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**In-Person Worship on 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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“Christmas Is Not Your Birthday!”

Hi Friends!

I am filled with gratitude for the blessings in my life from Fifth Avenue United Methodist Church. This season, I have an idea that I would like to share with you - an opportunity to spread that spirit of giving even more.

“Christmas Is Not Your Birthday!” is a title of a book that I remembered for our church. After joining our church, I learned that we were supporting an Indian orphanage connected to the brother of our former pastor, Sam Royappa. I believe this ministry project is very special to our church because we are the only church connected to the orphanage. I can quote many scriptures to speak about the heart of God for the under-privileged, marginalized, and with those who have no voice at all even in their dire situation of need. I want to offer one example from the New Testament; James 1:27, “Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress.”

Above all else, I want to share the calling of God toward this ministry. God gave me a vision of an Indian Orphanage as I wrote in the October Newsletter. God showed me an Indian Orphan boy with beautiful eyes and a skinny small body backgrounded with the orphanage and many children. There was no word attached to this vision. But it was obvious that God wants us to support the orphanage with compassion and passion. I was sure that God wants us to be his heart, his resource, his hands and his feet.

According to Linda Smeaton’s report, there is a small number of orphanage college students who also need tuition for college. The tuition is really a small amount of money such as a couple of hundred dollars for one year when it is exchanged into US currency. Just imagine the impact we can make in the lives of young children and orphanage students who are waiting for hope, love, support, and a sense of belonging.

This Christmas, let us embrace the true meaning of the season that Jesus became the love of God to save us. It is an incredible sacrifice of God. Instead of focusing solely on material gifts for family, we can direct our abundance toward making a difference in real people’s lives in India. If you are living in the US, wherever your social location is, you belong to the wealthiest 1% people in the world.

I encourage you to consider donating 50% of your Christmas gift budget for orphans in India. We can also follow the example set in 2 Cor 9:7, which encourages us to give what we have decided in our heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion. If you wish to join me in this endeavor, please consider setting aside a certain percentage of your Christmas gift budget to support the orphans. No contribution is too small; together, we can bring hope, joy, and love to children who need it most.

Thank you for considering this heartfelt call to action. May this special season be filled with humility, gratitude, and compassion for the orphans who do not have mothers and fathers.

Blessings,

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.



Series: Living The Truth

Speaker, Pastor Hae-Jeong Yoon

- November 3

Theme: Kindness
Scripture: Luke 6:31-36
- November 10

Theme: Patience
Scripture: James 5:7-8, 1 Corinthians 13:4
- November 17

Theme: Humility
Scripture: Ephesians 4:1-6
- November 24

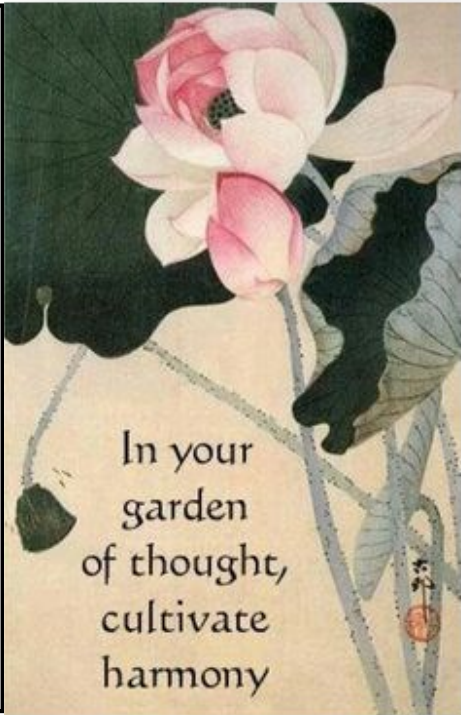
Theme: Respect
Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:1-26

**Beatitude for
Harmony of the Church**

Blessed are you who look all persons with the eyes of Christ, for compassion and understanding are more esteemed than judgmentalism and self-righteousness.

Blessed are you, who speaks of no problem without offering a solution, for the tongue of the complainer is not as worthy as the lips of a problem solver.

