



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

Nov. 12: 9:30am Service (Dedication Sunday)

- Nov. 5** **All Saints Day with Communion**
Choir Sings at 8:30am
Daylight Savings Time End
- Nov. 12** **23rd Sunday After Pentecost**
9:30am Worship (Dedication Sunday)
Choir Sings
- Nov. 19** **24th Sunday After Pentecost**
Choir Sings at 8:30am
Handbells Play at 8:30 & 10:45am
- Nov. 26** **Last Sunday After Pentecost**
United Methodist Student Day Offering
No Choir

Don't forget to set your clocks **back one hour** as Daylight Saving Time ends on **Nov. 5, 2017!**



A Graceful Mess

By: Megan Vollmer

Listening to Our Bodies

A huge part of our health is physical. Our bodies are smart, and we would be smart to listen to them. One of the easiest ways to be healthy is simply by reading the cues our bodies give us. While we may think that we are invincible or want to push through, we are still human beings who need water, food, and rest. It is okay to take a day off and catch up on sleep if we feel depleted.

One of the most important cues our body gives us is thirst. However, there are also times that thirst masks itself as hunger. We should ask ourselves if a bottle of water would be what our body needs instead of reaching for a bag of potato chips.

Once we become in tune with our bodies, we stop getting confused trying to figure out what we need or even what's wrong sometimes. We cannot run on empty, and it's more than okay to stop and "fill up" by resting. It's actually important!



Cookies Needed for our People At Home

UMW requests your help in providing cookies (small, non spicy no bars please) for our **People at Home** for their Christmas gift from the church.

We will fill 45 boxes. Cookies will be packed on **Wed., December 13th, at 9am** in the Fireside Room. Please have cookies delivered to the Fireside room by **Tues., Dec. 12 by 4pm**. Thanks in advance for your generosity!



All Saints Day

All Saints Day will be observed at both services on **Sunday, Nov. 5, 2017**. Names of those who have passed away since last All Saints Day will be read during the worship services. **A Memorial Altar will be available**. Please bring photos of those who passed away that we can lay upon the altar. Photos may be taken home after the services.

Parish News



Change of Address

-Tom & Kaonou Latham

3283 Creekwood Circle, Jackson, WI 53037

-Bill & Jan Schober

265 Four Seasons Lane, Kewaskum, WI 53040

-Virginia Sexton

1453 County Hwy. 14, Waterloo, IN 46793

Deaths

-Pat Thorin on Sept. 15. She was a member since 1958.

-William M. Claybaugh, brother of **Jan (Bill) Schober**, on Sept. 19, 2017.

-James Chitwood, son of **Norma Chitwood**, on Oct. 10

-Maru Nunez Real, mother of **Guillermo (Nicole Kell) Real** on Oct. 11 in Mexico



Dedication Sunday, Nov. 12 9:30am Worship Service

On November 12th, we will have Dedication Sunday with one service at 9:30am! During this special service we will dedicate our Sidewalk Project and recent gifts to our Church. The Project started in October of 2015 and grew from the original plan to replace the front sidewalk leading to our main entrance. The "Own a Piece of The Rock" funding campaign paved the way to expand and include additional front sidewalks and curb and gutter along 5th Ave. The final phase of the project was cemented into place when the railing went up in March of this year!

There will be a Slide Show Presentation, recognition of giving, and a ribbon cutting will conclude the service!



Two Adults Bible Studies

Our new **Adult Bible Study** series is called *Journey Through the Bible*. This series' focus is an examination of the Bible from three dimensions.

Each week we will examine each of these avenues of thought as we study the Bible book by book. The first in the series we will be studying is Genesis. We will be meeting in the **Fireside Room at 9:45am every Sunday**. Class is led by Jan & Mike Donahou. Join us as we look deeply into God's Word.

Our **on-going Adult Bible Study** this fall will explore lessons with 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.

An Everlasting Covenant:

The final unit this quarter develops four lessons drawn from Number 1, Samuel, Jeremiah, Hebrews, and Corinthians. These lessons examine the components of the covenants God made with the priest Phinehas, Jeremiah, and Israel by writing the Law in the hearts of God's people. 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 Methodist Publishing. If you have questions about our Bible Study, please contact Dick Slade or Marolyn Kell.

Thank you Note:



To My Church Friends:

Thank you so very much for your thoughts and support you sent my way at the time of Don's passing. A special thank you to all the ladies who worked in the kitchen at the funeral.

Sincerely, Bobette Gibbons



Lunch Group At the Ridge!

The Lunch Group will meet on **Thursday, Nov. 16, 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, Nov. 7, at 8:30am** at the **Copper Penny**, 1700 E. Washington St., West Bend. No sign up is necessary.



