



*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

Nov. 6

All Saints Day with Communion

10:00am Worship Service (note: one service only)

Choir Sings

Daylight Savings Time End

Nov. 13

26th Sunday After Pentecost

Choir Sings at 8:30am

Nov. 20

Christ the King Sunday

Choir Sings at 10:45am

Handbells Play at 8:30 & 10:45am

Nov. 27

First Sunday of Advent

United Methodist Student Day Offering



Don't forget to set your clocks **back one hour** as Daylight Saving Time ends on **Nov. 6, 2016!**



A Graceful Mess

By: Megan Vollmer

Staying Healthy During the Holidays

We are a culture that surrounds our holiday season around food. Now I definitely will not be the first to complain that Thanksgiving means I can eat as much pumpkin pie as possible, I won't be the person to mow down 4 pieces simply because I can or if by chance I do I won't "punish" myself by skipping all of my meals or doing some insane workout the following day to make up for it.

Even during the holidays, it is important to keep a routine and balance in our nutrition and exercise. It can be difficult to do the little things like walk around the block when we're buried in 2 feet of snow—but this is Wisconsin after all and where there's a will, there's a way.

Eat what you want, just remember moderation. Take an extra lap (or two) around the grocery store. Most importantly, remember what this upcoming holiday is all about. Be thankful for your health and that extra pie that is available to tempt you. Be grateful to have a holiday filled with loved ones and faith.

COME GIVE THANKS!



Thanksgiving Service

Please join us on **Tuesday, November 22, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.** as we come together and worship with Thankfulness in our hearts to acknowledge how God has provided for us and express exuberant thanks for God's bountiful blessings!

When we gather to worship we can't help but thank God for all the blessings upon our lives. FAUMC, just look around you, there is so much to be thankful for! PSALM 100 *summons* God's people both to worship and to give thanks.

Parish Updates



CHANGE OF ADDRESS

- **Elaine Britton**
Lighthouse of West Bend
2130 Continental Dr. #310, WB 53095
- **Christy Gust**
1201 Vogt Dr. #4, WB 53095
- **Rev. H. Loren Lewis**
Lighthouse of West Bend
2130 Continental Dr. #BH129, WB 53095
- **Tim Ward**
7371 Kettle Moraine Dr., WB 53090

DEATHS

- Harold Henschel**, brother of Beverly (Arnie) Vogel on Sept. 22.
- Lorraine Gervais**, mother of Carol Quinlan, on Oct. 10.



Email News from David Gnaniah in India

Greetings to you all in Jesus name,
This year I have started admission of young children in our residential program (hostel). We have 11 kids and they are attending our school, St Johns Nursery and Primary School. All except one boy are from tribal community (Paliyar). We need sponsors for these kids.

**With love and prayers, David
Stains Memorial Children's Home**

Please donate to this project and note **Special Advance #7940** or **India Children's Home** on your contribution. You may sponsor for \$25 per month or any other monthly amounts or a done-time donation. Automatic contribution can be arranged through church office.



Every
Adult Sunday
9:45am

Adult Sunday School

Sovereignty of God - Alpha and Omega

Our November units of study develops four lessons based on the last two chapters of the Book of Revelations. John used metaphors of one who makes all things new, a version of a New Jerusalem, a river of life and the beginnings and the end of all things to explore how God reigns. Please join us to learn more about the Bible. The Adult Bible study is held every **Sunday in the Disciple Room from 9:45-10:30am.**

Wills & Memorials Committee to meet Nov. 7

We would welcome any suggestions **regarding a mission or community service agency you would like us to consider to receive a donation.** The monies we will be dispersing are from **interest funds** received from the Legacy Fund.

Please contact Marolyn Kell at 334-5865 or the church office 334-2059 with your request.

Church Conference

Thursday, Nov. 10 at 7:00pm



A **Church Conference** is the **annual meeting** of all the members of our church. It is a meeting in which we **celebrate** our **2016 ministry, report on our membership and elect leadership** for our committees. **Join us on Thursday, Nov. 10, at 7pm in the Fireside Room.**



Breakfast Group will meet at **8:30am on Tuesday, Nov. 1, 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, Nov. 17 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 Nov. Birthdays:

Happy
Birthday

Leone Tilley (Nov. 21)

600 Fredonia Ave., Fredonia, WI 53021



Weekday Cancellation Policy

Whenever the West Bend schools are closed because of the weather, all **church activities will be cancelled** and the **church office will be closed** as well.



