



*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
March 19—9:30am**

- Wed., Mar. 1 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service**
- Mar. 5 1st Sunday in Lent
Sacrament of Holy Communion
Choir Sings at 8:30am**
- Mar. 12 2nd Sunday in Lent
Choir Sings at 10:45am**
- Mar. 19 3rd Sunday in Lent/Youth Sunday
9:30am—Handbells and Choir**
- March 26 4th Sunday in Lent
Choir at 10:45m
One Great Hour of Sharing Offering**

**(See Wednesday Ecumenical Lenten Service
and Holy Week Schedule on pink insert.)**



A Graceful Mess

By: Megan Vollmer

Spring Cleaning

Winter can be a long, tiresome season. We don't get nearly enough sun and probably aren't as active as during the warmer months. With spring quickly approaching, many of us are starting our spring cleaning.

This is a concept we can apply to our fitness as well. With warmer weather, we have a chance to be more active. We can take a walk around the neighborhood or enjoy a day at the park with the kids playing outside.

We can also "clean up" our diets as well. With the craziness of all of the holidays that happen from November to February, we all don't eat the best. I'll be the first to admit I ate a few too many sweets lately. This is when we kick it in gear, plus all of the fruit should be coming into season. There couldn't be a better time to clean up our health both in diet and exercise than when the sun is shining, warm weather in the air, and spring coming!



Daylight Saving Time

begins on **March 12th**.

Don't forget to turn your clocks **ahead** one hour!



Volunteer Opportunity

Our **Visitation Team** needs **regular visitors** and **subs** to visit our people at home. If you enjoy brightening someone's day with caring conversation, **we need you!** Open to all men and women in our congregation **who can drive**. Commitment would be visiting 2 - 3 persons per month. If interested in this ministry, please call Katie Glaser at 262-677-0162.

Parish Updates



Deaths

- **Tom Bittner**, on Feb. 5. He was a member since 1971.
- **David Preston (Kathy)** on Feb. 5. He was a member since 2010.
- **Margery Papenfuss** on Feb. 6. She was a member since 1952.
- **Arnold (Beverly) Vogel** on Feb. 7. He was a member since 1968.

Salad Luncheon



Spring Salad Luncheon

Saturday, March 25 is the date of our annual salad luncheon. Serving times are **11am-1pm**. Tickets are **\$8.00 in advance** and **\$9.00 at the door**. We will be serving hot turkey salad along with the salads and bars you provide for us. A **sign-up sheet** is on the north entrance bulletin board. **Please have your salads at church by noon on Friday or 9am on Saturday. Attach a name to the salad, please.** (Don't forget to mark your containers with your name.) Please have your salad ready to serve and your bars pre-cut.

This is a great chance to socialize. Invite your neighbors, and friends. **Thank you for your help.**



Youth Sunday will be observed on **Sunday, March 19**. We will have just one worship service at **9:30am**.

Our youth will lead us in worship. Come and support them! They are our next leaders!



Adult Sunday School

Winter 2016-2017

This winter, lessons in Adult Bible Studies follow the theme, Creation: A Divine Cycle. With the advent of the Savior by the power of the Holy Spirit, God set in motion the fulfillment of the divine plan of salvation. Through Luke's Gospel, several psalms and the epistle to the Galatians, we explore God's ongoing actions in blessing and reconciling the whole creation.

The Birthing of a New Community. In March, the unit has four lessons from Galatians that show us how God's creative process can be seen through the birthing of a new faith community with Jesus Christ as its foundation. The lessons address the importance of spiritual freedom, cooperation, and righteous living in building and maintaining the community.

The Adult Bible Study **meets from 9:45-10:30am on Sunday mornings in the Disciple Room**. Please join us and add your voice to our lively discussions.

Prayer Shawl Ministry Has Begun



Mark your calendar in March to join this group of knitters and crocheters on **Tuesday, Mar. 7 at 1pm, Thursday, Mar. 9 at 6:30pm and Tuesday, Mar. 21 at 1pm**. They will **meet upstairs in the Fireside Room**.

This group will be making prayer shawls, baby blankets and baptismal shawls, lap robes, blankets, and other items.

If you would like to **donate yarn**, bring it to the church office. **Monetary donations** are also welcome.

Come join them for patterns, fellowship, and prayer.



Breakfast Group will meet at **8:30am on Tuesday, Mar. 7, 2017** at the **Copper Penny**, 1700 E. Washington St., West Bend. No sign up is necessary.



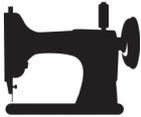
Lunch Group At the Ridge!

The Lunch Group will meet on **Thursday, Mar. 16 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 March Birthdays

Happy
Birthday

- **Virginia Wise (Mar. 1)**
105 Deer Ridge Dr., WB 53095
- **Elaine Britton (Mar. 9)**
New Perspective Senior Living
2130 Continental Dr. #310, WB 53095
- **Kathy Preston (Mar. 30)**
105 N. University Dr. #21, WB 53095
- **Fred Rode (Mar. 30)**
Samaritan Health Care Center
531 E. Washington St. #308, WB 53095



Sewing Day

There will be a sewing day on **Saturday, Mar. 18 from 9am-1pm in Fellowship Hall**. Our members have been actively sewing school bags for many years. Join this project by cutting ironing, or sewing.

