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Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Communion First Sunday of Month

Church Service can be watched on our

YouTube Channel: FAUMC WEST BEND WI

Instagram: 5thavefaumc

Facebook: Fifth Avenue United Methodist Church

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FAMILY CONNECTION

“Making Christian Disciples”

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Dear friends,

Today marks the end of my resting period. During my last few days, a friend pastor from the upper part of Wisconsin visited me. She drove for four hours to come to my place. She is one of the pastors I respect because her soul is awakened, and she has a very sincere and faithful heart toward the Lord. She fasts every morning for her three small churches. Her name is Jenny. Her faith journey is courageous and beautiful. I don't have time to share her entire faith journey here, but I want to share what happened to us in my parsonage.

She slept in my guest room. On the next morning, we woke up and spent some time for devotion in our own rooms. When I went to the kitchen, she came out and said, “Hae-Jeong, I had a vision about you.” I replied, “Oh, me too! What was that? Please share yours at first, then I will share mine to you.” So, she started, “There was a person. It was you, Hae-Jeong. I saw you standing in the desert, all covered with yellow sand. And at that moment, green shoots started to emerge from the desert. They weren't just one green spouts; they spread around you constantly.” I said, “Wow, thank you, for sending me the message of God! It is such an incredible vision for the ministry here at Fifth Avenue UMC.” I explained to her that there were promises of the Lord since September 25th. The scripture was James 5:18, “Then, when he (Elijah) prayed again, the sky sent down rain and the earth began to yield its crops.” It was the message of revival. And God sent continuously the message of revival to this Church. I talked to her, “Jenny, you are a messenger of God to me today!”

I also shared the vision that God gave her. “I saw a woman, the Pastor Jenny, around her head. I saw a rainbow, and behind the rainbow, there was light that covered you. It was beautiful. I thought that it must have been a promise given to her that is still working.” And she began to speak about God promising her a beautiful ministry with a rainbow constantly.

What a great blessing for each other! God wanted us to be a blessing for each other. The confirmation and encouragement of the ministries for us. We felt so blessed! And also, it is a blessing for our Church.

I want to encourage you to pray 111 prayers continuously and your prayers too. Whenever I pray at the same time daily, I feel God's answer becomes closer. If possible, try fasting for one meal or two in the morning per week. I fast every morning by drinking a cup of coffee with a little milk. It's doable, not too difficult. This will be a little help to come closer to the standard of revival God is preparing for Fifth Avenue UMC! Also a pure and humble life walking with the Lord daily!

May you have grace and joy this summer!

Pastor Hae-Jeong



Our Vision:

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

JUNE SERMON SCHEDULE

June 7 Rev. Michael Morning

NEW SERIES: ALL MY DAYS



June 14 **Theme:** Be Still and Know
Scripture: Philippians 4:4-7, Matthew 7:7-8

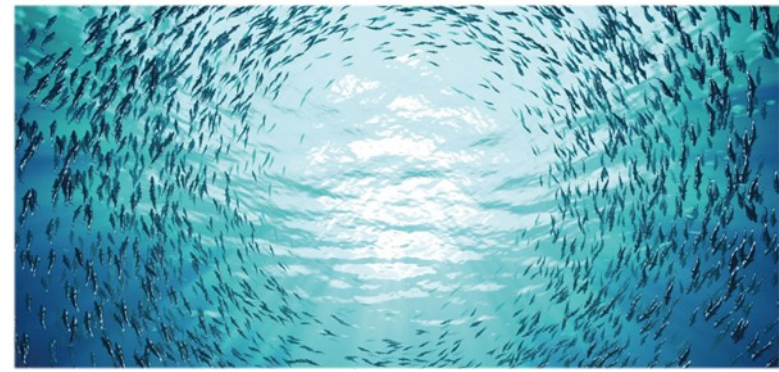
June 21 **Theme:** Presence
Scripture: Romans 8:15-17, Mark 14:35-36

June 28 **Theme:** Purpose
Scripture: Luke 17:20-21

SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH:

Proverbs 3:5

Trust in the Lord with all your heart;
Do not depend on your own
understanding.



