



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

- Jan. 6** **Epiphany Sunday**
Sacrament of Holy Communion
Choir at 10:45am
- Jan. 13** **1st Sunday after the Epiphany**
Choir at 8:30am
Noisy Sunday (Bring change for missions)
9:30am Taste of Korea in Lounge
- Jan. 20** **2nd Sunday After the Epiphany**
Human Relations Day
Choir at 10:45am
- Jan. 27** **3rd Sunday After the Epiphany**
Choir at 8:30am



A Graceful Mess

By: Megan Vollmer

Take Time to Smell the Flowers

For many of us our current pace of life has been hurried. Between the holiday season and our seemingly never-ending to-do lists (or honey-do lists), it's no surprise we always seem to be rushing around.

Believe it or not though, sometimes slowing down can actually be good for us. When we're hurrying, we miss those little moments that make our hearts grow and feed our souls. We don't take time to smell the roses or pay adequate attention to our relationship with God, our spouses, and loved ones. We miss the kindness of strangers and the little things that show God's presence all around us.

Sure we can check 1,000 things off our to-do lists, but we might find so much more fulfillment checking off 10 if we did it with a little helper or paused to make small talk with a friendly face. Those little hands won't stay small forever. Some of those kind faces might not always be around. Enjoy the moment now. Take the time to visit with loved ones. Make the memories. The to-do list will be there in

Wonderful Wednesday

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Dean Pok and Family will provide a the Wonderful Wednesday meal on **Jan. 9, 2019 at 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall.** Please sign up.



"I very much appreciate the support from my FAUMC family during my husband, David's, illness and after he died. Because he chose to tell few people of his illness, my church in NC didn't know.

You were my support and your cards, phone calls and kind words to both me and Mom (Betsy Winquist) are still warming my heart. Planning to see you in 2019.

Parish News



Change of Address

Brooke Carter

2021 Barton Ave. #102, WB 53090

Birth

Jackson Alexander Gonwa, son of Paige Carter Gonwa & Jonathan Gonwa, born Nov. 16, 2018

Deaths

-**Thomas E. Slade**, brother of **Dick Slade**, on Nov. 26.

-**Janet Eisenmann**, sister of **Jean (Bob) Krell** on Nov. 28.

A Thank You Note



Thank you for the cards and phone calls while I was recuperating from a fall. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated. I hope to be back in church soon.

-Ginger Hornung

**Martin
Luther
King
Day**



The Church office will be
closed on Monday, Jan. 21, 2019
in observance of
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Notes of Appreciation and Thanks!

The **staff** would like to thank the congregation for the kind notes of appreciation and monetary gifts you gave them during the month of December.

Your support is very important to us!

Alana, Pastor Clarissa, Dave, Jean,



**Sunday Morning
Adult Study**

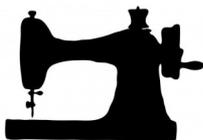
**Sunday Morning
Adult Bible Studies**

Adult Bible Study—Winter 2019

Our Love for God

This winter our lessons begin with God's demands for our complete and undivided love as shown in bible passages found in Matthew.

Our January lessons offers five lessons as Mathew continues to inspire trust in God for all things. James encourages total submission to God in love. In his letter to the Philippians, Paul encourages giving up everything for the sake of one's love of God.



Sewing Day Saturday, January 26, 9am to noon in the Fellowship Hall. All ages and abilities welcome. Bring a sewing machine if able. Fabric will be cut and ready. Join in for

Memorial Gifts Received in 2018

The Wills & Memorial Committee would like to thank the families of the following members of our church for the memorial gifts that have been given memory of their loved ones during 2018.

Picture on the north wall of the sanctuary - Marge Papenfuss.

Organ Repair Fund - Doug Winquist

Music Ministry - Pat Thorin

Candleabra for the altar - Jim Mohr and Ralph Liepert

Loop System funding - Adeline Abuya, Grace Goff, Robert Schultheis, Marilyn Jaastad, Tensa Fields, Irene Smith and Marylou Chapman.

Thank you cards have been mailed to all the families thanking



Lunch Group At the Ridge!

The Lunch Group will meet on **Thursday, Jan. 17, at 12:00 Noon** at Top of the Ridge Restaurant. No sign up



Breakfast Group will meet on **Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2019**. Please note that this is the **2nd Tuesday** of the month due to the first Tuesday falling on New Year's Day. Meet at 8:30am at **Copper Penny**, 1700 E.

