



*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

(10:00am service on Sept. 3 & 10, 2017)

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| Sept. 3 | 10:00am service (See article on page 3)
13th Sunday after Pentecost
Sacrament of Holy Communion |
| Sept. 10 | 10:00am Service Street Fest
14th Sunday after Pentecost |
| Sept. 17 | 15th Sunday after Pentecost |
| Sept. 24 | 16th Sunday After Pentecost
Waupun Prison Ministry |



A Graceful Mess

By: Megan Vollmer

Facing Our Fitness Fears

Fear is natural and healthy. It usually ends up being a part of our daily lives, but facing and overcoming our fears is healthy as well. Many of us fear trying new foods or new activities. Once we are comfortable, it is just too easy and too tempting to stick to what we know.

Our fear of trying new things can prevent us from finding a whole wheat pasta that *actually* tastes good or figuring out that we genuinely enjoy jogging outside. We cannot know that we will love something until we try it. There are so many new recipes, vegetables, or exercises that we judged prematurely. By facing our fears of the unknown, we might find something that we really like.

As Babe Ruth once said, “Never let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game.” In order to be our best self and live our best life, we have to explore, try new things, and not let our fears hold us back.



A Thank You Note

To Members of 5th Ave. UMC:

Thank you for thoughts and prayers for my father's death. I appreciate your concerns.

**Thanks again,
Dale Zarling**



Children's Sunday School will begin on **Sunday, Sept. 17 at 9:30am**. See article on page 5.

Parish News



Address Changes

-Jordan & Molly Hopp

1930 Sunnyside Dr, Waukesha, WI 53186

-Lillian Kritz

Waterford At West Bend

831 E. Washington St. #15, WB 53095

-Carol Quinlan

12102 S. White Pine Dr., Gordon, WI 54838

Transfer

Wally Haelfrich to Lakeshore UMC, Manitowoc, WI

Death

-Betty Ledwith on July 19, 2017. She was a member since 1996.

-Chester Carl Towell, father of Rev. Amy (David) Anderson on Aug. 5.

-Ralph Liepert, husband of Marilyn Liepert, on Aug. 10. He was a life-long church member.

New Members—Aug. 20



Worship Schedule

Upcoming Special Service

Ms. Tamara Wims, Wisconsin Conference Treasurer and Director of Administration will kick-off our new worship season, on **Sept. 3, 2017 at 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.



Fall 207 Adult Sunday School

Covenants With God - This fall, lessons in Adult Bible Studies follow the theme "Covenants with God" and consider the major covenants God made with people, beginning with Noah and continuing with Abram, Phinehas, and Ezekiel. The covenants form the foundation for the coming Messiah and salvation of the world.

Signs of God's Covenants - The four lessons in September are drawn from Genesis and Ezekiel and celebrate the signs of God's covenant. The Rainbow is a covenant with every living thing. Circumcision was the sign of the covenant with Abraham. The Sabbath, the sign of the covenant with Israel. The last sign is the spirit-filled heart.

Please join the Adult Bible study in the Disciple room on Sunday morning from 9:45-10:35. The material we use comes from Cokesbury, which is our United Methodist Publishing House.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Mark your calendar in August to join this group of knitters and crocheters on **Tuesdays, Sept. 5 & 19 at 1:00pm and Thursday, Sept. 7 at 6:30pm in the Fireside Room.**

*Wonderful
Wednesday*

Wonderful Wednesday News

Our Wonderful Wednesday meals will begin on **Wednesday, Sept. 13, at 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall.** The leadership of our church will provide the meal in September.

Please **sign up** in the north entrance. Bring a friend.



Lunch Group At the Ridge!

The Lunch Group will meet on **Thursday, Sept. 21, 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, Sept. 5, 2017** at the Copper Penny, 1700 E. Washington St., West Bend. No sign up is necessary.

Sunday School Registration

Go to our website: faumc.org to electronically fill out the form for the 2017-2018 Sunday School or you can print a copy and bring it to the office. Hard copy will be available on Rally Day.



