



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

May 22: 9:30am Service followed by Piano Dedication at 10:30am

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| May 1 | 6th Sunday of Easter
Sacrament of Holy Communion
Choir Sings at 8:30am |
| May 8 | 7th Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day
Choir Sings at 10:45am |
| May 15 | Day of Pentecost
Choir Sings at 8:30am |
| May 22 | 9:30am Service (one service only)
First Sunday After Pentecost/Choir Cantata
Peace with Justice Offering
10:30am Dedication of Yamaha Grand Piano |
| May 29 | Second Sunday After Pentecost
Memorial Day Weekend/No Choir |



Pastoral Ponderings

Are there any among us who do not eagerly each year await the arrival of spring? Save for the most dedicated winter sports enthusiasts, aren't we glad when the last cold biting wind sweeping in from the north is replaced by more gentler breezes?

Spring brings changes. The warmer weather invites more outdoor activities, such as gardening or golfing. For some of our young people, it means moving on to a new stage of life. (See other article concerning the recognition of graduates.) For Fifth Avenue UMC, it will be a new chapter of pastoral leadership as Pastor Jeremy leaves and a new pastor arrives in July.

I will again have the privilege of serving as your pastor during this time. Please uphold me and the church in your prayers. Please continue to be faithful in your worship and service. Remember, the Christ whose resurrection we celebrate at Easter continues to lead and guide us. God is faithful. So must we be.

**God's blessings be upon you,
Pastor Wes**



Music! Music! Music!

Sunday, May 22, 2016 will be a special music day at Fifth Ave. UMC. At our **one service at 9:30am**, the choir will present the cantata, "A Festival of Hymns" by Hal Hopson. This will include readings as the hymn writers tell their stories, congregational singing, and feature our wonderful choir.

After the 45-minute service and a 15-minute break, another extra special music event will take place. We will have the **dedication of the Yamaha Grand Piano**—a memorial gift from the Bast Family, an informal recital will take place. Participating pianists will include Dave Bertelsen, Jeri Bowerman, Vicki Roth, Pastor Jeremy Deaner, John Abuya, Payton Louk and Aleah Latham.

You will not want to miss this wonderful morning of worship praise, dedication and thanksgiving.

Parish Updates



Change of Address

Marilou Chapman

The Cottages at Cedar Run
6090 Scenic Dr. #104, WB 53095

Jeremy Deaner & Anna Doherty

1701 Century Circle #119, Woodbury, MN 55125

Baptism— March 27, 2016

Lillian Grace Krebs, born Sept. 21, 2015.

Parents: Matthew & Sarah Krebs

Maternal Grandparents: Mary & Arian Kurth

Paternal Grandparents: Tracey & Mark Wygant

Deaths

- **Jill Tsuzuki** on April 6. She is the sister of Jenny Tsuzuki-Korbar and daughter of Bob Tsuzuki.
- **Sue Haag**, wife of Rodney Haag, on April 7, 2016.

New Members (See insert)



Confirmation Class of 2016

Congratulations to the following youth who joined Fifth Avenue United Methodist Church on **April 3** through the Confirmation Program:

Caden Thomas Bast, mentored by Michelle Thompson

Rachel Kay Kircher, mentored by Linda Smeaton

Anna Louise Prah, mentored by Marilyn Kellow



For Pastoral Care

If you need to contact Pastor Wes Falk while he is covering for Pastor Jeremy while he is on vacation and paternity leave, please **call Alana Dalton** and she will get in touch with him. You can call the office at 262-334-2059 and leave a message with her or you may call her home at 262-644-7758. If any group would like Pastor Wes to be present at their meeting, please contact him. Otherwise he will not be attending routine meetings.

Adult Sunday School



The Spring lessons in Adult Bible Studies follow the theme "**The Gift of Faith**". The student book writer is Jack Gilbert; Von Unruh is the writer of the teacher book.

Fullness of Faith - May

The four lessons that conclude this quarter's study again come from Luke's Gospel. The first looks at Jesus' healing of the ten lepers; the second examines Jesus' contrast of the Pharisee and the tax collector. The third lesson explores Jesus' teaching about having childlike faith. The final lesson of this quarter highlights joyous faith by reviewing Jesus' encounter with the tax collector Zacchaeus.

