



Fifth Avenue United Methodist Church
Family Connections

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March 2019

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

- Mar. 3** **Last Sunday After Epiphany—Led by Bob Krell**
5:45am Waupun Prison Ministry
No Sacrament of Holy Communion (See 3/10)
Choir Sings at 8:30am
- Wed. Mar. 6** **Ash Wednesday Service—7:00pm**
- Mar. 10** **1st Sunday in Lent**
Noisy Sunday—bring change for missions
Sacrament of Holy Communion
Choir at 10:45am
- Mar. 17** **2nd Sunday in Lent**
No Choir
- March 24** **3rd Sunday in Lent**
No Children’s SS/ No Choir
- March 31** **4th Sunday in Lent/Choir at 10:45am**
United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)
Special Offering



A Graceful Mess

By: Megan Vollmer

It's Been a Long Winter, Get Outside

January and February are somehow the longest months of the entire year. We're cooped up with cabin fever. We miss the fresh air and sunshine. There are colds, flus, and all kinds of germs going around.

One of the best things we can do for ourselves though is to go outside. Get some sunshine. Get some vitamin D. According to the Cleveland Clinic, vitamin D can even play a role in our immune system and helping it fight off illnesses and infections.

Take a walk around the block or down the road, just not on those below zero days. Not only can the sunshine help us, but fresh air is good for us as well. There's a lot more to enjoy when walking outside versus getting our 10,000 steps walking around the house or a grocery store.

Getting outside can even improve our moods and energy. There is just something about fresh air and sunshine that makes us happier. Spring will shortly be here after a very long winter, so get outside when the weather permits.

Wonderful Wednesday

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Wednesday*

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



Daylight Saving Time

begins on **March 10th.**

Don't forget to turn your clocks **ahead** one hour!

Parish News



Change of address

June Knowlton-Sengpiel

% Orin Acker
3920 School Dr.
Morris, IL 60450

Transfer

Dee Ream to First United Methodist Church in Tavares, FL

Deaths

Fred Rode, brother of **Elaine Gust**, on Jan. 22.

Ron Hauser, cousin-in-law of **Karen Bowes**, on Jan. 25

Jan Micheels on Feb. 13, 2019 She was a member since 1995.

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who participated in our mission at St. James' Episcopal Church with their Harvest House on Sat. Feb. 16th.

Whether you baked a cake, helped to prepare the meal or served the meal, your help is appreciated,

If you want to mark your calendars, the next date to serve is **Sat.**

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

- **Virginia Wise (Mar. 1)**
The Waterford at West Bend
831 E. Washington St. #35, WB 53095
- **Elaine Britton (Mar. 9)**
New Perspective Senior Living
2130 Continental Dr. #310, WB 53095

*Happy
Birthday*



Sunday Morning Adult Study

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Studies

Spring - 2019

Discipline and Mission In March, our lessons survey several calls to ministry and the expectations of those called. We will explore the Gospels of Mark and Luke.

The unit for March offers four lessons and highlights about what it means to be called by Jesus as a disciple. They include hospitality, reaching the lost, and salvation for all people.

The Adult Bible Study group meets at **10:00 a.m. in the Disciple**



Sewing Day

A **Sewing Day** will be held on **Saturday, Mar. 30, from 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 sewing, fellowship and fun.

There will be no Rummage Sale in 2019.

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 join them on **Thursday, Mar. 7.**

Lunch Group At the Ridge!

The Lunch Group will meet on **Thursday, Mar. 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, Mar. 5, 2019**. Meet at 8:30am at **Copper Penny**, 1700 E. Washington St., West Bend.

No sign up is necessary.



Waupun Prison Ministry

Fifth Avenue United Methodist Church will lead the **Sunday morning worship services at Dodge Correctional Institution on Sunday, Mar. 3, 2019**. This is an ongoing outreach ministry of our church. We are in need of members of our congregation to attend. (You do not need to participate in leading the service).

We will car pool to Waupun and leave West Bend about **5:45am**. If interested in attending, **sign up in the north entrance**.

Questions? Please call **Bruce Nissly at 262-343-6057**.



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

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

People at Home

Cedar Community Healthcare

Norma Chitwood

Cedar Bay East

John & Barbara Koehler

Doris Mohr

Betty Nelson

Cedar Bay West

MaryLou Huenemann

Herbert Schreiber

New Perspective Senior Living

Elaine Britton

The Waterford at West Bend

Gordon Covill

Lillian Kritz

Ginny Wise

The Cottages at Cedar Run

Bob Edison

Helen Rilling

Samaritan Health Care Center

Dorothy Schneider

Ivy Manor

Lucy Wagner

Dickson Hollow—Menomonee Falls

Larry Krueger

Jerry Loebe

Barbara Lovensheimer



Lenten Opportunities

Ash Wednesday, Mar. 6

A worship service will be held on Ash Wednesday, March 6, at 7:00pm. There will be Communion, distribution of ashes, Chancel Choir sings and Pastor Clarissa will bring the message.

Ecumenical Wednesday Lenten Prayer Services 12:15-12:45pm

Each week will focus on a different aspect of scripture starting March 13. Watch weekly newsletter for schedule.



Holy Week

Holy Week Schedule

Passion/Palm Sunday, April 14

Worship at 8:30am & 10:45am

Breakfast at 7:30 & 9:45am

Maundy Thursday, April 18

Worship at 7:00pm

Good Friday, April 19

Worship

at 7:00pm

Easter Sunday, April 21

Sunrise Service 7:00am

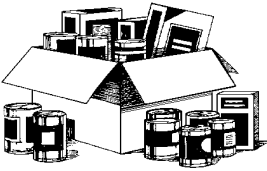
Breakfast at 8:00am

Worship Service at 9:30am





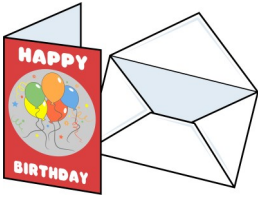
Noisy Sunday will be held on March 10.
Bring your extra change for missions.



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!**



Need a Card?

If you need a last minute card for someone (birthday, get well, anniversary, thinking of you, etc.), check the supply on the counter in the north entrance.

Suggested donation is 50cents. Proceeds



The Greatest Gift of All

Did you know you could **save a life?** Please consider making an appointment to donate blood.

It only takes about 45 minutes and could be a life saver to someone in need.



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.**