



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

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| Feb. 4 | 5th Sunday After Epiphany
Sacrament of Holy Communion
Choir at 8:30am
Soup Sale |
| Feb. 11 | Last Sunday After Epiphany
Boy Scout Sunday
Choir at 10:45am |
| Feb. 14 | Ash Wednesday
7:00pm Worship Service |
| Feb. 18 | 1st Sunday in Lent
Choir AT 8:30am |
| Feb. 25 | 2nd Sunday in Lent
Waupun Prison Ministry
Choir at 10:45am |



A Graceful Mess

By: Megan Vollmer

Curve Balls

There is an old phrase that says that when we make plans, God laughs. While He may not necessarily always laugh, life sure does have a funny way of throwing curve balls in our path. They shake up our plans. They force us to adapt and change when we otherwise might not have. It can certainly be frustrating when things do not go exactly our way, but it can also help us recognize our own strength and potential.

It may be discouraging to have these unexpected events thrown our way, but we should be willing to face and accept them. We can decide to either be disheartened, or we can accept that maybe God just has a bigger plan for us. After all, we should trust that He wouldn't give us a challenge without the strength to face it. Sometimes we do not give ourselves enough credit or sell ourselves short, and these curve balls are just God's way of showing us that we are **so much more**.



Lenten Opportunities

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14, at 7:00pm

Communion, distribution of ashes, Chancel Choir Sings

Ecumenical Wednesday

Lenten Prayer Services

12:15-12:45pm Feb.21—April 21

Locations and Speakers to be Announced

April 21

Fifth Ave. United Methodist Church

(Soup Luncheon in Fellowship Hall to follow service.)

Parish News



Death

Ronald Loomis, husband of Vivien, passed away Dec. 25, 2017. He was a member since 1965.



Bake Sale

Sunday School Bake Sale

We will be having a Valentines' Bake Sale on **Sunday, February 11th, between services.**

Baked good donations can be brought to the church kitchen from **8:00am to Noon on Friday, Feb. 9, or 1:00pm-2:30pm on Saturday, Feb. 10.**

Thank you!

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

Happy Birthday

Dru Richtsmeier (Feb. 15)

Cedar Bay West
5555 Cedar Bay Dr. #1111
West Bend, WI 53095

-Norma Chitwood (Feb. 17)

Cedar Community
5595 Hwy. Z, Countryside #22,
WB, WI 53095

-John Roth (Feb. 17)

535 Highland View Rd.,
WB, WI 53095
(John will be 103!)



Boy Scout Sunday will be observed on **Feb. 11.** **Boy Scout Troop 780** has been sponsored by our church for **55 years!** The Scouts will participate in both worship services.



Two Sunday Morning Adult Bible Studies

One of our **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 next in the series is Matthew.

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.

Adult Bible Class—Winter - 2018

Self-Controlled, Upright and Godly Faith

The four lessons in February, look at passages from Acts, James, and First Timothy. They provide specific examples of faith as belief and action. James teaches that faith without works is dead. The lesson from First Timothy offers instructions about leading others in a life of faith.

Join the Adult Bible Study in the **Disciple Room at 9:45am** to learn more about the Bible.

Serve the Hungry



The 5th Avenue United Methodist Church will be hosting the meal on **Saturday, Feb. 17th** at **Harvest House at St. James Episcopal Church**.

If you are able to help cook, serve or bake a cake, **please sign up** on the sheet available on the north entrance bulletin board.

If you have questions, please contact **Marolyn Kell at 334-5865**.



Lunch Group At the Ridge!

The Lunch Group will meet on **Thursday, Feb. 15, 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 on **Tuesday, Feb. 6, at 8:30am** at the **Copper Penny**, 1700 E. Washington St., West Bend. No sign up is necessary.

Bishop's Day Apart

Thursday, February 22, 2018

Registration 6:00 pm

Event will be 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Pewaukee: Gethsemane UMC

642 Main St.

Pewaukee, WI 53072

Registration Deadline February 15, 2018

Contact Pastor Clarissa or Rev. Amy Anderson to register.

MEN'S



RETREAT

2018 Men's Pine Lake Retreat

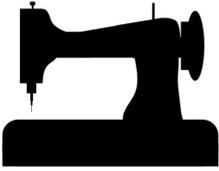
The Men's Retreat for 2018 has been scheduled for March 16, 17 & 18, 2018. **Leader to be announced.**

Cost is \$125.00 for 2 nights and 6 home-made meals. The United Methodist Men will provide a reduction of \$50 for each participant if you **sign up by March 1, 2018**. Your cost will be **\$75.00**. **Note Scholarships are available to cover the cost as needed.** Please see Bob Krell for details.

