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COME WORSHIP WITH US!
Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
Communion First Sunday of Month

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FAMILY CONNECTION

“Making Christian Disciples”

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Greetings! Season changes. We feel it on our skin.

While I was contemplating the content of this newsletter, I recalled an African American lady who attended the last FANT (Fifth Avenue Neighborhood Table) dinner. I had the pleasure of meeting her and extending a warm greeting. It was an absolute delight to welcome a new guest to the FANT. As we engaged in conversation, I learned that she felt the Holy Presence in the road surrounding the church, describing it as a sacred space. She was irresistibly drawn to our dinner event by the gentle nudging of the Holy Spirit. I was deeply moved by her heartfelt spiritual journey and her sensitivity to the divine. I felt grateful for the work of the Holy Spirit within our Dinner Church and our Fifth Avenue UMC. It fills my heart with joy that God is listening to our prayers and actively working within our church community. How wonderful it is to serve such a loving and compassionate God!



And we are in the season that lets us remember Psalm 100— a psalm written for harvest, for worship, for remembering who we are. The psalmist says, gratitude is a gate we walk through, on purpose, again and again. The practice of gratitude shapes our hearts and life. Just as we practice prayer, Sabbath, and generosity, we can practice gratitude so that we may enter the temple of God with the password of gratitude.

Why do we practice gratitude? The Psalmist reminds us, "For the Lord is good, and his faithful love endures forever; his faithfulness, through all generations" (v. 5). Our thanksgiving isn't rooted in perfect circumstances — it's rooted in God's unchanging character of love and faithfulness. This season of harvest reminds us: God has been faithful before we even noticed. The question is whether we'll pause long enough to name it and be grateful! I have to say that gratitude shapes your life into holiness and beauty.

I want to invite you to a couple of practices. I brought here three simple practices to consider this October. You don't need to do all of them all at once. Just choose one that draws you in and let it become your password into the gate of God’s temple through this Thanksgiving season.

Each evening, write down three things you're grateful for — not grand things necessarily, just true things. A warm cup of coffee. A phone call from a friend. The beautiful color of the trees, a cool breeze, music that touches your heart. Be truly in the moment and receive what God has given to you.

Our Vision:

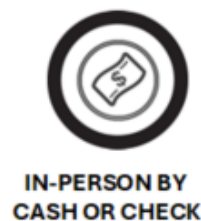
A welcoming faith community that makes devoted followers of Jesus freely sharing their belief.

Worship Series



Date	Sermon	Scripture
October 4	World Communion Day	
October 11	Looking Back	Matthew 22:15-22
October 18	Looking In	Matthew 6:19-24
October 25	Ellen Johnson will Preach	
November 1	Looking Out	1 Timothy 6:17-19
November 8	Looking with Gratitude	Acts 4:32-35

