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Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Communion First Sunday of Each Month

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FAMILY CONNECTION

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Fifth Avenue Neighborhood Table

I want to talk about how far we’ve come since starting our conversation about Dinner Church from last October. I shared my heart and passion for Dinner Church, that our Lord and his disciples imagined and started. It was the church around dinner called Agape Dinner.

We delved deeper into the history of our faith, exploring the art of meeting new people. We learned how to listen attentively, initiate conversations with strangers, and share our personal stories of faith. To enhance our self-confidence, we engaged in role-playing exercises in imaginary scenarios. The energy we generated from each other’s love and passion fueled our hope and vision for the early church, which we envision taking shape around the dinner table.

We’ve come up with a title for our community event: *Fifth Avenue Neighborhood Table* (FANT). We’ve decided to open the Neighborhood Table on the first and third Wednesdays of every month, starting May 7th. I’ve already scheduled meetings with community pastors to introduce this community-wide event and invite them to collaborate as servants of God.

Brett has secured support from the Scouts, who have graciously agreed to volunteer alongside our FANT team. Chloe will diligently research community volunteer organizations, while there are also several non-profit organizations that may be willing to provide volunteers.

Deanna’s son is designing our poster, and he’s almost finished it. We are participating in the West Bend Chamber of Commerce’s Business Showcase Event on Saturday, April 12th, at West Bend High School. This is a fantastic opportunity to promote our community event, FANT, using the FANT flyers, magnets, water bottles, T-shirts, bags, cookies, dog water bowls, and prayer bracelets we already have.

Serving those in need and inviting people to God’s eternal life is a serious and noble mission as disciples of Jesus. Recently, I came across a church that doesn’t hold worship services on the fourth Sunday in the sanctuary. Instead, the pastor sends all members of the congregation to serve those in need within the community. It means that serving the needy is a form of worship to God.

While I prayed for FANT in our sanctuary, I heard the sound of God weeping for those people. God’s heart is very close to them. It’s like a mother’s heart is closer to a sick child. We want to become their friends by being a loving listener as God desires. At the right moment, we will share our God-stories humbly, guiding them toward healing, eternal life, joy, love, peace, and the power of God’s presence in their lives. When we live this life of genuine care and love, our spirits will be drawn even closer to God.

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Our Vision:

We are a welcoming faith community that seeks to make fully devoted leaders freely sharing their faith in the joy and peace of Christ.



April 6	Theme:	Look for the Liberator	Pastor Hae-Jeong Yoon
April 13	Theme:	Look for the Unexpected	Pastor Hae-Jeong Yoon
April 20	Theme:	Love Wins	Pastor Hae-Jeong Yoon
April 27	Theme:	Everything from God	Pastor Hae-Jeong Yoon

APRIL MEMORY VERSE: Revelation 1:18

*“I died, and behold I am alive forevermore,
and I have the keys of Death and Hades.”*

5 WAYS TO GIVE TO FIFTH AVE UMC



IN-PERSON BY
CASH OR CHECK



BY MAIL



AUTOMATIC
DEDUCTION



ONLINE AT
FAUMC.ORG/GIVE



VANCO
MOBILE APP

April 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
6 8:30a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship Service & Communion 10:30a Fellowship Time Easter Flower Orders Due to Office	7 7p Scouts	1 1p Prayer Shawl 3p Staff Mtg 6:30p AA Mtg 7p SA Mtg	2 9:30a UWF Meeting 12p Ecumenical Lenten Service – Our Savior’s Lutheran Church 1p Lenten Small Group Study with Ellen Johnson & Pastor HJ 6p Bells Practice	3 6p Trustees Mtg 7p AA Mtg	4	5 9a SA Mtg
13 Palm Sunday 8:30a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship Service 10:30a Fellowship Time	14 7p Scouts	8 1p Prayer Shawl 3p Staff Mtg 6p ALB Mtg 6:30p AA Mtg 7p SA Mtg	9 9a Investment Club 12p Ecumenical Lenten Service – Fifth Ave UMC Soup Served Following Service in Fellowship Hall 6p Bells Practice	10 7p AA Mtg	11	12 9a-Noon UWF Social Action Day Zoom Mtg 9a-2p Chamber of Commerce “Around the Bend” at High School 9a SA Mtg
20 Easter 8:30a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship Service 10:30a Fellowship Time	21 7p Scouts	15 1p Prayer Shawl 3p Staff Mtg 6:30p AA Mtg 7p SA Mtg	16 1-3p UWF Sewing Day 6p Bells Practice	17 Maundy Thursday 6p Handwashing 6:30p Choir 7p AA Mtg	18 Good Friday 10a-6p Meditational Stations No Choir	19 9a SA Mtg
27 9a Handbells Prelude 8:30a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship Service 9:30a Youth Fellowship 10:30a Fellowship Time	28 7p Scouts	22 1p Prayer Shawl 3p Staff Mtg 6:30p AA Mtg 7p SA Mtg	23 6p Bells Practice	24 7p AA Mtg	25	26 9a SA Mtg TENTATIVE: Adams Voice Concert per M. Kell



