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Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Communion First Sunday of Each Month

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FAMILY CONNECTION

“Making Christian Disciples”

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My Friend from Korea

I was in Niagara Falls with my friend Dongsun, who visited me from Korea. She is an old friend since my young adulthood and feels more like my little sister. She has now retired from being a high school teacher in Korea. We met about four years ago, thirty years after we graduated from university in Korea. This visit was the second time we reunited. I was so joyful to welcome her, and how wonderful it is that a dear friend visited me from afar! I remembered the scripture, Proverbs 17:17: "A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity."



This verse emphasizes the enduring nature of true friendship. It suggests that a genuine friend remains loyal and loving regardless of the circumstances, showing that true friends support each other in both good and bad times. She takes care of my life, health, and living conditions lovingly, without being intrusive. I do the same for her.

Now we are traveling together in the eastern part of the United States and several Canadian cities. We are truly enjoying being together in the beauty and wonder of nature, God’s creation. Niagara Falls is a place where water constantly falls and flows, representing living water according to the Old Testament concept—flowing water, not static water. We enjoyed the various aspects of water at Niagara Falls. The massive water cascades, beautiful with their thundering sound, create various interesting areas, like whirlpools and others. We also visited the rapid streams at the White Water Walk. This is where the water flows rapidly and powerfully, creating mesmerizing beauty with swirling, foaming water converging with each other. I was able to see the immense power of the flowing water, which is truly a beautiful manifestation of God’s creation.

We still have several days left on our trip. The weather has been fine, even amidst the heat waves that cross over the United States. It is good to be with a friend sharing old memories and joys together. Traveling together with friends is doubly blessed. It is precious to have good friends around us, as they bring joy to our lives. The shared memories of difficult times in Korea during our young adulthood gave us deep bonds that are invaluable, making life more meaningful.

Her visit reminded me of those who are lonely and do not have any friends around. Those who cannot enjoy the joy of loving and supporting one another, like the one-quarter of the population, as we already know.

Definitely, it takes some effort to find and maintain friendships, such as consistent contact and caring for each other. Above all else, there is one very important thing. It might sound a bit disconnected from having good friends, but it is to love God. This is because the Bible says that God gives lasting good friends to those who truly love the Lord. The truest and greatest friendships are a gift from God. Is it surprising? If you do not have a good friend, love the Lord with all your heart and ask Him for a good friend... and do not forget, that I want to be your friend, too. 😊

Grace and Joy—Pastor Hae-Jeong



Our Vision:

A welcoming faith community that makes devoted followers of Jesus freely sharing their belief.



July 6	Theme:	Naaman is Healed of Leprosy
	Scripture:	2 Kings 5:1-14
July 13	Theme:	Bearing Fruit of the Holy Spirit
	Scripture:	Colossians 1:1-14
July 20	Speaker:	Ellen Johnson, Lay Servant
July 27	Theme:	Hosea's Marriage
	Scripture:	Hosea 1:2-10

JULY MEMORY VERSE: Ephesians 4:32

"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you."

5 WAYS TO GIVE TO FIFTH AVE UMC



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CASH OR CHECK



BY MAIL



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DEDUCTION



ONLINE AT
FAUMC.ORG/GIVE



VANCO
MOBILE APP

July 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 1p Prayer Shawl 6:30p AA Mtg 7p SA Mtg	2 9:30a UWF Meeting 5p FANT	3	4 Independence Day Office Closed	5 9a SA Mtg
6 9:30a Worship Service Communion, Kids Service 10:30a Fellowship Time	7 7p Scouts	8 1p Prayer Shawl 6p ALB Mtg 6:30p AA Mtg 7p SA Mtg	9 All Day SE District Superintendent, Ebenezer Insor, Clergy One-on-One Meetings	10 7p AA Mtg	11 9a Investment Club	12 9a SA Mtg
13 9:30a Worship Service 10:30a Fellowship Time	14 7p Scouts	15 1p Prayer Shawl 6:30p AA Mtg 7p SA Mtg	16 1-3p UWF Sewing Day 6:30p Ice Cream Social	17 7p AA Mtg	18 Pastor at Training	19 9a SA Mtg Pastor at Training
20 9:30a Worship Service with Ellen Johnson 10:30a Fellowship Time	21 10a Wills & Memorials 7p Scouts	22 1p Prayer Shawl 6:30p AA Mtg 7p SA Mtg	23	24 7p AA Mtg	25	26 9a SA Mtg
27 9:30a Worship Service 10:30a Fellowship Time	28 7p Scouts	29 1p Prayer Shawl 6:30p AA Mtg 7p SA Mtg	30	31		

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACCOUNTABLE LEADERSHIP BOARD MEETING
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Technology Team (continued): (Reported by Kaonou Latham)

- b) The new Network rack was installed by Carol Pok with lines punched down and old server moved into cabinet. The new tower-style server is ready to be installed June 16th and have it running by June 19th.

