

Fifth Avenue United Methodist Church



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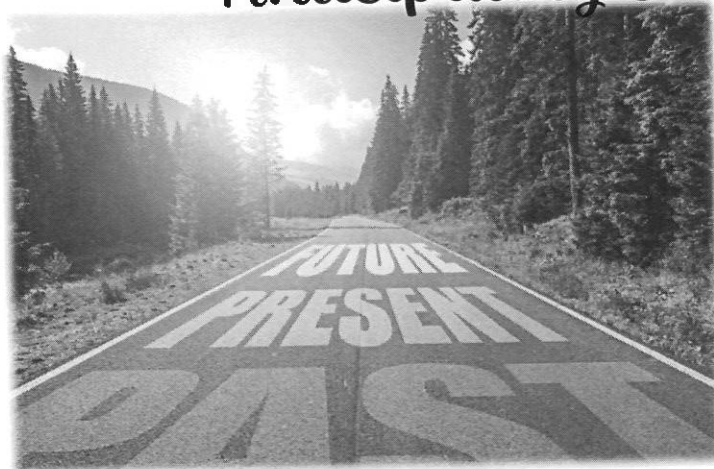
175th Church Anniversary

Sunday, April 23, 2023, 9:30 A.M.

"Honoring Our Past,

Celebrating Our Present,

Anticipating Our Future"



Bishop Hee-Soo Jung	Wisconsin Episcopal Area Bishop
Rev. Im-Hyon Jung	Wisconsin Episcopal Supervisor
Rev. Dr. Ebenezer Insor	South East District Superintendent
Mrs. Ellen Johnson	Liturgist
Rev. Clarissa L. Martinelli	Senior Pastor
Mr. Dave Bertelsen	Hymn Singer

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Beloved,

I greet you in the Joy of Jesus Christ!

I am honored and humbled to have the privilege to pastor Fifth Ave. United Methodist Church on this historic and momentous occasion of its 175th Church Anniversary.

I praise God for the Wesleyan saints that planted Methodism on the bend of the Milwaukee River to provide a Christian witness to the West Bend community.



We "Honor our Past" by remembering those who labored, sacrificed and over came during these 175 years. We stand on their shoulders, build on their foundation and perpetuate their legacy. From Jackson to Kewaskum; Big Cedar Lake to Pike Lake; Ragnar Park to Bicentennial Park; Evergreen Street to Progress Drive; this house of God has been a beacon of hope. To God be the Glory!

After glancing back to remember our honored past, we "Celebrate our Present". Thankful for the continued favor and blessing of God and the faithful members of Fifth Ave. United Methodist Church who continue to trust God, serve the community and spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Your prayers and support allow Fifth Ave. UMC continue to minister to this Beloved Community in a vital and visible manner. Thank you for being "A Historic Church Making History."

While we have a honored Past and celebrate the bless of the present, we preach, teach, contribute plan "Anticipating our Future." As glorious as the past has been and as blessed as the present is, "Eyes have not seen nor ears heard what God has in store..." We are preparing today to be vital and relevant for our future tomorrows. With new vision, renewed faith and steadfast hope, we "press forward toward the mark..."

Bro. Martin, our Family, and I thank you for your love, prayers and support.

To God be the Glory, Honor and All Praise!

**Your Humble Pastor & Servant Leaders,
Pastor Clarissa and Bro. Martin Martinelli**

OUR HISTORY

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History Of Fifth Avenue United Methodist Church

The cornerstone for the present Fifth Avenue United Methodist Church, 323 S. Fifth Ave, was laid on May 17, 1942. The church was founded in 1848 as a mission with A.C. Pennock as the appointed pastor of a circuit encompassing hundreds of miles; regular services were rare and were held in homes, schoolhouses, stores, and even taverns in some cases. There were 57 charges in Pennock's circuit with a total of 6,943 members. Elihu Springer is listed as the Presiding Elder of Milwaukee, in charge of this area, too.

The first complete list of the early members that belonged to the West Bend portion of the circuit is found in an old record book kept in the local church. It list the following members from West Bend:

Catherine Bates	Charles Bates	William Campbell	Silence Bell
Chester Bell	Walter Demmon	Hayla Demmon	Salon Dodge
Sarah Dodge	Matilda Irish	Adelia Lewis	R. Ruscoe
Mary Ruscoe	Reuben Ruscoe	Nelson Ruscoe	Mancy Ruscoe
John Ruscoe	Elisa Ruscoe	George Wesley Ruscoe	Morris Shepherd
Margaret Shepherd	Abraham Sinn	Catherine Sinn	Abigail Verbeck
Emily Wolfrum	Beulah Young		

Miss Edith Heider, former local church historian discovered an old newspaper wrapper that listed P. W. Frink as the preacher for west Bend in the circuit that originated in Chicago and extended to Green Bay and had to be covered by horseback. It was 600 miles around the circuit and the preacher often had to ford streams up to eight feet deep, carrying only a blanket, Bible, frying pan, and a few personal articles. Marriages, baptisms, and funerals all had to await the arrival of the minister, more appropriately called the Circuit Rider, but no written record remains to show how this was actually done. Circuit Riders were peculiar to the Methodism alone.