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

June 2026

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|-------------------------------------|---|--|--|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 7 9:30a Worship Service & Communion w/ Rev. Michael Morning 10:30a Pizza & Fellowship Time WI Annual Conference | 8 7p Scouts | 9 1p Prayer Shawl 6p ALB Mtg 6:30p AA Mtg 7p SA Mtg | 10 7p EcuMen | 11 7p AA Mtg | 12 | 13 9a SA Mtg Aimee Vac |
| 14 9:30a Worship Service 10:30a Fellowship Time 10:40a FANT Mtg Aimee Vac | 15 7p Scouts Aimee Vac | 16 1p Prayer Shawl 6p Vision Mtg 6:30p AA Mtg 7p SA Mtg Aimee Vac | 17 5p Fifth Avenue Neighborhood Table Aimee Vac | 18 6p UM Men's Mtg 7p AA Mtg Aimee Vac | 19 Aimee Vac | 20 9a SA Mtg Aimee Vac |
| 21 Father's Day 9:30a Worship Service 10:30a Fellowship Time Aimee Vac | 22 7p Scouts | 23 1p Prayer Shawl 6:30p AA Mtg 7p SA Mtg | 24 | 25 7p AA Mtg | 26 | 27 9a SA Mtg |
| 28 9:30a Worship Service & Potluck Picnic on the Patio 10:30a Fellowship Time 10:40a FANT Mtg | 29 7p Scouts | 30 1p Prayer Shawl 6:30p AA Mtg 7p SA Mtg | | | | |

Special thanks and gratitude are extended to Guy Liepert, owner of GL Electric out of Mayville. He donated his time to bring the refrigerator in Fellowship Hall up to code.

Expenses

- Expenses for April 2026 are \$25,985. We are down \$11,806 compared to March 2026.
- We have a YTD total expense cost of \$129,530 with a budgeted amount for the entire year of \$415,483. This is 31.18% of the budgeted amount for the current year.

Booked Income

- We booked a loss of \$11,347 for April 2026.
- The booked income YTD loss is -\$67,457.

Investment Income

- April 2026 foundation withdrawal is \$40,000.
- YTD foundation withdrawal is \$40,000.
- YTD foundation total deposits \$0.00.
- Current checking balance is \$142,098 as of April 30, 2026.

Parsonage Fund

- YTD parsonage withdrawals are \$2,000.
- YTD parsonage total deposits \$0.00.
- We use money to pay utilities & maintenance with this fund.
- Current balance of 40213 at the end of April was \$2,148.
- April 2026 Utilities/Maintenance Amount for parsonage \$231.

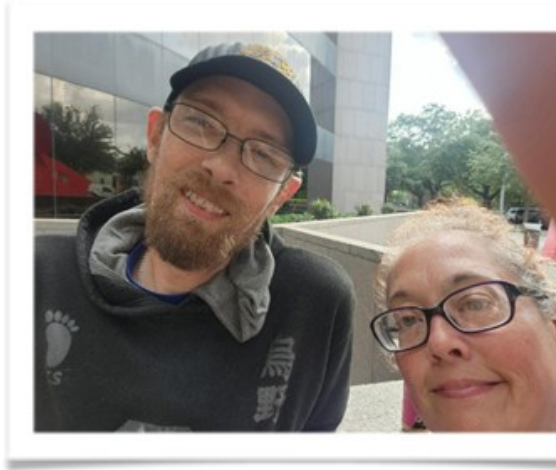
Finance Report: Doug Fitzgerald

- Elaine Gust's generosity continues to be a blessing for the church. The gifts that we have received from the donor advised fund thus far, as well as any future gifts, will be added to the remaining amount in the church's Elaine Gust Fund.
- Stan Schneider, Sandy Blumenberg and Kaonou Latham joined the Budget Committee. We will welcome anyone else who is interested in working on the 2027 operating budget. The Committee will begin work in the next few weeks and report to the ALB in the future.