The Adult Bible Study is held on Sunday mornings from **9:45-10:30 a.m. in the Disciple Room (across from the Fireside Room)**. Please join us in learning more about the Bible.



School Bag Sewing Kits

Material for school bag kits are in the north entrance. Take a kit home and bring bags back when done. Thank you to **Universal Strap in Jackson** for again providing webbing for the school bag straps. **Completed school bags need to be returned to church by May 25.** They will be packed and taken to Annual Conference. **Many thanks** to everyone who donated fabric and worked so hard to cut, press, package and sew bag.



Breakfast Group will meet at **8:30am on Tuesday, May 3, 2016** at the **Copper Penny**, 1700 E. Washington St., West Bend. No sign up is necessary.



Lunch Group At the Ridge!

The Lunch Group will meet on **Thursday, Msy 19 at 12:00 Noon** at Top of the Ridge Restaurant. No sign up necessary. Lunch will be the special of the day. Join in for food and fellowship.

The following "People at Home" will have May Birthdays:

-**Marilynn Jaastad (May 20)**
520 Westport Dr.,
Port Washington, WI 53074
(Marilynn will become 101!)

Happy
Birthday



We are looking for volunteers to help with **Vacation Bible School** this summer. We are looking at mid-July.

Pleas let us know ASAP or it will have to be cancelled for this year. If you are **willing to help** for a week, day, or hour, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact Alana on when and how much time you could give.

CAN YOU? Instead of filling up the landfill, **donate your old HELP** (ratty?) towels and sweatshirts to Betsy Winquist for the birds and animals at Pine View Wildlife Rehab. Items can be brought to the church office.

Student Receives Bible



Katherine Evelyn Kuhaupt received her **Bible** from the church on **Sunday, April 3, 2016.**

Salad Luncheon



United Methodist Women's Annual Salad Luncheon

A Special **THANK YOU**...to all those who made our **Spring Salad Luncheon Sale on April 16 a big success**...from the wonderful salads and bars, to all those who set up and helped clean up, and Dave Bertelsen for his entertainment. Monies cleared will go towards their Annual Pledge to the Wisconsin Conference of the United Methodist Women.

- The United Methodist Women Board



Thank you for your **Northcott Neighborhood House contributions** for the recent Mission Action Day. We had over **5 bags of collection items**, plus monetary donations of **\$535, which Church Council will now match**. Thank you for your support of this National Mission Institution of United Methodist Women.

On behalf of UMW of Fifth Avenue and the WI Conference, Linda Smeaton



Bakeless Cookie Sale Month!

May is United Methodist Women's **Bakeless Cookie Sale** month. They are accepting donations during the **month of May, 2016**.

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 and God bless!

Special envelope included in this issue.

book review

United Methodist Women's Book Review

Need to recharge your spiritual batteries? In **Outlive Your Life** beloved author Max Lucado writes that ordinary people can make a difference, make their lives matter. Based on the first chapters of Acts the book encourages us to come out of our shells of isolation, to work together and to open our hands and hearts. Like the early Christians we are to remember that everything we have comes from God. We are exhorted to pray first and pray most, something that can be done even by those unable to get out of their houses. Interesting stories tell us we can all be transformed into servants of Christ so our lives will outlive us.



Recognition of 90+

On **Sunday, May 15**, there will be a recognition of members who are 90 and older. Those in attendance will be asked to stand. A cake will be served during Fellowship Time in their honor.

Spring Cleaning

Spring Cleaning will take place at church on **Friday, May 6, from 10am-5pm** and **Saturday, May 7 from 10am to 4:00pm.**

Volunteers are encouraged to show up at will, for as long as they choose. A chore list will be available. Please **sign up** in the north entrance.

Welcome Committee



Welcoming Words of Wisdom

When in conversation with a new guest, show an attentive interest in what they are saying. You can always catch up with your church family during Fellowship Time. They will understand your act of kindness to our visitor.

