



*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: 9:30am (continues through Aug. 25)

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| July 7 | 4th Sunday After Pentecost
Sacrament of Holy Communion |
| July 14 | 5th Sunday After Pentecost |
| July 21 | 6th Sunday After Pentecost |
| July 28 | 7th Sunday After Pentecost |



Easter Offering

Thank you for your Easter Offering support for the Phillips & Timothy Stains Memorial Children’s Home. A total of \$2,761.00 will be donated. This amount will help support the 5 Orphanages in India directed by David Gnaniah, brother of Pastor Sam Royappa.



A Graceful Mess

By: Megan Vollmer

Giving Ourselves Grace

God is our creator. He has a plan for us and for our lives, though as human beings sometimes we struggle to see that plan. We get frustrated because where we think we should be doesn't match where we are. Physical limitations from injuries, surgeries, and illnesses may alter our plans and abilities. What we think we should be able to do doesn't match what we are actually able to do. That can be a hard and bitter pill to swallow for many of us, especially those like myself who are stubborn. We want to do what is best for ourselves, of course, but we don't always know what is best for us. Sometimes we need to listen to what God is telling us, even if He's telling us through doctors, nurses, loved ones, or our own bodies.

When we don't listen to our bodies and ignore the need for rest and recovery, we can end up hurting ourselves. We can end up setting our goals even further away as we need to heal longer. We need to be kinder to ourselves and take care of ourselves. We need to give ourselves the grace that God does when what we want to be able to do doesn't match what we can actually do.



The sewing group made **259** school bags this year. **157** packets containing all the supplies needed to fill a school bag were also donated and packed by a generous donor. School bags are taken to Annual Conference and then distributed by UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) to U.S. disaster areas and to needy countries around the globe.

A HUGE thank you to everyone who helped with this mission project. All of you are a blessing! Special thanks to **Barb Johnson** who puts boots on the ground and does the leg work needed to make this a successful project.

Additionally, 32 girls' cotton dresses were sewn and are on their way to Stains Memorial Children's Home in India. Almost all of these were lovingly sewn by **Debbie Larder**.

Parish News

Birth

- **Archer John Calenberg**, son of Alex and Tarah Calenberg, born June 1. Paternal grandparents are Tom & Chris Calenberg.

- **Madeline Mary Hockers** daughter of Mike & Debbie Cahoon, born May 29. Paternal grandparents are Jim & Sandy Cahoon.

Death

Virginia (Ginny) Wise on May 19, 2019. She was a member since 1987. She is the mother of **Sandy (Pat) Wamser**.

The following “People at Home” will have July Birthdays:

Happy
Birthday

Mary Lou Huenemann (July 2)

Cedar Bay West

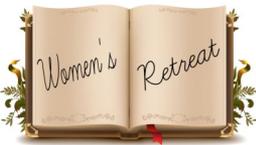
5555 Cedar Bay Dr. #2103 WB 53095

Betty Nelson (July 11)

Cedar Bay East

5577 Home Sr. #223

West Bend 53095



Save the Date

What: “Women’s Inspiring Retreat”

When: Saturday, Sept. 14, 2019

Time: 9:30am-2:00pm

Where: Cedar Ridge, West Bend

More information to follow!



**Sunday Morning
Adult Study**

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Studies

Summer - 2019

A Heartfelt Covenant - The four lessons in July give new meaning and purpose to the Law. Jesus began teaching the Law in a way that gave life to the hearer and the doer. For the summer, the Adult Bible Study will meet at 10:45 - 11:15 a.m. in the Disciple Room. We hope you will join us.



Fill the Red Truck!

We will be collecting donations of all produce and vegetable garden surplus on **Sunday, Sept. 8 (Rally Day) from 9am-11:30am.** 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.

This year we are asking for any new or gently used coats, hats, scarves and mittens.

Thank You!

A special **thank** you to my church family/friends for your greeting cards, your phone calls, your concerns and especially for your prayers throughout the past 6 months of my many hospitalizations. And to those who baked and delivered the yummy Christmas cookies and to the knitting group who gifted me with not just one but two cozy prayer shawls, your timely gifts were so appreciated.

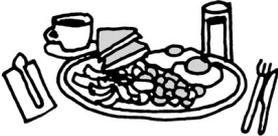
Also to Pastor Clarissa for providing that little ray of sunshine which I so needed and to which you provided; it was the perfect elixir so my heartfelt thanks to you! Sending my best wishes to each and everyone for the todays and for the tomorrows yet to come.

- Nancy Whitson



Lunch Group At the Ridge!

The Lunch Group will meet on **Thursday, July 18, 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, July 2, 2019**. Meet at 8:30am at **Omicron's, 1505 S. Main St. (Note change of location for July only.)** No

sign up is necessary.

Also note that the location on the enclosed calendar does not reflect this last minute change.

Thank You

A Thank You Note

I would like to thank my church family for their support of Interfaith Caregivers with the purchase of Fish Fry tickets, raffle tickets, and the annual Tea.

Interfaith Caregivers received over \$1,000 from the Fish Fry events and over \$1,000 from the Wednesday Ecumenical Lenten Services' free will offerings at the different churches.

