



The Lily Pad



"I am a rose of Sharon, a lily of the valleys." Solomon 2:1

"How Is Your Summer Going?"

"I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!" Psalm 122:1

All kinds of answers might be heard in response to this question - "It's too hot!" "It has been raining too much!" "I am looking forward to more vacation time!" "I can hardly wait for winter." And even, "I am looking forward to school starting again!"

One of the ways to "brighten" your remaining summer might be to spend a little more time "in the house of the Lord!" To spend more time might be a contradiction from the common misconception that summer is time to "take a break" from church but church can be a place that can help put a brighter and happier experience on your summer experiences.

By the way, I hope your favorite part of the week is when we get to gather as a church to worship together at Fifth Avenue United Methodist Church celebrate the great spiritual gift - peace, forgiveness, wisdom, mercy, leadership, giving, comfort, and lest we forget God's continuous grace and mercy through Jesus our Savior. Even the worst summer can look better with a Christ-centered passion that all us to serve a vibrant community of faith such as West Bend, Wisconsin. We extend to each of you a heart-felt welcome! Thank you for being our Guest!

However, when we are able to take a vacation or get away, it offers a great opportunity to worship with God's people in "different" locations or settings. Even during camping or in the great outdoors in "God's Cathedral" you can have a gorgeous setting in which to do your own devotions with both family and friends as well as God's other Creations.

Many of our members who have had great outdoor experiences come back encouraged, revived, and eager to get started on the work needed for Kingdom Building; with eagerness, excitement, and expectation, their passion is rekindled for service, teaching, worship, and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ in our church and community.

The month of August offers several ways to grow in the grace of Christ during the summer... Prepare to become a Sunday School Teacher... Become a part of the Music



Ministry (Chancel Choir, Hand Bell Choir, Children Choir, Special Music)...Share creative suggestions for our Guest Services ministry...Plant seeds for new ministries and outreach opportunities...Invite a neighbor or family or friend to a worship service.

Most importantly, let's pray for one another to have a fun filled summer and as we look forward to coming back together, may each of us be renewed, revived, and fire-up to worship, serve, and praise God and serve humanity!

God continues to tremendously bless our church! Words just can't describe how good God is! As we prepare for this next exciting and new season in our lives and the life of Fifth Avenue United Methodist Church, let us remember that we all fall short of God's grace, but because we serve a forgiving Father, we are forgiven, over, and over, and over and over again. Can we not extend this same forgiveness to each other?

You have been faithful in your attendance, your giving, your service and your ministries for Fifth Avenue United Methodist Church. I am so very thankful, appreciative, and truly blessed to serve our Lord alongside each of you.

Please join me in prayer for the Wisconsin Conference, our great Country, and the World. May God who has begun a good work in us bring it to completion and may God be praised for all the gifts that God has entrusted to our care.

**Ms. Tamara Wims, Wisconsin Conference Treasurer and
Director of Administration will kick-off our new worship season,**

3 September 2017 @ 10:00 a.m. (ONE WORSHIP SERVICE)

Following this combined worship service, Tamara will facilitate a Stewardship and Finance Workshop following our Fellowship Hour. We hope to have a representative from the Wisconsin Foundation in attendance as well. Attendance of FAUMC Church Council members is required but, all are welcomed to attend.

*God bless,
Pastor Clarissa & Martin*

*Worship
With Us*

"It takes more than a busy church, a friendly church, or even an evangelical church to impact a community for Christ. It must be a church ablaze, led by leaders who are ablaze for God." Wesley L. Duwel