



*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

Worship Services will be held at 9:30am every Sunday once we are able to resume meeting again.

There will be no worship services in May until the restriction order has been lifted.

**Please note:
Church Activities are subject to change in this newsletter. You will be kept up to date.**



A Graceful Mess By: Megan Vollmer

If I'm being honest I don't really like change, and I have a feeling that I'm not the only one. Most of us especially dislike change that is pushed upon us. Just because change isn't always desired, doesn't mean that it isn't sometimes a good thing. In fact, growth requires change. There are a lot of ways we can and should change in our lives so that we can grow in our faith, wellness, and relationships.

To grow in our faith, we might change how or how often we speak to God. It can be tricky sometimes to find a quiet time to pray and grow in our faith. Sometimes we have to sacrifice a little sleep in the early hours of the morning or get creative in finding time during the day that we can spare.

Sometimes we have to change for our health. This might mean being extra active, changing what we eat, or resting. Factors like time and distance can impact how we communicate with loved ones. Though change can be difficult, it can also be beautiful. We might find a new hobby, food, or activity we enjoy.



The 5th Avenue Methodist Church has been given a booth at the downtown West Bend Farmer's Market for the following Saturday dates: **June 13th, July 25th, August 22nd, & Sept. 26th.** If you are interested in helping, the booth will be open from 7:30 - 11:00am.

Please **contact Marolyn Kell (334-5865)** if you can help (will have 2 hour shifts) , have any ideas of items that we might sell or give away. She is planning on giving coffee samples and also selling it.

Parish News

Change of Address

-Deb Larder

2717 Kenny St.

Livermore, CA 94551



Deaths

-Elaine Britton on March 29. She was a member since 1947.

-John (Barbara) Koehler on April 1. He was a member since 1956. A memorial service will be held at our church at a later time.

-Jim (Jeri) Bowerman on April 12, 2020.

-Mary Royappa, mother of Pastor Sam Royappa (Shanti Samuel) on April 12



Breakfast Group will not meet on **Tuesday, May 5 2020 at 8:30am** at the **Copper Penny.**

Watch June newsletter for more information.



Lunch Group At the Ridge!

The Lunch Group will not meet in May.



The Greatest Gift of All

During this pandemic, 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.

Call 1-877-232-4376.



**Sunday Morning
Adult Study**

**Adult
Sunday Morning Studies**

The Bible Study class will not be meeting in May.

Office Hours

Because of the Coronavirus, office hours have been reduced. Office hours will be **8:00am-Noon on Mondays and Thursdays until further notice..** The staff will be working from home.

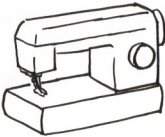
If you need to contact **Pastor Clarissa, please call her at 1-847-721-1826 or Alana Dalton at 1-262-644-7758.**

Prayer Shawl Ministry



Mark your calendar to join this group of knitters and crocheters every Tuesday at **1:00pm in the Fireside Room.**

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will continue once the stay at home order has been lifted.



Sewing Kits are available in the north entrance.

If you would like to put a kit together for school bags for missions, please take a kit home with you. Drop it off in the church office when you are through before **June 1st.** Thanks so much!

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

No May birthdays

**Happy
Birthday**

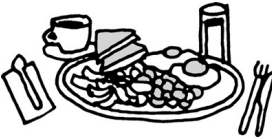


Lunch Group At the Ridge!

The Lunch Group will meet on **Thursday, May 21** at **12:00 Noon** at Top of the Ridge Restaurant.

Please call **Carol Flanders, 334-9662**, if you plan to attend. Deadline is **Tuesday, May 19**. Lunch will be ordered off the regular menu.

Open to members and friends of Fifth Avenue.



Breakfast Group will meet on **Tuesday, May 5** ~~April 7, 2020~~. Meet at 8:30am at **Copper Penny, 1700 E. Washington St., West Bend**. No sign up



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, April 2**.



Prayer
Shawl
Ministry

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Mark your calendar to join this group of knitters and crocheters on **Tuesdays, April 7 and 21, at 1:00pm in the Fireside Room.** (Please note that they are returning to their normal schedule of the first and third Tuesdays of the month.)



Cookies For Our People at Home

Due to the Coronavirus, we will not be distributing Easter Cookies to our shut-ins this year.

Any questions, please contact **Katie Glaser,**

677-0162.



Health Promotion Program

The Aging and Disability Resource Center of Washington County is providing a valuable community service at **our church in Fellowship Hall.** Nursing services are available to older adults (60+) **free of charge.**

Services are available **the 2nd Thursday of every month from noon-3:00pm.** No appointment is necessary.

Nancy Gloede, who is a RN, offers this health clinic. Blood pressure can be checked, health concerns can be addressed, medications can be reviewed, and more, all in a private setting.



Lenten Opportunities

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

Date	Location	Speaker
4/1 (ends)	5th Ave. UMC	Rev. Erik Kirkegaard from Peace UCC
(Soup Luncheon at 12:45pm. See page 4.)		



Holy Week

Holy Week Schedule

Palm/Passion Sunday, April 5

Worship at 8:30am & 10:45am

Breakfast at 7:30 & 9:45am

Maundy Thursday, April 9

Worship at 7:00pm

Good Friday, April 10

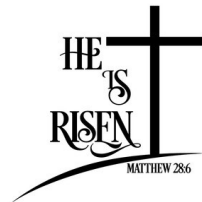
Worship at 7:00pm

Easter Sunday, April 12

Sunrise Service 7:00am

Breakfast at 8:00am

Worship Service at 9:30am





There will **not** be a Spring Salad Luncheon this year.



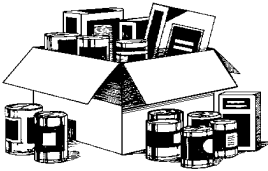
Thank You!

I want to say **THANK YOU** to so many of you. I don't want to miss anyone so I am not going to list individual names.

You were willing to serve as a liturgist, acolyte, chalice bearer, greeter, and coffee server.

Each one of you is a very important part of worship, and I want you to know how much you are appreciated. Thank you.

Jean Krell, Volunteer Coordinator



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**. They usually are in need of Spaghetti-O types of meals or Mac and Cheese.

You may also write a **check** payable to Fifth Ave. UMC and indicate Food Pantry on the memo line.

Thank you for your support!

Invite someone to church!