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FAMILY CONNECTION

“Making Christian Disciples”

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PASSIONATE LOVER OF GOD

Hello Friends and Family of Fifth Ave UMC!

I am dreaming of our faith community flourishing. I imagine a beautiful community created in the image of God as a divine community of trinity. The holy community that forever gives love, joyfully receives love, and gives again with all God's heart! I imagine that in this way, the joy will expand in exponential ways. Yes, it is sure that we are created to be lovers. The Bible says that we should be disciples of Jesus. But I find the term is somewhat legalistic even though I hold and cherish that idea deeply into my heart precious. Is it because we became free from the law of the Old Testament, and putting another law of discipleship into our mind? I'd rather love the word *Passionate Lover of God*, so that we may become a community to belong to love and to be loved passionately. I feel that there is more freedom.

In the Church of God, this intimate space of sharing life and love is called small groups. It is like the life of the first Christians in Acts. They gathered together and broke bread together. They confessed their sins, prayed together, and helped each other. The presence of the Holy Spirit was among them as the power of love. That's why fifty-eight times in the New Testament uses the phrase "one another" -- love one another, care for one another, help one another, encourage one another, pray for one another, support one another, counsel one another.

We are never meant to go through life as a Lone Ranger. We are never meant to face our problems or our darkness by ourselves. In this space of love and respect, we don't need to look good since it is a place to share all our fears, faults, and desires. The space is surrounded by loving and respectful hearts that know the humble common fate of humanity. There will be relief and freedom in the power of the Holy Presence.

We need each other. We have a longing for belonging. We only grow in the community. It is like a tiny church inside of a church. There, we will get to see how the Holy Spirit works through us and gently leads us to the place where we never imagined to be.

I desire to belong there as a member. How about you? Do you have one? Our church has good small groups that are healthy and solid. And now we need more. Could you please add this vision into your prayers so that the dream of God may come true?

Grace and Love,

Pastor Hae-Jeong

Our Mission: We are a welcoming Christian Community where all can experience the saving grace of Jesus Christ. We are growing as disciples of Christ as we teach, support, and nurture one another in ministry to our community and world.



August 4	Theme:	Abide in Jesus
	Scripture:	John 15:1-11
August 11	Theme:	Let the prayer flow
	Scripture:	Psalm 100:4
August 18	Theme:	The Kind of Prayer God answers
	Scripture:	John 15:7
August 25	Theme:	One Hour
	Scripture:	Matt 26:36-45

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH COMMUNION SETUP ONCE A MONTH

If you like to work behind the scenes for your church, this opportunity is perfect for 1 or 2 people. Communion is the first Sunday of each month. This position prepares the communion bread and wine prior to service; the day before or the morning of, whichever works best with your schedule. Training is provided. Please consider being a blessing to your church by serving in this role. Please contact Aimee in the Church Office—church@faumc.org or 262-334-2059.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF JEAN SEEGER

Jean Seeger passed away on Monday, July 22, 2024. Her husband, Chuck, passed away on December 17, 2023. There will be a private graveside service at Arlington Park Cemetery in Milwaukee on Monday, August 12, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. to honor both Jean and Chuck.

They are survived by their two daughters, Jeri (Frank) Boysia and Gayle (Ray) Groth; four grandchildren, Frank Boysia, Abigayle Groth, Drew Boysia, and Tim Groth.

Sympathy Cards Can Be Mailed To:

Gayle Groth
W265 N6944 Thousand Oaks Dr
Sussex, WI 53089



AUGUST MEMORY VERSE:

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thessalonians 5:18



**PLEASE WELCOME
BISHOP DAN SCHWERIN
ASSIGNED TO THE
NORTHERN ILLINOIS-WISCONSIN
EPISCOPAL AREA
HE BEGINS HIS ASSIGNMENT ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2024**



Pastoral Visitation

Pastor Hae-Jeong would like to visit with each friend and member of our church.

The sign-up document is in a binder located on the small round wooden table in the Lounge.



**NewsLetter
DEADLine**

**For the September
Newsletter All Articles
Are Due By August 15th**



Church News



NEW CHURCH MEMBER

Janet Hiatt
1700 Creek Rd #103
West Bend, WI 53090
C: 262-339-9570
Email: janet.hiatt@hotmail.com

BIRTHDAYS "AT HOME"

Nancy Whitson's birthday is August 31st. Cards can be sent to:

Mrs. Nancy Whitson
Aria of Brookfield
18740 Bluemound Rd #103
Brookfield, WI 53045



NEW PHONE NUMBER

John Holzer 414-530-8216

DEATH

Jac Ward passed away on July 10, 2024, in Stevens Point, WI, after a long battle with chronic health conditions. Jac is the brother of Tim and Jon Ward, who are members of our church. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, August 3, 2024, from 4:00-9:00 p.m. at The American Legion—Lt. Ray Dickop Post 36 in West Bend. Sympathy cards can be sent to Tim Ward, 7371 Kettle Moraine Dr, West Bend, WI 53090.



WORDS OF THANKS

Dear Members and Friends of Fifth Avenue:

Thank you so much for making my retirement celebration so meaningful. Your cards, gifts, and presence have touched my heart in so many ways. I feel very privileged to have been your church secretary for the past 50 years. I am glad that I will be your new Lay Leader.

Blessings to you and my love to each of you.

Alana



Food Donations - August 4

On the **first Sunday** of every month, our church will concentrate on collecting **nonperishables** for the West Bend Food Pantry. 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.



Flowers and Bulletins Sign-up

If you would like to share the gift of **flowers or bulletins** on a Sunday for special moments in your life or in celebration of special family times, please sign up in the North Entrance.

Flowers can be delivered to the **church by 3:00 p.m. on Fridays, or bring them to the church before the 9:30 a.m. service on Sunday**. Cost of bulletins is **\$25.00**.

Name Badge

Don't forget to wear your name badge so **Pastor Hae-Jeong** can get to know you!

If you need a name badge, please call the church office and let us know if you want a pin style or magnetic style. Thank you!

Westward Road



Saturday, August 24 @ 3:00 PM

2024 Concert Series

Fifth Avenue United Methodist Church

323 South Fifth Avenue – West Bend, WI 53095

Social Hour to Follow – All Are Welcome!



Concerts are Free but Free-Will Offering is Available

4 WAYS TO GIVE TO FIFTH AVE UMC



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