



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
Easter Services: 7:00am & 9:30am

- Apr. 2** **5th Sunday in Lent**
Sacrament of Holy Communion
Choir Sings at 8:30am
- Apr. 9** **Passion/Palm Sunday/Choir Sings at 10:45am**
Breakfast at 7:30am & 9:45am
- Thurs, Apr. 13** **Maundy Thursday Worship at 7pm**
Choir Sings—Communion
- Fri., Apr. 14** **Good Friday Service at 7pm**
Choir Sings
- Apr. 16** **Easter Sunday**
7:00am Sunrise Service
8am Breakfast
9:30am Easter Service
Handbells & Chancel Choir at 9:30am
- Apr. 23** **2nd Sunday of Easter**
Choir Sings at 10:45am
- Apr. 30** **3rd Sunday of Easter**
Waupun Prison Ministry
Choir Sings at 8:30am



A Graceful Mess

By: Megan Vollmer

Stress is something we encounter in our family life, professional life, and personal life. It can be harmful to our physical and mental health as well as our faith. Life is unpredictable, and life can be hard. We face challenges and sometimes we let them break us.

We must tackle our stress both mentally and physically. Sometimes we have to admit that things are just out of our control and accept that God does have a plan. “Letting go and letting God” as they say may be easier said than done, but it can be a huge leap of faith and a sigh of relief. We shouldn’t stress and worry about things that are simply out of our control because it does no good.

Yes, still easier said than done. Exercise can help us cope with our stress by giving us an outlet. We get a chance to be with our thoughts or completely clear our minds and have a clear head. We can work out of frustration about our lack of control as well.



Thank You! Thank You!

My wife, Sandy, and I would like to thank the members of Fifth Avenue United Methodist Church for all of the cards and expressions of condolences at the passing of my mother. Also, thanks for all of the notes and expressions of congratulations on the ordination of our son, David.

Your prayers and concerns for both events were most appreciated.

-John Abuya

Parish Updates



Death

- **Robert Bonath**, father of **Dee (Tom) Ream**, grandfather of **Alison Propson** and **Stephanie Crass** and great grandfather of **Lexi Crass**, on March 16, 2017.



Two Breakfasts to be Held

Pancake Breakfast - Palm Sunday

The Men's group will have a **Pancake Breakfast on Palm Sunday, April 9th**, from **7:30am-8:15am** and also from **9:45am-10:30am**. A free-will offering will be taken. **Menu:** Egg Dish, Sausage, Pancakes, Applesauce Coffee, Milk, Juice and all the fix-in's.

Proceeds are for **Men's Ministries**. Please **sign up** on the bulletin board in the north entrance.



Soulful Sunrise Breakfast Easter Sunday

Pastor Clarissa and Martin and the Martinelli Family will be serving and hosting a **Sunrise Easter Breakfast on Sunday, April 16, at 8:00am**. **Menu** will include grits, bacon sausage, etc. and all the fixin's.

Please **sign up** in the north entrance.



Lenten Prayer Series:

The last Ecumenical Lenten Service for **Wednesday, April 5 from 12:15-12:45pm** will be held at our church. Mother Mindy from St. James Episcopal Church will bring the message.

Following the service, there will be a Soup Lunch in Fellowship Hall.



Adult Sunday School

Spring - 2017

The spring lessons in Adult Bible Study follow the theme "**God Loves Us**". A survey of select Old and New Testament Scriptures reveals dynamic and encouraging aspects of God's constant love for us.

April - God's Eternal, Preserving, Renewing Love - Four lessons from First John, Ephesians, John and Joel depict God's love for humans as primary and as the source of all love. These lessons show that God's love overflows, redeems, and renews.

Join the Adult Bible Study in the **Disciple Room** on **Sunday mornings from 9:45am - 10:30 a.m.**



Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday

Children and youth are invited to an **Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday, April 9**, from **9:45am-10:45am** at the church. Location to be determined depending on the weather.

Donations are needed of plastic eggs and candy. If you can donate, please bring the items by **Sunday, April 2**.



Breakfast Group will meet at **8:30am** on **Tuesday, April 4, 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, April 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

The following "People at Home" will have April Birthdays

Happy
Birthday

-Charise Kirst (Apr. 3)

251 Bittersweet Dr., WB 53095

-Marilou Chapman (24)

Cedar Lake Health Care Center

5595 Hwy. Z, Countryside #40, WB 53095

-Tom Damp (Apr. 26)

1707 Sunset Ridge Dr., WB 53095



Vacation Bible School

July 13-14-15, 2017

9:00am—1:00pm

(ending time might change)

Watch newsletter for more details.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Mark your calendar in **April** to join this group of knitters and crocheters on **Tuesday, Apr. 4 at 1pm, Thursday, Apr. 6 at 6:30pm** and **Tuesday, Apr. 18 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.



Cookies For Our People at Home

On **Wednesday, Apr. 5th**, we will be packing about 50 boxes of **Easter cookies** for our at home people.

How can YOU help??

***Bake cookies** for the boxes, no bars, please as they tend to dry out after being cut and no spicy cookies as they tend to share their spiciness with the other cookies in the box. No large cookies, just small sized only please.

***Help package** the cookies in the boxes. Come to the Fireside room at **9am on Wednesday, Apr. 5th**.

***Help in delivering** the cookies to our at home people.

Any questions, please contact **Katie Glaser, 677-0162**.

Thank you for helping bring some Easter joy to our people at home.

book review

UMW Book Review

Hope Runs: An American Tourist, a Kenyan Boy, a Journey of Redemption by Claire Diaz-Ortiz and Samuel Ikua Gachagua is the story of Claire Diaz-Ortiz whose life changes when she stays overnight in a Kenyan orphanage. There she meets young Kenyan orphan Samuel whose father died and whose mother abandoned the family. Claire feels God's call to return to the orphanage and spends a year working with the children. Both Claire's and Samuel's lives are forever changed when Claire establishes a running club and arranges for Samuel to attend high school in the USA. The book shows how God works through our lives in unexpected ways.

The book is in the Education for Mission category on the UMW Reading Program. Haven't started reading yet for the reading program? Need suggestions for a book to read? Contact Shirley Simmons.

Wonderful Wednesday

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Dean Pok is “back to work” so...there will be **no more** Wonderful Wednesday meals until the Fall.

A special thank you to the **United Methodist Women** and **Dean & Carol Pok and Family** for providing the delicious meals and to those who came to enjoy the fine food and fellowship.

Welcome Committee



Welcoming Words of Wisdom

Greeting a visitor can be easy or it can be hard. Once you say good morning and say “happy to see you here today,” what can I say? “What brought you here today” or “What brought you to Fifth Avenue UMC today” or “Do you work in West Bend?” “What do you do?” Whatever you say, your interest in them will be remembered. - **The Welcome Team**

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!



Outdoor Worship & Church Picnic

Sunday, July 23, 2017

10:00am

At Regner Park in West Bend



Photo Directory Update

The final proof has been sent to Lifetouch. Only the Lord above knows when we will be receiving our directories...I'm hoping early April, if not sooner.

A great deal of patience has been exercised by all during this process, and I thank you.

Aimee Liepert



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.



Visit our website at:

faumc.org.



Food Pantry

Don't forget that our local **Full Shelf Food Pantry** needs your donations. Please bring your items and place in the **baskets** at **either entrance**.

You may also write a **check** payable to Fifth Ave. UMC and indicate Food Pantry on the memo line. **Thank you!**