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Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Communion First Sunday of Each Month

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YouTube Channel: FAUMC WEST BEND WI

Website: www.faumc.org
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Fifth Avenue United Methodist Church

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FAMILY CONNECTION

“*Making Christian Disciples*”
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A Simple and Powerful Prayer

Prayer is a profound and essential aspect of the Christian faith, serving as an intimate and transformative communion with God. As Christians, we yearn for such a relationship. However, I’ve noticed a lack of deep, meaningful connection with God among many people. For some, prayer can even feel like a burden rather than a source of joy. In this context, I pose a question, “How can our church community cultivate a culture of joyful and potent prayer?”

Recently, I joined a group coaching session focused on rebuilding *in-person worship*. During the session, the coach introduced a simple way of prayer that everyone can follow. This prayer is known as the “1x1x1x1 prayer.” It appears to be a simple mathematical formula. It talks about a way of prayer. It means praying for one individual, daily, for one minute at 1:00 p.m. Everybody can do this! Simply set your alarm clock for 1:00 p.m. Regardless of your current activities or location, you can pause your tasks and take a deep breath to pray for one person or one important thing for you.

Is there anyone in your Family, among your Relatives, Acquaintances, Neighbors, and Colleagues, for whom you would like to offer your prayers? This is called FRANC list. Jot down the names that come to mind in each category, and in all the names you have written, identify one person who comes to your heart to bring the person closer to the Lord. Pray for this individual. Continue this practice for an entire month. You will experience something amazing or a miracle.

I’d love to invite all our church family to join this special prayer initiative. We’ll start today and continue for a whole month. Let’s see how powerful and miraculous this prayer can be. When we come to God every day at the same time with the same request, God is sure to listen. We will build a simple but powerful habit of daily prayer. When you start this prayer, you might wonder, ‘Where is God?’ But God is already in your heart, waiting to be discovered. Are you ready? Let’s do it together!

Grace and Joy,

Pastor Hae-Jeong





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.



March 2	Theme: Transfiguration of Jesus	Pastor Hae-Jeong Yoon
March 5	Theme: Ash Wednesday, No Service To receive Ashes, come to the office between 10 a.m.—Noon and 4:00—6:00 p.m.	Pastor Hae-Jeong Yoon
March 9	Theme: Look for the Resister	Pastor Hae-Jeong Yoon
March 16	Theme: Look for the Helper	Pastor Hae-Jeong Yoon
March 23	Theme: Look for the Thirst-Quencher	Pastor Hae-Jeong Yoon
March 30	Theme: Look for the Shepherd	Pastor Hae-Jeong Yoon

MARCH MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 51:10

“Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me.”

5 WAYS TO GIVE TO FIFTH AVE UMC



IN-PERSON BY
CASH OR CHECK



BY MAIL



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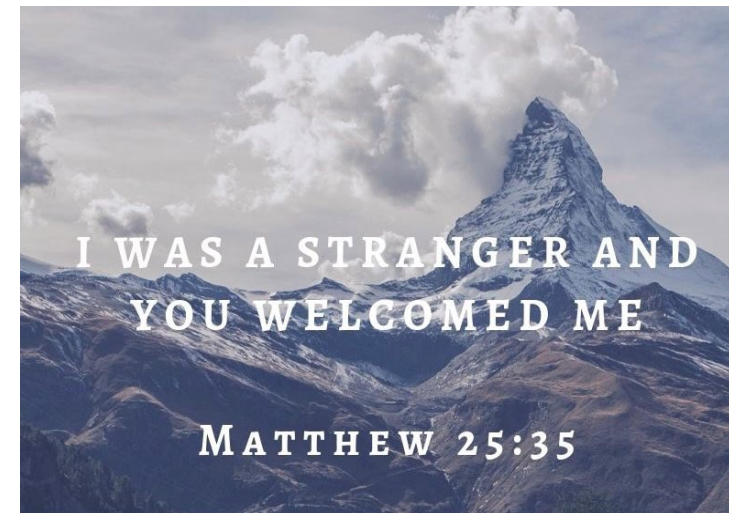
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FAUMC.ORG/GIVE