5 WAYS TO GIVE TO FIFTH AVE UMC



October 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4 8:45a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship Service, Communion/Casa Guadalupe 10:30a Pizza/Fellowship 5-7p Bible Study - The Chosen, Season 2 @ Pastor's Home (2 of 8)	5 9a Investment Club 7p Scouts	6 9a Grand Piano Cleaning 1p Prayer Shawl 6:30p AA Mtg 7p SA Mtg	7 5p Fifth Ave Neighborhood Table 6p Handbell Choir	1 11a-12:15p Bible Study - The Chosen, Season 2 (2 of 8) 6p Trustees 7p AA Mtg	2	3 9a SA Mtg
11 Pastor Appreciation Day 8:45a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship Service & Kids Ministry 10:30a Fellowship Time 10:40a FANT Mtg 5-7p Bible Study - The Chosen, Season 2 @ Pastor's Home (3 of 8)	12 7p Scouts	13 1p Prayer Shawl 6p ALB Mtg 6:30p AA Mtg 7p SA Mtg	14 9:30a WIF Mtg 6p Handbell Choir	8 11a-12:15p Bible Study - The Chosen, Season 2 (3 of 8) 7p AA Mtg	9	10 9a SA Mtg
18 8:45a Praise Band 9:30a Worship Service 10:30a Fellowship Time 5-7p Bible Study - The Chosen, Season 2 @ Pastor's Home (4 of 8)	19 7p Scouts Pastor at Conference	20 1p Prayer Shawl 6:30p AA Mtg 7p SA Mtg Pastor at Conference	21 5p Fifth Ave Neighborhood Table 6p Handbell Choir Pastor at Conference	15 11a-12:15p Bible Study - The Chosen, Season 2 (4 of 8) 6p UM Men's Mtg 7p AA Mtg 3p Nov. Newsletter Articles Due to Church Office	16 2-4p Winter Prep. Event Set-up	17 9a SA Mtg 11a Praise Band Rehearsal 1-4p Winter Prep. Event
25 9a Handbell Choir 8:45a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship Service w/Ellen Johnson & Kids Ministry 9:40a Youth Fellowship 10:30a Fellowship Time 5-7p Bible Study - The Chosen, Season 2 @ Pastor's Home (5 of 8)	26 7p Scouts	27 11:30a Lunch Gathering at the parsonage 1p Prayer Shawl 6:30p AA Mtg 7p SA Mtg	28 1p WIF Sewing Day 6p Handbell Choir	22 11a-12:15p Bible Study - The Chosen, Season 2 (5 of 8) 7p AA Mtg	23	24 9a SA Mtg
				29 11a-12:15p Bible Study - The Chosen, Season 2 (6 of 8) 7p AA Mtg	30	31 9a SA Mtg

21 to 50 WAYS TO PAY IT FORWARD

Quick! Pick a number between 21-50.

Got it?

Now locate that number on the “Pay it Forward” idea and do it!

21. Set an alarm on your phone to go off at three different times during the day. In those moments, do something kind for someone else.
22. Send a gratitude email to a coworker who deserves more recognition.
23. Practice self-kindness and spend 30 minutes doing something you love today.
24. Give away stuff for free on Craig’s List.
25. Write a gratitude list in the morning and again in the evening.
26. Know parents who could use a night out? Offer to babysit for free.
27. Hold up positive signs for traffic or in a park for people exercising outside!
28. Return shopping carts for people at the grocery store.
29. Buy a plant. Put it in a terracotta pot. Write positive words that describe a friend on the pot. Give it to that friend!
30. Write a positive comment on your favorite blog, website, or a friend’s social media account.
31. Have a clean up party at a beach or park.
32. While you’re out, compliment a parent on how well-behaved their child is.
33. Leave a kind server the biggest tip you can afford.
34. When you’re throwing something away on the street, pick up any litter around you and put that in the trash too.
35. Pay the toll for the person behind you.
36. Put 50 paper hearts in a box. On each cutout write something that is special about your partner or a friend. Give them the box and tell them to pull out a heart anytime they need a pick-me-up.
37. Everyone is important. Learn the names of your office security guard, the person at the front desk and other people you see every day. Greet them by name. Also say “hello” to strangers and smile. These acts of kindness are so easy, and they almost always make people smile.
38. Write your partner a list of things you love about them.
39. Purchase extra dog or cat food and bring it to an animal shelter.
40. Find opportunities to give compliments. It costs nothing, takes no time, and could make someone’s entire day. Don’t just think it. Say it.
41. Take flowers or treats to the nurses’ station at your nearest hospital.
42. Keep an extra umbrella at work, so you can lend it out when it rains.
43. Send a ‘Thank you’ card or note to the officers at your local police or fire station.
44. Take muffins or cookies to your local librarians.
45. Run an errand for a family member who is busy.
46. Leave a box of goodies in your mailbox for your mail carrier.
47. Tape coins around a playground for kids to find.
48. Put your phone away while in the company of others.
49. Email or write to a former teacher who made a difference in your life.
50. When you hear that discouraging voice in your head, tell yourself something positive — you deserve kindness too!