Without your support, Interfaith would not be able to serve over 1,000 elderly citizens in Washington County with 11,708 rides in 2018, plus other services they provide.

I thank you for your support and Interfaith Caregivers thanks you, too!

- Barbara Johnson, Interfaith Volunteer



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Mark your calendar to join this group of knitters and crocheters on **Tuesdays, July 2 and 16, at 1pm in the Fireside Room.**

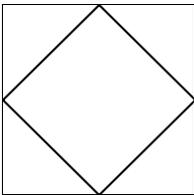


Bell Choir Needs You

The bell choir is in need of at least four additional members. If you played an instrument in Jr. High or High School, think about using those musical skills again.

New member assistance/support is available at 5:30 – 6:00 PM on Wednesdays or as arranged. The bell choir practices every Wednesday from 6:00 to 7:00 PM in the Sunshine Room. Bell Choir tries to play once a month during the school year. Practices will start Wednesday Aug. 21.

If you would like more information or to give ringing a try contact Kathy Schneider or the church office.



Pick Up Your Quilt Square!

We will make a Mother's Day & Father's Day Quilt with squares provided by members and friends of Fifth Avenue. Squares are available on the table in the north entrance. Pick up a white square, take it home, draw, color, write, or paint a message to Mom and return to church by **Sunday, Aug. 4.**

These panels will be made into a quilt by December 2019.



Vacation Bible School

VBS will be held **July 29—Aug. 2 from 8:45am-11:30am**. We will be joining with **Trinity Lutheran** again and hosted at Trinity, 140 N. 7th Ave., West Bend. This year's theme is: **"Roar—Life is Wild*God Is Good"**.

There is a \$20.00 per child fee that FAUMC will cover for our parishioner's children and grandchildren. Let Kaonou Latham know the names of the attendees at [262-677-8875](tel:262-677-8875) or lathamkaonou@hotmail.com.



TO: Church Family!

My classmates and I wanted to thank you all for helping to make the "Loose Change Ministry" a huge success. We enjoyed taking up the monthly collection and seeing how we could all make a difference in so many lives. With your continued support, in a little under one year, our church raised \$1668.67. That is amazing!

Jesus gave us a new commandment ---- Love One Another. This ministry is just one example of how our church does that. We, the children of this church have decided to use the donation to equally support three missions that shows our love at the local, state, and international level.

The three Missions are:

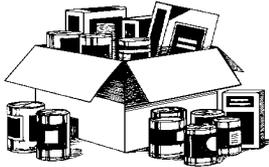
- The Washington County Humane Society
- Wisconsin Disaster Response
- Grace Children's Hospital in Haiti



The Wills & Memorials has contributed Legacy Funds to the following charities:

- Interfaith Caregivers - \$500
- Albrecht Free Clinic - \$500
- St. James - Harvest House - \$500
- Karl's Place - Homeless Shelter - \$500
- Pastor's Fund - \$1000
- Full Shelf Food Pantry - \$500
- India Children's Home - \$1000

If you have any questions regarding this distribution of funds, please contact Marolyn Kell at 262-334-5865.



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.



Address Change

If you have a change of address, please notify the church office. We are charged for each address change returned to us.

Thank you!

**CLASS
OF
2019**

We Salute the 2019 Graduates!

Nichole Bowerman, granddaughter of Jim & Jeri Bowerman, graduated from Bethel University in St. Paul, MN, with a degree in nursing.

Mitchell Hartman, grandson of Ron & Bev Hartmann, graduated from Living Word Lutheran High School. He will be working as a mechanic for a trucking company and also working towards becoming a firefighter and EMT.

Samuel Johnson, grandson of Barbara Johnson, and son of Craig & Irina Johnson, graduated from Homestead High School in Mequon. He will attend the University of Minnesota with plans to be a financial adviser.

Evan Kaye, grandson of Betty Clement. He graduated from 8th Grade at Badger Middle School.

Nate Koehler, grandson of John & Barb Koehler, graduated from Indiana State University Magna Cum Laude. He has a marketing major and will be working in Sun Prairie, WI.

Ethan Latham, son of Tom & Kaanou Latham, graduated from West Bend West High School. He is going to the Milwaukee School of Engineering in the Fall and will study User Experience.

Alex Lewis, grandson of Mike & Fay Lewis, graduated from West Bend East. Possible future plans include Technical School.

Brandt Parker, grandson of Betty Clement, graduated from Western Technical College in LaCrosse with high honors as a "Refrigeration, Air Conditioning and Heating Service Technician.

Emma Preder, granddaughter of Ron & Bev Hartmann, graduated from Kewaskum High School. She will be attending UW-Platteville in Forensic Science.

Brandan Schuetz, grandson of Betty Clement, graduated from Moraine Technical College in West Bend with an Electrician Program degree.

Abigail Schuler, granddaughter of Jim & Bettie Schuler and Howard & Ellen Johnson, graduated from West Bend East and will be attending UW-Washington County in the Fall.

We extend congratulations to other graduates not listed here!