Blessed are you, who let the spirit of teamwork shine at all times, for its light illumines the dark corners of fatigue and discouragement that



NOVEMBER MEMORY VERSE:



Proverbs 18:10

*”The character of God is a tower of strength,
for the lovers of God delight to run into his heart and be exalted on high.”*

November 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 All Saints Sunday 8:30a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship Service & Communion 10:30a Fellowship Time 4p Korean Food at the Parsonage, please RSVP	4 8:30a Wills & Memorials 7p Scouting America 6p Musical Masquers	5 1p Prayer Shawl 6p Musical Masquers 6:30p AA Mtg 7p SA Mtg	6 10:30a Bible Study – The Chosen 9a UWIF Mtg 6p Musical Masquers 6p Handbell Choir 7:15p EcuMen	7 8:30a Quilt Club 6p Trustees 6p Musical Masquers 7p AA Mtg	1 9a Investment Club	2 9a SA Mtg
10 9:30a Worship Service 10:30a Fellowship Time 4p Prayer Meeting	11 6p Musical Masquers 7p Scouting America	12 1p Prayer Shawl 6p Musical Masquers 6p ALB Mtg 6:30p AA Mtg 7p SA Mtg	13 6p Musical Masquers 6p Handbell Choir 7:15p EcuMen	14 8:30a Quilt Club 6p Musical Masquers 7p AA Mtg	15	16 9a SA Mtg 9a UWF Cookie Sale 12-4p Martin Martinelli Memorial Service in Whitewater, WI
17 8:30a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship Service 10:30a Fellowship Time 11a Dinner Church Training 4p Prayer Meeting	18 6p Musical Masquers 7p Scouting America	19 1p Prayer Shawl 6p Musical Masquers 6p Core Group 6:30p AA Mtg 7p SA Mtg	20 6p Musical Masquers 6p Handbell Choir 7:15p EcuMen	21 8:30a Quilt Club 6p Musical Masquers 7p AA Mtg	22	23 9a SA Mtg
24 8:30a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship Service 10:30a Fellowship Time 4p Prayer Meeting	25 6p Musical Masquers 7p Scouting America	26 1p Prayer Shawl 6p Musical Masquers 6:30p AA Mtg 7p SA Mtg 7p Ecumenical Worship Service at Cedar Ridge	27 6p Musical Masquers 6p Handbell Choir	28 THANKSGIVING DAY OFFICE CLOSED 7p AA Mtg	29 OFFICE CLOSED	30 9a SA Mtg



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Care for Clergy in Cross-Racial and Cross-Cultural Appointments

If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. (I Cor. 12:26-27)

Dear members of the body of Christ,

Grace to you and peace in the power and love we know as Christ. I write in deep appreciation of our life together in covenant community, and to ask for your help.

As our news media and social media outlets report an increase of white Christian nationalist rhetoric and some call for mass deportations, we are seeing that inhospitality toward people who were not born in the U.S. and clergy serving in cross-racial appointments is increasing.

I write to make clear that racism is incompatible with Christian teaching. While immigration reform is an important policy conversation, we proclaim that love of God is lived as love of neighbor. The increase in race-based taunting at schools, some people telling our clergy who are here lawfully to go home, harm done to parsonage property, and the backdrop of racist rhetoric impacts all of us, particularly persons of color and especially children. Many of our cross-racially and cross-culturally appointed clergy and parsonage families are experiencing this as trauma and some are reliving previous traumatic experiences in their current context.

I write to seek the help of Staff-Parish Relations Committees and lay leadership more broadly to develop a plan for how we might support and protect our clergy and clergy families as this rhetoric increases anxiety. If mass deportation rhetoric becomes vigilante action, what plans might be in place for safety and security? Many of our clergy have experienced this trauma from previous cross-racial appointments and the current reality is bringing those experiences to the surface.

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What can you do?

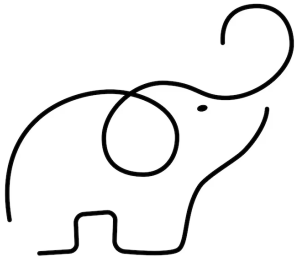
- Be in prayer for healing solutions to systemic societal issues.
- Have a conversation with the cross-racially appointed clergy at the Staff-Parish Relations Committee level. Bring in the administrative council chair and/or trustees chair to hear about this reality.
- Plan for how to shelter your clergy family if the need would arise.
- Ask for help from a district superintendent, elder, deacon, or local pastor to accompany a conversation or plan of action.
- Pray for a spirit of hospitality in your context through your congregational prayers.
- Show appreciation for your clergy person and clergy families of color.
- Decide not to be a silent bystander in the face of bullying.
- Be an ally for the stranger in your communities by means of your mission and ministry.
- Study the larger systemic and structural elements that maintain racism.
- Reach out and support each other.
- Are there vulnerable laity in your context who also need support?
- Clergy: create a support plan for you and your loved ones.