Memorials & Missions: Thomas Thomas

- a) A thank-you was received from Midwest Mission for money donated for school supplies.
- b) A bill was turned in by Shirley Simmons for the flowers planted at the church. The amount spent over the prior approved amount will be discussed at the next Memorials & Missions meeting in July.
- c) All small accounts have been closed and condensed into one (1) account. The Haag fund has \$23,000.

Christian Education: Kathy Schneider (Reported by Ellen Johnson)

- a) Planning is underway to entertain kids in services this summer. Carol Pok will put a splitter device into Pastor's laptop. The kids will wear earbuds or headsets to watch Amplify videos, plus do a craft activity. This will hopefully start in July.
- b) Fall Sunday School curriculum has been ordered.
- c) The 1st Sunday of each month will be a "Family Service" – kids will stay in church.
- d) Three (3) adults have been asked to teach one (1) Sunday a month. Kathy is waiting for responses from them. After she gets their responses, three (3) assistants will be asked. Sunday School will be upstairs in Youth Room.
- e) Planning underway for Movie Night in August. Adult movie and kids movie.
- f) Rally Sunday & Outdoor Worship Service – September 7th.
- g) Youth Fellowship will be the 2nd Sunday of each month, starting in October.
- h) We have shipped 305 pairs of shoes to Soles 4 Souls since September 2024.

Staff/Parish Relations Committee (SPRC): Kaonou Latham

Kaonou thanked Pastor Hae-Jeong for submitting her Ministry Report for 2024 July – 2025 June. Copies were provided to ALB members. Kaonou stated Pastor kept us moving forward and wished Pastor a restful vacation.

Pastoral Report:

- a) Pastor said the annual conference last weekend was very good. The content will be uploaded in two (2) weeks. She will emphasize the important items to us.
- b) FAUMC will be used by District Superintendent Wednesday, July 9th.
- c) Pastor Hae-Jeong will be out July 18-19 for training as to how we relate to other people – diversity – cultural.



- ♦ 55 Estimate of Giving Cards received (27 couples and 28 individuals).
- ♦ 47 increased their pledge in 2025.
- ♦ \$154,133.20 pledged to-date.



In the name of the One who is for us, the One alongside us, and the One within us, grace to you and peace.

I invite our prayerful commemoration of Juneteenth Day beginning with this prayer.

How long, O Lord? How long will your people suffer with this conspiracy of silence that sides with those who erase, oppress, and stoke fear?

Give us to know a Pentecost that frees every tongue for praise.

Give us to know a land where children enjoy clean water, air, vaccines, education, and freedom to turn dreams into reality.

Grant us a land where all may dwell secure and there is flourishing for both people and planet.

O God, may your church live and serve Christlike transformation.

Make our steps 'faith working through love' (Galatians 5.6).

In Christ we live and pray.

Amen.

Daniel W. Schwerin, Bishop
Northern Illinois-Wisconsin Episcopal Area

INTRODUCING OUR FAMILIES...

Pekelo & Tiffany Family

Pekelo is an IT professional with a sharp mind for tech, a deep love for music, and a penchant for gaming. When he's not solving digital problems, he's writing music, singing, playing songs, or exploring virtual worlds. Above all, he's a proud dad who brings heart and creativity to everything he does.

Tiffany is a Case Manager for youth currently using a GPS ankle monitor in Milwaukee. She's going to grad school to become a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) and graduates in December.

All the kids are in the West Bend School System. Their family is always busy and try to do everything they can to spend time together.



Back: Lilah, Tobiyas, Lorelei Front: Alice, Logan
All the kids aka "The Children of the Corn" ☺



Come one and all for cool sweet treats.
Enjoy an evening with your church family and friends
as you enjoy cool, delicious ice cream on
Wednesday, July 16th at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.
Ice cream and desserts will be served along
with fellowship and conversation.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACCOUNTABLE LEADERSHIP BOARD MEETING June 10, 2025

Finance Report: Doug Fitzgerald

Doug Fitzgerald provided an updated 2025 Budget worksheet which included the current year's pledges. There were 42 new pledges. There is \$250,000 left in the Betty Nelson gift fund. Doug will be working with the Trustees going forward.

Treasurer's Report: Eric Peters

Income: The YTD (2025) total income gain is \$90,359, with a budgeted amount for the entire year of \$395,825. This is 22.83% of the budgeted amount for the current year. May 2025 pledged/unpledged amounts are up \$5,375 compared to April 2025.

Expenses. Total YTD (2025) expenses are \$161,812 with a budgeted amount for the year of \$395,825. This is 40.88% of the budgeted amount for the current year.

Booked Income: The booked income YTD (2025) loss is -\$71,453.

Investment Income: YTD foundation withdrawal is \$150,000. YTD foundation Deposits are \$0. Current checking has \$63,328 balance as of May 31, 2025.

