



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

- Aug. 6** **9th Sunday after Pentecost**
Sacrament of Holy Communion
- Aug. 13** **10th Sunday after Pentecost**
- Aug. 20** **11th Sunday after Pentecost**
- Aug. 27** **12th Sunday After Pentecost**



Rally Day Is Coming!
Sunday, Sept. 10, 2017
At Fifth Avenue UMC
10:00am-2:00pm



A Graceful Mess

By: Megan Vollmer

Setting New Goals

We have passed that half way mark on our New Year's resolutions, and where are we? Many of us probably cannot even remember what that goal was exactly. Our goals shift as our lives and our needs shift. Sometimes we realize they weren't important or unrealistic.

With a fitness goal, we often quit once we reach that goal weight or accomplish a set workout goal. We need to look forward though and set a NEW goal with a higher standard. That's how we continuously improve. We can't just accomplish something and leave it in the rearview mirror. We should use it to fuel our motivation to keep going and getting better.

Competition keeps a lot of us on track, and there is nothing wrong with some healthy competition. It opens up new doors because we get to hear other people's goals that we might not have thought of ourselves. New challenges encourage us to try new things if not accomplish new things. This can be great for our health, confidence, and life all together.



You Are Invited to A Garden Party!

A Garden Party will be held on **Thursday, Aug. 24, 2017, at 6:00pm** at the **home of Sue Fowell, 4821 Carol Ct. in West Bend, 53095**. Come for fun, food, and fellowship and get to know other women in our church. Bring a treat to share if you would like to do so but not necessary.

You are welcome to **wear a hat** if you want. If you don't have one, extra hats will be available.

Please use the **signup sheet** in the north entrance. **Open to all women of the church.** For questions or directions, call Sue at 262-305-6261.

Parish News



Address Change

Herbert Schreiber

New Perspective Senior Living
2130 Continental Dr. #221, WB 53095

Death

Marge Wendt on July 11th. She was a member since 2000.

Elroy Zarling, father of Dale (Rita) Zarling

Birth

Maeve Violet Loukes on June 27. Parents: Katie & Cortis Loukes. Maternal grandparents: Sue & Ed Fowell

New Member—July 16

Jan Donahu joined by Confession of Faith. She and her husband, Mike, have 2 children, Zoe and Griffin.

Note of Thanks



Thanks to all of you for making my retirement celebration on June 25 such a memorable event for Bonnie and myself. All the cards, gifts, and kind words are very much appreciated.

A special word of thanks to Pastor Clarissa for such a meaningful service. We intend to stay in touch with Fifth Avenue UMC.

-Pastor Wes Falk

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!



Adult Sunday School

Summer - 2017

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.

Calls in the New Testament - The final four lessons this quarter demonstrate that God continues to work through ordinary people. Their witness reminded the early church that God assures the success of those who will answer God's call. The unit highlights the calls of Stephen, Peter, Phillip, Ananias and Paul.

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

Prayer Shawl Ministry



Mark your calendar in August to join this group of knitters and crocheters on **Tuesdays, Aug. 1 and 15, at 1:00pm** There will be **no Thursday meetings in August**. They will meet in the Fireside Room.



United Methodist Women

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



Lunch Group At the Ridge!

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



Breakfast Group will meet on Tuesday, **Aug. 1, 2017** at the **Copper Penny**, 1700 E. Washington St., West Bend. No sign up is necessary.

The following “People at Home” will have Aug.

-**Virginia Erler (Aug. 20)**

3202 Polk St., Jackson, WI 53037

-**Grace Goff (Aug. 26)**

New perspective Senior Living

2130 Continental Dr. #231, West Bend 53095

- **Virginia Sexton (Aug. 30)**

Lighthouse of West Bend

2130 Continental Dr. #335, West Bend 53095

Happy
Birthday

In 
Loving
Memory

Wills & Memorials News

Beverly Vogel has used the memorial funds given in memory of her husband, **Arnold**, to purchase two chairs for the front of the sanctuary.

The memorial funds of **Fran Kissinger** have been used to purchase green paraments for the pulpits. They will be used starting Sunday, August 6th.

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 6:00-7:00pm 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.

A Thank You Notes



A special "thank you" for all the good cookies and the visits while I have been here at Cedar Bay.

