



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

Easter Services, April 1: 7:00am & 9:30am

Youth Sunday, April 15: 10:00am Service

Apr. 1

Easter Sunday

7:00am Sunrise Service

8am Breakfast

9:30am Easter Service

- Handbells & Chancel Choir

-Sacrament of Holy Communion

Apr. 8

2nd Sunday of Easter

Choir at 10:45am

Praise Band

Apr. 15

3rd Sunday of Easter

Youth Sunday—10am Service only

Apr. 22

4th Sunday of Easter

Choir Sings at 10:45am

Handbells at both services

Apr. 29

5th Sunday of Easter

Waupun Prison Ministry

Choir Sings at 8:30am



Youth Sunday will be observed on **Sunday, April 15**. We will have just one worship service at **10:00am**.

Our youth will lead us in worship. Come and support them! They will be our next leaders! Our Sunday School children are still collecting spare change until Youth Sunday and then will present to Rev. Amy for her local outreach program.

Deadline Reminders!



Weekly Bulletin Articles:
Noon on Wednesdays

Monthly Newsletter Articles:
15th of each month

Articles received after these deadlines will need to be held until the **next deadline**. Thank you!



Waupun Prison Ministry

Fifth Avenue United Methodist Church will lead the **Sunday morning worship services at Dodge Correctional Institution on Sunday, Apr. 29, 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, **sign up in the north entrance.**

Questions? Please **call Bruce Nissly at 262-343-6057.**

Parish News



Transfer

Nicole Weston Real to Blackhawk Church in Madison, WI

Death

Matthew Shanovich, father of **Carol (Dean) Pok** on Feb. 26.

Birth

Camden Lee Hornung, born March 9, son of Gage Hornung & Katie Petersen. Paternal Grandfather is Jon Hornung. Paternal Great Grandmother is Maureen Hornung. Paternal Great Grandparents are Bill and Ginger Hornung.

Church Camps for All Ages!



Start thinking about **church camp**.

Brochures will be located at each entrance in April and distributed on Youth Sunday, April 15.

Scholarships available.

The following "People at Home" will have April Birthdays:

- Charise Kirst (Apr. 3)
251 Bittersweet Dr., WB 53095
- Bob Edison (Apr.22)
The Cottages at Cedar Run
6090 Scenic Dr. #315, WB 53095
- Tom Damp (Apr. 26)
1707 Sunset Ridge Dr., WB 53095

Happy
Birthday



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.

On-going Adult Bible Class Spring 2018

Acknowledging God - this spring, lessons in Adult Bible Studies focus on ways God's people have acknowledged the greatness of their God. With Easter, the quarter turns to ways Jesus provided a channel for giving God Glory and honor.

All Glory and Honor - This in it has five lessons. The lessons from Luke and John deal with how Jesus' resurrection opened the way to honor God. The visions in Revelations praise God with majestic symbolism.

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



Plastic Bags Still Needed

Prayer Shawl group is asking if any one would like to knit or crochet a plastic mat, we could use some help. Please talk with **Vicki Roth or Barbara Johnson** for knitting and **Mary Rogge** for crocheting or just come to one of our meetings. Please save only clean bags for us.

We are also **making caps/hats for service men and women** which are really fast and easy to make. We have patterns so just ask us. We have a nice group so just come and fellowship with us.

See article on **page 7** for dates and times of meetings.



Lunch Group At the Ridge!

The Lunch Group will meet on **Thursday, Apr. 19, 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, Apr. 3,** at 8:30am at the **Copper Penny,** 1700 E. Washington St., West Bend. No sign up is necessary.



Family Promise Apartment Sponsorship

Fifth Avenue United Methodist Church has been in partnership with Family Promise of Washington County for several years. In June of 2014, the Promise Center was opened and our church members journeyed into sponsoring one of eight supportive housing apartments at a cost of **\$6,300 per year.**

The congregation's outpouring of support has been tremendous over the years and we have been able to establish a fund as part of our budget to sustain this mission in our community.

In 2017, we were able to utilize the monies in this fund to pay a significant amount towards the cost of the sponsorship. **Thank you to those who contributed to our shortfall for 2017-2018. We made it!**

Our contract runs from June 1 through May 31 of each year. If you would like to make a donation to **support Family Promise for 2018-2019,** please **fill out the enclosed Pledge Form** and return it to the church office.

With Appreciation and Blessing.
Aimee Liepert, Church Council Chair

Salad Luncheon



Spring Salad Luncheon

Saturday, April 21, is the date of our annual salad luncheon. Serving times are **11am-1pm**. Tickets are **\$8.00 in advance and \$9.00 at the door**. We will be serving hot turkey salad along with the salads and bars you provide for us. A **sign-up sheet** is on the north entrance bulletin board. **Please have your salads at church by noon on Friday or 9am on Saturday. Attach a name to the salad, please.** (Don't forget to mark your containers with your name.) Please have your salad ready to serve and your bars pre-cut.