VANCO
MOBILE APP

March 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 8:30a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship Service & Communion 10:30a Fellowship Time 4p Prayer Meeting	3 7p Scouts	4 1p Prayer Shawl 6:30p AA Mtg 7p SA Mtg	5 Ash Wednesday (no service) to receive ashes, 10-Noon & 4-6p 9:30a UWF Mtg 6p Bells Practice 7:15p Ecumen	6 6p Trustees Mtg 7p AA Mtg	7 9a Investment Club	8 9a SA Mtg
9 8:30a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship Service 10:30a Fellowship Time 11a Lenten Small Group Study with Pastor 4p Prayer Meeting	10 TBA Lenten Small Group Study with Sandy Blumenberg & Rev. Michael Morning 7p Scouts	11 1p Prayer Shawl 6p ALB Mtg 6:30p AA Mtg 7p SA Mtg	12 10:30a Lenten Small Group Study with Ellen Johnson 12p Ecumenical Lenten Service – Cedar Ridge 6p Bells Practice	13 7p AA Mtg	14	15 9a SA Mtg
16 8:30a Choir Rehearsal 9a Bells Choir Prelude 9:30a Worship Service 10:30a Fellowship Time 11a Lenten Small Group Study with Pastor 4p Prayer Meeting	17 TBA Lenten Small Group Study with Sandy Blumenberg & Rev. Michael Morning 7p Scouts	18 1p Prayer Shawl 6p Vision Meeting 6:30p AA Mtg 7p SA Mtg	19 10:30a Lenten Small Group Study with Ellen J. 12p Ecumenical Lenten Service – Holy Angels 1-3p UWF Sewing Day 6p Bells Practice 7:15p Ecumen	20 7p AA Mtg	21	22 9a SA Mtg
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30 8:30a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship Service 10:30a Fellowship Time 11a Lenten Small Group Study with Pastor 4p Prayer Meeting	31 TBA Lenten Small Group Study with Sandy Blumenberg & Rev. Michael Morning 7p Scouts					



Welcome the Strangers Among Us

There are many images in scripture for the life of faith: the body of Christ (I Cor. 12), the household of God (I Peter), and the vine (John 15). While John Wesley taught that our life of faith entails personal holiness, he also helped us understand that our life together is one of social holiness. A pastoral letter from the United Methodist Council of Bishops, “Beloved Community: An Antidote to Extremism” (Sept. 19, 2024), reminds us that love of God inevitably leads to love of neighbor. It is that love that causes me to seek your prayers and faithfulness.

While I support the legitimate efforts of law enforcement to protect the safety and security of our communities, I also support ordinances and statutes that protect the rights of immigrants in Illinois and Wisconsin.

Paragraph 163 of The 2020/2024 Book of Discipline says that “we affirm that every form of government stands under God's judgment and must therefore be held accountable for protecting the innocent, guaranteeing basic freedoms and liberties, protecting the natural world, and establishing just, equitable, and sustainable economies.”

Insofar as the scripture calls us more than 35 times to love the stranger, I call us to stand with nonviolent migrants, immigrants, and refugees in this country, who live in the shadows of society in a state of perpetual fear. I prayerfully ask us to reject the measure of mass deportations and consider families that include citizens and noncitizens, parents and children, who must not be separated from each other. A recent Council of Bishops letter, “Addressing the Plight of Migrants, Immigrants, and Refugees” (Dec. 18, 2024), states that “they are our neighbors, our friends, and members and pastors of our churches.”

I reject the needless provocation of Chicago as a stated ground zero for a mass deportation effort. I call on federal and state governments to work out bipartisan, comprehensive immigration reform that will solve our issues and provide healing for the nation.

At other times in our history, whether it be the Trail of Tears, the Japanese detention centers, or the legacy of slavery, when the United States government has moved or restricted a mass of people, a tragic loss of life and generational cycles of harm result. The tool of mass deportation is not necessary and is abhorrent to followers of a nonviolent Jesus.

Once again, please pray for the migrants, immigrants, and refugees among us and welcome them with the fullness of Christian love, remembering that as we welcome these our brothers and sisters, we welcome Jesus our Lord.

Thank you.

Peace,

Daniel W. Schwerin, Bishop
Northern Illinois-Wisconsin Area
The United Methodist Church



The Theme of 2025 Lenten Season is
Lookin' for Love in All the Wrong Places
 The sermons are *based on readings from RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)*

*"Yet even now," says the Lord,
 "return to me with all your heart, with fasting...
 rend your hearts and not your clothing."
 — Joel 2: 12-13*

The Christian scriptures offer many images of where love, grace, forgiveness, righteousness, and healing can REALLY be found. And it is not in the "usual" places. Isn't it as true of us today as it was of the scriptural authors? Don't we often look for wholeness and happiness in places that offer only temporary "good feelings" and satisfaction? Lent is a wonderfully reflective time to reassess where we are searching for meaning and purpose. We'll move through stories of Jesus to find out who offers the "real deal."