White Elephant Sale

Tuesday, Nov. 29 at 1:00pm

'Tis the season once again for our annual White Elephant Auction where all proceeds go to local organizations. Mark your calendars for **Tuesday afternoon November 29th, 1:00 p.m. in the lounge.**

Bring a few white elephant items and come join the fun. As always, refreshments will be served.

Any questions, please call **Pat Bamhouse at 677-4755.**

TO: Children's Sunday School Families

Due to only one service at 10am on All Saints Day, Nov. 6, please bring your **children to Sunday School at 9:00am** instead of 9:30 that day. The class will be 50 minutes instead of the standard 1 hour length.



Annual Cookie Walk

Nov. 19th will be our annual **Cookie Walk**. The profits from this will enable us to complete our mission pledge. So **thank you** for your assistance in this endeavor.

Please have your cookies at church by **Thursday, Nov. 17 no later than 4pm so we can get them ready for sale**. If you need to get into church before or after normal hours, make arrangements with Ann Cording, Barb Johnson, or Betsy Winquist.

Make sure your cookies are labeled and especially indicate if they include nuts, are sugar free or gluten free.

Sales will be from 9am to 1pm or earlier if all cookies are sold out. This can happen in just an hour so be sure to get here on time to make your selection!! **Price per pound is \$8.00.**

We will have, good smelly yummy cinnamon rolls and coffee for sale, as well as homemade candies, jellies, jams and bread. **Pre-order cinnamon rolls by Nov. 9th.**

If you can donate, please fill out the **enclosed goldenrod insert and either put it in the offering plate, basket on the counter in the north entrance, or on the desk in the church office.** Thank you!!



Greening of the Church

As we prepare our hearts for this Advent season, it is time to also prepare our church.

We will be decorating the church after the 10:45am service on Sunday, Nov. 20 (around 11:45am). No signup necessary.

Help us kick off this special season of the year!

Wonderful Wednesday

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Our Wonderful Wednesday meal will be held on **Nov. 9, at 5:30pm**. Join us for food and fellowship. Please sign up in the north entrance. **Free will offering.**

Holiday Angel Tree



Christmas Angel Tree

Our church will be having an **Angel Tree** again this year. This is our way of participating in the community Gingerbread House Project. Our tree will be up on **Sunday, Nov. 20**. Specific details will be in the weekly Family Connection as the time approaches.

I am looking for one or two volunteers who would be willing to help pack and deliver gifts to the Gingerbread House. This would be a 3-4 hour commitment on Sunday, December 18th. Please contact Dorthy Dahlen at 262-573-7998.

Thanks again for your generous support of this program and for showing our community the love of Jesus Christ in a very practical way. **(Dorthy Dahlen)**



"Thank you for the generous support of our church families who participated in the **Sunday School Bake Sale** on Oct. 16. The sale was a big success and all of the proceeds of \$270.94 were donated to Rev. Amy's trip to Tanzania."

Welcome Committee



Welcoming Words of Wisdom

Your greeting of visitors should always include an invitation to Fellowship Time between services. Introduce the guests to your friends, family, or any church leaders who can answer questions.

- The Welcome Team



Thank You Note

Regarding United Methodist Women's Sunday— Thank you to everyone for their help and support on UMW Sunday. Your generous donations have helped to make it possible to fulfill our 2016 pledge of \$5,500 to the South East District. **God bless you all, UMW Board**



Veterans Day

Veterans Day is about gratitude and stewardship.

On *Veterans Day*, we proclaim our gratitude to those whose service in the military has secured our freedoms and national security through the years. Stewardship can be summed up by the words of President Lincoln - "To care for *those* who shall have borne the battle, and for *their families* and *their orphan*" by serving and honoring the women and men who are America's veterans. *Veterans Day* is our chance to say "thank you" to women and men who served their country in the past and who are serving their country in the present. *Veterans Day* is about our actions in support of the well-being of *VETERANS*, especially those who have been injured or traumatized by war. *Veterans Day* is about our own commitment to the common good and our nation's care for our vulnerable citizens, **MILITARY VETERANS.**

God bless America.

God bless women and men in the service of their country!

May peace prevail all over the world.



Cookies Needed for our People At Home

We ask your help in providing cookies (small, non spicy and no bars please) for our People At Home for their Christmas gift from the church. We will need 30-40 boxes.

Cookies will be **packed on Wednesday morning, Dec. 7, at 9am in the Fireside Room.** Please have cookies delivered to the Fireside Room by **noon on Tuesday, Dec.6th.**

Thank you for your support for our People at Home!