This is a great chance to socialize. Invite your neighbors, and friends. **Thank you for your help.**



A Thank You Note

Thank you" to the congregation for supporting UMW's Soup Sale and the fight against Human Trafficking.

Proceeds of \$900 were sent to "**Exploit No More**", a non-profit organization in Milwaukee.

- **United Methodist Women**



A Thank You Note

We thank all the United Methodist Women who baked, packed, and distributed **Easter cookies** to our people at home.

These cookies and visits bring so much joy and love from our church family.

Blessings to all! Katie Glaser

Welcome Committee



Welcoming Words of Wisdom

What can I say to a visitor? Always start with “Good morning, it is good to have you here this morning. I am (your name). Have you visited our church before?” Then add some follow up questions to show your genuine interest. “Where do you live?”/”Do you work in West Bend?”/”What made you choose to worship at Fifth Avenue?” Usually one question leads to a short conversation which can be ended with “Thank you for joining us for worship today”.

- The Welcome Team



Prayer
Shawl
Ministry

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Mark your calendar to join this group of knitters and crocheters on **Tuesdays, April 3 & 17 at 1pm in the Fireside Room.**



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!**



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!



FEED THE HUNGRY

Mission Opportunity in Milwaukee

Are you wanting to be hands on in mission in the Milwaukee Area? Join Rev. Amy Saturday mornings at **La Dispensa Food Pantry at 22nd and Lapham**. La Dispensa is a community that shares the Love of God while supplying those in need with food and clothing.

We will carpool, meeting at the park and ride on Good Hope in Menomonee Falls. Time commitment is from **8am to 1pm**. All are welcome-families, small groups, individuals. Contact **Rev. Amy Anderson at 262-271-7575** the Wednesday before the Saturday you would like to attend.



LADIES!

SATURDAY - APRIL 28th
Wauwatosa Methodist Church
Deadline to register is April 20th.

A day for Ladies to get together and enjoy some dynamic programs!! Dan and Barbara Dick will present, "**Living as a Covenant Community**", in the morning. They are outstanding speakers!

Billie LaBumbard will do the afternoon program. She will present information about her mission work. A great chance to learn how to put your faith into action.

PRICE \$20.00 - includes lunch

Please see our United Methodist Women's bulletin board with registration forms.

Carpooling is available. Leave our church parking lot at 8:00am. Please contact **Jean Krell or Ellen Johnson** for more



FAITH IN ACTION

“HE IS RISEN, HE IS RISEN INDEED.” Each morning as we rise and greet the day, it is right to give thanks to The Son of God – Who rose for us from death to life so that we may live for him. We can do this by greeting our family, co-workers, classmates with a smile and a conversation. Ok, now we have that on our to do list. How else can we take our Faith out into the Community?

- **Bible Study Tuesdays at 11am in the Lounge.** We will read the Scripture, walk, talk, and create with colors and music. Come one – Come all and bring a friend. Dress for the weather.
- **Bereavement Support Group.** Have you suffered a recent loss or know someone who has? You are invited to attend the **Ecumenical Cedar Home Health Hospice and St. Frances Cabrini Bereavement support group.** The group meets the **first Thursday of every month at 6:30pm in the Education Center at St. Francis Cabrini Parish** on the corner of Hawthorne and 7th St. The next meeting is **Thursday, April 5th, 2018.** If you know of someone who could benefit from this support group, maybe an offer to attend with them would be helpful. Questions? Please contact Deb Przedpelski, MSW, at 262-306-2691 312-4566 or Mary Hernikl, Pastoral Care Coordinator, 262-312-4566.
I will be attending beginning in May. My family will be on a campus visit for my daughter this month. But for sure I am going in May.
- **Movie Night** continues! Come and join us at the **West Bend Cinemas Fri. April 20th** for the 7pm showing. What will the movie be you ask? Not sure yet. TBD (Scholarships available)
- Do you like to **run or walk?** Let’s do that together **Saturday, April 28th, 2018.** Run or walk the Eisenbahn Trail, in west Bend. Proceeds support Elevate, the organization that helps fight the Heroin Epidemic. David and I are signing up at **www.adrenalineraces.org.** We will be walking the 5k, but if you are a runner the options are 5k, ¼ Marathon, and ½ Marathon. Let’s get out and support our brothers and sisters battling addiction. It’s time to move into action. Faith warriors lets get up and go.
- **Standing invitation** to join Rev. Amy **downtown at the Food Pantry.**

Peace My Friends,
Rev. Amy Jo Anderson 262-271-7575