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 April
Newsletter All Articles
Are Due By March 15th**

LENTEN SERVICES WITH WEST BEND AREA ECUMENICAL GROUP



Services will be held on Wednesdays during Lent starting at Noon at the following locations.

March 12: Cedar Community: Ridge, Grand Hall
 113 Cedar Ridge Dr, West Bend, WI 53095

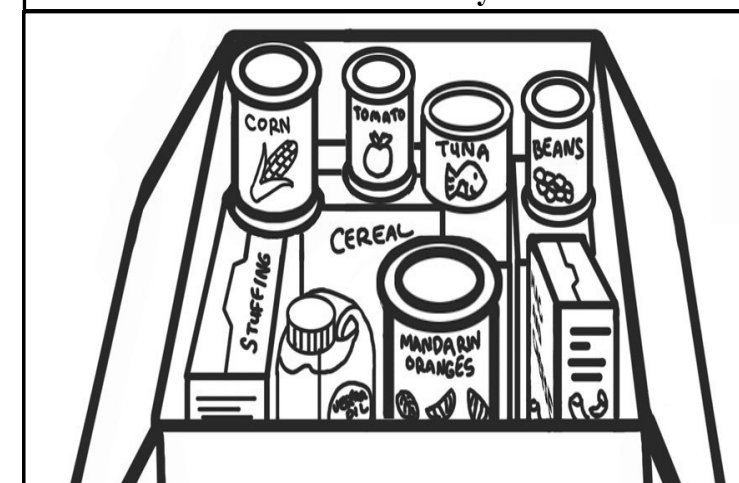
March 19: Holy Angels Parish
 138 N 8th Ave, West Bend, WI 53095

March 26: Trinity ELCA Lutheran Church
 140 N 7th Ave, West Bend, WI 53095

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

Full Shelf Food Pantry West Bend



Food Donations - March 2

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.

What Is God's Grace?

Korean Meat Sauce Spaghetti Recipe

Ingredients:

Lean Ground Beef	1 pound
Garlic	2 cloves
Onion	2/3 cup
Celery	1/3 cup
Carrot	½ cup
Olive oil	½ cup
Dry Red Wine	½ cup
Tomato Sauce	1 jar (25 oz)
Bay Leaf	2 leaves
Oregano	1 teaspoon
Basil	1 teaspoon
Salt	1 teaspoon
Pepper	½ teaspoon
Tomato Ketchup	½ cup
Sriracha Hot Sauce	1 teaspoon
Spaghetti Noodles	1 box



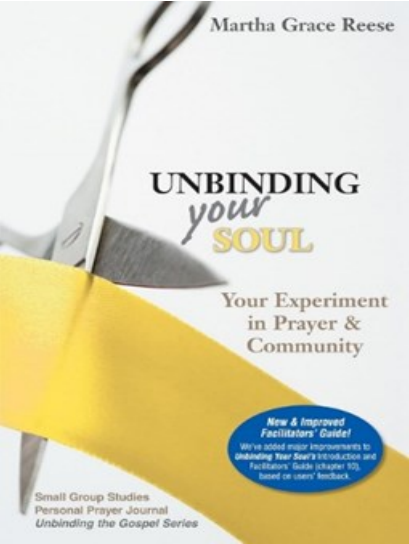
Directions:

1. Slice the garlic thin.
2. Finely chop onion, celery and carrot.
3. Put olive oil in a non-stick, high-sided pan, over medium heat. Stir for 10 minutes or until you obtain a light brown color.
4. Add meat and stir in the pan until brown color.
5. Add dry red wine, tomato sauce, bay leaf, oregano, basil, salt, and pepper, and cook for 30 minutes over medium heat. Stir during this process.
6. Add tomato ketchup and hot sauce and bring to a boil, again.

Noodles:

1. 1 box of Spaghetti Noodles.
2. Add 1% salt of the water quantity.
3. Add noodles and cook following the directions on the box.

Ingredients may be modified to your taste or preference. Enjoy!



LENTEN SMALL GROUP STUDY

Unbinding Your Soul is a part of the Unbinding the gospel series. This book is the "unbinding" model for actual, invitational evangelism. Unbinding Your Soul small group study helps them invite unchurched friends or recent visitors to try an "experiment" (some churches call it a "test drive") of Christian faith and community. Many people who aren't connected with a church would love to try a no-obligation "experiment" of substantial spiritual discussion, prayer, and community. Unbinding Your Soul prepares church members to invite their friends into a four-week small group experience with short study chapters, an individual prayer journal, prayer partner activities, and group exercises.

