



*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**

**Mother’s Day, May 12 9:30am service**

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| <b>May 5</b>  | <b>3rd Sunday of Easter<br/>Choir Sings at 10:45am<br/>Communion will be celebrated on May 12</b>   |
| <b>May 12</b> | <b>4th Sunday of Easter/Mother’s Day<br/>One Service at 9:30am<br/>Sacrament of Holy Communion<br/>Noisy Sunday (bring change for missions)<br/>Choir Sings</b> |
| <b>May 19</b> | <b>5th Sunday of Easter<br/>Choir Sings at 10:45am<br/>Handbell Choir plays at both services</b>  |
| <b>May 26</b> | <b>6th Sunday of Easter<br/>Memorial Day Weekend<br/>No Choir/No<sup>1</sup>Children’s Sunday School</b>  |



## **A Graceful Mess**

**By: Megan Vollmer**

Let's Spring Clean Our Lives and Attitudes

As I write this, there is snow on the ground in mid April. I know I can't be the only one who is annoyed. We can often times be guilty of letting things we cannot control frustrate us. But no matter how we feel about certain circumstances, such as the weather, there is not much we can do to change them. Sometimes all we can do is take a deep breath and move on with our day. There are better uses for our energy.

Sometimes our lives and attitudes could use a good spring cleaning. It's a good idea to let go of the frustrations and silly things that bog us down in our day-to-day lives. We can't control the other drivers on the road, grouchy encounters at the store, or the weather. However, we can control how we let these things affect us and how we react to them. We can let things that we can't control simply roll off our shoulders. We can try to brighten someone's day rather than letting them rain on our parade.

## **Meet Our New Accountable Leadership Board (ALB)!**

At a **Special Charge Conference** on April 9, the following people were elected to our new ALB. We thank them for their leadership.

**Chairperson:** Stan Schneider

**Finance:** David Bast and Ed Fowell

**Staff Parish Relations:** Kaonou Latham and Ellen Johnson

**Trustees:** Jan Donahou and Dick Slade

**Missions/Outreach:** Marolyn Kell

**Lay Leader:** Bob Krell



Thank you to the **Church Council** for providing funds for the wheels on the handbell tables.

**-The Handbell Choir**

### Thank You



Thank you to Ellen Johnson, Vicki Roth, John Abuya, and Sherry Gerhartz for their participation in Youth Sunday.

Also a special thank you to the Sunday School Children, teachers, and families for their hard work in making Youth Sunday on April 28 a success.

### Summer Worship Hours



Now that summer is upon us people will be traveling. It's a fact of life: There's always a drop in church attendance until school begins in August. Therefore, in order to steward God's resources wisely and better focus our efforts, we will be moving to a **Summer Service Schedule for 2019 starting June 2 2019 at 9:30am**. All Summer Worship Services will be held at 9:30am. The **LAST SUMMER 9:30am service at the Fifth Avenue United Methodist Church will be: Aug. 25, 2019**. Regular church worship service will resume on **September 1, 2019, at 8:30am and 10:45am**.

We know that changes like these affect some more than others. We're sorry for any inconvenience the temporary change in schedule might cause you or your family. But it is our responsibility to steward God's resources in order to get the most out of our Summer worship experiences. My sincere appreciation for your attendance, understanding, and especially prayers.



## Sunday Morning Adult Study

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**Discipline and Mission** - In May, our four lessons begin with Paul's introduction of himself to Jewish and Gentile Christians. Paul affirms that the call to salvation is a call to a life in the Spirit and involves a new life in Christ.