These Circuit Riders, all of whom were young and most of whom were unmarried, were encouraged to convert others to share in their faith in God and Jesus Christ. Often these contacts were on a one on one basis if there were not enough people to have a meeting and many meetings consisted primarily of personal testimonies. Before the Circuit Riders would move on, he would try to train the most likely person in charge to become a Class Leader, who would organize the members into classes to carry on the work until he could return in another month or so. This was in keeping with English Methodism, as Wesley used to train others to carry on in the absence of qualifies leadership.

FAUMC PASTORS & ASSOCIATE PASTORS

1848-1850	A.C. Pennock	1905-1908	A.W. Henne
1850-1852	John Bean	1908-1909	W.E. Lowther
1852-1853	W. Robotham	1909-1910	Edward G. Saunderson
1853-1855	David Lewis	1910-1911	Andrew Potter
1855-1857	Delos Hale	1911-1914	Alfred Hoad
1858-1859	Daniel Holcomb	1914-1915	William Stevens
1860-1861	Jackson Van Voris	1915-1921	George Simester
1861-1862	Nathaniel Swift	1921-1922	F.M. Campbell
1862-1863	A.C. Elliott	1922-1923	C.A. Turtle
1864-1865	D.T. Olcott	1923-1929	J.C. Perry
1865-1867	Roland Moffett	1929-1932	Albert E. Tink
1867-1870	George Parsons	1932-1942	Ernest Brittain
1873-1875	J.H. Colt	1942-1948	Roy P. Steen
1875-1877	George W. Pratt	1948-1960	Dempster L. Wandschneider
1877-1881	W.J. Fisher	1960-1965	Daniel Stahmer
1881-1883	W.R. Mellott	1965-1971	Bernard Kassilke
1883-1885	Thomas M. Ross	1971-1976	Virgil Nulton
1885-1887	J.A. Johnson	1976-1984	Harold Weaver & Charles Schultz
1887	J.R. Hamilton	1984-1989	Richard Truitt & Susanne Burwell
1887-1889	William D. Ames	1989-1994	Ed White
1889-1891	W.G. Cooper	1994-2003	Bill Dushek
1891-1894	W.J. Olmstead	2003-2004	Wes White
1894-1895	Ancil L. Tull	2004-2007	Jon & Jean Bartlett
1895-1898	J.B. Cole	2007-2010	Janis Best & Deborah Thompson
1898-1902	J.T. Stretton	2011-2016	Jeremy Deaner
1902-1904	J.B. Noyes	2016-Present	Clarissa L. Martinelli
1904-1905	John Schneider		



Well Done, My Good and Faithful Servants



Continuation of the History Of Fifth Avenue United Methodist Church

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Bishop Hee-Soo Jung



Hee-Soo Jung is resident bishop in the Wisconsin Annual Conference, and has served in this role since September of 2012. He played a key role in Wisconsin's Imagine No Malaria Campaign, which raised more than \$1 million.

Prior to leading the Wisconsin Conference UMC, Bishop Jung served eight years as bishop of the Northern Illinois Conference (Chicago area). He was instrumental in inspiring the Harvest 2020 movement in Northern Illinois, which resulted in many new faith communities.

Previously, Bishop Jung served as an elder in the Wisconsin Conference, where he was a pastor and a district superintendent. Bishop Jung taught and chaired the Department of Religion and Philosophy at Kangnam University in South Korea. He also served as pastor of congregations in California, Texas, and South Korea.

He is currently the president of the General Board of Global Ministry, chair of the UM Korean National Plan, and a member of the Board of Directors for Bread for the World. Bishop Jung serves as a member of the Ecumenical Forum for Korea at Geneva, Switzerland, and is actively involved in Korea peace and reconciliation. He has served as faculty for the Two-Year Academy for Spiritual Formation since 2005, and has taught in various Five-Day Academy sessions in the U.S. and abroad. Previously, Bishop Jung served as president of United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), and as a member of the Board of Directors for the General Board of Discipleship, the UM National Hispanic Plan, the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns, and the General Commission on United Methodist Men.

Bishop Jung earned a Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He also holds an M.A. from the Institute of Buddhist Studies, affiliated with the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, CA; an M.A. from the Dongguk University Graduate School in Seoul, South Korea; and a B.Th. from the Methodist Theological Seminary in Seoul, South Korea.

Im-Hyon, Bishop Jung's wife, is an elder in the Wisconsin Conference and currently serves as the director of International Relations, Asia & Global Programs, for the Upper Room/Discipleship Ministries. The Jung's are the parents of two adult sons, Jae-Hugh and Jae-Joon, who is married to Brittney.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

175th Church Anniversary Worship Service

“Honoring Our Past; Celebrating Our Present; Anticipating Our Future”

PRELUDE **“Take this Moment, Sign and Space”** Bell/Maule

Deanna Gibeau

WELCOME

Pastor Clarissa

We gather, looking back to see the paths taken; looking forward to see our path. We honor those who have gone before us, learning from their successes and failures. We celebrate who we are today, and welcome the possibilities and opportunities before us. We gather to worship God- the God of yesterday, today and tomorrow.

