



*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**

**170 Anniversary Celebration, Oct. 21: 10am**  
**United Methodist Women Sunday, Oct. 28: 10am**

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| <b>Oct. 7</b>  | <b>20th Sunday After Pentecost</b><br><b>World Communion Sunday/Special Offering</b><br><b>No Choir</b>  |
| <b>Oct. 14</b> | <b>21st Sunday After Pentecost</b><br><b>Choir Sings at 10:45am</b>  |
| <b>Oct. 20</b> | <b>Saturday Dinner at 5:30pm (Details on insert)</b><br><b>170th Celebration</b>   |
| <b>Oct. 21</b> | <b>22nd Sunday After Pentecost - 10am</b><br><b>170th Anniversary Celebration with the Bishop</b><br><b>Choir Sings and Handbells Ring</b><br>(Details on insert.) |
| <b>Oct. 28</b> | <b>23rd Sunday After Pentecost</b><br><b>10:00am United Methodist Women Sunday</b><br>(See details in article on page 2.)  |



## A Graceful Mess By: Megan Vollmer

### *Perpetual Mondays*

Sometimes we push off things that we know are good for us. We tell ourselves we'll start that new diet or exercise routine on Monday, yet when Monday rolls around we are putting it off for next week. We tell ourselves we will make it to service on Sunday, but find ourselves running late and push it off for next week. So many of us are guilty of this, myself included, even though we *know* it's what we *should* be doing. Though we mean it when we tell ourselves "tomorrow" or "next week," we slip into the habit of putting it off so long that it never happens.

Monday has gotten a bad name for being the day we dread. That might have something to do with the fact that we use it to plan all of the things we don't want to do. We eat the extra piece of chocolate cake with the promise to ourselves that we'll eat broccoli on Monday. But we don't. Instead we could try to live every day like it's Tuesday or Sunday or maybe even Friday. If everyday is full of good, healthy habits or even just most days, then we won't have to dread Monday so much.



## UMW Sunday

Please join us on **UMW Sunday, October 28th at 10:00am** service to celebrate the United Methodist women of the world celebrating the women of Fifth Avenue United Methodist Church who are the unsung heroines who make our church and the world a better place.

**Pastor Gerri** from **Bradford Memorial AME** (African Methodist Episcopal) Church in Milwaukee will be our guest preacher.

## Parish News



### Change of Address

- **Betty Nelson**

Cedar Bay East

5577 Home Dr., #223, West Bend, WI 53095

- **Helen Rilling**

The Cottages at Cedar Run

6090 Scenic Dr. #217, West Bend, WI 53095

### Wedding—Aug. 25

**Michelle Thompson & Tony Harrington**

### Baptism—Aug. 26

**Caine Hudson Patasius**, born Nov. 9, 2017. Parents: Casey and Andrea Patasius; Big Brother: Cole Patasius

Sponsors: Zach Kurek and Taylor Selode

Maternal Grandparents: Shawn & Amy Selode and Michelle & Gregg Luczak

Paternal Grandparents: Toni & Randy Patasius

## A Thank You Note



Thank you to the following people who helped out in the office while I was on vacation this summer. Your ministry is appreciated more than you will ever know. It is good to get some time away and know the office is in good hands.

### Thank you to:

Ann Cording, Barb Johnson, Ellen Johnson, Jane Lazarevic, Aimee Liepert, Eric Peters, Joyce Walters, and Jennifer Wiedmeyer.



## **Sunday Morning Adult Study**

## **Two Sunday Morning Adult Bible Studies**

### ***Bible Study Opportunity!***

This fall Jan and Mike Donahou will be leading a Bible study using the Immersion Bible Study series focusing on the Psalms and written by J. Clinton McCann, Jr. The series is an eight week study is meant to ponder "a life of true happiness, a life of complete honesty with God. Through this study of the Scriptures, you learn how to live a life of gratitude while producing actions that honor God. (Cokesbury)

Classes will be held **through Nov. 18 following the first worship service (around 9:30-9:45am)**. Due to special Sunday services, will skip Sept. 30, Oct. 21, and Oct. 28. It is eight weeks long and will be completed before Thanksgiving when the hubbub of life pulls at us all.

### ***On-going Adult Bible Class***

#### **God's World and God's People**

This fall, lessons in Adult Bible Studies come from Genesis, the book of the beginnings. God is revealed as the Creator, Sustainer, Judge and Redeemer who brought all things into being.

In October, we will learn more about Noah and his family who helped repopulate and restore the earth after the Flood. An Abraham and Sarah who worked with God in the cycle of continuing creation.