The Adult Bible Study group meets at **10:00 a.m. in the Disciple Room**. The materials used are from Cokesbury United



## Mother's Day Worship

There will be just one service at **9:30am on Mother's Day, May 12**. There will be no Children's Sunday School that day.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will also be celebrated. We will have Noisy Sunday so bring your loose change for missions. This will be our last Noisy Sunday. The Sunday School youth will make a decision as to where the money collected will go for missions. **Thank you, congregation, for your support this past**

## **Salad Luncheon**



## Spring Salad Luncheon

**Saturday, May 4**, is the date of our annual salad luncheon. Serving times are **11am-12:30pm**. Tickets are **\$9.00 in advance and \$10.00 at the door**. We will be serving hot chicken salad along with the salads and bars you provide for us. A **sign-up sheet** is on the north entrance bulletin board. **Please have your salads at church by noon on Friday, May 3, or 9am on Saturday, May 4. Attach a name to the salad, please.** (Don't forget to mark your containers with your name.) Please have your salad ready to serve and your bars



### **Lunch Group At the Ridge!**

The Lunch Group will meet on **Thursday, May 16, at 12:00 Noon** at Top of the Ridge Restaurant. No sign up necessary. Lunch will be the special of the



**Breakfast Group** will meet on **Tuesday, May 7, 2019**. Meet at 8:30am at **Copper Penny**, 1700 E. Washington St., West Bend. No sign up is necessary.



### **Bakeless Cookie Sale Month!**

**May** is United Methodist Women's **Bakeless Cookie Sale** month. They are accepting donations during the **month of May, 2019**. Checks can be made payable to **UMW**.

#### **Please place envelope:**

- 1) **Put** in box in north entrance.
- 2) **Place** in offering plate.
- 3) **Drop** off in church office.

All monies will be given to UMW mission projects. **Thank you!**



### **Who Is Graduating?**

We would like to include the names of anyone graduating from High School, Technical College, College, or University in our bulletin on June 2.

Let us know either by **calling the church office, 334-2059**, or **sending an email to: church@faumc.org**.

**Please include:** the graduate's name, where they are graduating from, school name, degree or major, and any future plans by **Sunday, May 26th**.



Prayer  
Shawl  
Ministry

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

Mark your calendar to join this group of knitters and crocheters on **Tuesdays, May 7 and 21, at 1pm in the Fireside Room.**



## Beautification Saturday

Dust, vacuum, recycle, organize, scrub, downsize, donate. It's time for spring cleaning of God's House! The season has arrived to get everything freshened up and back in order.

We invite each of you to come out on Saturday, **May 11 from 10:00am to 3:00pm.**

The work is plentiful – we need **YOU!**

We will have a traditional United Methodist **Potluck. Please bring a covered dish to share for lunch.** Contact the church office (262.334.2059) with any questions.

A **signup sheet** is located in the north entrance. **You are**



## A Thank You Note

**To My Church Family:**

Many thanks for your prayers, cards, and good wishes during my long recuperation. It was so wonderful for Pastor Clarissa to visit me in the hospital and to bring communion when I was in Rehab.

The Prayer Shawl she brought is so pretty, and it was used every day. This is a wonderful ministry for 5th Avenue and so appreciated. Thanks to all those knitters.

I am finally back in our apartment with daily therapy and finally walking with a walker. Thank you, GOD, for healing powers.

**Gratefully,**



**Noisy Sunday will be held on May 12.**

Bring your extra change for missions. This will be the last collection.

### **Serve the Hungry**



Fifth Avenue will be providing the meal for Harvest House at St. James Episcopal Church in West Bend on **Saturday, May 18th**. If you are interested in helping, please sign up on the sheet for Harvest House on the bulletin board in the lobby **or call Marolyn Kell at 334-5865. Thank you!**

### **Reminder:**

**There will be no Rummage Sale in 2019.**



### **Church Camps for All Ages!**

Start thinking about church camp.  
Brochures located on bulletin board.  
Scholarships available.

### **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!**



## Happy Birthday, Missionary!

**Joua Vang**, mother of our own Kaonou Latham, was a missionary in Laos. She is now a member of the church in St. Paul and is active with United Methodist Women but still keeps up with her ministries in Southeast Asia where she organized training for pastors and worked with women to go out to help lift people out of poverty.

She is an officer in a national group of Hmong United Methodist Women.

# Thank You!

Wow! Over 200 school bags have been sewn. Thanks to all the women and girls who've helped. We won't have any more sewing days this year but sewing kits are still available in the north entrance. **Completed bags need to be returned by June 3 for packing. They will be sent to Annual Conference.**



## 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**



**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.

School bags will be taken to Annual