Washington St., West Bend. No sign up is necessary.



Office Hours During The Holidays

The office will be closed on **Monday, Dec. 31, and Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019**. The office will reopen on Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2019 at 7:30am.

If you are in need of a pastor, please call **Pastor Clarissa at 847-721-1826** or **Alana Dalton at her home, 262-644-7758**.



Save Those Christmas Cards!

We help the Samaritan Health Care Center with their **craft programs** by providing them with the fronts of Christmas and other cards throughout the year.

There is a box above the coat rack in the



Weekday Cancellation Policy

Whenever the West Bend schools are closed because of the weather, all **church activities will be cancelled** and the **church office will be closed as well**.

Bell Ringers Needed



The handbell choir needs three additional people to ring bells from Feb. to May. Ringers need to be able to read music.

If you would like to give bells a try, instruction is available on Wednesdays at 5:30 starting Feb. 6 or by contacting Kathy Schneider @ 608 206 1043 or Schneka99@gmail.com.

Regular rehearsals begin at **6:00pm every Wednesday** in the Choir room.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Mark your calendar to join this group of knitters and crocheters on **Tuesday, Jan. 15, at 1pm in the Fireside Room.**



Bereavement Group

Have you **suffered a recent loss** or know someone who has? You are invited to attend the Ecumenical Bereavement Support group held in our church lounge. They meet the first Thursday of every month from 6:30pm-8:00pm. Feel free to



Food Pantry

Don't forget that our local **Full Shelf Food Pantry** needs your donations. Please bring your items and place in the **baskets at either entrance.**

You may also write a **check** payable to Fifth Ave. UMC and in-



Thank You ...

...to all who helped **decorate the church** Nov. 26th. A special thank you to Bruce & Bonnie Nissly for providing the greenery and decorations for the flower pots.

...to all of you to everyone who purchased gifts or gave a monetary donation to our **Angel Tree program**. The gifts and gift cards for food have been delivered to the Gingerbread House. Your generosity has brightened the season for needy families in our community.—**Dorothy Dahlen**

...to everyone who helped with our **cookies for the homebound** by baking, packing, and delivering. It is much appreciated and means a lot to our church family. - **Katie Glaser**

...to the Children's Sunday School, Handbell Choir, and Chancel Choir members for presenting the **Christmas Story** during the worship services on Dec. 16th.

...to each of you for saying YES when Jean Krell called you to serve as a **Liturgist, Acolyte, Greeter, Chalice Bearer, Advent Reader or Candlelighter, or to serve coffee** for fellowship time. Your time and service is a very important part of our worship services.

...to all who participated in our annual **White Elephant Auction** by either donating items or coming and being very generous in your bidding and giving.. We raised \$500.00 and it was divided between **Karl's Place, Food Pantry, Gingerbread House, and the Washington Co. Humane Society**
God bless all of you. -**Pat Barnhouse**

Message from Wills and Memorials Committee

The 5th Ave. Legacy Fund was started around 1980 with a donation of one million dollars from Mr. & Mrs. Wilfred Butler. A policy and procedure statement was developed by the church members. It stated that only a portion of the dividends or interest would be dispersed to the Church Council, Trustees and Wills & Memorial committees every year. The funds were to be used for projects and needs that were not part of the yearly budget. A flyer is available in the lobby if you are interested in more information.

In 2018, the Wills and Memorial Committee disbursed \$11,850 as follows:

Pastor Fund - \$2000

School Bag project - \$300

Rawhide Counseling Service, West Bend Office—\$1250

Karl's Place , West Bend Homeless Shelter— \$500

St. James Harvest House - \$500

Albrecht Free Clinic - \$2000

Northcott Neighborhood House - \$2000

Interfaith Caregivers - \$1000

United Methodist Children's Fund - \$500

Salvation Army - Wash. Co. - \$200

Gordon & Ardell Graner - \$500 (missionaries)

India Children's Home - \$1,100 (David Gnaniah)

If you have any questions regarding the funding, please contact a member of the Wills & Memorial Committee.

2019 St. James Episcopal Harvest House Dates

The 5th Avenue United Methodist Church will be hosting the meals in 2019 at **St. James Episcopal Church**. Following are the dates that you can put on your calendar: **Feb. 16, May 18, Aug. 17, and Nov. 16**. Watch monthly newsletter for details.

Thank you for your continued support to this ministry.