Pastor Appreciation Day
Sunday, October 11, 2026

*Please let Pastor Hae-Jeong know
how much you appreciate her!*



McDonald’s Restaurant Ministry
on Main St in West Bend
Wednesdays 10 am - Noon

Pastor Hae-Jeong is at McDonald’s during this timeframe.
If you would like to meet with her, please stop by.



YOU ARE INVITED TO

PIZZA SUNDAYS

October 4th & November 1st

HEADS UP! NOVEMBER'S WILL BE MULTI-
GENERATIONAL PIZZA SUNDAY
AND MUSICAL CHAIRS

Join us for fun, food & good company!



LUNCH GATHERING

Tuesday, October 27 @ 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



DAILY 111 PRAYER TRACKER OCTOBER 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Prepare by taking a deep breath to center yourself.

Almighty God,
Thank you for the message of revival.
Please cleanse our souls and 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.



Fifth Avenue

WOMEN IN FAITH

**Please Consider
Joining Us—
All Are Welcome ♥**

**Next WIF Meeting is
Wednesday, October 14th at
9:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room.**

**Sewing Day is Wednesday,
October 28th at 1:00 p.m.
in Fellowship Hall.**



Death

*Bettie Schuler passed away
on September 12, 2026.
Sympathy cards may be sent
to her son:*

*Terry Schuler
1018 Tariff Dr
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, October 15th,
at 6:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room.**



rustees Update

Fifth Ave UMC

by Tom Latham

CARPET: Our new carpet is now installed in the Sanctuary and the Lounge and it looks AMAZING!!! I would like to give a HUGE “Thank You!” to four groups:

1. Polly and Dave Bertlesen for making sure that the carpet crew got the job done as planned EVERY DAY throughout the week!
2. Tom Calenberg for making sure that the electricians did the proper electrical updates by the pulpit.
3. Sandy Blumenberg and Linda Smeaton for directing a group of guys where to place furniture in the Lounge.
4. EVERYONE who stayed after church to help move stuff in the Sanctuary and Lounge and then come back the next Saturday to put it all back!!!

This type of “Community Involvement” is VERY necessary and VERY appreciated in a church environment like ours. Lots of hands (and backs) get the job done quickly!

PARSONAGE: Speaking of “Community Involvement,” if the weather will cooperate for us, we will be doing some late summer clean-up at the Parsonage on Saturday, September 26th. The church owns the Parsonage for our Pastor to live in, and it is our responsibility to keep it maintained. There will likely be a Fall clean-up planned as well in a few weeks after the leaves fall.

ROOF: We are having some roof repair work done to replace broken shingles on the church, replace the roof on top of the bell tower, fix a leak in the Narthex and replace broken gutters. There have been some logistics issues which are pushing this project into October.

If there are things around the church that need attention or repair, please let Aimee know in the Church Office and she will tell me so Trustees can evaluate.

Both Trustees and the Technology Team are always looking for new members to help us. The best way to inquire is to join us for a Trustees meeting on the first Thursday of every month at 6pm in the Fireside Room OR stop upstairs to talk to “The Toms” (Tom Latham & Tom Calenberg) after church.

THANK YOU!

Nursing Home Ministry



Pictured are residents at the Samaritan and volunteers Leslie and Alana Dalton.

FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH:

The Waterford
831 E Washington St, West Bend 53095
2 Pastoral Assistants Needed to assist with Communion & Helping Residents - arrive at 10:15 a.m.

SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH:

New Perspective Assisted Living
2130 Continental Dr, West Bend 53095
10:30 a.m.

THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH:

Ivy Manor
370 S Forest Ave, West Bend 53095
10:30 a.m.

FOURTH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH:

The Samaritan Health Center
531 E Washington St, West Bend 53095
10:30 a.m.

