



*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

**(One Worship Service at 10:00am
on July 23 at Regner Park)**

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| July 2 | 4th Sunday After Pentecost
Sacrament of Holy Communion |
| July 9 | 5th Sunday after Pentecost |
| July 16 | 6th Sunday after Pentecost
Try a Bell Sunday (see page 6) |
| July 23 | 7th Sunday after Pentecost
10:00am Outdoor Worship and Church Picnic
at Regner Park (No worship services at church.)
(See article on page 2) |
| July 30 | 8th Sunday after Pentecost |



A Graceful Mess

By: Megan Vollmer

Holding Ourselves Accountable

When we start a new goal or make a New Year's Resolution, who do we tell about it? In order to accomplish our goals and alter our lifestyles, it is important to make a habit of whatever we are doing. That means we need to stay pretty consistent which is hard when we do not hold ourselves accountable to fulfilling the goal. We need to either hold ourselves accountable or get a buddy to keep us on track so that we don't treat every tomorrow like a Monday.

Think of a goal and put it on the fridge. It will remind us when we grab breakfast or sneak back in for a late night snack that we want to eat better or spark productivity for the day. That's a small something to make sure we can't just "forget" our goal. Tell a friend, share goals, and check in with one another to check progress. That way we have someone keeping us accountable, and we're doing the same for someone else. Plus, then we have someone to share our success with when we accomplish our goals. This works for fitness, diet changes, and all other goals we set this summer.



*Worship
in the Park*

Outdoor Worship Service and Church Picnic

Join us on **Sunday, July 23**, at **10am** at **Regner Park** for an Outdoor Worship Service followed by a church picnic. (There will be **no** worship services at church that Sunday.) Use the Park Ave. Entrance.

Call **Linda Childers** at **262-353-4878** if you can help in any way.

Sign up in the north entrance if you plan to attend so we know how much meat to prepare.

Bring a lawn chair for the service and your **favorite dish** to



Parish Updates



Address Change

Patricia Conley

533A Fifth Ave., WB 53095

Tara Schmidt

3691 44th Ave. NW, Rochester, MN 55901

Dick & Shirley Simmons

2908 Valley Ave., WB 53095

Jake & Megan Vollmer

540 McKinley Ave., Hartford, WI 53027

Transfer

Roland Haass, 223 Fifth St. #211, Hartford to First United Methodist Church in Hartford, WI

Baptism—May 21

Johnathon Pedro Molina, son of Mandy Molina and Julio Molina

New Members—May 21 (through Confirmation)

-**William Paul Bast**, son of Jeff & Cheryl Bast

-**Kevin Patrick Fitzgerald**, son of Doug & Jennifer Fitzgerald

-**Michael Preston Klein**, son of Michael Klein & Mandy Molina

-**Payton Jeffrey Louk**, son of Jeff & Kelly Louk

-**Rosa Violeta Molina**, daughter of Julio Molina and Many Molina

-**Lexi Faleecia Weatherby**, daughter of Jodi Simmelink and Lillion Weatherby

-**Peyton Rashid Weatherby**, son of Jodi Simmelink and Lillion Weatherby

Deaths

- **Andrew Chitwood**, grandson of Norma Chitwood, on June 7.



Adult Sunday School

The Summer lessons in our Adult Bible Study follow the theme "God's Urgent Call". This theme reminds us that God continues to speak to us through God's written Word. God calls ordinary people to make a difference. God has called and the faithful answered.

Calling of Prophets: The five lessons in July look at how God called various prophets at different times for specific purposes. Included in this unit are the calls and responses of Moses, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Amos.

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



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Mark your calendar in **July** to join this group of knitters and crocheters on **Thursday, July 6, at 6:30pm** and **Tuesdays July 18, at 1pm.** They will meet in the **Fireside Room.**



UMW Reading Program lists are due to the church office by **August 15.** If you need to finish reading a book in each of the 5 categories, talk to me for suggestions. -**Shirley Simmons**



Thank You, Church Family!

A huge and grateful Thank You for your messages of hope and concern through your calls, cards, visits, gifts, and so much caring—I am awed and humbled.

To the Prayer Shawl group—Thank You! My shawl is sooo beautiful and each time I wrap in it I feel the loving concern. God cares! Jesus cares! You care!

To the UMW Ladies, the Easter cookies were delicious and an extra bright spot in my recuperation process. Put me down to bake next year. Thank you for those scrumptious beauties!

**Thank you all,
Marge Wendt**



Lunch Group At the Ridge!

The Lunch Group will meet on **Thursday, July 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.