- The Welcome Team



Happy Birthday, Missionaries!

Joua Vang, mother of our church member, Kaonou Latham, has had a very difficult year as she continues to fight her autoimmune disease, myositis. She has had to put on hold her missionary and UMW functions to concentrate on her health. It is a disease that deteriorates her muscles, thus it causes much pain and limits her mobility. Her faith keeps her motivated that she will one day return to her passion of participating in her church in St. Paul, MN and missionary ministries in Southeast Asia.

Joua was in mission in Laos. Among the many things she did was to organize training for Pastors youth leaders and trained the Bible Women, who then went out to the rural areas where they worked with women to set up mushroom farms and goat rearing to help lift people out of poverty. In Minnesota she has continued her mission work and has been an officer in the national group of Hmong United Methodist Women.



THANK YOU to all the beautiful people who have worked in the dishwashing room all 2016 and, especially this month of April! YOU are appreciated!



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 5. 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 29th.**



New Member Joined 3/27/16

Dale Zarling. I live in West Bend at the Village Homes at Cedar Community on Hwy. Z. I am married to my loving wife, Rita, for 35-1/2 years. We have two grown children, David, 34 years old, single and living in Richmond, VA. Scott is 31 years old, single and living in Pewaukee, WI.

God has been influential in my life. I have a long history and background in the United Church of Christ.

I like to read (mostly religious books), relax on our patio, watch TV when I get a chance, ride around the trails at Cedar Community with our golf cart. We both are still working full-time and looking forward to retirement.

I feel it is an absolute honor to be a member here at Fifth Avenue United Methodist Church. I have been drawn to this church by your strong moral and religious values. I really like the screen in front of the church. It helps and strengthens me during worship. Thank you!

Members Can Take the Class Too!

Debra Matthies. I moved to Wisconsin on April 10, 1979. I transferred from Trinity UMC in Alexandria, LA in July, 1980. Two of the first people I ever met here in Wisconsin were Chuck & Jean Seeger who invited me to this church. I left the church in the mid 90's, returning around 2008 after stopping in to chat with Pastor Janis. She made such an impression on me during our brief meeting I could not wait to come back!

After returning, I have gradually become very active in church functions and especially United Methodist Women. Over time my church and church family have become a very important part of my life and I try to take an active role as a member of Fifth Ave. UMC. I took part in the New Member Class this year because I had never taken the class and wanted to learn more about being a United Methodist. Since I am already a member, I am not actually taking part in the induction of new members but I do want to say this: everyone should take this class even if you have been a long time member. It can only enhance and/or refresh your faith journey.



**New
Members!**

New Members Joined 4/10/16

Jennifer Wiedmeyer. I was born and raised in Wisconsin, and was baptized at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Milwaukee as a child. I grew up in the Milwaukee area, until moving to West Bend when I was 13. I have lived in the West Bend area for the majority of my life, except for the few years I lived in Louisiana. I am blessed with 3 beautiful children, Corey 22, Stephanie 21, and Brittany 16. My Grandparents, Shirley and Jack Hegelund, were previous members of this church, and my parents Joan and Walter Teague are current members of this church.

Some of my favorite things in life are, spending time with my family, and my angel & companion, Eric. I enjoy camping, being in nature, snowmobiling, fishing, horseback riding, traveling, helping others and this is just to name a few. I view myself as a spiritual and God loving individual, and I am blessed to have a church home and family here at Fifth Avenue Methodist.

Eric Peters. I've been a native of Wisconsin all my life and a resident of West Bend since 1988. I went to church at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Random Lake and grew up in Fond du Lac where I was baptized and confirmed at the Church of Peace. I've been working in the prescription drug industry for 20 years and currently work has an Application Developer for OptumRx which is part of UnitedHealth Group. My hobbies are camping, muscle cars and restorations, motorcycling, wave running, snowmobiling, horseback riding, Indy 500, grouse hunting, animal and nature lover, and traveling. My grandparents, Roy and Irma Peters, were past members of this church. I'm excited to be a member of this church and am looking forward to making many new fellowships!