



*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**

**9:30am Worship on May 21  
Confirmation Sunday**

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| <b>May 7</b>  | <b>4th Sunday of Easter<br/>Sacrament of Holy Communion<br/>Choir Sings at 10:45</b>                       |
| <b>May 14</b> | <b>5th Sunday of Easter<br/>Mother’s Day<br/>Choir Sings at 8:30am<br/>Handbell Choir at Both Services</b> |
| <b>May 21</b> | <b>6th Sunday of Easter<br/>Confirmation Sunday, 9:30am Worship Only<br/>Choir Sings/Praise Band</b>       |
| <b>May 28</b> | <b>7th Sunday of Easter<br/>Memorial Day Weekend/No Choir</b>  |



## A Graceful Mess

By: Megan Vollmer

Spring is in the air, and that means that the produce section of the grocery store is starting to get incredibly colorful. A healthy diet is a huge component of a healthy lifestyle. Instead of focusing on calorie counts, we should look at what food groups we are eating and the quality of the food we are putting in our bodies. With fresh fruits and vegetables in season, it is a great time to start incorporating some new colors into our diet.

It's important to make sustainable changes. Start by adding an extra vegetable to our dinner plate for one week, and add a new fruit to our breakfast the next week. Branching out and trying new things isn't a favorite for everybody, and while it's scary it can really improve our diets. Add vegetables to a fruit smoothie. Make French fries using sweet potatoes and grapeseed oil. Adding a new vegetable to a favorite recipe can be a baby step in trying a new vegetable or creating something we may end up loving!



### Students Receive Bibles

**Kherington Bodden, Zoe Donahou and Leo Gerhartz** receive their 2nd Grade Bibles on Sunday, March 19 during our Youth Sunday Worship Service.



The **UMW Salad Luncheon** on March 25 was a BIG success. **Thank you** to everyone who: 1) volunteered to help; 2) made a salad and/or dessert bars; and 3) bought tickets. A special thank you to **Dave Bertelsen** for providing musical entertainment and to **Jenny Tsuzuki-Korbar** for the beautiful centerpieces. The luncheon would not have been successful without all of YOU!

## Parish Updates



### Change of Address

- Carol Flanders

107 Cedar Ridge Dr. #N122, West Bend 53095

-Len & Sheila McGinnis

1230 Vogt Dr., WB 53095

- Mystique Thompson

N168 W21700 Main St. #23, Jackson, WI 53037

-Lucy Wagner

370 S. Forest Ave., WB 53095

### Birth

**Cora Belle DeSmidt**, born in Rapid City, South Dakota, daughter of **Mehgan and Alex DeSmidt**, born March 20, 2017. Grandparents are **Polly & Dave Bertelsen**. Great Grandparents are **Jim & Betty Felt**.

### Death

**Shirley Ann Ruhnke**, mother of John (Debbie) Ruhnke, on March 15, 2017.



### Bakeless Cookie Sale Month!

May is United Methodist Women's **Bakeless Cookie Sale** month. They are accepting donations during the month of May, 2017.

**Checks can be made payable to UMW.**

**Please place envelope:**

- 1) **Put** in box in north entrance.
- 2) **Place** in offering plate.
- 3) **Drop** off in church office.

All monies will be given to UMW mission projects.

**Thank you and God bless!**

***Special envelope included in this issue.***



## 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 reveal dynamic and encouraging aspects of God's constant love for us.

### **God's Pervasive and Sustaining Love**

Four lessons from the Book of Jonah highlight God's unconditional love for humans and the natural world will be the focus for May's Bible Study.

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

CLASS OF  
**2017**

### Who Is Graduating?

We would like to include the names of anyone graduating from High School, Technical College, College, or University in our bulletin on June 4. Let us know either by **calling the church office, 334-2059, or sending an email to: [church@faumc.org](mailto:church@faumc.org).**

**Please include:** the graduate's name, where they are graduating from, school name, degree or major, and any future plans by **Sunday, May 28th.**



**Breakfast Group** will meet at **8:30am** on **Tuesday, May 2, 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, May 18 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.

### **Confirmation Sunday—May 21, 2017**

There will be one worship service at 9:30am on Confirmation Sunday, May 21. The following youth will be confirmed: **Will Bast, Kevin Fitzgerald, Michael Klein, Payton Louk, Rosa Molina, Lexi Weatherby and Peyton Weatherby.**



### **Vacation Bible School**

*Surf Shack-* “Catch the Wave of God’s Amazing Love”  
**July 13th-15<sup>th</sup>, 9am-1pm,**  
*Snacks provided*

Call (262) 334-2059, visit [faumc.org](http://faumc.org)  
*or email [church@faumc.org](mailto:church@faumc.org) for details & registration*



### **Volunteers Needed for Vacation Bible School**

We are looking for volunteers for our Vacation Bible School that will be held **July 13 -15 from 9:00m to 1:00pm.**

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!** If you can help in any way, please **call or email Kaonou Latham, 262-677-8875, (lathamkaonou@hotmail.com) or Linda Childers, 262-353-4878 (lec.cwb@gmail.com).**

Thank you in whatever way you can help.



## Rummage Sale

The Rummage Sale has been set for **Saturday, June 3, from 8:00am-3:00pm** in Fellowship Hall.

If you can help, please call Linda Childers at **262-353-4878**.

Save your useful household or wearable items for the sale. No furniture or large items, please. Items may be brought to the church the week of May 29.

Thank you so much!