DATES WE WILL NOT

HAVE THE MINISTRY:

Holidays & Fifth Mondays

Book Study



CHOOSE ONE
SUNDAYS or THURSDAYS

Sundays

5-7p
8 weeks @ Pastor's Home
September 27th – November 15th
Pizza or Subs Served
Gently Used Book Cost: \$5

Thursdays

11a-12:15p
8 weeks in Fireside Room
October 1st – November 19th
Gently Used Book Cost: \$5

Yes, I will attend the Book Study on
___ Sundays or ___ Thursdays

Name: _____
Phone: (____) _____

Please enclose cash, or a check payable to
FAUMC for book payment. Acct #60613

Please fill out this form and return to Aimee in
the Church Office. Additional sign-up sheets
are on the Welcome Table in the main
entrance at church.



A FREE DINNER



FIFTH AVENUE

NEIGHBORHOOD TABLE

Fifth Ave UMC 323 S 5th Ave West Bend 53095

Doors Open: 4:30 p.m.
Food Served: 5:00 p.m.
Evening Ends: 6:30 p.m.

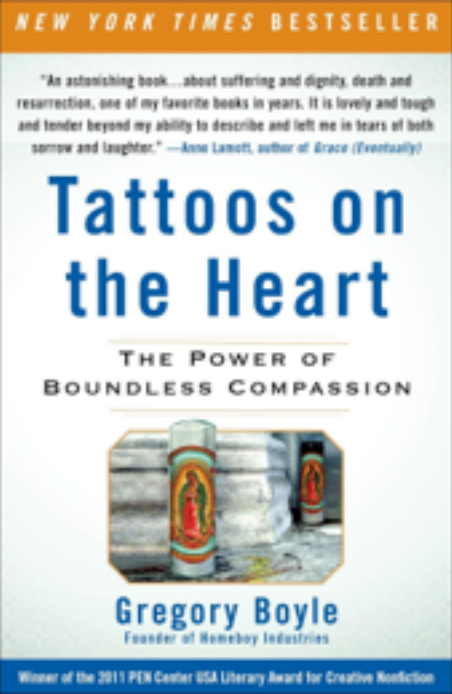
October 7

Ginger Peach Chicken Thigh Quarters
Herb & Butter Rice Pilaf
Country-Style Bacon, Onion & Garlic Green Beans
Garden Salad & Rolls
Lemon Buttermilk Cake with Summer Berries

October 21

Meat Loaf
Macaroni & Cheese
Broccoli
Garden Salad & Rolls
Apple Crisp

Good Reads



For twenty years, Gregory Boyle has run Homeboy Industries, a gang-intervention program located in the Boyle Heights neighborhood of Los Angeles, the gang capital of the world. In Tattoos on the Heart, he distills his experience working in the ghetto into a breathtaking series of parables inspired by faith.

Arranged by theme and filled with sparkling humor and glowing generosity, these essays offer a stirring look at how full our lives could be if we could find the joy in loving others and in being loved unconditionally. From giant, tattooed Cesar, shopping at JCPenney fresh out of prison, we learn how to feel worthy of God's love. From ten-year-old Lula we learn the importance of being known and acknowledged. From Pedro we understand the kind of patience necessary to rescue someone from the darkness. In each chapter we benefit from Boyle's gentle, hard-earned wisdom.

These essays about universal kinship and redemption are moving examples of the power of unconditional love and the importance of fighting despair. Gorgeous and uplifting, Tattoos on the Heart reminds us that no life is less valuable than another.

Random Acts of Kindness

11 to 20 WAYS TO PAY IT FORWARD

Quick! Pick a number between 11-20.

Got it?

Now locate that number on the “Pay it Forward” idea and do it!

- 11. Pay it Backward: buy coffee for the person behind you in line.
- 12. Compliment the first three people you talk to today.
- 13. Send a positive text message to five different people right now.
- 14. Post inspirational sticky notes around your neighborhood, office, school, etc.
- 15. Tell someone they dropped a dollar (even though they didn't). Then give them a dollar.
- 16. Donate old towels or blankets to an animal shelter.
- 17. Say hi to the person next to you on the elevator.
- 18. Surprise a neighbor with freshly baked cookies or treats!
- 19. Let someone go in front of you in line who only has a few items.
- 20. Leave a gas gift card at a gas pump.

