

Welcome to Fifth Avenue UMC

West Bend, WI

January 14, 2024

2024 Offering Envelopes

To help us save postage, please pick up your Offering Envelope box. If you don't see your name and would like a box, please call the office @ 262-224-2059.

Pastor Clarissa, Ellen Johnson, Lay Servant, are available to assist you in all times of need. Their contact information:

Pastor Clarissa: 847-721-1826; Ms. Ellen Johnson: 262-339-7673.

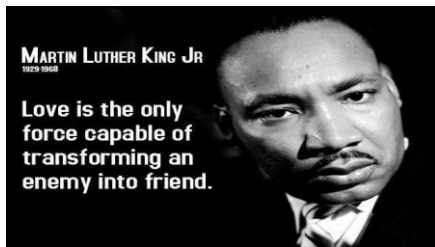
Deadline Reminders!

Weekly Bulletin Articles: Noon on Wednesdays.

Monthly Newsletter Articles: 15th of each month.

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

FEBRUARY 14, @ 7:00 P.M.



A service of celebration honoring Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Monday, January 15 | 10 a.m. Cedar Community, Cedar Ridge Campus | Grand Hall 113 Cedar Ridge Drive, West Bend. This year, to commemorate his extraordinary life, work, and legacy, we will be holding two events in the Grand Hall on Martin Luther King Day! JOIN US! 10 a.m. Worshipful reflection and engagement on his legacy, particularly race and class; 11 a.m. Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day learning: Race and Class Today - A time to learn, discuss, and reflect on the MLK legacy and the call for continued work and growth in 2024. The event is free and open to the public. A freewill offering will be collected.



Save The Date: MLK Celebration at Brown Deer UMC, Sunday, January 21 at 6:30 pm. Join the congregation of Brown Deer UMC and the Wisconsin Conference as we celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Sunday, January 21 at 6:30 pm. The Harmony Choir and Milwaukee African UM Choir will bless us with their music. More information to come!



Human Relations Day is a denomination wide Special Sunday set aside to celebrate and raise awareness to further the development of better human relations by involving congregations in community and youth outreach. A special offering is taken the Sunday before Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. Gifts received for the offering build King's vision of "the beloved community" through programs such as Community Developers and United Methodist Voluntary Services and Youth Offender Rehabilitation Programs. Churches are encouraged to donate through their local churches. 100% of your gift goes directly to these programs.



Sewing Day for School Bags, Wednesday, January 17, 1:00 – 3:00 pm, in the TOPS room (Fellowship Hall). If you've sewn before or if you've never sewn, we welcome you to come - there's something you can do to make school bags. Bring your machine, if able. Another Sewing Day is scheduled for Saturday, February 3, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.



Bishop's Convocation Of Laity Leadership 2024: Abundance of God - Hope for the Future You're invited to join us at this year's Bishop's Convocation of Laity Leadership 2024. If you belong to The United Methodist Church, you are a leader and disciple for Jesus Christ. This gathering is for you! Date & Time: February 9, 2024, 6:30pm, February 10, 2024, 8:30a-4:00pm. Location: West Bend: Fifth Avenue United Methodist Church (323 S 5th Avenue, West Bend, WI 53095). Registration: The registration of \$10.00 will be paid by the church for attendees and volunteers. Contact the church office, 262.334.2059 to sign-up.



Souper Bowl Sunday, February 11, sponsored by United Women in Faith ministry. The United Women in Faith will be selling soup to support and tackle the hard work of human trafficking. Please consider making a batch of your special soup for the sale. Containers are available at both north and south entrances. Thank you for your support!

GATHERING GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "Through Cathedral Windows" Guthals

Welcome Pastor Clarissa

Centering Music Deanna Gibeau
"I Have Longed for Thy Saving Health"

***Words of Gathering** Kelly Louk
L: The voice of God calls to us! Are you listening?
P: Speak, Lord, your servants are listening.
L: The hands of God beckon us! Are you paying attention?
P: Show us, Lord, your servants are paying attention.
L: The love of God asks us—are you ready to follow?
P: Guide us, Lord, and we, your servants, will follow.
L: Come, let us worship the God whose tenacious love
never stops calling and beckoning and asking us to
follow.
All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

***Prayer of Commitment (Responsively)**
L: Holy God, may we hear your voice in the stillness
of the night; in clatter of day. You call us, and we
respond, "Here I am!" May we follow you and may we
love as you love.
**P: Holy One, through trials and turbulence make us
steady, your hands, holding strong the fragile and
weak. May we love as you love.**

L: Gracious God, may the fruits of our lives be food
for the hungry, bread, clothing, shelter, fire, water,
Word. May we love as you love.

**P: God of justice, remove the barriers of our lives
that keep us from One another, barriers we
construct based on skin color, religion, or gender.
May we hear, and follow, graciously. May we love as
you love.**

L: Loving God, take this day our fears, our worries,
distractions, and all. Turn them into grace and mercy,
and following the example of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther
King, Jr. and all your Saints, may we love as you love.

All: Amen.

***Hymn** 'Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing' UMH400

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

A Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures 1 Samuel 3:4-10,
One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Chancel Choir "One Step, He Leads" Dave Bertelsen, Dir

Sermon Pastor Clarissa
Your Servant is Listening

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of the People Pastor Clarissa

The Lord's Prayer
Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be thy name. Thy
kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us
our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against
us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom the power and the glory, for ever
and ever. Amen.

***Offering/Doxology** UMH 94

***Offertory Prayer**

***Closing Hymn** 'The Summons' TFWS 2130

***Sending Forth** Kelly Louk

***Benediction** Pastor Clarissa

***Postlude "Lord, Revive Us"** Gilbert M. Martin

***Stand as you are able.**

**Fellowship Time is sponsored by Ann Cording and Marolyn
Kell in celebration of their Jan. 13th birthdays. Join them
in the lounge for cupcakes!**

Your gifts make a difference! We thank you for your generous financial gifts to the ministry and mission of Fifth Ave. United Methodist Church. Pledge/Commitment are requested to be returned by January 31, 2024. You can give in the following ways:

Online at
www.faumc.org/give

Mail your checks: 323 S. 5th Ave.,
West Bend, WI 53095

Offering Basket
in Narthex