I believe the body of Christ is the hope of the world. With multiracial leadership, The United Methodist Church is particularly ready to lead evangelically for our time. We are blessed to be in mission with Christ for the transformation of the world in these days.

Thank you.
May grace be in our steps.
Peace,



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



UWFs White Elephant Auction will be held Wednesday, December 4th, from 1:00-3:00 p.m., in the Lounge. Auctioneer, Tom Blumenberg, will lead the lively bidding. Please bring 4 items for the auction to the office by Tuesday, December 3rd at 3:00 p.m. Ask a friend, relative or neighbor to join you for fun and laughs. All proceeds donated to a charitable organization.

NOVEMBER

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

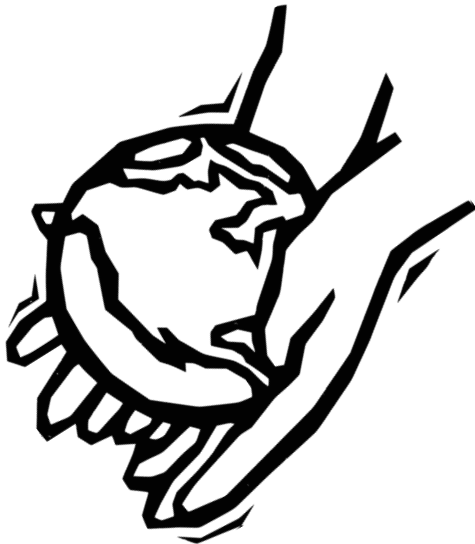
BIRTHDAYS

2	Pat Wamser	11	Loralye Muehe	22	Claire Pok
5	Bryan Fechter	15	Mark Tschohl	23	Brett Barnett
5	Ed Fowell	16	David Loomans	23	Taylor Carrier
5	Larry Krueger	17	Kaitlyn Bossler	23	Larry Kritz
6	George Schroeder	18	Dave Hauser	25	Corey Bergman
8	Mandy Molina	19	Caine Patasius	25	Zoe Donahou
10	Walter Teague	21	Randy Kirst	27	Geraldine Ritterbusch
11	Tammy Liepert				



ANNIVERSARIES

20 Len & Sheila McGinnis



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

FROGWATER

**Saturday, November 9th
1:00 p.m.**



Celtic, Delta Blues & More

Frogwater is the acoustic musical pairing of Jack & Susan Nicholson. Renowned for their virtuosity and exuberant live performances. They are excited to be performing at Fifth Avenue United Methodist Church!

Their repertoire spans from Celtic to Delta blues, from classical to pop with a healthy dose of unique original material filling out the mix.

All Are Welcome!

Concerts are Free but Free-Will Offering is Available

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**Habitat for Humanity
of Washington & Dodge
Counties held Women's Build
Week October 7-11, 2024**



Thank you to the Wills & Memorials Committee and Fifth Avenue UMC for the \$500.00 Lunch Sponsorship for Habitat for Humanity Women's Build Week. This is a weeklong event that invites women to help families build strength, stability and independence.

The day I participated, we did a lot of material handling of siding and other materials (loading and unloading the trailer), installing trim on exterior windows, and site clean-up for roofers (contractor team). Our church's contribution helped to make housing affordable for Washington County families.

Grace and Peace,

Linda Smeaton

KOREAN FOOD DAY

Pastor Hae-Jeong will be preparing fresh Korean Food on **Sunday, November 3rd, at 4:00 p.m., at the Parsonage.** The change of time and location is to allow for the preparation of fresh food and to create a warm environment. If you would like to participate in this cultural experience, please RSVP to the Church Office.



Prayer Meeting

Sundays at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary with Pastor Hae-Jeong.
Please consider joining the Prayer Meeting and experience
God's miraculous power in our daily lives.

John
Mark
Comer

The
Ruthless
Elimination
of
Hurry

Foreword
by
John
Ortberg

Ruthless Elimination of Hurry by John Mark Comer

We are living in a culture where busyness is regarded as a sign of success. Being busy is seen as a status symbol in work-oriented countries like the United States. Busy people are perceived as competent, ambitious, and in high demand. For Christians, having margin for rest and removing hurry aligns with the Christian idea of love. Hurry and love cannot coexist. Rest is a powerful aspect of the Christian life. It enables us to reflect, renew in God, and gain perspective. Resting in the Lord leads to wisdom and creativity. It can make us more kind, playful, empathetic, and compassionate. Consider the following points and reset your life by eliminating hurry as much as possible. I highly recommend this book for your spiritual life.