Parsonage Fund: YTD Parsonage withdrawal is \$3,000. YTD parsonage total deposits \$0.00. We are using money to pay utilities & maintenance with this fund. Current balance in 40213 is \$2,377. May 2025 Utilities/Maintenance amount for parsonage was \$183.

Notes from Eric:

- * Stock Market was up for May 2025
- * Unpledged/Pledged amounts are up compared to April 2025
- * Expenses are down for May, mostly in payroll/utilities/office areas
- * Focus on more income and continue to use cautionary measures for our expenses

Trustees: Brett Barnett

- Leak on portion of roof:** Brett provided a handout with information from Premier Group for options to repair or replace the roof. Trustees suggest replacing the roof. After discussion, ALB stated they will review the information and come back with their recommendation at the next meeting. A capital campaign for this project would be considered.
- Room Temperature Adjustments:** Brett is continuing work on wiring to enable temperature adjustments in some of the rooms.

Technology Team: (Reported by Kaonou Latham)

- A handout of information was provided regarding the Landscaping work to be done. A quote has been provided by Ron's Landscaping. They are awaiting a quote from Lamm's Landscaping. When received, it will be forwarded to ALB members.



United
Women
in Faith



Bakeless Cookie Sale

The United Women in Faith thank you for your generous donations to our Bakeless Cookie Sale. Your gifts support our mission of serving those in need in our community, state and world. Thank you.

UWF Meetings, 9:30 a.m., Fireside Room

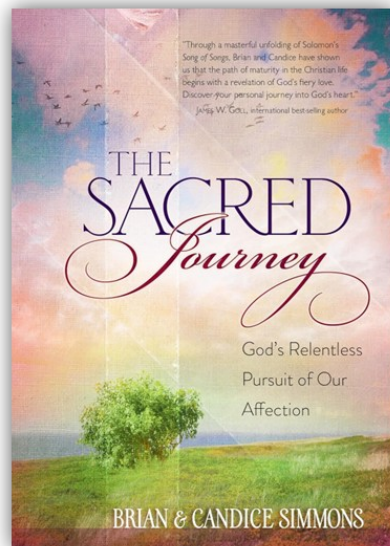
Wednesday, July 2nd

No August Meeting

Sewing Day

Wednesday, July 16th, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall



The Sacred Journey: God's Relentless Pursuit of Our Affection

Written by Brian and Candice Simmons

To some, the Song of Songs is a simple love story of a man and a maiden. But for those with enlightened hearts, it becomes the key that unlocks the treasure chest of God's divine love.

No other portion of Scripture has such power to reveal the journey of those longing to know Jesus like the Song of Songs, Solomon's great prophetic epic that Jesus himself sings over you.

The Holy Spirit has hidden within the Song of Songs an amazing journey. Unlock this mystery as you read *The Sacred Journey*, a verse-by-verse commentary on the Song of Songs that will lead every hungry soul to discover God's fiery heart of love.

Lord, replace my fear with faith. Help me to trust in Your plan and find peace in knowing that You are always with me, even in the darkest times. Amen.

FIFTH AVENUE NEIGHBORHOOD TABLE



A FREE DINNER

JULY 2

5:00-5:30 p.m. Food Served
6:30 p.m. Evening Ends

MAIN COURSE

Meatloaf

Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy
Green Beans, Salad & Dinner Rolls

DESSERT

German Chocolate Cake



Pastor's Fund

We have a Pastor's Fund that can financially help church members or other residents in Washington County. If you are in need of such assistance, please contact Pastor Hae-Jeong in the church office, 262-334-2059.

If you would like to contribute to this fund, please make check payable to FAUMC and mark "Pastor's Fund" in the memo section. Thank you for supporting this ministry.

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

For the August Newsletter

All Articles

Are Due By July 15th

THANK YOU!

JULY

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

BIRTHDAYS



1 Barb Groth	12 Nan Koehler	24 Ashley Johnson
1 Len McGinnis	13 Henry Rogge	24 Deb Larder
2 Stacey Krajna	17 Ize Igiehon	24 Jodi Simmelink
3 Mike Donahou	20 Kaitlyn Muehe	24 Richard Sussman
3 Stan Schneider	21 Don Walters	27 Mark Werner
8 Lexi Weatherby	22 Jeff Bast	27 Henry Johnson
9 Tiffany Planasch	22 Carol Flanders	28 Debra Ruhnke
12 Maureen Hornung	23 Rodney Haag	30 Ron Katchever
	23 Sue Rogge	30 Vivien Loomis



ANNIVERSARIES

7 Stan & Kathy Schneider	25 Chuck & Sue Rogge
8 Dave & Polly Bertelsen	

Church News



BIRTHDAYS "AT HOME"

July 22

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DEATH
Barbara Koehler
passed away on June 13th
Member of FAUMC
since 1956



Food Donations - July 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.