Capital Campaign: Doug Fitzgerald

- The Capital Campaign Committee continues to meet with the James Company in connection with a pre-campaign assessment. The focus of this assessment is to determine our congregation's willingness to support a capital campaign and the amount of money that a campaign may raise.
- The committee finalized a list of proposed building repairs and projects that define the Trustees' needs. The committee also established dates for town hall meetings for members of the congregation to learn more about the needs of our Church, understand the reason for the proposed capital campaign, and ask questions.
- A brochure about the proposed capital campaign has been mailed to the members of the congregation telling them about the proposed capital campaign and the town hall meetings.
- A survey will also be conducted to gather feedback from the congregation.

Next ALB meeting will be Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.



A Homeless Couple's Story: Jenny & Dave

Before Easter, a homeless couple named Jenny and Dave knocked on our church's door. The weather was still cold and rainy. They came to our church seeking help. I met them at the FANT (Fifth Avenue Neighborhood Table) Dinner. They explained that they hadn't showered in a month and that it was extremely difficult to live as homeless people. People despised them because of their situation. Jenny started to sob, and God gave me tears in my heart. I thought that I should support and help the couple in any way I could.

"What do you need?" I asked. "We have nowhere to go," they replied. "It's freezing outside." It was Wednesday evening. "We're heading to Texas, where Dave's family lives," they said. "Dave's mother bought us tickets to Texas. It's a three-day trip by bus. We need to be at the Milwaukee Intermodal Station on Friday morning."

I promised to provide what they needed. They stayed at the Quality Inn for two nights, and on Friday morning, I drove them to the Milwaukee bus station. As we drove, they shared their stories of how they ended up at the Fondu Lac Catholic Rehab Institute and there is where they met.

Jenny had been human-trafficked while working at a Dollar Store. Two men approached her and promised her a good job. That was the beginning of her ordeal. She was taken captive for eight years and subjected to abuse and threats. She was watched by six cameras in the house to prevent her from escaping. She was forced to do whatever the men wanted her to do. I don't know all the details of her experience.

One day, all the people in the house were in the basement. Jenny decided to escape and ran out without anything. She ran and ran a couple of days until she reached a police station, where she was taken to the hospital for health check and then to a Catholic Rehab institute where she met Dave.

Dave shared another dramatic and sad story, expressing his desire to end his life. Despite his despair, he knew that God was alive. In the moment of his suicide, his sister called him, exclaiming, "What are you doing!!!"

They stayed at the FANT night, and the Jesus story of the night was Sturgeon's conversion story. It was a simple yet profound message: salvation is achieved by looking at Jesus and focusing on Him with all your heart. Dave held onto this story, and so did Jenny. Dave was more faithful on Jesus and was guiding Jenny to Jesus during this difficult time.

I gave them a ride to the Interstate Bus station and prayed for them. As I returned home, I continued to pray for them to find a suitable place and resources to start anew. That evening, I had a vision.

In the vision, I saw a couple standing in front of a bleak, gray, towering wall. It was Jenny and Dave. At a moment, the wall was broken and demolished, and they began to walk through the broken sections. The path led to a mountain filled with lush green trees, a place where life thrived. Oh!!! It was a vision for Jenny and Dave! I expressed my gratitude to God for the couple.

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FLOWERS
Beautification of the Church



Pictured L-R: Mary Barnett, Fay Lewis, Barb Johnson, Michael Lewis, Sandy Blumenberg

On a chilly Spring day, this team of volunteers came together to plant. Special thanks to Sandy Blumenberg for shopping for the flowers and getting the planters ready earlier in the week.