Part 1

- Hurry is a major enemy of the spiritual life of Christians today.
- In our world today, at the root of so many symptoms of toxicity are the problem of hurry.
- The devil is far more intelligent than we tend to give him credit for.
- Having too much to do is the problem and not having a lot to do.
- Hurry tends to come in when you have too much to do.
- Jesus said love is the greatest command, however, love is not compatible with hurry.
- Love, Joy, and peace are the overall conditions of the heart and not mere emotions or pleasant feelings.
- Hurry steals your attention and keeps you away from God.

ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

ALL ARE WELCOME!

**Leadership will review the church's
progress, set goals, and make
decisions about the future.**

Sunday, December 1st at 2:00 p.m.

Dinner Church Training

Who: Volunteers with a desire to serve others.

What: Dinner Church Training with Verlon Fosner via ZOOM.

Where: Online/Virtual Meeting & Training, The Fireside Room at Church.

When: Sunday, November 17th, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. with Lunch Provided.

Content: Verlon will present training material for Dinner Church that will prepare the team to understand the Dinner Church mission more fully and give them the tools required to launch a Dinner Church in the West Bend Community.

RSVP: To Aimee in the Church Office, 262-334-2059.



TO SERVE BY & STRENGTHEN CULTURE

BLESSED ARE YOU who see your assigned duties as a unique ministry in the Kingdom of God, for those who are dependable in learning and diligently applying their craft bring joy to the household of faith.

BLESSED ARE YOU who looks upon all persons with the eyes of Christ, for compassion and understanding are more esteemed than judgmentalism and self-righteousness.

BLESSED ARE YOU who speaks of no problem without offering a solution, for the tongue of the complainer is not as worthy as the lips of a problem solver.



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 sign up on the round table in the Lounge.

Reach out and
Invite
Someone
To Church



Church News

BIRTHDAYS "AT HOME"

None in November



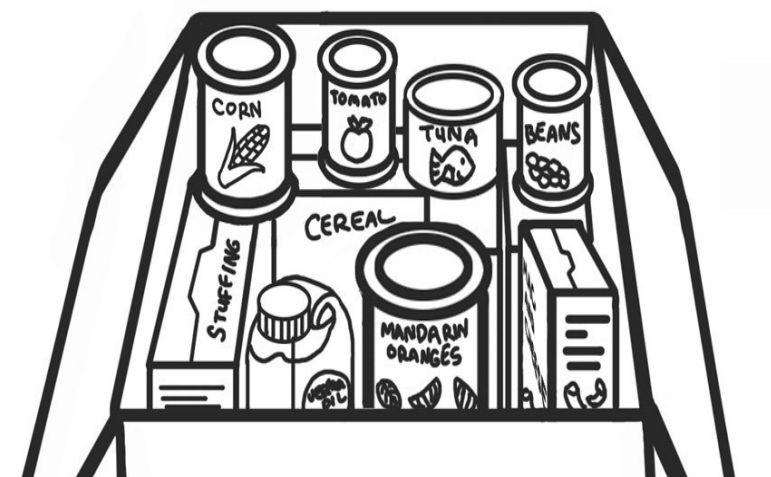
Hanging of the Greens for the Christmas Season will happen the week following Thanksgiving. If you are able to help, please reach out to the Church Office.

Newsletter
DEADLINE

For the December
Newsletter All Articles
Are Due By November 15th

Food Donations - November 1

On the **first Sunday** of every month, our church collects **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.





United Women in Faith (UWF)

ANNUAL COOKIE SALE

Saturday, November 16, 2024

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
(earlier if items are sold out!)



COOKIES

CANDIES

JELLIES

SWEET BREADS

A Variety of Pre-Packaged Cookies & Treats

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Enter from Lower-Level Parking Lot

Containers Provided: \$9.00 a pound

All proceeds benefit Local, National & International Missions

BAKERS WANTED

**Donations are due to the Church Office by
Thursday, November 14th at 3:00 p.m.**



☐ **YES, you can count on me to make something delicious for the
Annual Cookie Sale. I will prepare the following goodies:**

☐ **Cookies** ☐ **Candies** ☐ **Snacks**

☐ **Jellies** ☐ **Sweet Breads**

Other Items: _____

Name: _____ **Phone #:** (____) _____