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Pastor's Message by the Rev. Joyce Rich

First Things First

Thanksgiving was a time for families to gather to give thanks to God for the bounty of a good harvest and the intangible riches of good health, close bonds, and full hearts. There was always room at the table for anyone who couldn't be with their own family that day. It was a day when everyone felt the grace of God as they named what they had to be thankful for. It was a day to look around the table and be grateful for the people who were there – even if it might be the last time some people could be there, even if someone new was sitting where someone else used to sit.

Perhaps Thanksgiving Day only looked that way to Norman Rockwell. More people know Thanksgiving as a busy day of cooking, with the blare of the TV in the background as the Thanksgiving Day parade switches over to the football game, and the phone ringing because someone or something isn't quite ready yet and they will be running late getting there, but that's OK because there are already too many people in too small a space. On some Thanksgivings the most heartfelt prayer that we pray is a prayer of thanks to God when the day is done. But at least we remember to give thanks to God for getting us through the storm of things to do and into the calm that follows the busyness.

What I like about the Thanksgiving Eve worship service is that it helps us give thanks first. We take time to come together in worship to bring our thanks to God in prayer, song, scripture, and sharing – BEFORE we take a quick gulp of air and plunge into the full day of food, family, friends, and football.

I also like the First Sunday of Advent for the way it helps us put first things first. It marks the time for us to remember why we want to prepare our hearts and souls for the Christmas celebration – BEFORE we get lost in the flood of cards, cookies, shopping, wrapping, and what not that seems important . . . but actually isn't as important as the birth of our Savior.

Blessings to you this November!

Pastor Joyce



United Methodist Women News

Upcoming UMW events...

November 2 – *Tuesday* -UMW evening circle will meet at 6:30 p.m. We will evaluate the bake sale and the UMW Sunday service.

November 3 – *Wednesday* - UMW daytime circle will meet at noon. Bring a bag lunch. The program will be about the World Thank Offering which is collected each month all year long. After our November meetings we will send in the funds collected to the Metro South District. The funds will go to the Undesignated Giving Fund.

November 27 – *Saturday* – 2:00 PM – Classical Christmas Concert. UMW will provide refreshments for after the concert

Thank You to all the women who participated in the service for our Methodist Women's Sunday. It was a special service with many contributors.

President, Jennie Sanchez

MISSIONS

God's next mission takes us back to Wisconsin. We will again, help low-income seniors, and adults with disabilities enjoy Christmas. Interfaith Senior Programs, located in Waukesha, provides tote bags of self-sufficiency items, warm blankets, gift cards for groceries and healthcare needs, stamps, and a special holiday greeting in December. Volunteers deliver these items to approximately 400 deserving people.

If you would like to donate \$10 gift cards to Walgreens/Pick n Save or Forever Stamps see Elouise.

We will concentrate on HEALTH KITS which will be included in the totes. You will find plastic bags near the mission poster which includes a list of the following items:

- _____ 1 hand towel (measuring 15"x25" up to 17"x27", no kitchen towels)
- _____ 1 washcloth
- _____ 1 box all purpose adhesive bandage strips
- _____ 1 container mini hand sanitizer (approximately 2 Ounces)
- _____ 1 individual size pack of tissues



Missions will also purchase HEALTH KIT items with the loose change given during September, October and November offertories.

Thank you and a Merry Christmas to you all.



Annual Coat Drive

Please bring in your gently used winter coats. They will be sorted, washed and distributed to a variety of agencies in the Waukesha and Milwaukee areas.

They will be delivered after church November 14.

