

The Lily Pad

“I am a rose of Sharon, a lily of the valleys.” Solomon 2:1



Fifth Avenue United Methodist Church 170th Anniversary Jamboree!

RESET FOR TRANSITION

“Making a Commitment to Improvement through Alignment and Involvement”

Haggai 2:9

This prayer from Billy Graham, written for The Saturday Evening Post in 2008, is relevant to the life and hope of Fifth Avenue and is our prayer and hope for our blessed future.

Our Father and our God, as we stand at the beginning of this new *thrilling* transition year we confess our need of Your presence and Your guidance as we *confidently face our miraculous bountiful future packed with faithful committed spirits, radical hospitality, and energized disciples of Jesus Christ.**

We each have our hopes and expectations for the year that is ahead of us—but You alone know what it holds for us, and only You can give us the strength and the wisdom we will need to meet its challenges. So, help us to humbly put our hands into Your hand, and to trust You and to seek Your will for our lives during this coming year.

In the midst of life’s uncertainties in the days ahead, assure us of the certainty of Your unchanging love.

In the midst of life’s inevitable disappointments and heartaches, help us to turn to You for the stability and comfort we will need.

In the midst of life’s temptations and the pull of our stubborn self-will, help us not to lose our way but to have the courage to do what is right in Your sight, regardless of the cost.

And in the midst of our daily preoccupations and pursuits, open our eyes to the sorrows and injustices of our hurting world, and help us to respond with compassion and sacrifice to those who are friendless and in need. May our constant prayer be that of the ancient Psalmist: “Teach me, O Lord, to follow your decrees; then I will keep them to the end.” (Psalm 119:33)

We pray for our nation and its leaders during these difficult times, and for all those who are seeking to bring peace and justice to our dangerous and troubled world. We pray especially for Your protection on all those who serve in our armed forces, and we thank You for their commitment to defend our freedoms, even at the cost of their own lives. Be with their families also, and assure them of Your love and concern for them.

Our 170th Anniversary Jamboree will kick off on Saturday, October 20, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. with an enlightening program followed by a dinner celebration.

On Sunday, October 21, 2018 @ 10:00 a.m., we are honored to have Bishop Hee-Soo Jung, resident bishop in the Wisconsin Annual Conference, as our guest speaker.

Bring our divided nation together, and give us a greater vision of what You would have us to be. Your Word reminds us that “Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord” (Psalm 33:12).

As we look back over the past **170 years*** we thank You for Your goodness to us—far beyond what we have deserved. May we never presume on Your past goodness or forget all Your mercies to us, but may they instead lead us to *change of mind and heart** - repentance, and to a *renewed, revitalized, and empowered** commitment to make **You** the foundation and center of our lives this year of **RESETTING FOR TRANSITION** and for the many years to come, *as we become better equipped to make an impact in your world all the while making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.**

And so, our Father, we thank You for the promise and hope of this new year, and we look forward to it with expectancy and faith. This I ask in the name of our Lord and Savior, who by His death and resurrection has given us hope both for this world and the world to come. Amen.

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Congratulations

FAUMC as you celebrate 170 years of serving God and the West Bend community!

***Pastor Clarissa & Martin
Marissa, Biancha, Sophia, Nicolas
Cookie, Hachi, Sadie***



October 14th
Happy 32nd Birthday Marissa
Happy 2nd Birthday Sadie

Pilgrimage for Peace to Korea: Experience... Engage...

Pastor Clarissa will have a unique opportunity to experience the culture and history of Korea and the division of two Koreas. She will also engage with Christians of South Korea in their prayers and works for peace. October 22 — November 2, 2018

*These portions of the prayer were added.