November 11th will be the United Methodist Women's annual **Cookie Walk** sale from **9:00 – noon, or earlier if cookies are sold out. Price per pound is \$7.00.** We will also have some yummy, good smellin' cinnamon rolls for sale, as well as homemade candies, breads, jellies and jams. **Pre-order cinnamon rolls by Oct. 30.**

If you can donate cookies (**no bars**), jam, jellies, candy, breads or any specialty goodies, please fill out the enclosed goldenrod form and return it to the church office or place in the basket in the north entrance..

Your delicious items would need to be **at church no later than 4pm on Thursday, Nov. 9th** so we can get them ready for sale. If you need to get into church before or after normal hours, make arrangements with Ellen Johnson, Ann Cording, or Jean Krell. Make sure your cookies are labeled; especially indicate if they contain nuts.

The profits from this event will enable our UMW to complete their mission pledge. **THANK YOU** for your assistance in this event to make it a success.



White Elephant Sale Tuesday, Nov. 28 at 1:00pm

Tis the season once again for our annual White Elephant Auction where all proceeds go to local organizations. Mark your calendars for **Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 28, at 1:00pm in the lounge.**

Bring a few white elephant items and come join the fun. As always, refreshments will be served.

Any questions, please call **Pat Barnhouse at 677-4755.**



Greening of the Church

As we prepare our hearts for this Advent season, it is time to also prepare our church.

We will be decorating the church after the 10:45am service on Sunday, Nov. 26 (around 11:45am). No signup necessary.

Help us kick off this special season of the year!



Christmas Angel Tree

Our church will be having an **Angel Tree** again this year. This is our way of participating in the community Gingerbread House Project. Our tree will be up on **Sunday, Nov. 19.** Specific details will be in the weekly Family Connection as the time approaches. I am looking for one or two volunteers who would be willing to help pack and deliver gifts to the Gingerbread House. This would be a 3-4 hour commitment on Sunday, December 17th. Please contact Dorthy Dahlen at 262-573-7998. Thanks again for your generous support of this program and for showing our community the love of Jesus Christ in a very practical way. **(Dorthy Dahlen)**

Welcome Committee



Welcoming Words of Wisdom

When you see a face you do not recognize, greet them with a smile and handshake. Please says a little more than the expected “Good Morning.” Surprise them with, “It is good to see you this morning. I do not believe we have meet.

Glad you chose to worship with us this morning.”

-The Welcome Team

Wonderful Wednesday

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Our Wonderful Wednesday meal will be held on **Wednesday, Nov. 8, at 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall.** Our United Methodist Women will prepare the meal. Please **sign up** in the north entrance. Bring a



Prayer
Shawl
Ministry

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Mark your calendar in August to join this group of knitters and crocheters on **Tuesdays, Nov. 7 & 21 at 1:00pm. No meeting in November.**



Winter Coat Drive La Dispensa Food Pantry

During the **month of November**, bring **gently-used or new winter coats and jackets** to be distributed at **La Dispensa Food Pantry.** All sizes - Men's and Women's - needed. Collection bins will be at North & South entrances. **Warm gloves & mittens** also welcome. Coats will be distributed in December to individuals and families served by La Dispensa Food Pantry. La Dispensa distributes food and clothing to those in need in Milwaukee. In their neighborhood, a family of four lives on only \$14,000 a year. This is \$10,000 below the poverty level of \$24,000 for a family of four. Put your **Faith into Action** to bring hope to those who struggle daily with poverty. Let us work together to be the change we want to see in our communities. **Questions, contact Linda Smeaton.**



The Cup of Our Life Study with the Deacon

Come **study the Scriptures** as we are guided in our **spiritual growth**. “Every time you listen with great attentiveness to the voice that calls you the Beloved, you will discover within yourself a desire to hear that voice longer and more deeply.” Henry J.M. Nouwen.

This Fall we will meet in the **Lounge at Church** from **11am to 11:45am on Tuesdays** beginning **October 31st** and **running through Nov. 28th**. The book we will use is written by Joyce Rupp and is entitled *The Cup of Our Life*, a guide to spiritual growth. **What should you bring?** A **friend** and your favorite **cup**. Bring the cup you choose over any other when drinking a warm beverage.

A **sign-up sheet** will be in the narthex or **call Alana** and let her know you will be coming so we know how many books to order.

I leave you with this thought, “The finding is never complete. We can never know God exhaustively or completely... But we can sometimes know... for sometimes we become so aware of the fierce beauty of God’s light that it seems to be known because it is burning with us.” --- Caryl Houselander.

Rev. Amy Anderson
Cell 262-271-7575



Call Pastor Clarissa

If you or a family member are ill at home or in the hospital, **please call Pastor Clarissa Martinelli**, (office) **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** for letting us know!