NOVEMBER 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM *Worship Service, Bethel UMC 10:45 AM - 11:45 AM Worship Service 6:00 PM - 7:15 PM *Confirmation Class, Bethel UMC	1 6:30 PM Shared Ministry Men's Bible Study, St. James UMC library 7:00 PM 4-H Club, church hall	2 6:30 PM Finance Committee 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM United Methodist Women Evening Group	3 6:00 PM United Methodist Women Day 7:00 PM C.A.R.E. Committee, Mukwonago	4 6:30 PM - 7:45 PM Choir rehearsal	5	6
7 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM *Worship Service, Bethel UMC 10:45 AM - 11:45 AM Worship Service w/Communion 2:00 PM - 6:30 PM **"Extravagant Generosity" workshop, Community UMC, Waterford 6:00 PM *Celebration of Music, First Congregational Church, Mukwonago 6:00 PM - 7:15 PM Shared Ministry Confirmation Class	8 6:30 PM Shared Ministry Men's Bible Study, St. James UMC library	9 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM *Wisconsin Conf Commission on Religion & Race, Conf Ofc, Sun Prairie 12:00 PM *Mukwonago Area Ministerium Association 6:30 PM Administrative Council	10 2:00 PM - 6:30 PM **"Extravagant Generosity" workshop, Bay View UMC, Milwaukee	11 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM *Metro Region Vision Team, District Ofc, Milwaukee 6:30 PM - 7:45 PM Choir rehearsal	12 *Senior High Convo, Chula Vista	13 *Conference UMW Executive Cmte *Senior High Convo, Chula Vista 8:00 AM - 10:30 AM Food Pantry 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM *Wis Conf Program & Arrangements Cmte, Chula Vista, Wis Dells
14 *Senior High Convo, Chula Vista 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM *Worship Service, Bethel UMC 10:45 AM - 11:45 AM Worship Service, United Methodist Men Sunday 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM *Catalyst, Bethel Hill UMC, New Berlin 6:00 PM - 7:15 PM Shared Ministry Confirmation Class	 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM *Second Helpings free meal, St. James UMC, East Troy 6:30 PM Shared Ministry Men's Bible Study, St. James UMC library	16	17	18 6:30 PM *Shared Ministry cantata rehearsal, St. James UMC, East Troy 6:30 PM - 7:45 PM Choir rehearsal	19	20 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM SHARE 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM United Methodist Men 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM *Lay Leader Training, Metro Region, Cedarburg UMC 10:30 AM *Shared Ministry Charge Conference & Potluck Brunch, Bethel UMC snow date Nov 21, 4:00 PM
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28 United Methodist Student Day 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM *Worship Service, Bethel UMC 10:45 AM - 11:45 AM Worship Service 6:00 PM - 7:15 PM Shared Ministry Confirmation Class	29	30	1 12:00 PM United Methodist Women Day Group 5:30 PM C.A.R.E. Committee	2 6:30 PM *Shared Ministry cantata rehearsal, St. James UMC, East Troy 6:30 PM - 7:45 PM Choir rehearsal	3	4 *Shared Ministry cantata rehearsal, St. James UMC, East Troy, Time TBA 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM *Metro So District UMW Information Explosion, Location TBA 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM *Wis Conf Program & Arrangements Cmte, Conf Ofc, Sun Prairie

What's Happening with Shared Ministry?

A number of people are taking part in Shared Ministry this fall:

- Men from Caldwell, Bethel, and St. James are currently studying the book of Ephesians on Monday evenings at 6:30 PM at the library at St. James. The group welcomes those who can come once or twice, or all the time.
- Youth from Caldwell, Bethel, and St. James have come together for the first ever Shared Ministry Confirmation Class with Rev. Carrie and Rev. Joyce. During the month of November the class will be meeting at Caldwell.



- Members from Caldwell, Bethel, and St. James took part in a Saturday morning retreat on healthy relationships – and there will be opportunities for more people to join in learning about ways to improve how we relate to one another in our families and in our congregations.
- Singers from Caldwell, Bethel, and St. James are excited to be together again to rehearse songs and carols for the Christmas music cantata “Hark the Herald” that will be presented at 2:00 PM on Sun., Dec. 5 at St. James. This combined choir – with some other ecumenical voices – will also be singing a piece at the Thanksgiving Eve service on Nov. 24 at 7:00 PM at First Congregational UCC in East Troy.
- The Shared Ministry Strategic Plan Implementation Team (with representatives from Caldwell, Bethel, and St. James) has been meeting monthly and will be brainstorming ministry plans for 2011 at our November meeting. The team looks forward to sharing the initial plans for 2011 with everyone at our Shared Ministry Conference on Sat., Nov. 20 at 10:30 AM at Bethel. Rev. Kristina Androsky will be with us as the presiding Elder from our Circuit. In addition to taking care of the required “business” of church conferencing, there will be a potluck brunch and delightful door prizes.

It's not too late to join the Shared Ministry Men's Bible Study Monday nights at 6:30 at St James UMC, East Troy Paul's Letter to the Ephesians

It has been inspiring to read Ephesians so far. Paul puts his words of encouragement to the Ephesians of the time to where he doesn't miss any words. The Words in the first chapter alone describe the beliefs of Christianity. The fellowship is awesome and wonderful. If you think you would like to join us on Monday night - 6:30 is the time.

The web site is www.free-online-bible-study.com/Ephesians-2. This chapter developed so much conversation that we had to extend the time of the study. This study is FREE that's Right it is Free see you there.