We will be staying at the Rader Retreat Center and will share a room with 2 per room. Sheets, blankets, pillows are provided. Each room has a private shower.

Please **sign up in the north entrance** to get your spot set up for this event. More information will be forthcoming.

Bob Krell, UMM Leader



Sewing Day

Our next **Sewing Day** will be **Saturday, Feb. 24, 2018 from 9:00am to Noon** in Fellowship Hall. We will once again be sewing school bags for Missions.

Escape the winter cold by joining the warm fellowship. Sewing kits will also be available in the north entrance.



Soup Sale

A Soup Sale will be held between services on **Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 4th**. Two sizes: 12 oz. and 32 oz. Cost is \$5 and \$8. Proceeds to Human Trafficking.

If you can make some soup, please sign up in the north entrance and indicate what kind of soup you can make. **Containers and labels** are available on the table in the north entrance.

Freeze at home and bring to church no later than noon on **Friday, Feb. 2, or you may bring them to the church at anytime and put the containers in the freezer in the church kitchen.**



Church Camps for All Ages!

Start thinking about church camp.

Brochures will be located at each entrance sometime in February.
Scholarship available.

Welcome Committee



Welcoming Words of Wisdom

Most visitors to churches are nervous. Will I be noticed? Will I be embarrassed? A friendly smile, handshake, and a few words can put them at ease. “Good morning, I am (your name even if you have on your name tag), it is good to see you here this morning. May I help you with anything?”

- The Welcome Team

Wonderful Wednesday

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Our Wonderful Wednesday meal will be held on **Wednesday, Feb. 14 (Ash Wednesday), at 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall.** Dean Pok and Family will prepare the meal of baby back ribs and all the fixins’. We will celebrate the **103rd birthday of John Roth!** **Sign up** in the north entrance. Ash Wednesday Worship service at 7pm.



Prayer
Shawl
Ministry

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Mark your calendar to join this group of knitters and crocheters on **Tuesdays, Feb. 6 & 20.** **No Thursday meeting in February.**



Waupun Prison Ministry

Fifth Avenue United Methodist Church will lead the **Sunday morning worship services** again at **Dodge Correctional Institution on Sunday, Feb. 25, 2018.** 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 car pool to Waupun and leave West Bend about 5:45am. If interested in attending on Feb. 25, **sign up in the north entrance.**



Happy Birthday, Missionaries!

Dan and Rachel Gabler both have birthdays coming up. Our **Easter offering** goes to their salary support so they have been in our church many times, sharing their mission. They have led very interesting, varied lives as they both grew up in missionary families so are quite familiar with the world in ways that most of us are not!

Among many other things, Rachel is a writer of many things including skits for radio and TV, Christian education for many levels and many situations: Sunday schools, training for Pastors and teachers, in many countries. While Rachel is writing, where ever they happen to be, Dan is busy repairing airplanes, including taking them down to their “skin”! Often he flies them to ferry others where ever they need to be.

To support them write your check to our church designated for:

Rachel: Conference Advance #3021537 or Wisconsin Conference Advance #7948;

Dan: Wings of the Morning Advance #08597A

Rummage Sale News

There will be **no** Rummage Sale in 2018. Please save your items at home for 2019 as there is no storage room at the church. Articles will be in the 2019 newsletters to let you know when you can bring them to church. Thank you for your support!

2018 Church Directories



The new 2018 Church Directories are available at either entrance. **Pick up your free copy.**

Please call the church office at 334-2059 if there are any changes, corrections, etc.



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Theme: redoo

- Feb. 21** **Trinity Lutheran Church**
Pastor Clarissa speaking
- Feb. 28** **Cedar Ridge**
Jill Maria Speaking
- Mar. 7** **St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church**
Chaplain Kathryn Kuhn speaking
- Mar. 14** **St. James' Episcopal Church**
Pastor Schoob
- April 21** **Fifth Ave. United Methodist Church**
Mother Mindy Speaking
(Soup Luncheon in Fellowship Hall to follow service.)

Holy Week Schedule

Passion/Palm Sunday, March 25

Worship at 8:30am & 10:45am

Breakfast at 7:30 & 9:45am

Maundy Thursday, March 29

Worship at 7:00pm

Good Friday, March 30

Worship at 7:00pm

Easter, April 1

Sunrise Service 7am

Breakfast at 8am

Worship Service at 9:30am