



*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
10:00am service on Rally Day, Sept. 9
9:30am Service on Sept. 30

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| Sept. 2 | 8:30 and 10:45am Worship
15th Sunday after Pentecost
Sacrament of Holy Communion |
| Sept. 9 | 10:00am Rally Day
16th Sunday after Pentecost |
| Sept. 16 | 8:30 & 10:45 m Worship Service
17th Sunday after Pentecost
Dale Matthis, Accordion (He will accompany
hymns and play during Coffee Hour. See page 2.) |
| Sept. 23 | 8:30 & 10:45am Worship
18th Sunday After Pentecost |
| Sept. 30 | 9:30am Worship
19th Sunday After Pentecost |

Children’s Sunday School will begin on Sunday, Sept. 16 at 9:30am.



A Graceful Mess
By: Megan Vollmer

Changing Seasons

As we prepare for fall, we prepare for things like leaves falling and the temperature dropping. We know what's coming and what to expect. Just as we go through seasons in nature, we go through seasons in life. We experience milestones like childhood, adulthood, marriage, parenthood, retirement, and grandparent-hood. While we may know what to expect, it can still be pretty challenging. We change our routines and even our lifestyles to accommodate our new season of life.

Some of these transitions aren't easy. Though they are often beautiful blessings, we still must take care of ourselves and our families. We might eat more nutritiously and lose the 5 day a week workout program we previously utilized. We might become more active because we have kids or grandkids to chase around. We might seek out a gym membership because we need that time for ourselves to keep sane. Above all, we likely pray on it. We ask God to help us succeed at this new season of life and keep us on the right track. We ask Him to guide us at being the best person, spouse, parent, or grandparent that we can be.



Special Sundays in September

Rally Day will be held on **Sunday, Sept. 9** at **10am**. Join us as we begin our Fall Season.

On **Sunday, Sept. 16**, Dale Mathis from Sun City, AZ, will be with us during our two worship services at **8:30 & 10:45am**. He will be accompanying our hymns with his accordion and also will play during Fellowship Time. Dale is the brother of Daryl Matthies and brother-in-law of Debra Matthies.

On **Sunday, Sept. 30**, from North Carolina, **Martha Winquist Emrey**, soprano, and **John Abuya** will present a joint vocal recital and organ recital. This will be held at the one worship service at **9:30am**. She is the daughter of Betsy Winquist.

Hymns will also be sung, the lessons read, a children's sermon will be presented, and our offering will be received. All this will be

Parish News



Change of Address

-Tony, Carrie, Katie & Erin Kuhaupt

1735 Oshkosh Ave.
Oshkosh, WI 54902

- Nancy Skinner

203 Watertower Circle, Iron Ridge, WI 53035

-John & Barb Wagner

1130 North Westfield St. #1117
Oshkosh, WI 54902

-Dorothy Weber

6415 Pleasant Hill Dr., WB 53095

Death

Kathy Preston on July 19, 2018. She was a member since 2010.

New Member



Thank you for all the thoughts, cards and prayers during my recent hospitalization. With God's help I weathered the storm and got safely back to shore.

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

- **Doris Mohr (Sept. 15)**
Cedar Bay East
5577 Home Dr. #126

Happy
Birthday



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 from **September 9 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

Fall 2018

God's World and God's People - This fall, our lessons come from Genesis, the book of the beginnings. God is revealed as the Creator, Sustainer, Judge and Redeemer who brought all things into being.

September - The lessons concentrate on God's creating the universe and then declaring all things good. Although God created and sustains all life, humankind is special to God and unique.

We meet on **Sunday at 10:00 in the Disciple Room**. Hope you



Marilyn for these gifts.

The new candelabras and candles on the altar have been given by **Doris Mohr in memory of her husband, Jim, and Marilyn Liepert in memory of her husband, Ralph**. We thank Doris and

-Wills & Memorial Committee



Lunch Group At the Ridge!

The Lunch Group will meet on **Thursday, Sept. 20, 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, Sept. 4,** at 8:30am at **Copper Penny,** 1700 E. Washington St., West Bend. No sign up is



Fill the Red Truck!

We will be collecting donations of all produce and vegetable garden surplus on **Sunday, Sept. 16, from 8am-11am.** There will be a red truck parked in front of our church. Donations will be given to our friends at Northcott Neighborhood House. This is a non-profit organization in Milwaukee that provides food, clothing, and shelter to those in need. It is sponsored by the United Methodist Church.



Hear Ye...Hear Ye!

Did you know that FAUMC had a loop system installed on August 3, 2018? The loop system will allow anyone who has a hearing aid with a telecoil (t-switch) to hear sound directly into his or her hearing aid.

This system is designed to enhance the quality and clarity of the spoken Word for individuals with hearing disabilities.