National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI)



The Women of Faith presented their featured speaker, Laurie McCann of NAMI (National Alliance of Mental Illness) with a bouquet of flowers and the generous monetary gifts from our congregation.

In total, \$490 was collected for NAMI.

Through Laurie's very moving presentation, we learned many ways that this organization can address the needs of people and their families who are experiencing mental illness.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACCOUNTABLE LEADERSHIP BOARD MEETING
May 14, 2026

Minutes: A motion was made by Doug Fitzgerald, seconded by Thomas Thomas to approve the April 28, 2026, Minutes. **Motion Carried.**

Pastor's Report - Pastor Hae-Jeong Yoon

- The Nursing Home Ministry continues.
- At the last FANT gathering, there were 66 people attending, the most so far.
- Pastor will be at McDonald's on Wednesdays from 10am-Noon for anyone to meet with her.
- She is on the Worship Committee for the Annual Conference which will be held in June.
- She reminded us to continue with the 1-1-1 Revival Prayer (once a day, for 1 minute at 1pm or whatever time works for you.)
- Because she will be at Annual Conference, there will be guest preachers. Rev. Michael Morning will preach on June 7th.
- There will be Vacation Bible School this summer in July and August, for ages 5-12 years old.
- During her resting time, she had a Korean pastor friend visiting who had a vision for our church about sprouting up from the ashes. God has a vision for our church and we need to trust Him to accomplish.

Capital Campaign – Tom Latham & Doug Fitzgerald

Tom and Doug will lead the Town Hall Meetings on May 17 and 31. The 31st will also be the Quarterly ALB Town Hall meeting. Eric Peters and Mark Scheel will take care of the microphones. Tom Calenberg will be in charge of the PowerPoint.

Trustees: Brett Barnett

There are no major updates on the roof. A Boom is needed for the repair. A quote on the flat roof will be done soon along with a quote on replacing the gutters.

Wills & Memorials: Thomas Thomas

No Wills & Memorials Meeting was held since the last ALB Meeting. The next meeting will be held on June 9.

Christian Education:

Kathy Schneider was absent. Dorthy Dahlen reported that the last day of Sunday School will be May 24. Pastor Hae-Jeong will be planning an event for kids in July & August. Youth Fellowship has ended until Fall.

Staff/Parish Relations Committee (SPRC): Kaonou Latham

An annual review with Pastor Hae-Jeong will be held on May 22.

Financial Report: Eric Peters

Income

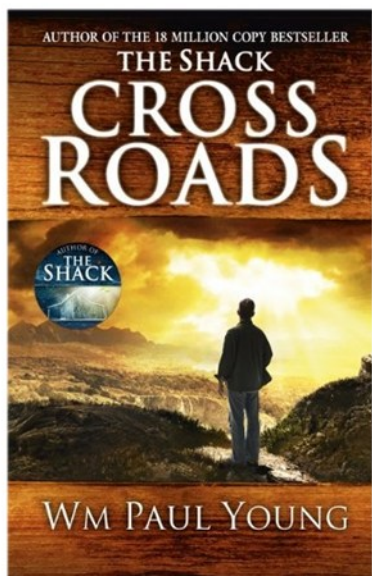
- Income gain for April 2026 was \$14,638 from Shelby Report.
- April 2026 pledged/unpledged amounts are down \$14,149 compared to March 2026.
- We have a YTD total income gain of \$62,073 with a budgeted amount for the entire year of \$415,483. This is 14.94% of the budgeted amount for the current year.

GOOD READS

Paul Young, author of the international bestseller, *The Shack*, tells a story of the incremental transformation of a man caught in the torments of his own creation, somewhere between Heaven and Earth.