PUPPET SHOW

Kids/Youth Ministry

Palm Sunday, April 13th




Fifth Avenue United Methodist Church

Maundy Thursday: April 17
6:00pm – Handwashing

Good Friday: April 18
10am to 6pm – Meditational Stations

Easter Sunday: April 20
9:30am – Worship

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2025 Lenten Season continued...

Lookin' for Love in All the Wrong Places

Week Five — Look for the Liberator

“O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.” — Psalm 130

Week Six — Look for the Unexpected

“O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!” — Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Holy Week — Love Looks for Us

“I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.” — Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

Easter — Love Wins

“At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. Thus says the LORD: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the LORD appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.” — Jeremiah 31:1-6

LENTEN SERVICES WITH WEST BEND AREA ECUMENICAL GROUP



The April Services will be held on Wednesdays during Lent starting at Noon at the following locations:

April 2: Our Saviors Lutheran Church
1044 S Silverbrook Dr, West Bend, WI 53095

April 9: Fifth Avenue United Methodist Church
323 S 5th Ave, West Bend, WI 53095
Soup Lunch after the service

Fifth Avenue Neighborhood Table (FANT)

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I invite you all to join us in serving people with open hearts. This is not just our team's responsibility; it's a sacred duty for every follower of God. Come to FANT and worship the Lord by sharing a nice meal with the new friends at the table. Come and listen to their stories. Come and encourage their lives. Don't forget to pray for these new friends, as they will become your new neighbors and cherished members of our church family. Worship God by serving others. Everyone from our church community is warmly invited to the Fifth Avenue Neighborhood Table!

Grace and love—Pastor Hae-Jeong



Get to Know Pastor!

Pastor Hae-Jeong would like to meet one-on-one with each of you at a place of your choosing (coffee shop, your home, the parsonage, her office).

Please call the Church Office to schedule, 262-334-2059.

Newsletter
DEADLINE

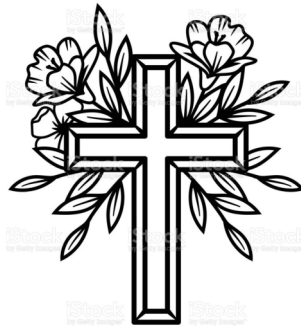
**For the May
Newsletter All Articles
Are Due By April 15th**

Full Shelf Food Pantry West Bend



Food Donations - April 6

On the **first Sunday** of every month, our church collects **nonperishables** for the Full Shelf Food Pantry in West Bend. Please bring your items and place in the **baskets in the North Entrance**. You may also write a **check** payable to Fifth Ave UMC and indicate Food Pantry on the memo line.



Easter Flowers

If you would like to order flowers to help beautify the altar on Easter Sunday, here are the choices:

Deadline to Order is Sunday, April 6, 2025

Name _____

Phone _____

Please dedicate my flowers:

In Loving Memory of:

In Honor of:

Other:

I would like to order:

___ 6” Easter Lilies \$14.00 ___ 6” Hyacinths \$15.00

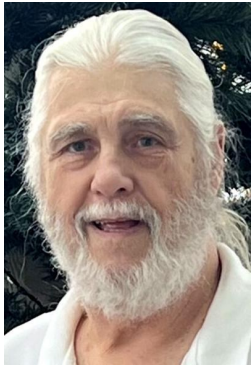
___ 6” Mums \$15.00 ___ 6” Daffodils \$15.00

___ 6” Tulips \$15.00

Please make check payable to: FAUMC
and submit to the church office

Flowers may be picked up following the 9:30 a.m.
Easter Worship Service or anytime during the week
Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Will you be picking up your plant(s)?
() YES () NO



John Gawlik
1/9/1944-2/4/2025

Thank you for the outpouring of cards and kind words during John’s hospitalization and following his passing... you are truly a church family.

A special thank you to Pastor Hae-Jeong for the beautiful and touching Committal Service performed at John’s burial – it was very meaningful to our family.

Margaret Gawlik & Family



United
Women
in Faith

UWF Meeting

Wednesday, April 2nd, 9:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room. Come and listen. Add your ideas.