Breakfast Group will meet not meet in July. Join them at **8:30am on Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2017** at the **Copper Penny**, 1700 E. Washington St., West Bend. No sign up is necessary.



Easter Offering

Thank you for your Easter Offering support of **Dan & Rachel Gabler's** missionary work in D.R. Congo. We met our **\$2,500.00 Covenant support**. **Balance of \$716.72** was given to **Family Promise**.

Change of Phone Number in New Church Directory:

Rev. Amy Anderson's phone number is 262-271-7575.

The following "People at Home" will have July Birthdays:

- Mary Lou Huenemann** (July 2)
Cedar Bay West
5555 Cedar Bay Dr. #2103 WB 53095
- Eleanor Goodwill** (July 14)
Cedar Bay West
5555 Cedar Bay Dr. #2204, WB 53095





**HANDBELL
CHOIR**

Bell Choir Needs You

Are you looking for an outlet for your musical gifts? If so, bell choir needs your help. The bell choir is in need of some additional members. If you played an instrument while in Jr. High or High School, think about using those musical skills again.

New member training is available 5:30-6:00pm on Wednesdays or as arranged. The bell choir practices every **Wednesday from 6:00 to 7:00 PM in the Sunshine Room.** Bell Choir will try to play once a month during the school year. **Practices will start Wednesday, Aug. 30.**

If you would like more information or to give ringing a try, contact the church office, 334-2059. The office will pass along your name and questions to the Bell Choir Director.



Try a Bell Sunday

If you have ever thought about ringing bells with the bell choir, **Sunday, July 16**, is the day to give it a try. Our Handbell Director, Kathy Schneider, and a few members will be available **between services** in the Sunshine Room to help you learn how to ring. The only requirement is that you have learned to read music sometime in the past.

Come and join us for a fun learning experience. If you have further questions contact Kathy @ schneka99@gmail.com or 608-206-1043.

Congratulations Gil Sheridan!

**Winner of the 2017 SORE
Champion of Change**



This award is given to an inspiring individual, age 55 or better, whose volunteer achievements have contributed significantly to others' quality of life in our community. Sponsored by Cedar Community.

Welcome Committee



Welcoming Words of Wisdom

See someone looking lost or confuse? This is a sign of a visitor. Ask this person if you may help. However, we need to be sensitive to what they may want. Many want anonymity, while others want to chat.

Sometimes it is hard not to offer more, but giving visitors space can sometime be a kindness also.

-The Welcome Team



Happy Birthday, Missionary!

Rev. Frank Kuhlman received salary support from this church for all the 27 years he taught in the University in Kobe, Japan, starting in 1961. Since he came here every three years on itineration, we came to know him and his wife, Martha, pretty well. When Martha went to China to teach English, he went along to do mission work with the Amity Foundation Teachers Project.

After 30 years of being away, he came back to Wisconsin to serve the Pepin and Alma churches and stayed living in Pepin for a few years after retirement. Eventually they moved to Ohio to be near their son. While back in Wisconsin he became very much involved in the Trumpeter Swan project at Trempeleau State Refuge.

Although there isn't a swan project in Ohio, he has remained involved in environmental projects and church and mission projects.

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.

We Salute the 2017 Graduates!

CLASS OF
2017

- **Gracie Kellow**, granddaughter of Marilyn (The Late Dick) Kellow, graduated from UW-Green Bay. She will be going on to law school in the Fall.
- **Michael Klein**, son of Mandy Molina and Michael Klein, graduated from West Bend High School.
- **Tait A. Mauland**, daughter of Wade & Tami Mauland, graduated from West Bend West High School. She is a Scholar Athlete and graduated with High Honors. She will be attending UW-Madison and majoring in Actuarial Science.
- **Hannah Preder**, granddaughter of Ron & Bev Hartmann, graduated from Kewaskum High School. She will be attending UW-River Falls.
- **Matthew Rolf**, grandson of Don & Joyce Walters, graduated from 8th grade at St. Frances Cabrini Church. He will attend West Bend West High School.
- **Emily Roth**, daughter of Larry & LuAnn Roth, graduated from Spalding University in Louisville, KY, with a Doctorate in Psychology. She is specializing in Autism Spectrum Disorder. She will be employed at Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis.
- **Skylla Thompson**, daughter of Michelle Thompson, graduated from Bryant & Stratton College with a degree in Occupational Therapy.
- **Megan Vollmer**, granddaughter of Don & Joyce Walters, graduated from UW-Washington County with an Associate Degree in Communications.
- **Maddie Ward**, daughter of Cindy Longcor and Tim Ward, graduated from West Salem High School. We will be going to Western Wisconsin Technical College in LaCrosse.

**We extend congratulations to other graduates
not listed here!**