Unbinding Your Soul works for: Growing, healthy churches. This book encourages to purchase Two copies per participants. The participants pray for the person to receive the extra book. This way, groups double. The Christian Century, Alban Institute Congregations, Evangelism Connections, 8 heads of denominations, Brian McLaren, George Hunter & Richard Peace have endorsed it enthusiastically. The Series arises out of the only major national study of evangelism in mainline churches, funded by the Lilly Endowment. From the Unbinding the Gospel Series.

Lenten Small Group Study Schedule:

- Study Group #1. Weekly, starting Sunday, March 9th through April 13th, 11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m., Fireside Room, Pastor Hae-Jeong, facilitating.
- Study Group #2. Weekly, starting Monday, March 10th through April 14th, time TBA. Sandy Blumenberg’s home, 2808 William Koehl Cir, West Bend 53095. Sandy Blumenberg, Facilitator, and Rev. Michael Morning, Co-Facilitator.
- Study Group #3. Weekly, starting Wednesday, March 12th through April 16th, 10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m., Fireside Room, Ellen Johnson, facilitating.

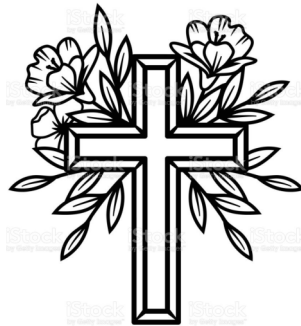
Yes, please sign me up. I will attend:

- ☐ Small Group Study #1
- ☐ Small Group Study #2
- ☐ Small Group Study #3

Book Cost is \$5, payable at the first gathering.

Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Please return to the Church Office. Thank you!



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? () YES () NO



**United
Women
in Faith**

UWF Meeting

Wednesday, March 5th, 9:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room. Come and listen. Add your ideas.

Sewing Day

Wednesday, March 19th, 1:00-3:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. No sewing skills are needed as you can help cut and pack T-shirt bags...or you can come to talk and be part of the companionship.



**WALK TO
EMMAUS**
THE UPPER ROOM®

Come walk with Jesus!
**Spencer Lake Christian Center
Waupaca, Wisconsin**

Men's Walk #39

When: April 24 – 27, 2025

Women's Walk #40

When: May 1 – May 4, 2025

The course is wrapped in prayer and meditation, special times of worship and daily celebration of Holy Communion. It offers people a parallel opportunity to rediscover Christ's presence in their lives, to gain fresh understanding of God's transforming grace, and to form friendships that foster faith and support spiritual maturity.

If you have an interest in attending, please reach out to Pastor Hae-Jeong or contact the Church Office. Registration deadline is April 24th.



HISTORY OF FIFTH AVENUE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Garrett-Evangelical Seminary recently sent me a letter announcing that **AMY CELIHAY** as the recipient of the 2024 Butler – Fifth Avenue United Methodist Church Scholarship, valued at \$4,991.00.

This scholarship was started in 1960 by Mr. Butler, a member of our church in memory of his wife, Deloris, who had passed away.

Leslie (Les) Reynolds, Chairman of Wills & Memorials, helped Mr. Butler set up a \$50,000.00 scholarship, with only the interest and dividends used to support the scholarship. Because only dividends and interest have been used to support the scholarship, it has been active since 1960 with 64 students being helped to achieve their goals in the ministry.

In a letter from the current recipient, she stated she is currently serving as an Associate Pastor while attending Garrett-Evangelical Seminary.

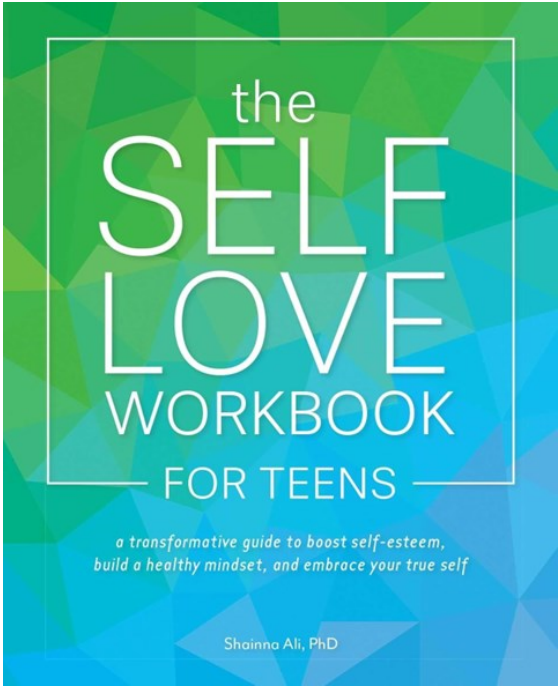
Les Reynolds was my father, and this is the reason I receive communications from Garrett. Also, because I served many years as Chairperson for Wills & Memorials.