Pay It Forward numbers 21-50 are on page 14

October Birthdays

1 Nobi Sacia	11 Mary Lou Himes	25 Cheryl Bast
2 Lilah Pusateri	17 Jade Rogge	27 Eric Scharenbrock
3 Katie Glaser	21 Samantha Loomans	28 Michael Krajna
3 Brandon Gokey	22 Sheila McGinnis	28 Tom Latham
8 Guy Liepert		

Anniversaries

1 Jon & Sheryl Ward	24 Leslie & Alana Dalton
5 Tom & Kaonou Latham	29 Tim & Linda Bodden
12 Roger & Mary Rogge	30 Leo & Eileen Mattmann

Pastor's Message - continued from page 1

Another practice could be a Gratitude jar. It is wonderful for families or even for our whole church community. Find a jar and place slips of paper and a pen nearby. Throughout October, whenever you notice something good — big or small — write it down and drop it in. By November, you'll have a jar full of tangible reminders of God's goodness across the month. It's a beautiful thing to open on Thanksgiving Day and read through as a family.

One more practice that you can choose is writing a short letter or note to someone who shaped your faith or your life this past year — a mentor, a friend, a parent, a Sunday school teacher from decades ago. Thank them specifically. Tell them what they gave you. Your letter might become someone else's unexpected gift this season. It will be meaningful wherever you are in the life seasons.

Enter this season with thanksgiving. It is a window through which heavenly blessings are poured in return.

Grace and Joy,

Pastor Hae-Jeong





WINTER PREPARATION

DISTRIBUTION EVENT

For our Neighbors in Need



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17TH
1:00 – 4:00 PM
 LOWER LEVEL IN FELLOWSHIP HALL (ADDRESS BELOW)

WHAT WE'RE ACCEPTING

(Youth & Adults)
NEW or Gently Used
CLEAN
 Winter Jackets and Boots

Drop-off donations between NOW and OCTOBER 16TH, M–F 8:30 am – 3:00 pm

Drop Off Location:
323 S 5th Ave, West Bend, WI 53095

WHAT WE'RE ACCEPTING

Hygiene Kits (New Items Preferred)

Youth & Adults
HATS, GLOVES & SCARVES
BLANKETS & SLEEPING BAGS
TENTS & SLEEPING MATS



Fifth Ave United Methodist Church and Casa Guadalupe have partnered to provide the homeless and neighbors in need in our community with items needed to help sustain them during the winter months.

Fifth Ave United Methodist Church



CASA GUADALUPE Multicultural Center Inc.

Together, we can make this winter warmer for everyone.

Volunteers Needed for Winter Preparation Event

Fifth Avenue United Methodist Church and Casa Guadalupe Multicultural Center are partnering again this year for the Winter Preparation Distribution Event for our neighbors in need. Event will be on Saturday October 17, 2026 in Fellowship Hall. Items being collected for distribution include Youth & Adult winter jackets, boots, snow pants, hats, gloves, and scarves. Also being collected are hygiene kits, blankets, sleeping bags, tents, and sleeping mats. Collection totes will be located in the Main Entrance of the Church (North Lobby).

Volunteers needed on Friday October 16th, 2:00 - 4:00pm to sort and organize the various items on tables in Fellowship Hall. Volunteers needed on Saturday October 17th, 1:00 - 4:00pm during the event to welcome guests, help with distributions, and clean up. Your help is greatly appreciated, whether for one hour, two hours or more.

If you are willing to help, please let Church Office or Linda Smeaton know of your interest.



FOOD DONATIONS: Sundays October 4th & 11th

In October, we request donations of nonperishables for the Winter Preparation Distribution Event taking place on Saturday, October 17th.

Please bring your donations and place in the baskets in the Main entrance. Thank you!