Anthony Spencer is egotistical, proud of being a self-made business success at the peak of his game, even though the cost of winning was painfully high. A cerebral hemorrhage leaves Tony comatose in a hospital ICU. He 'awakens' to find himself in a surreal world, a 'living' landscape that mirrors dimensions of his earthly life, from the beautiful to the corrupt. It is here that he has vivid interactions with others he assumes are projections of his own subconscious, but whose directions he follows nonetheless with the possibility that they might lead to authenticity and perhaps, redemption. The adventure draws Tony into deep relational entanglements where he is able to 'see' through the literal eyes and experiences of others, but is "blind" to the consequences of hiding his personal agenda and loss that emerge to war against the processes of healing and

trust. Will this unexpected coalescing of events cause Tony to examine his life and realize he built a house of cards on the poisoned grounds of a broken heart? Will he also have the courage to make a critical choice that can undo a major injustice he set in motion before falling into a coma?



Life is Better with a Beverage in Hand

We welcome you to bring a covered beverage into the Sanctuary during the Worship Service. Please handle it with care.

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 write "Pastor's Fund" in the memo section. Thank you for supporting this ministry.

Food Donations - June 7th

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.



FULL SHELF FOOD PANTRY
WEST BEND



COMING THIS SUMMER FOR YOUTH AGES 5-12

From a whimsical lighthouse on an enchanted island, Explorers are guided by a Lighthouse Keeper and Beacon the Puffin on an exciting quest to find five mysterious Infinity Lanterns to help light their way. Using map coordinates from their Reference Book (the Bible), children discover clues to finding each Lantern while learning how God's light shines in the lives of familiar biblical characters in Old and New Testament stories.

July 19 Week #1: Song / Story / Science
 July 26 Week #2: Song / Video / Trivia / Craft
 August 9 Week #1: Song / Story / Science
 August 23 Week #2: Song / Video / Trivia / Craft



July 12th & August 16th

RAIN OR SHINE - LUNCH PROVIDED

Shalom Wildlife Zoo (outdoor)
We Rock the Spectrum (indoor)

RSVP to church@faumc.org

A FREE DINNER

Fifth Avenue Neighborhood Table
1st & 3rd WEDNESDAYS

MENU

June 3rd

Sloppy Joes
Baked Beans
Coleslaw
Fruit Salad
Dessert



"menus subject to change"

Doors Open: 4:30 pm
Food Served: 5:00 pm
Evening Ends: 6:30 pm

MENU

June 17th

Lasagna
Garlic Bread
Roasted Vegetables
Garden Salad
Dessert



Fifth Avenue Neighborhood Table



We are transforming our FANT (Fifth Avenue Neighborhood Table) into a Hygge space. What is Hygge space? It's a Danish cultural concept that fosters a warm and inviting atmosphere, encouraging open conversations and genuine connections. In our Hygge space, we'll share tea, fresh-cut flowers, and candles to create a serene ambiance.

I'm excited to share a beautiful story about fresh-cut flowers that will enhance the beauty of our space. I believe that fresh flowers have an unparalleled charm and can elevate any setting. Jenny, our talented Artist, prepared the first batch of flowers, and I took on the responsibility of preparing the second batch. I purchased flowers from Pick & Save then learned the flowers had mold. I returned for a refund. Aimee decided to reach out to a local flower shop that generously offered to donate fresh flowers for our FANT gatherings!

The shop is conveniently located across the street from our church, "Bits 'n' Pieces." It's as if God has blessed us with a beautiful heart for the hearts that visit our FANT. We're thrilled to share these beautiful flowers with the participants, creating a truly warm and enchanting experience.

Praise the Lord for this wonderful opportunity!