When I received the name of the scholarship recipient, I sent a card from Fifth Avenue United Methodist Church, congratulating her and invited her to our church. In the past, some have visited and given the Sermon.

In the recent communication from Garrett, the scholarships value is \$64,000.00. I am helping Wills & Memorials with setting up another scholarship using these funds.

Marolyn Kell

***"Helping those in need, including the homeless,
is a reflection of our shared humanity and can
make a positive difference in their lives."***



As a teen, life can be stressful, whether from worrying about looks, performance in school, relationships with friends and family, or societal pressures. It is easy for you to lose focus and feel like you're not good enough. The Self-Love Workbook for Teens gives you the tools to conquer self-doubt and develop a healthy mindset. It includes fun, creative, and research-backed exercises, lessons, and tips, including:

- Interactive activities
- Reflective exercises
- Journaling prompts
- Actionable advice

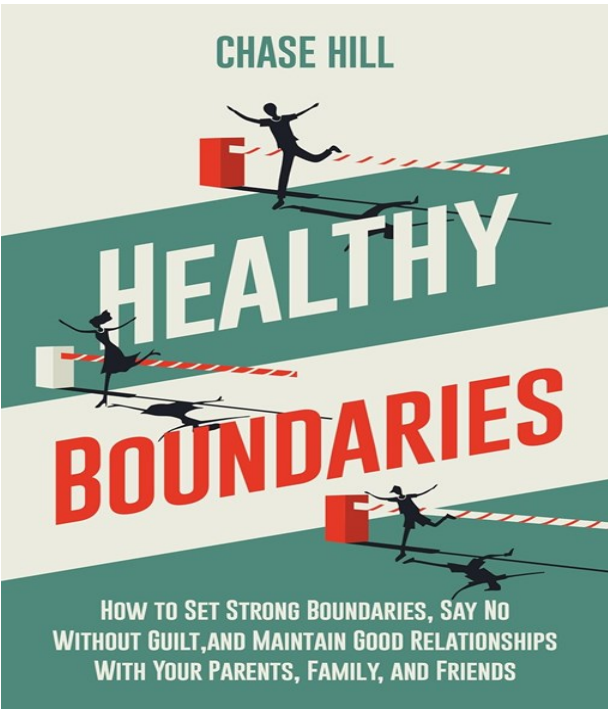
Self-love is a journey, but it is the first step on the path to a happier, more fulfilling life.

Discover the power of self-love, and learn how to set healthy boundaries - without feeling guilty.

Do you ever wonder what it would be like if the people you care about respected your personal space? Do you wish that there was an easy way to say "No" every time you don't want to say "Yes"?

If this describes you, then you've probably had moments of trying to please others, even to your own detriment. If this happens too often, eventually, people will start taking you for granted - and you won't be taken seriously even when you try to say "No."

What's worse, when you do try to set up boundaries, people will label you as mean or moody. It will seem impossible to make people respect your decisions without starting conflict.



BIRTHDAYS "AT HOME"
No Birthdays at Home in March



WEATHER CLOSINGS
If the West Bend Schools are closed the Church Office will be closed and any church activities will be postponed.

DEATHS
John Gawlik
Nancy Whitson



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



BIRTHDAYS

1 Jennifer Adkins	8 Vicky Hopp	17 Kevin Fitzgerald
2 Jim Pok	9 Kherington Bodden	17 Debbie Schacht
3 Joshua Dahlen	9 Rachel Kircher	22 Payton Louk
4 Karen Werner	9 Chuck Rogge	22 Mason Vollmer
5 Sue Hauser	12 Bob Krell	23 Sherry Gerhartz
7 Joyce Ruesch	16 Cheryl Downer	23 Andy Glaser
8 Pekelo Pusateri	16 Linda Foote	24 Bettie Schuler
8 Janis Hayden	16 Rosa Molina	30 Brian Kuhaupt
		31 William Bast



ANNIVERSARIES

No Wedding Anniversaries in March