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

“I Need You to Survive”

Hezekiah Walker

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)**

L: From the beginning God saw what God created and called it good!

P: On this Anniversary Sunday we worship the God who is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

L: Yet, God keeps making all things new. As we honor the past let us embrace a new future.

P: From generation to generation God renews us with the gift of life.

L: Celebrate all that God has done. Look forward with expectation to what God will do.

P: Let us worship God in word and deed this day and every day.

HAND BELL CHOIR

“Simple Gifts Abound” by Buckwater

Kathy Schneider, Director

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Turning around is an image we often use for repentance. But when we cling to the past to preserve and conserve yesterday's blessing we impede God's creativity – God's renewing grace in our lives. This morning, even as we celebrate the past, let us confess our sin and find the faith to embrace the future with enthusiastic joy and love.

***PRAYER (Unison)**

Lord, we thank you for Your faithfulness in guiding and providing for this church through one and three-quarter centuries; during times of celebration and challenge. We ask for Your forgiveness for the ways in which we have not been faithful—in the past or in the present, as individuals and as a congregation—to Your Word and Your ways. Forgive us for our sins and shortcomings. Forgive us for not loving You with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and for not loving our neighbors—and each other—as we ought. Forgive us for missed opportunities to follow You with a greater commitment of trust and faithfulness to the priorities and purposes that You intend for us. Give us a renewed desire for worshiping and serving You, our Great and Faithful God. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Our lips are quick to call him King, but our hearts are slow to obey his slightest command. We came humbly to the throne of grace, confessing our sins and trespasses,

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, thanks be to God! Alleluia, Amen!

***HYMN**

“We Are Called”

TFWS 2172

***PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Pastor: Through the testimony of our ancestors and our own experiences of grace, assure us of your love. May the peace we receive be extended to others through our greeting: The peace of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

WORSHIP IN GIVING

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH 94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS (Responsively)

O Lord our God, for the vision of those who planned for this congregation,
and for the commitment and dedication of all who served together at the time of origin,
We give you thanks, O Lord.

For those who have served so faithfully in leadership positions
as Pastors, Elders, Deacons, and Staff Members,

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For those who have willingly given of their efforts to teach, encourage, counsel and sponsor,
We give you thanks, O Lord.

For those who have been such a part of our fellowship for so many years,
and now serve you in the church triumphant in heaven,

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For the ways in which we have been able to care for one another,
support one another on the journey of life, and give strength to one another,

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For baptisms we've celebrated, professions of faith we have heard,
and answers to prayer that we have experienced,

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For a congregation that has always desired to worship you faithfully and vibrantly,
hearing your Word, singing your praise, and seeking your strength,

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For a commitment to remain true to your Word in a world of confusing and conflicting voices,
We give you thanks, O Lord.

For generosity that has enabled us to reach far beyond this community
with the word and witness of the Gospel,

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For hundreds of children and youth who have been here
as they were trained in the ways of the Lord and now serve him around the world,

We give you thanks, O Lord.

And for a free and prospered land that has given us opportunity
to thrive and worship and serve for the sake of your Kingdom,

We give you thanks, O Lord.

CHANCEL CHOIR

"One Step He Leads" by Pepper Chopin

Dave Bertelsen, Director

THE HOLY SCRIPTURE

NEW TESTAMENT

Ephesians 4:15-16

***GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 16: 17-19

***HYMN**

"Bind Us Together"

TFWS 2226

THE ANNIVERSARY MESSAGE

Pastor Clarissa

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

And now, O Lord, we pray for the children and youth here today
that they may be grounded in your truth and learn to love you with a whole heart,
O Lord, hear our prayer.

And we pray for the children yet to be born who will sit in these pews in the years to come
that they may carry your kingdom to future generations,
O Lord, hear our prayer.

And we pray for the mothers and fathers here
that they may faithfully tell each new generation of your mercies and your salvation,
O Lord, hear our prayer.

And we pray for leaders, pastors, and staff members
that their leadership may always be true to your Word and faithful to your calling,
O Lord, hear our prayer.

And we desire, Lord, that you will use us to reach to many within our community
and throughout our world that in their need
they may know your love and in their sin may find your grace,
O Lord, hear our prayer.

To the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ! Amen! (Romans 16:27)

***HYMN**

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

UMH 400

***SENDING FORTH (IN UNISON)**

Loving God, our hearts are full of gratitude to you for bringing us to this blessed day. For all that you have been to us here in this place, we thank you. For all that you have promised to be in our lives, we thank you. Bless us now as we go forth from this place to a future built upon the foundation of your Son. You have called us to this day. Guide us now with your Holy Spirit; through your Son Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor Clarissa

***POSTLUDE**

"Allegro"

W. Bechelon

The Flowers are given by Ellen & Howard Johnson. 56 Years and one day—but who is counting?

The Bulletins are given by Don & Joyce Walters in celebration of their great granddaughter, Madison Joyce Vollmer's, 5th birthday which was on April 17.

Nursery: Barbara Johnson

Head Usher: Gil Sheridan

Power Point: Tom Calenberg & Tom Latham

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