Chancel Choir News

The first rehearsal of the Chancel Choir for the 2017-18 church season will be in the **Sunshine Room on Wednesday, Sept. 5, from 7:00pm to 7:59pm.** If we are there past 8:00pm it is because you will be sampling some treats provided by the director.

Rally Day is Sept. 9 so we will be participating in the service at 10am. If Sept. 5 is not a good day for you to sing, feel free to drop in on any other Wednesday evening.



United Methodist Women School Bag Project

As you are buying school supplies this Fall, would you be willing to **buy supplies to fill the school bags** that the UMW works diligently to sew throughout the year? These are taken to Annual Conference to be donated where needed.

A container is in the north entrance for the following items. Only these **exact items** can be accepted for this project. Monetary donations for the purchase of these items are also accepted or \$1 per bag to cover shipping costs. Thank you for your support!

- 3 spiral, one subject notebooks (8"x10-1/2")
- 3 pens—blue or black
- 3 unsharpened pencils
- 1 pencil eraser (2" or larger)
- 1 ruler—12" long with metric
- 1 box of 24 crayons
- 1 pair of round-tip scissors (no plastic scissors)
- 3 Glue Sticks

Welcome Committee



Jesus Christ.

Welcoming Words of Wisdom

As much as we love our church, our motivation is to make visitors welcome, not to gain new members. It is to keep the passion for GOD alive in people. It is to help make new disciples for

- The Welcome Team



Prayer
Shawl
Ministry

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Mark your calendar to join this group of knitters and crocheters on **Tuesdays, Sept. 4 and 18, at 1pm in the Fireside Room.**

*Save
the
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Save The Date

Cookie Walk, November 10th, from 9:00am-Noon. Look for more information coming in October.

*Wonderful
Wednesday*

Wonderful Wednesday News

There will be no Wonderful Wednesday in September.

Our first get together will be **October 10 at 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall.** Our **United Methodist Women** will provide the meal.



Visit our website at:

faumc.org.



Happy Birthday, Missionary!

Gordon Graner and his wife are serving in Dominican Republic. One of their projects is teaching the people how to make and use solar ovens. It is amazing what they do!

Their posts are on the Mission bulletin board, complete with pictures! Please stop by and read about them! Too much to have



Couples Bridge Marathon

Join us to play once-a-month bridge in each others' homes. All couples welcome—friends or marriage partners. We guarantee good cards and great new friendships. Round robin tournament **starts in Oct. and ends in June** with an Awards Dinner. You host no more than four times. Play 18 hands and serve a simple dessert if you wish.

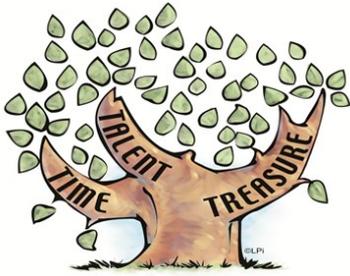
No cost except entry fee of \$15 per couple which goes to United Methodist Men for their activities. For more information or to sign up, call Betty Felt at 338-1819.

Deadline is Sept. 5th.



Does anyone have an extra copy of **Fifth Avenue's Food Fare Cookbook**? If so, you may leave a copy on the desk in the church office.

Thank you!



**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.



FAITH IN ACTION



Stride into September with purpose. Walking with God brings adventure and opportunity. Some of us are focusing on new life journeys. We are off to College or beginning a new Career. While some of us are settling into our Fall routine. The key is not to stagnate or get stuck. Walking with God demands that we search out our purpose of Discipleship in our Communities. This is the Grand Adventure that we strive to journey on together. Together with God and together with one another.

Here are a few avenues to pursue, come and join in:

- **Breakfast** at the Copper Penny Tues. Sept. 4, 8:30am
- **Bereavement Group** (Fifth Ave. Lounge) Thurs. Sept. 6th 6:30pm to 8pm
- **Farmers Market** (Downtown West Bend) Sat. Sept. 8th 7:30am to 11am
- **Lunch @** the Ridge Thurs. Sept. 20th, noon
- **Farmers Market** (Downtown West Bend) Sat. Sept. 22nd
- **Book Club** (The Interior Castle, by St. Teresa of Avila) Tues. Sept. 25th, 7pm Location TBD
- **Scripture and United Methodist Beliefs** (Fifth Ave. Lounge) Tuesdays at 11am, Sept. 11th, 18th, 25th, Oct. 2nd, Oct. 9th, Oct. 16th
- **Build a Book Nook Walk Up** Evening offering for those who like to work with their hands. Date and Time to revolve around the groups availability.

“There are more tears shed over answered prayers than over unanswered prayers.” Saint Teresa of Avila

Peace my Friends,

Rev. Amy Anderson