JUNE

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



BIRTHDAYS

| | | |
|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 2 Sandy Cahoon | 10 Julie Coockey | 25 Diane Kocher |
| 2 Gary Logan | 10 Amanda Schroeder | 26 Maxwell Muehe |
| 4 Jim Wyatt | 13 Mary Rogge | 26 Sally Munding |
| 5 Fritz Gerhartz | 15 Tami Mauland | 27 Mark Harris |
| 5 Barb Simmelink | 17 Aimee Liepert | 28 Holden Muehe |
| 5 Joan Teague | 17 Tim Ward | 29 Polly Bertelsen |
| 6 Jennifer Krell | 21 Ethan Latham | 29 Griffin Donahou |
| 7 Anthony Wellner | 22 Skylla Thompson | |



ANNIVERSARY

| | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 12 Richard & Nancy Skinner | 26 Peter & Katie Glaser |
| 15 Michael & Fay Lewis | |



PIZZA SUNDAY - June 7th
After Worship in the Lounge

JUNE BIRTHDAYS AT HOME:

25 Diane Kocher
1508 Partridge Ct
West Bend, WI 53095



The purpose of United Methodist Men (UMM) is to help men grow in Christ, so others may know Christ. As a supportive fellowship, UMM acts as a creative ministry that fosters spiritual growth, models servant leadership, and supports local church missions.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 18th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room.

Fifth Avenue

WOMEN IN FAITH

Please Consider Joining Us—All Are Welcome ♥

There will not be any Women In Faith Meetings or Sewing Days in June, July or August.
Hope everyone enjoys the summer months.



How to Protect Yourself from Fraud & Scams

Learn about common scams and how to recover from them at this Federal Trade Commission (FTC) website: [ftc.gov/scams](https://www.ftc.gov/scams). To file a report online, go to: [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](https://www.ftc.gov/report-fraud).

FTC Next Steps:

1. We use reports to investigate and bring cases against fraud, scams and bad business practices, but we can't resolve reports on behalf of individuals.
2. We will share your report with our law enforcement partners.
3. We use reports to spot trends, educate the public, and provide data about what is Happening in your community. You can check out what is going on in your state or metro area by visiting: [ftc.gov/exploredata](https://www.ftc.gov/exploredata).

We try to get money back for people. Check out: [ftc.gov/refunds](https://www.ftc.gov/refunds) to see recent FTC cases that resulted in refunds.

If someone says they are with the FTC, know that the FTC will never demand money, make threats, tell you to transfer money, or promise you a prize. Learn more about impersonation scams at: [ftc.gov/impersonators](https://www.ftc.gov/impersonators).