Ready for a change? Come and see what else we are also making this year.

My Offering

Amount \$ _____



Reminder!

If you have **offering envelopes**, please use them as it helps with our record keeping. If you want envelopes and don't have them, contact the church office, 262-334-2059. **Thank you for your support!**

MEN'S



RETREAT

Men's Pine Lake Retreat

The UMM Retreat for 2017 has been scheduled for March 17-19. **Leader** is Rev. Bob Blackburn, retired UM pastor. The normal cost of this retreat is \$125.00 for 2 nights and 6 home-made meals. The UM Men will be providing a reduction of \$50 for each participant. Your cost will be **\$75.00 for 2 nights' lodging and 6 meals.** If you bring someone to the retreat, your registration fee will be **free!** **Note Scholarships are available to cover the cost as needed.** Please see Bob Krell for details.

We will be staying at the Rader Retreat Center and will share a room with 2 per room. Sheets, blankets, pillows are provided. Each room has a private shower, for those who have not been there before. **Note:** This Annual Pine Lake Retreat Event was started over 40 Years ago. The fellowship and meeting with men that share in the learning and getting to know one another is a priceless opportunity. I highly recommend attending this event. Plenty of fun, relaxation, great outdoor opportunities are available.

Just a side note: We are providing a brand new Ping Pong Table to Pine Lake that will replace the (Destroyed One) from last year.

Please **sign up in the north entrance** to get your spot set up for this event. More information will be forthcoming.

Regards and God Bless, Bob Krell, UMM Leader

book review

UMW Book Review

Asylum Denied: A Refugee's Struggle for Safety in America is the story of David Nagaruri's harrowing odyssey from Kenya to America and the obstacles put in his way. In 1992 David lead a Kenyan tea farmers' boycott against a cruel repressive government, was thrown into prison without a trial and tortured. David's escape to the USA is choreographed by Peace Corp workers but his request for asylum is rejected in the complicated, often hostile, asylum/visa system. Ten years later David finally gets a visa that allows him to stay in the US.

His difficulties highlight the need for changes that remove the inconsistencies and hurdles in the immigration court process. This UMW book is in the Nurturing for Community category.

Wonderful Wednesday

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Our Wonderful Wednesday meal will be held on **Mar. 8 at 5:30pm.**

Join us for food and fellowship. Please sign up in the north entrance.

Free will offering.

Welcome Committee



Welcoming Words of Wisdom

What if I greet someone who is a longtime member but attends infrequently? This could be embarrassing, but don't let it. Remember **you** are the one making an effort to reach out. This can **never** be wrong.

Respond with, "I am glad you are here today." Thank you for reaching out to try and help someone!

- The Welcome Team

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our mission at **Harvest House on Saturday, Feb. 18th.** We could not continue to serve without the cooks, cake bakers and the volunteers who help set up the tables and serve the meal.

If you want to mark your calendars, we will be serving again on **Saturday, May 20th.**

Marolyn Kell, Coordinator

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. or 847-721-1826 (cell phone)**

Because of the privacy act, sometimes the hospital does not inform the church office. **Thank you** for letting us know!



Support our missionaries

Happy Birthday, Missionary!

Rev. Don Smith taught in the University at Sarawak, Indonesia for 21 years and served in the outlying islands of Malaysia. He and his wife, Mary, raised their three children there. Many of you older members will remember their many visits, every three years as we gave them salary support for all of those years. They always brought their children.

You'll remember their Boards and Bamboo! These were musical instruments from the islands and they took a lot of energy to play! (John Abuya, you would love those!) After serving the church in Frederic, WI, they retired and are now living in Coloma, Wisconsin. Even after they retired they came back here as they had many friends here.

DID YOU
KNOW



New Ministry Has Started

Our Church Council has started a new ministry where once a month we will **celebrate the birthdays and anniversaries** of our church members and friends. This ministry will be held the first Sunday of the month.

There will be a list of birthdays (not age) and a list of anniversary dates put into the bulletin.

Please submit both birthdays and anniversaries dates so we can make sure our records are correct.



Outdoor Worship & Church Picnic

Sunday, July 23, 2017

10:00am

At Regner Park in West Bend



Lenten Opportunities

Ash Wednesday, March 1, at 7:00pm

Communion, distribution of ashes, Chancel Choir Sings



Ecumenical Wednesday

Lenten Prayer Services

12:15-12:45pm

Theme: Seeds of Hope

- Mar. 8** **Trinity Lutheran Church**
Pastor Clarissa speaking
- Mar. 15** **Cedar Ridge**
Jill Maria Speaking
- Mar. 22** **St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church**
Chaplain Kathryn Kuhn speaking
- Mar. 29** **St. James' Episcopal Church**
Pastor Schoob
- April 5** **Fifth Ave. United Methodist Church**
Mother Mindy Speaking
(Soup Luncheon in Fellowship Hall to follow service.)



Holy Week

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 9

Worship at 8:30am & 10:45am

Breakfast at 7:30 & 9:45am

Maundy Thursday, April 13

Worship at 7:00pm

Good Friday, April 14

Worship at 7:00pm

Easter, April 16

Sunrise Service 7am

Breakfast at 8am

Worship Service at 9:30am