgets just that, we are created in God's image and likeness. We spend so much time patronizing ourselves because of birthmarks, pants sizes, and the gifts of age and wisdom. It's easy to forget that worry line on your forehead came from the time your son fell off of the swings and cut his cheek open or the gray hairs you acquired the night you stayed up anxious about how your child would do at their first day of school.

Love yourself, especially your imperfections. We are God's creation, and that makes us beautiful. God does not care if you are tall or short or what color your hair or skin is. He loves everyone. We need to follow that example and remember it starts at home. It starts with us. Love yourself. Love your neighbor. Love the stranger you pass in the grocery store.



Thank You!

On 9/18/16, Betty Nelson made it possible for Friends of Abused Families to receive a donation of snacks, hot dogs and buns to feed a lot of hungry children. The shelter just so happened to have a lot of kids at the facility.

Harvest House and The United Methodist Women's Group, had two trays of donuts that were also donated to the shelter.

Friends of Abused Families was thankful for the donation!

Parish Updates



Baptisms– Aug. 21

-**Mason Lee Vollmer**, son of Jacob & Megan Vollmer, born March 22, 2016. **Sponsors:** Beth & Dave Schmitt. **Maternal Grandparents:** Kathleen & Steven Rolf **Paternal Grandparents:** Lynette and the Late Daniel Vollmer **Maternal Great Grandparents:** Joyce & Don Walters and Kevin Zimdars. **Paternal Great Grandparents:** Edward & Jeanette Lipofski.

Death

- **James Ramsthal** on Aug. 21, 2016. He was a member since 1962.
- **Keith Wiedmeyer** on Sept. 11, 2016. He is survived by his wife, Jennifer, who is a church member.

Wedding

Tara Myles & Keegan Schmidt on Aug. 20. Tara is the daughter of Polly (Dave) Bertelsen.



All Saints Day

All Saints Day will be observed at both services on **Sunday, Nov. 6, 2016**. Please submit any names of those who are not church members and who have passed away since last All Saint's Day, Nov. 1, 2015. These names will be mentioned during our worship services.

Also, new this year will be a **Memorial Altar**. Please bring photos of those who passed away that we can lay upon the altar. Photos may be taken home after the services.

Deadline is Oct. 24th.



Adult Sunday School

Sovereignty of Jesus

The five lesson unit in October looks at the images of the reign of the resurrected Christ from the Letter to the Hebrews. These lessons help us understand Jesus as the imprint of God, the owner of a household, the great high priest, a priest forever, and the pioneer and perfecter of our faith

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



Thank You Note

“Dear Friends of Fifth Avenue:

We want to thank you for your kind donation of **\$5,000** to the Midwest Mission Distribution Center. Many lives have been touched through the U.S. and in developing countries around the world through shipment made from the Center. Your gift allows this work to continue. Thank you for your support.”

Pat Wright, MMDC Executive Director

(Monies from the Church Council and Men’s Group were used to fill and ship the school bags that members of our congregation made over the year.)



Breakfast Group will meet at **8:30am** on **Tuesday, Oct. 4, 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, Oct. 20 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 fellowship.

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

No birthdays in October

Happy
Birthday



Fifth Ave. Street Fest Thank You

On behalf of the Church Council, I would like to extend a tremendous **thank you and job well done** to each and every one of the Fifth Avenue UMC family that served on the Street Fest Committee, or came forward to just help out to make the event a success. We also appreciate all the church members, their families and community members that came out to enjoy the festivities.

Debra, great job! You and your team worked very well together.

From our walkers delivering fliers, to our Farmer's Market workers, to bakers making treats, and bee chasers; to our truck team picking up supplies, tents, bouncy houses, duct tape... and the list goes on and on - **thank you!**

We came together as a church family and we did the best job possible to show our commitment to the West Bend community and that we are here for them.

Job Well Done, Everyone!!

**Blessings to you all,
Aimee Liepert, Church Council Chair**

Financial scams targeting seniors have become so prevalent that they're now considered "the crime of the 21st century."

MEDICARE/HEALTH INSURANCE SCAMS
TELEMARKETING/PHONE SCAMS
COUNTERFEIT PRESCRIPTION DRUGS
INVESTMENT SCHEMES
FUNERAL & CEMETERY SCAMS
HOMEOWNER/REVERSE MORTGAGE SCAMS
FRAUDULENT ANTI-AGING PRODUCTS
SWEEPSTAKES & LOTTERY SCAMS
INTERNET FRAUD
THE GRANDPARENT SCAM

Why? Because seniors are thought to have a significant amount of money sitting in their accounts. Financial scams also often go unreported or can be difficult to prosecute, so they're considered a "low-risk" crime. However, they're devastating to many older adults and can leave them in a very vulnerable position with little time to recoup their losses.

It's not just wealthy seniors who are targeted. Low-income older adults are also at risk of financial abuse. And it's not always strangers who perpetrate these crimes. Over 90% of all reported elder abuse is committed by an older person's own family members, most often their adult children, followed by grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and others.

Don't be afraid or embarrassed to talk about it with someone you trust. You are not alone, and there are people who can help. Doing nothing could only make it worse. Keep handy the phone numbers and resources you can turn to, including the local police, your bank (if money has been taken from your accounts), and Adult Protective Services. To obtain the contact information for Adult Protective Services in your area, call the Eldercare Locator, a government sponsored national resource line, at: 1-800-677-1116, or visit their website at: www.eldercare.gov. **(Taken from the National Council on Aging website - www.ncoa.org)**

Wonderful Wednesday

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Our Wonderful Wednesday meals will begin on **Oct. 12th at 5:30pm**. Dean Pok is looking for menu ideas. If you have any, please let him know. Our United Methodist Women will provide the meal this month. Join us for food and fellowship. Please sign up in the north entrance. **Free will offering.**

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!



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

WEAR YOUR NAME TAG!

We know who you are. You know who you are, but a visitor does not. Even if you introduce yourself, seeing your name and the way you pronounce it makes it easier to remember. Anything we do to make a visitor more comfortable is an act of kindness.

- The Welcome Team



Happy Birthday, Missionary!

Last month I wrote about Gordon Graner. This month it is Ardell Graner who is the wife of Gordon and every bit as much of a missionary!

Two years ago they came to this church to itinerate just after they moved from 27 years in the mountains of Bolivia to the island country of Dominican Republic. Last month I mentioned the Solar Ovens. Check the Mission bulletin board for their continuing adventure with the ovens. Do check that board periodically as the letters from the missionaries in many places keep changing. Most of us don't know a whole lot about the Dominican Republic. It is a very poor country and the letters from Ardell will educate you!

Right now solar ovens are the big thing they are working on but Ardell also does a lot of teaching: Bible and anything else that needs to be taught to help improve the life of the people. She works with the young women and that is always changing; she writes lessons and guides for lay folk and teachers; does training for teachers; and so very much more!

To respond to their mission write your check to the church designated for: **Lost & Found: Children of the Dominican Republic #3021935**

- Betsy Winquist

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Thank you to all the people who served or baked a cake for our participation in providing the meal at **Harvest House** on Saturday, September 17th.

The next time 5th Avenue United Methodist Church serves at Harvest House is **Saturday, December 17th**. St. James Church with the help of West Bend community churches will be celebrating 25 years of serving meals through Harvest House. What a wonderful service to the city of West Bend