**DAILY 111
PRAYER TRACKER
JUNE 2026**

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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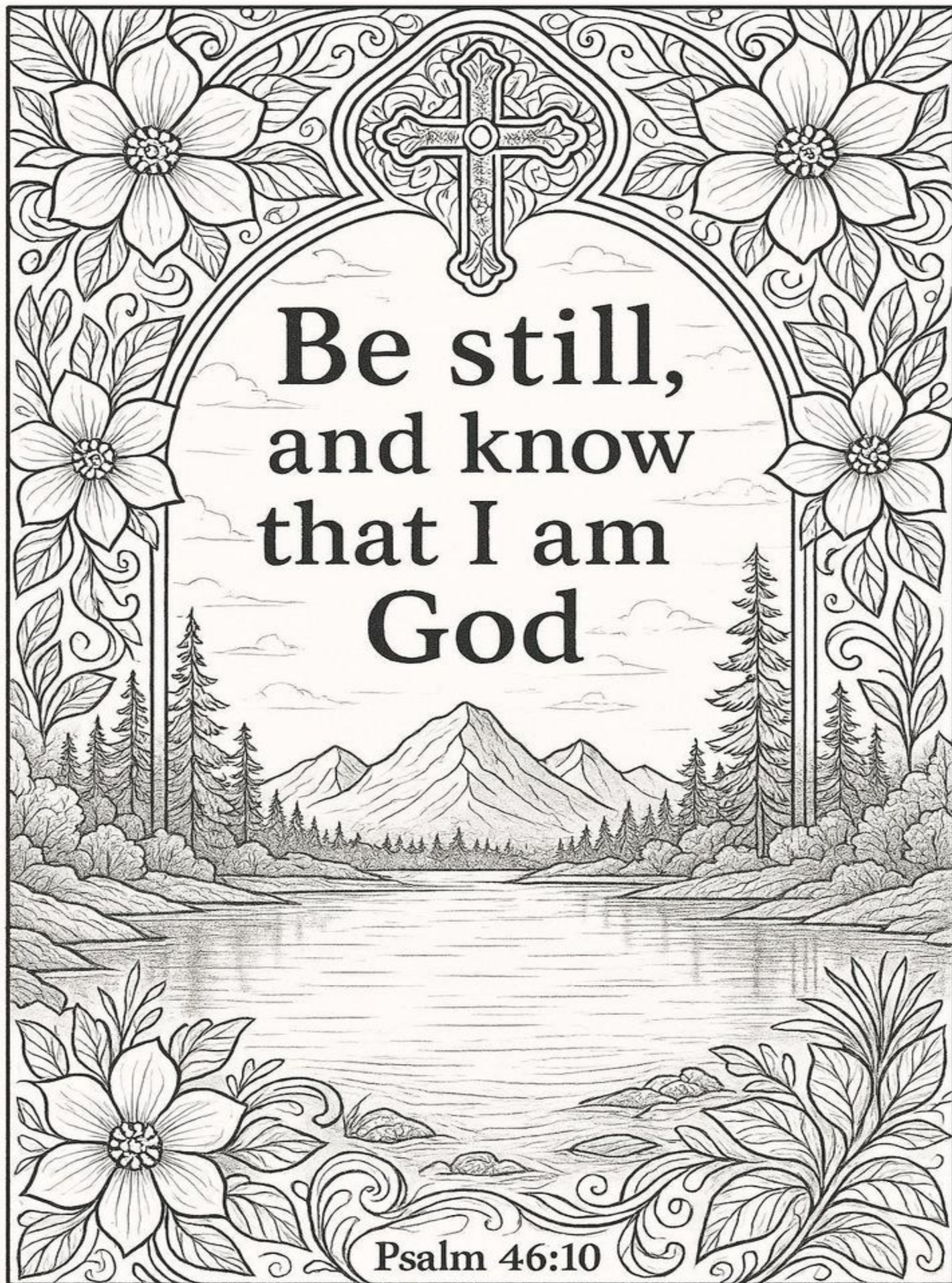
Prepare by taking a deep breath to center yourself.

Almighty God,
 Thank you for the message of revival.
 Please open our spiritual eyes
 so we may see who we truly are.
 Help us to repent and
 walk in Your way joyfully.
 Grant us a thirst for Your Word,
 and help us surrender our hearts,
 minds, and lives to You.
 Amen.

A Homeless Couple's Story: Jenny & Dave *(continued from Page 3)*

I shared this message on Easter Sunday. "Anyone who relies on Jesus with their heart will find life and a way opened by the Lord out of nowhere. No matter the situation you face, the God of resurrection who raised Jesus from the dead will raise your life from death to life. The same power of resurrection is still working in and for your life. Trust in God and believe in His power and goodness!"

They arrived in Texas, and Jenny immediately sent me a message. "We've arrived. It's 1:30 am. I'm afraid of the situation. Please pray for us." I sent her the message about the vision God had given me, assuring her that their lives would be beautiful. A few days later, they sent their photos and a message that God had helped them find resources. Yesterday, Jenny sent another message. "The weather was great for sleeping last night. We're on the housing list and should have our own place in a few weeks. Everything is paid for a year, and we're getting our ID and job applications." The hand of God is holding their lives.



LUNCH GATHERING

Tuesday, June 23 @ 11:30 am

AT THE PARSONAGE

659 S 14th Ave, West Bend 53095

Healthy & Delicious Food Will Be Prepared

DEVOTION & PRAY FOR EACH OTHER

If able, please bring a small dish to share

All Are Welcome

Please RSVP to the Church Office - church@faumc.org or 262-334-2059