## **book review**

### UMW Book Review

**Remember Dippy** by Shirley Reva Vernick is a 'Nurturing for Community book on the UMW Reading Program. Thirteen-year-old Johnny is disappointed when he learns that he will be spending his summer supervising his cousin Remember.

Remember has learning disabilities, has poor social skills and embarrasses Johnny. Over the course of the summer Johnny learns that Remember has talents and insights Johnny never knew. The grumpy old man next door, the girl with the purple hair and the bully are revealed to be people with problems, value and talents. Johnny learns to see them as friends.

We should not judge or reject others by appearance and different abilities. Though this is classified as a young adult book, it offers humorous reading and an important lesson.

### Wills & Memorials to Meet

Our Wills & Memorials Committee will meet on Wednesday, **May 10**, at 6pm in the Fireside Room. If anyone in the congregation has an **organization or agency they would like this committee to consider for a monetary donation**, please call Marolyn Kell at 334-5865 or the church office, 334-2059.



## A Thank You Note

We thank all the United Methodist Women who baked, packed and distributed **Easter cookies** to our people at home. These cookies and visits bring so much joy and love from our church family.

**Blessings to all! Katie Glaser**

## Welcome Committee

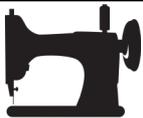


## Welcoming Words of Wisdom

Focusing on the person with whom you are speaking is extremely important. It shows genuine interest.

This is particularly important to visitors who are more sensitive since they are a stranger in your church home. Your attentiveness is a kindness that cannot be measured.

**- The Welcome Team**



## Sewing Day

There will be a sewing day on **Saturday, Apr. 29 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.

## Serve the Hungry



Fifth Avenue will be providing the meal for Harvest House at St. James Episcopal Church in West Bend on **Saturday, May 20th**. If you are interested in helping, please sign up on the sheet for Harvest House on the bulletin board in the lobby **or call Marolyn Kell at 334-5865. Thank you!**



*Support our missionaries*

## Happy Birthday, Missionary!

Joua Vang has been blessed this past year as she continues to fight her autoimmune disease. She is stronger now and has improved mobility. Although it will be a life long struggle, her faith keeps her positive and active. She is slowly starting back up with her ministries in Southeast Asia and UMW functions at her church in St. Paul, MN. Joua is the mother of Kaonou Latham.

Joua was in mission in Laos. Among the many things she did was to organize training for Pastors youth leaders and trained the Bible Women, who then went out to the rural areas where they worked with women to set up mushroom farms and goat rearing to help lift people out of poverty.



## New Water Dispensers

The **Trustees** are pleased to announce the addition of two new **water dispensing systems** to our Church! Located in the Lounge and downstairs, just outside the kitchen, the “**Tri-Temp**” units provide **hot, cold, and room temperature filtered water!**

Be sure to use coffee cups for the hot water as it’s near boiling temperature and will be great for our tea lovers. **To operate**, place cup below desired temperature. For Hot, slide the red safety lock to the left and press the button all the way down. For cold and room temperature, simply press button all the way down.

The **lower tray is not to be used as a drain**. Please let us know of any questions and we hope you enjoy the new addition!



## Thank You Note

“I want to thank you for the recognition and engraved brick from the American Legion that I received on April 9th as your church custodian for the past 10 years (and counting!). It is a pleasure to work with so many dedicated church members.” **(Leslie Dalton)**



## Prayer Shawl Ministry

Mark your calendar in **April** to join this group of knitters and crocheters on **Tuesday, May 2 at 1pm, Thursday, May 4 at 6:30pm and Tuesday, May 16 at 1pm. They will meet upstairs in the Fireside Room.**

This group is 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.



## Outdoor Worship & Church Picnic

Sunday, July 23, 2017

10:00am

At Regner Park in West Bend



## Ozaukee County Humane Society Needs Your Help!

For a class project, our **Confirmation Class** is helping the Ozaukee Humane Society. They are asking for your help, too. Please bring any items, i.e., food, toys, etc. that the Humane Society can use by **June 1**. There will be a **container in the main entrance** for your donations. Thank you!

**2017 Confirmation Class**



## **FAUMC Beautification Saturday:** **Pick-A-Daisy**

Dust, vacuum, recycle, organize, scrub, downsize, donate. It's time for spring cleaning of God's House! The season has arrived to get everything freshened up and back in order.

We invite each of you to come out on Saturday, **May 6<sup>th</sup>**, from **10:00am to 3:00pm** and **Pick-A-Daisy**. The Daisy will have the designated areas to clean, organize, or spruce up.

The work is plentiful – we need **YOU!**

We will have a traditional United Methodist **Potluck**. Please **bring a covered dish to share for lunch**. Contact the church office (262.334.2059) with any questions. A **signup sheet** is located in the north entrance. **You are needed and welcomed!**



## **Adam Hamilton to be** **Live Streamed** **at Annual Conference**

Clergy and lay members of the Wisconsin Annual Conference 2017 will have the opportunity to **hear renowned author and speaker Adam Hamilton**. The theme of his three presentations will be *Leading Beyond the Walls*. **Annual Conference is June 15-19, 2017.**

If you'd like to see Adam Hamilton's presentations, but are not a member to Annual Conference, there will be a livestream link at:  
**[www.WisconsinUMC.org](http://www.WisconsinUMC.org)**

Note that Annual Conference is **unable to accommodate guest walk-ins** for Adam Hamilton's presentations. You are welcome to view Hamilton and the entire Annual Conference through this live streaming.