Don Foster

P.S. As we move along in the study call me to find out where we are at 262-363-7689

Thank you



Thanks to all who supported the Waterford Crop Walk.

There were 57 walkers for the October 10, 2010 walk.

The funds will be used to help the poor and needy around the world with 25% designated for the Waterford area food pantries

Thanks,
Chuck

November Prayer List



Shut Ins: Mabel Byron



Joys: For those celebrating birthdays and wedding anniversaries this month. For Janis Schmidt's Uncle John that he is now # 5 on the liver transplant list. Sally Hawley on having a great experience on the Honor Flight to Washington, DC. For everyone who participated in the God's Acre Auction and More. For all of our walkers and supporters of the CROP Walks in Twin Lakes/Waterford and Mukwonago. For the Chilean miners who have been rescued. For our Shared Ministry partners, our Circuit Group, and our worldwide United Methodist connection



Concerns: For Jane Spires and family on the death of Bill Spires on Oct. 9. For those who are targeted for hate crimes; those who are bullied; and those who bully. For the people of Hungary as they deal with the aftermath of the toxic "red mud" flood. For our veterans and those currently serving in the armed services. For those looking for work.

November Lectionary

Date	Special Day	Reading
November 1, 2010	All Saints Day [White]	Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 Psalm 149 or Psalm 150 (UMH 862) Ephesians 1:11-23 Luke 6:20-31
November 7, 2010	Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost [Green]	Haggai 1:15b-2:9 Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 (UMH 857) 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 Luke 20:27-38
November 14, 2010	Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost [Green]	Isaiah 65:17-25 Isaiah 12 or Psalm 118 (UMH 839) 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Luke 21:5-19
November 21, 2010	Christ the King/Reign of Christ [White or Gold]	Jeremiah 23:1-6 Luke 1:68-79 (UMH 208) Colossians 1:11-20 Luke 23:33-43
November 25, 2010	Thanksgiving Day (USA) [Green, White, or Red]	Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Psalm 100 (UMH 821) Philippians 4:4-9 John 6:25-35
November 28, 2010	First Sunday of Advent (Year A) [Purple or Blue]	Isaiah 2:1-5 Psalm 122 (UMH 845) Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:36-44

GREETERS & SCRIPTURE READERS



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November 7 – Don & Diane Herron November 14 – Dixon Family November 21 – Don & Barbara Foster November 28 – Bob & Avis Weeks	November 7 – Don Herron November 14 – Steve Lohr November 21 – Lucia Janke November 28 – Elouise Benner

November Birthdays and Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS		ANNIVERSARIES
2 – Bridget Bayley 4 – Ellie Grace Craig 5 – Alexander Steib 10 – Marianne Lukas	15 – Barbara Stark 15 – Zoe Pritchett 25 – Sharie Gauerke	19 – Jim & Kathy Powell

Please help us celebrate with you. I would like to update my list – if you have any corrections or additions, please e-mail Carol Lohr @ crlohr@wi.rr.com, by phone at 262 662-4876 or leave a note in my mailbox at church.

LOOKING AHEAD TO CHRISTMAS EVE



This year there will be a Christmas Eve service at 4:30 PM at Caldwell, and one at 7:00 PM at Bethel.

The two services will include traditional Christmas music, scripture, sermon, and end with candlelighting and the singing of “Silent Night.”

Bell Ringing for the Red Kettle Campaign



DOING THE MOST GOOD

The money raised by the Salvation Army in the “red kettle campaign” stays in the Mukwonago community to help our neighbors in need.

If anyone wants to help ring bells to draw attention to the red kettles at the Pick’n’Save or Walmart in Mukwonago this year – you need to sign up on-line at: www.usc.salvationarmy.org/waukesha over on the right side of the home page there is a hand ringing a bell – click there to get to the volunteer page.

You can sign up as an individual or sign a group up to ring. There are two spots (just inside the entrances) at Pick’n’Save where you can ring during Nov. or Dec.; and the outside location at Walmart starting after Thanksgiving.

The earlier you sign up – the more options you have for finding a date/time that fits your schedule. Give the gift of your time and make a difference in your community!

It’s Like a Charge Conference – But More Fun!

If you’ve been to Caldwell’s annual church conference in the past and thought it was kind of dry – with just reports and voting, you need to check out the Shared Ministry Conference on Sat., Nov. 20 at 10:30 AM at Bethel.

With the able assistance of Rev. Kristina Androsky as our presiding Elder representing our Circuit, we’ll rock through the business things that need to be done for Caldwell, Bethel, and St. James in no time at all; look at the big picture of what we can do better together in ministry in 2011; and get to know each other better over potluck brunch.