## **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Mark your calendar to join this group of knitters and crocheters on **Tuesdays, Oct. 2 and 16, at 1pm in the Fireside Room.**



### Lunch Group At the Ridge!

The Lunch Group will meet on **Thursday, Oct. 18, 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, Oct. 2,** at 8:30am at **Copper Penny,** 1700 E. Washington St., West Bend. No sign up is

### Plastic Bags Still Needed



Prayer Shawl group is asking for clean plastic bags to make mats for the homeless. No need to cut—just bring in clean bags.

We have a nice group so just come and fellowship with us **the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 1pm in the Fireside Room.**



### All Saints Day—9:30am Service Only

All Saints Day will be observed at the **9:30am** service on **Sunday, Nov. 4, 2018.** Please submit any names of those who are **not church members** and who have passed away since last All Saint's Day, Nov. 5, 2017. These names will be mentioned during our worship services. **If those who have passed away are church members, they will automatically be included on this list.**

**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. **There will be just one service at 9:30am on Nov. 4.**



## It's Coming!

**November 10<sup>th</sup>** will be the United Methodist Women's annual **Holiday 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. 8<sup>th</sup>** 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



**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

## Welcome Committee



## Welcoming Words of Wisdom

### Wear Your Name Tag!

We know who you are. You know who you are, but a visitor does not. Even if you introduce yourself, seeing your name and the way you pronounce it makes it easier to remember. Anything we do to make a visitor more comfortable

*Wonderful  
Wednesday*

## Wonderful Wednesday News

Our first get together will be **October 10 at 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall.** Our **United**

## Back to School News

“Our kids started a new school year and thank God. Raja entered into college with Economics as his subject. Anitha entered final year of B. Ed and she will be a teacher next June. Kamali entered into 2nd year B.A English. Vijay entered into final year of B.Sc Nursing. Swathi entered into B.Sc Dialysis Technician course. Suresh and Murugesan are doing their P.Hds in Physics.” **David G.**

Wondering who these college students are? Why they are just some of the many children our church has supported at **Phillip & Timothy Stains Memorial Children’s Homes** over the past 13 years. In 2005, the first mission trip was led by Pastor Sam Royappa. His brother, **David Gnaniah**, Director, provides leadership for GET-India missionaries, children’s homes, after school meal and tutoring centers, women’s self-help groups, and forest-tribal VBS.

Through your continued support of **India Children’s Home**, the young boys and girls have the promise of a better future through education and basic living needs. Please sponsor one of these children at \$600 a year, or for any other monthly amount.

Please mark contributions to **Special Advance# 7940** and uphold them in your prayers.



## Happy Birthday, Missionary!

Last month you signed a birthday card for Gordon Graner. This month you will sign one for his wife, Ardell. She works side by side with her husband – what one doesn't do the other one does!

Last month we mentioned their solar oven ministry. They assembled 160 solar ovens and then distributed them to those in need in one week! They did a total of 1100! Fuel is expensive and hard to come by and the solar ovens are an inexpensive tool in an area with plenty of sun. Of course, there are so many every day things that missionaries do where they are –as you all do to help others where you are.

To help in their mission, write your check to our church and designate it for Ardell Graner Advance #10836Z or for Gordon



## 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!

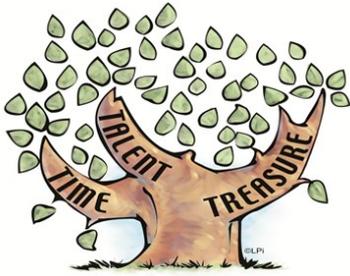


## West Bend Lion's Club

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.** Thank you so much!





**Fifth Avenue United  
Methodist Church Needs Three  
(3)  
Stewardship Committee  
Volunteers!**

The **Stewardship Challenge Grant** is a tool for United Methodist churches in Wisconsin to develop an appropriate, intentional stewardship plan for their congregation.

By providing a cash incentive, the Stewardship Challenge Grant is intended to encourage churches to develop a comprehensive stewardship program to help achieve the goals of the congregation in the area of stewardship.

To participate in this challenge, FAUMC must have at least three lay persons commit to working on this challenge.

FAUMC stewardship (Tithes, Talents, & Time) is experiencing a steady decline, however our ministries, community projects and commitments, and the growing needs of the West Bend community are rapidly increasing. We need to plan and prepare for our future stewardship requirements.

Participating in the Stewardship Challenge Grant will be a vital tool in aiding our growth in Christian discipleship and generosity through a growing relationship with God.

Please consider volunteering and contact Pastor Clarissa.