-Helen Rilling

To our Fifth Avenue Family: We send our gratitude for your calls, cards, and prayers during this time of healing. It was most appreciated to have Pastor Clarissa, Martin, and Pastor Wes visit both of us. Recovery has been slow but with God's help, it will continue. The prayer shawl received many comments about its wonderful colors and beauty. That was an added joy. Thanks to the Prayer Shawl Ministry for all their hard work.

-Gratefully, John & Barb Koehler

Welcome Committee



Welcoming Words of Wisdom

How do you treat visitors in your home? FAUMC is your church home! No one is more aware of this than a visitor. Typically they are shy and unconfident.

Please welcome our visitors as you would a guest in your home. Our responsibility is to make our “church guests” as comfortable as possible whether they will return or not.

-The Welcome Team

Adult



Chancel Choir News

The first rehearsal of the Chancel Choir for the 2017-18 church season will be in the **Sunshine Room on Wednesday, Sept. 6, from 7:00pm to 7:59pm.** If we are there past 8:00pm it is because you will be sampling some treats provided by the director. (Next rehearsal will be Sept. 16.)

Rally Day is Sept. 10 so we will be participating in the service at 10am. If Sept. 6 is not a good day for you to sing, feel free to drop in on any other Wednesday evening.

Questions? Please contact Dave at 262-338-9144.



Harvest House

Saturday, Aug. 19, 2017 8:30am to 1:30pm

St. James Episcopal Church, West Bend

Time for Harvest House and to help St. James serve people a free, hot meal. We **need 12 to 15 persons** to volunteer to help set up, prepare and serve food and clean up; and persons to bake **seven 9x13 size cakes. Cakes need to be delivered to St. James by 9:15am.** The **two or three volunteers who help cook** need to come at **8:30am.** Volunteers who are helping set up, serve and clean up need to come at 10am. Please use the **sign-up sheet** in the north entrance or call **Marolyn Kell at 334-5865.** Thank you!



Happy Birthday, Missionary!

Rev. Dr. Chomingwen Pond, also known as Chomi, is a Wisconsin native from the Minocqua area. She was the first woman to be ordained with full clergy rights in Wisconsin. From there she was a pastor in churches in the inner city, rural small town circuits and, her favorite, instructor, as she loved teaching.

Chomi went to Africa to be an instructor for local pastors and at Africa University. She also served with the United States Special Services in Western Germany: a varied career.

Chomi came to this church several times before she retired to Minocqua so a few of you may remember her.



Couples Bridge Marathon

Join us to play once-a-month bridge in each others' homes. All couples welcome—friends or marriage partners. We guarantee good cards and great new friendships. Round robin tournament **starts in Oct. and ends in May** with an Awards Dinner. You host no more than four times. Play 18 hands and serve a simple dessert if you wish.

No cost except entry fee of \$15 per couple which goes to United Methodist Men for their activities. For more information or to sign up, call Betty Felt at 338-1819.

Deadline is **Sept. 5th.**

Ladies Afternoon Bridge

Our fall games start in **September and continues through November.** We don't play during the winter months and will resume play in **March and continue through July.**

New players are always welcome as are subs. Please consider joining us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship with a group of ladies who are patient and compassionate while playing the game we enjoy.

If interested, please contact **Ginny Wise at 262-335-9570** for more details and to sign up by **Aug. 31st.**



A tremendous **thank you** to the many people who helped to make Vacation Bible School a success. God Creates, Helps, Loves, Calms, and Sends us all to bring his good news to everyone around us.

In appreciation of those who:

- **Helped to bring God's message to the children** are Rev. Clarissa, Rev. Amy, Pam Bast, Linda Bodden, Linda and John Childers, Joscelynn Clark, Patti Conley, Jan Donahou, Dot Edison, Sue Fowell, Tom, Kaonou, Ethan and Aleah Latham, Kelly, Payton and Emma Louk, Sheila and Len McGinnis, Carol Pok, Vicki Roth, Ethan Shicker, and Shirley Simmons.

- **Created the delicious and fun snacks and lunches** were Marlene Ciriacks, Marolyn Kell, June Knowlton, and Dean Pok.

- **Calmed the surfers with the "Amazing" decorations** were the team of Jenny Tsuzuki, Carol Pok, Barb Johnson, and Patti Conley.

In loving memory of Marge Wendt who was actively a part of VBS for so many years including this one.