Harvest House

Saturday, Nov. 18, 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 for your support.



Veterans Tribute

Please join the West Bend Common council as they pay tribute to all Veterans on **Monday, Nov. 6 at 6:30pm at Moraine Park Technical College in their Cafeteria**. There will also be a special recognition to all women who have served and continue to serve.

Pastor Clarissa will bring the message. Join them for refreshments after the tribute.



Weekday Cancellation Policy

Whenever the West Bend schools are closed because of the weather, all **church activities will be cancelled** and the **church office will be closed as well**.

The following "People at Home" will have Nov. Birthdays:

Lucy Wagner (Nov. 14)

Ivy Manor, 370 S. Forest Ave. #9, WB 53095

Leone Tilley (Nov. 21)

600 Fredonia Ave., Fredonia, WI 53021

Happy
Birthday



Church Conference
Thursday, Nov. 2 at 7:00pm

A **Church Conference** is the **annual meeting** of all the members of our church. It is a meeting in which we **celebrate our 2017 ministry, report on our membership and elect leadership** for our committees. **Join us on Thursday, Nov. 2, at 7pm in the Fireside Room.**



Like us on
Facebook

"LIKE" Our Church . . .

You already *Like* us at Fifth Avenue United Methodist Church because you *Like* to faithfully come on Sundays, you *Like* to attend our activities and events, and you *Like* the members & friends of your church family.

One way to promote Fifth Avenue UMC to our surrounding community is through Facebook and our church's Facebook page. For those of you with Facebook (FB) accounts . . . Have you "**Liked**" your own church's FB page?

It's easy . . . Search for **FIFTH AVENUE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**. Once on our **Page**, hit the "thumbs up" **LIKE** button. Then, go to the "**FOLLOWING**" button, and choose "**SEE FIRST**" (always find the latest posts at the top of News Feed). Next, "**SAVE**" to your own FB home page.

Finally, as you are scrolling through Facebook, when you see posts from **Fifth Avenue United Methodist Church**, PLEASE . . . **LIKE the Post**, and **SHARE POST** (with or without your own comment). You can Like, Post, Share more than once -- Do it Every Time you scroll past one! Questions? Ask Linda Smeaton or any of your FB friends!!



Thanksgiving Ecumenical Worship and Pie Social

Come one, come all to the **2017 Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship and Pie Social** to be held at **Holy Angels Catholic Church at 7p.m. on Tues. Nov. 21st**. Holy Angels is located at **148 S. 8th St., West Bend**. We will give thanks to God through prayer and song as we delve into scripture together.

Our **key note speaker will be Ronna S. Corliss**. She will speak on behalf of the Washington County Heroin Task Force. Ronna S. Corliss is the **County Prevention Manager of Elevate, Inc.** Elevate Inc. is a community resource center that empowers individuals and enhances our community. Heroin Addiction does not discriminate. Anyone and everyone can be affected by its destruction. Come learn about how we can battle this epidemic as a community.

There will be a goodwill offering collected for Elevate Inc., along with perishable food donations. Bring your family, friends, neighbors, and work colleagues. Afterwards we will enjoy **homemade pie**. Alasmode if you'd like! Let's give thanks to God as we band together, one community, brothers and sisters in Christ. See you all there.

P.S. If you would like to bake pies for this gathering, that would be outstanding. **Pies can be dropped off at Holy Angels on Sunday, Monday, or Tuesday by noon of that week.**

**Peace My Friends,
Rev. Amy Anderson**



Address Change

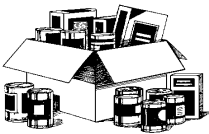
If you have a change of address, please notify the church office. We are charged for each address change returned to us. **Thank you!**



West Bend Lion's Club

This organization is collecting **used eye glasses and hearing aids.**

Please put donations in the white collection box located in the north entrance by the bulletin board or you may put them on the desk in the church office.



Food Pantry

Don't forget that our local **Full Shelf Food Pantry** needs your donations. Please bring your items and place in the **baskets at either entrance.** You may also write a **check** payable to Fifth Ave. UMC and indicate Food Pantry on the memo line. **Thank you** for your support!



Now that cooler weather is here and you seemed to misplaced your Fall jacket, please check the Lost & Found in the north entrance. We have Aqua/Blue Cabella size L, Tudor Court in beige, Dark blue Cabella size L and a Hollister blue - size S. We also have caps, hats, scarves, etc. They might belong to you.

It has been suggested by our Staff Parish Committee chairperson that we wear our **green and gold** to church on **Sunday, Oct. 29**, to welcome Pastor Clarissa back from her vacation!