



*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

One Worship Service on Feb. 17 at 9:30am

- Feb. 3** **4th Sunday After Epiphany**
Sacrament of Holy Communion
Soup Sale
- Feb. 10** **5th Sunday After Epiphany**
Boy Scout Sunday
Noisy Sunday (Bring coins for missions)
Choir at 10:45am
- Feb. 17** **6th Sunday After Epiphany**
Special Musical Worship Service (9:30am)
(See article on page 2.)
- Feb. 24** **7th Sunday After Epiphany**
No Waupun Prison Ministry in Feb. (Please delete from enclosed calendar—watch for future date.)
Choir at 10:45am



A Graceful Mess

By: **Megan Vollmer**

Embracing Our Weaknesses

Everyone has a weakness or even a few of them. We all have things that just aren't our favorites. We aren't great at them, don't like them, and just generally aren't in our wheelhouse of strengths. Though none of us really want to if we focus on those things and do them, they won't be our weaknesses anymore. They might actually even become our strengths. Practice makes perfect after all, right? Perfect might be stretching it, but we'll be more comfortable doing things we're familiar with.

This can help us with our New Year's resolutions, fitness goals, and even our daily life. Doing things we may not like or be good at is part of life. Tackling them with a positive attitude (and a sense of humor) can make the experience more fun. We can find creative ways to eat those pesky green vegetables we'd rather avoid. We can find fun ways to add some exercise and



Worship Service on Feb. 17— 9:30am

On **Sunday, Feb. 17**, **Martha Winqvist Emrey**, soprano, (from North Carolina) **John Abuya**, organist and **Pastor Clarissa** will present a special worship service at **9:30am** of music and word with congregational participation. Martha is the daughter of Betsy Winqvist and the Late Doug Winqvist. Hymns will be sung, lessons read, a children's sermon will be presented, The Lord's Prayer led by **Michelle Harrington**, and our offering will be received. All this will be part of the presentation of beautiful



Boy Scout Sunday will be observed on **Feb. 10**. **Boy Scout Troop 780** has been sponsored by our church for **56 years!** The Scouts will participate in

Parish News



Change of Address

- Patti Conley

208 N. Mill St. #7, Suring, WI 54174

- Ginny Wise

The Waterford at West Bend

831 E. Washington St. #35, WB 53095

Deaths

-Luke Zwieg, son-in-law of **Gary (Jan) Logan** on Dec. 19

-Leander Kempf, brother of **Allan (Janice Liepert) Kempf** on Dec. 25.

A Thank You Note

*Thank
You!*

continuing.

A special thanks to the ladies of 5th Ave. UMC for the lovely assortment of Christmas cookies. I recall the many years of baking and packaging cookies for the cookie walk and for shut-ins. So glad to see that this is

- Peace, Barbara Ackley-Landis

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

-Norma Chitwood (Feb. 17)

Cedar Community

5595 Hwy. Z, Countryside #22

WB, WI 53095

-John Roth (Feb. 17)

535 Highland View Rd., WB, WI 53095

(John will be 104!)

*Happy
Birthday*



Sunday Morning Adult Study

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Studies

Winter - 2019

Our Love For God

This winter our lessons begin with God's demands for our complete and undivided love as shown in the Bible.

The final unit in February, offers lessons from Psalms. A song of adoration for God's steadfast love, a love song of praise to God for all God's mighty works of goodness. and a praise song to God for assurance of protection and comfort for those who love God.



Serve the Hungry

5th Avenue Methodist Church will be serving the meal at Harvest House-St. James Church on **Saturday, February 16th**. If you are able to help with this mission, please sign up on the bulletin board in the north entrance of our church.



Sewing Day

A **Sewing Day** will be held on **Saturday, Feb. 23, from 9am to noon** in the Fellowship Hall. All ages and abilities welcome.

*Wonderful
Wednesday*

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Dean Pok and Family will provide a the Wonderful Wednesday meal on **Feb. 13, 2019 at 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall**. Please sign up. Free will offering. **Menu** is Roast



Lunch Group At the Ridge!

The Lunch Group will meet on **Thursday, Feb. 21, at 12:00 Noon** at Top of the Ridge Restaurant. No sign up necessary. Lunch will be the special of the day.



Breakfast Group

will meet on **Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2019.** Meet at 8:30am at **Copper Penny, 1700 E. Washington St., West Bend.**

No sign up is necessary.



Soup Sale

A Soup Sale will be held between services on **Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 3rd.** Two sizes: 12 oz. and 32 oz. Cost is \$5 and \$8.

If you can make some soup, please sign up in the north entrance and indicate what kind of soup you can make. **Containers and labels** are available on the table in the north entrance and downstairs by the kitchen.

Freeze at home and bring to church no later than noon on **Friday, Feb. 1, or you may bring them to the church at anytime and put the containers in the freezer in the church kitchen.**



2019 Church Directories

The new 2019 Church Directories are available at either entrance. **Pick up your free copy.**

Please call the church office at 334-2059 if there are any changes, corrections, etc.



Prayer
Shawl
Ministry

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Mark your calendar to join this group of knitters and crocheters on **Tuesdays, Feb. 5 and 19, at 1pm in the Fireside Room.**



Thank You

A special thank you to **Bettie Schuler** for taking care of the children's activity bags for more than 10 years. Her weekly faithfulness in keeping these bags filled with goodies to entertain the small children during worship services is very much appreciated.

We welcome **Diane Kocher** who will now be taking over this ministry. Thank you, Diane, for volunteering to continue this



Call Pastor Clarissa

If you or a family member are ill at home or in the hospital, **please call Pastor Clarissa Martinelli, at 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**





India Orphanage Offering

There still is a great need to support the 5 Orphanages in India directed by David Gnaniah, brother of Pastor Sam Royappa.

Donations may be put in the baskets located at the back of the sanctuary or placed in the offering plate for the **Philip & Timothy Stains Orphanage in India, Special Advance # 7940.**

Thank you!

Do you need ...

- ◆ To contact Pastor Clarissa
- ◆ To check service times
- ◆ To see weekly announcements
- ◆ To know when a specific group is meeting

All of this and more can be done on our website!

Check us out at www.faumc.org



Electronic Giving Available

Leave your checkbook at home! Support your church even when you can't make it to worship! You can now change lives through Fifth Avenue UMC by **giving electronically from your checking or savings account.** Call the church office to get a form. You can change the amount and/or stop at any time.

We currently have 16 families who are participating in this



School bag sewing kits are back in the north entrance. Take a kit home and bring bags back when done. Thank you for participating in this mission ministry.

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



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.**



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 indicate Food Pantry on the memo line.
Thank you!