Lenten Soup Lunch

Wednesday, April 9th in Fellowship Hall following the Noon Lenten Ecumenical Service at FAUMC.

UWF Social Action Day

Saturday, April 12th, 9:00 a.m.—Noon in the Fireside Room.

Sewing Day

Wednesday, April 16th, 1:00-3:00 p.m., in Fellowship Hall.

Highlights from the Accountable Leadership Board
Meeting on March 11, 2025



- Doug Fitzgerald, Finance Chair, will take over Foundation Investments from Eric Peters to enable Eric to do the other finance reports.
- \$50,000 from the Foundation was invested into a CD with a higher interest rate, thus not exposing funds to the market.
- Eric Peters reported that the Stock Market was down a little bit in February 2025.
- Pledges are down compared to January.
- Insurance is being charged again.
- We need more income and need to use caution with expenses.
- Brett Barnett, Co-Chair of the Trustees, highlights:
 - Casa Guadalupe Education Center is interested in using our building after school, to help students with homework and reading. There would be approximately 30 students, and 10-15 adult tutors. To-date, a deal has not been made.
 - We now have insurance.
 - There is an issue with color in the first 3 feet of the upstairs ADA bathroom. Brett is discussing it with the contractor.
 - Ladies have the carpet samples and will pick out colors for the carpet replacement. Monies will come from Susan Haag Fund.
 - Room Rentals discussion regarding moving Tops out of room shared with Jenny Korbar. However, there are not enough rooms. Brett is reviewing the rents paid by each group.
 - The Fire Department did an inspection of the church and had a list of violations. Brett will review.
- Brett Barnett reported on behalf of the Technology Team and discussed the replacement of the server. Dates and times to be determined.
- Thomas Thomas, Wills & Memorials Committee Chair, highlights:
 - Several donors will pay for flowers to beautify the outside of church.
 - Approval to purchase two new chairs in the Fireside Room and tables downstairs in Fellowship Hall.
 - Approved funds for the purchase of the new Easter Candle.
 - \$2,500 was given to UMC in California, which was destroyed by the CA Fires.
- Kathy Schneider, Christian Education Chair, highlights:
 - Kids Ministry (Sunday School) is going well with 2-4 kids.
 - Youth Fellowship has two more meetings this spring. They are making prayer bracelets to give away at our booth at the Chamber of Commerce All Around the Bend Showcase at West Bend High School on Saturday, April 12th.
 - The Youth are doing Soles for Souls. Collections will be from April 1st – May 25th.
- Kaonou Latham, Staff Parish Relations Chair, will be doing more background checks in 2025.
- Pastor Hae-Jeong Yoon’s highlights:
 - Asked for prayers for Dale Liepert and Marilyn Liepert.
 - Stewardship Campaign Dinner Monday, May 12th at Parsonage with ALB, spouses and guest speaker, Eileen. Consecration Sunday, May 18th with catered luncheon to follow in Fellowship Hall.
 - A poster is being designed for Fifth Avenue Neighborhood Table (FANT). Pastor is recruiting other churches to volunteer.
 - Motion approved to explore upgrading the FAUMC website at an approximate cost of \$1,500. In the future, two people will manage the website.



Consecration Sunday Is Coming

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation's finance committee has selected the *Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *Consecration Sunday* encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and governing board members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

Ellen Johnson—Accountable Leadership Board (ALB) Chairperson



BIRTHDAYS "AT HOME"

April 3 Charise Kirst
251 Bittersweet Dr
West Bend, WI 53095

April 26 Tom Damp
1707 Sunset Ridge Dr
West Bend, WI 53090

DEATHS

Carol Karlslyst
Dale G. Liepert
Gerald H. Rogge
Richard Slade



NEW ADDRESS:

Mandy S Schemenauer, 228 N 6th Ave #4, West Bend, WI 53095



APRIL

*If your name is not on this list, please call
the church office at 262-334-2059. Thank you!*



BIRTHDAYS

1 Sue Fowell	12 Leona Mulder	18 Marcia Schanen
5 Kaonou Latham	13 Caden Bast	19 Dane Mauland
5 Diesel Liepert	15 April Carrier	22 Carol Pok
8 Michelle Harrington	15 Randy Liepert	24 Ivie Igiehon
9 Sharon Ziegner	17 Madison Vollmer	26 Tom Damp
10 James Saffell	18 Tom Calenberg	26 Kathleen Wellner
		29 Mike Wellner



ANNIVERSARIES

3 Dale & Dorthy Dahlen	21 Don & Joyce Walters
11 Jim & Bettie Schuler	22 Howard & Ellen Johnson
11 Bob & Jean Krell	