Waupun Prison Ministry

Fifth Avenue United Methodist Church will be leading the **Sunday morning worship services at Dodge Correctional Institution on Sunday, Sept. 24th.** This is an ongoing outreach ministry of our church.

We are in need of members of our congregation to attend (you do not need to participate in leading the service). **We will be car pooling to Waupun and will leave West Bend at about 5:45 am.** If interested in attending, **sign up in the north entrance.** If you have questions, please **call Bruce Nissly at 262-343-6057.**



We are in need of volunteers for our **Children's Sunday School Program** which runs from **9:30-10:30am** starting on **Sept. 17th.** If interested or have questions, please contact Kaonou Latham at 262-677-8875 or email at lathamkoanou@hotmail.com



Bell Choir Rehearsal Has Begun!

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.

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.



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.



"Sincere thanks to all who are so willing to help bake, serve or clean up when I call regarding a funeral/memorial meal. It is appreciated more than words can say by all the families we serve at a difficult time. Special thanks to Gil Sheridan for being there from start to the end to lock up. I ask you to continue helping when I call or when someone else calls."

-Barbara Johnson

Welcome Committee



Welcoming Words of Wisdom

Have you ever been invited to a friend's family gathering where the only person you knew was your friend? The table was loaded with scrumptious looking food. As you patiently waited in line silently watching the happy family chatter away, you spied the most temptingly delicious dessert. You hoped some would be left by the time you got there. Surprisingly there was. You helped yourself to a large delectable serving. As soon as politely possible you took a forkful of this delicious temptation. UGH! How could something so beautiful be so awful? Now you knew what everyone else at the party knew. Avoid Auntie Pam's beet and sauerkraut (not red velvet) torte!!!

This is what is like for a visitor at church. We assume everyone knows where to go and what to do, but they do not. Reach out if you think a visitor could benefit from your help!

-The Welcome Team



United Methodist Women School Bag Project

As you are buying school supplies this Fall, would you be willing to **buy supplies to fill the school bags** that the UMW works diligently to sew throughout the year? These are taken to Annual Conference to be donated where needed.

A **container is in the north entrance** for the following items. Only these **exact items** can be accepted for this project. Monetary donations for the purchase of these items are also accepted. Thank you for your support!

- Notebooks (8"x10-1/2" - spiral is best)
- Pencils (#2, unsharpened, no advertising)
- Blunt School Scissors
- Ruler (12" with 30cm metric)
- 2-1/2" Eraser
- Box of 24-count Crayola Crayons
- Hand-Held Pencil Sharpener



Happy Birthday, Missionary!

Gordon Graner is a giant of a man, if you read his accomplishments! He has been a farmer, laboratory research technician, worked with World Relief as Refugee Resettlement Manager, Refugee Sponsor Developer and Refugee Casework intern. He has an Associate Arts degree in Natural Science, BS degree in Agriculture/Animal Science, Masters degree in Religion and a Certificate in Urban Ministry.

For more than 20 years he was a missionary in the high Andes in Bolivia and, for four years he has now been in Dominican Republic, an island nation in the Caribbean, doing far different mission and agriculture than in the high mountains of Bolivia! He introduced solar ovens; trains Bible teachers and Sunday School teachers, hosts VIM (Volunteer in Mission) groups and more: Whatever it takes!

To support this mission, write your check to the church and designate it for Gordon Graner #10835Z.



Thank
you

A big thank you to everyone who helped at **Harvest House** on Saturday, August 19th. All the volunteers were fantastic in helping to provide a meal for our guests.

Our next time to serve is **Saturday, November 18th**. Mark your calendars. We are always looking for new helpers to join us.
- **Marolyn Kell**



Did you serve as liturgist, acolyte, chalice bearer, greeter, host or hostess for fellowship time or as a welcome host? **You are a very important part of Sunday morning worship.** Thank you for your willingness to serve. We appreciate you very much.

**Jean Krell,
Volunteer Coordinator**