Bring a dish to pass and get ready to have some fun. And by the way – the door prizes are not to be missed! If for some snowy or icy reason we can’t meet that morning – the alternate plan is to meet on Sun., Nov. 21 at 4:00 PM at Bethel – sans potluck, but still with door prizes.

A STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

#272 Giving breaks the temptation of greed. *“The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind.” (2 Corinthians 9:6-7a)*

Sherry often walked away from a night of volunteering at the Food Pantry wondering why she had given up such precious time to deal with such difficult situations. Then there were nights like last night, when the people were so very appreciative and thankful for what they received. She pulled out her calendar and automatically planned to be there again in two weeks. Whether it was a good night or a challenging night, she was always reminded of what a difference this ministry makes in the lives of real people, and she was happy to volunteer.

As we journey through the holiday season, we tend to focus primarily on the material gifts we can give one another. Yet we are also reminded that as disciples, we are called to give of ourselves – our time and talents, not just our treasures.

When we think about the gifts we can bring to the church, it is important for us to remember the value of our time. And it is important for us to give thanks for the time that some of our members give to the church. Without the precious volunteers who give so many hours of labor to the church, we would fail! We could not afford to buy all the good will, the energy, the creative talents, and the hard work that many of our members freely give to the church. Our volunteers give critical support to our ministries by teaching classes and leading youth groups, singing and playing in various choirs, cooking and serving meals, mowing the lawn, shoveling snow, working in the nursery, assembling newsletters, and so much more!

Take a moment during the season of Thanksgiving to say “thank you” to the men and women who share the most precious gift of all in the name of Christ. For **the gift of time is priceless!**

Treasurer’s Report for September 2010

Beginning Balance	2076.87
Income	5567.29
Grant	416.67
Balance	8060.83
Expenses	5181.00
Ending Balance	2879.83

Thank you!

...to businesses and individuals who generously contributed items to the silent auction

- Citizens Bank of Mukwonago
- Peggy Dore (Hair Care Beauty Salon)
- Don Foster
- Jenny Hensgen
- Kelnic, Ltd. (Martin’s Hardware and Rental)
- Lynch Chrysler Dodge and Jeep
- Martens Plumbing and Heating
- Mukwonago Athletic Club
- Oz Hair Designs
- River Crest Tire and Auto
- Janet Scholbe

A Classical Christmas:

A Concert for Cambodia

Saturday, November 27, 2010, 2:00 PM

Caldwell United Methodist Church

(Mukwonago, corner of Hwys L & O, 1 mi east of Hwy 83)

Come for the beautiful music of the season...
Come for the beautiful music of the season...

Pictures and slides of our completed 2010 mission will be on display! A **freewill offering** will be received for our 2011 mission to the vulnerable people in rural villages, Siem Reap Province, northwest Cambodia: drill wells, build toilets, supply non-hybrid Cambodian vegetable seeds and fruit tree seedlings, provide domestic hygiene and sanitation education and training, provide pigs and pigpens, provide first aid supplies and training, and fund university education for poor youth.



Following the concert, enjoy delicious snacks with friends at the **reception** hosted by the Caldwell United Methodist Women.

Shop imported Cambodian items: stone and wood carvings, jewelry, teas, silks, and wood, silver and novelty items...They make great gifts!

Checks may be made payable to "Cambodia Community Development Project" and mailed to Caldwell UMC, 8504 Caldwell Rd, Mukwonago, WI 53149. Learn more at www.caldwellumc.org or call Jenny Hensgen at 262.534.4511 or Deanna Shimko at 414.313.0343.

Ordinary people doing extraordinary things!

Dare to dream...dream on!!

Hanging of the Greens and All-Church Potluck Supper

Sunday, November 21, 6:00 pm join us for delicious potluck supper and stay to decorate the church for Advent and Christmas seasons. Everyone can help! Fellowship and fun for everyone!!

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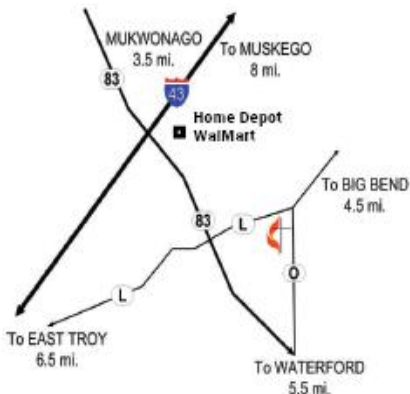
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Sundays at 10:45 AM

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