

# Amazing Grace

the Monthly Newsletter of

Caldwell United Methodist Church

Your Mukwonago Church in the Country



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## Pastor's Message by the Rev. Joyce Rich

### *Lit From Within*

*I'm sure that you've all heard or read the "Jack-o-Lantern" prayer – which (if memory serves) asks God to cut us open, scoop all the yucky stuff out of us, clean us up, give us new eyes to see, a cheerful smile, and God's light to shine out from within us. The prayer asks God to transform us from the old pumpkin life to a new life filled with God's light. What the prayer doesn't say much about is our participation in this transformative process.*

*We need to be open to the changes God would make in us. We can't say: God, please change my life – I want to be a more faithful and loving person! . . . and then slap God's hand away when God starts to shift stuff around. We can't micro manage God's transformative work in our lives. Either we let God in – and let God be God; or we shut God out – and act like we're God. We can open ourselves up to great change and new light; or we can hide behind our hard shells and wallow in the yucky stuff that we can't get rid of.*

*Perhaps you've found that the sliminess of sin and the abyss of pain in your life is getting to be too much for you to handle – but rest assured, it is not too much for God to deal with. If you're tired of trying to keep it all under control on your own, take the risk of inviting God to help you lift the lid off and start sorting out what you've been keeping inside. You might be surprised by how much lighter you'll feel once you let God all the way into your life.*

*Pastor Joyce*



# United Methodist Women News

## Upcoming UMW events...

**October 4** - UMW evening circle will meet at 6:30 p.m. We will work on the bake sale and the Methodist Women Sunday service.

**October 6** – UMW daytime circle will meet at noon. Bring a bag lunch. The program will be Immigration: Love as God Has Loved.

**October 10** - Methodist Women Sunday Service

**October 16** – Bake Sale

**October 16** - God's Acre auction/rummage/bake sale/lunch.

**October 22 - 23** - The Conference Annual meeting will be held at Black River Falls. The theme is "Let's Get Together".

*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.



## OCTOBER 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>26</b> United Methodist Women Sunday <b>9:00 AM - 10:00 AM</b> *Worship Service, Bethel UMC <b>10:45 AM - 11:45 AM</b> Worship Service <b>12:00 PM</b> *Motown Mission Recap, Waukesha: First UMC	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Trustees	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>6:30 PM - 7:45 PM</b> Choir rehearsal	<b>1</b>	 <b>10:00 AM - 3:00 PM</b> Conf Bd of Laity, Conf Ofc, Sun Prairie <b>1:00 PM</b> Blessing of the Animals
 <b>3</b> <b>9:00 AM - 10:00 AM</b> *Worship Service, Bethel UMC <b>10:45 AM - 11:45 AM</b> Worship Service w/Communion	<b>4</b> <b>6:30 PM - 8:00 PM</b> United Methodist Women Evening Group  <b>7:00 PM</b> 4-H Club, church hall	<b>5</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Finance Committee	<b>6</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> United Methodist Women Day Group  <b>5:30 PM</b> C.A.R.E. Committee	<b>7</b> <b>6:30 PM - 7:45 PM</b> Choir rehearsal	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <b>8:00 AM - 10:30 AM</b> Food Pantry  <b>9:30 AM - 12:30 PM</b> *Catalyst Event, Wesley House, East Troy
<b>10</b> United Methodist Women's Sunday <b>9:00 AM - 10:00 AM</b> *Worship Service, Bethel UMC <b>10:45 AM - 11:45 AM</b> Worship Service <b>1:00 PM</b> *Wind Lake/Waterford CROP Walk, begin at St. Thomas Aquinas <b>2:30 PM</b> Conference District Superintendency Cmte, West Allis <b>6:00 PM - 7:15 PM</b> *Confirmation Class, Bethel UMC	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Mukwonago clergy meeting  <b>6:30PM</b> Ad Council	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>6:30 PM - 7:45 PM</b> Choir rehearsal	 *NCJ Commission on Religion & Race Training Event, downtown Hilton Hotel, Milwaukee	<b>16</b> *NCJ Commission on Religion & Race Training Event, downtown Hilton Hotel, Milwaukee  <b>9:00 AM - 4:00 PM</b> God's Acre Auction and More
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<b>24</b> <b>9:00 AM - 10:00 AM</b> *Worship Service, Bethel UMC <b>10:45 AM - 11:45 AM</b> Worship Service <b>6:00 PM - 7:15 PM</b> *Confirmation Class, Bethel UMC	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>6:30 PM - 7:45 PM</b> Choir rehearsal	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
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## What Does It Mean To Be “On the Prayer List”?



In the past there has been an on-going list of people or situations listed for prayer. Our current approach to the prayer list is to be more focused about lifting up joys and concerns in a timely manner. With your input during worship services, in conversation with Pastor Joyce during the week, or by your request via phone calls or emails, in addition to the connectional joys and concerns that we receive, the prayer list is “refreshed” each week for the bulletin, and specific joys and concerns are prayed for daily by the email prayer ministry team. Here in the newsletter we will also list some of those joys and concerns. Of course we will continue to hold in prayer those who are shut in, those in the armed services, and all who are looking for work – just as we will continue to pray for our church, our partners in Shared Ministry, the other congregations in Circuit 37, our District Superintendent, and our Bishop.

If you ask for prayers for someone or for some situation, your request will be acted on. But you should also know that everyone who takes up your request for prayer would appreciate knowing how their prayers made a difference. Please also let us know how situations have changed, and how God’s Spirit has moved in the lives of those you’ve requested prayers for. And don’t be surprised if someone follows up with you to ask how things are going with the person or situation they’ve been holding in prayer. That connection is also part of our life of prayer.

### October Prayer List



**Shut Ins:** Mabel Byron, Bill Spires



**Joys:** Those celebrating birthdays and wedding anniversaries this month. Avey and Bob Weeks lift up the joy of Dane and Kathy Bernau’s wedding. Warren Hansen gives thanks for classmates celebrating their birthdays. Jennie Sanchez gives thanks for her sisters and their husbands who have celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> and 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversaries. For the mission and ministry of our connectional church and partners in ministry.



**Concerns:** With Jane Craig’s family on the death of her father, Elmer, at age 98 on Aug. 30. For the friends and family of Jan Jones Hartford, wife of Rev. Lincoln Hartford (retired clergy) on her death Aug. 31. With Pat Tomczyk for her son-in-law on the death of his grandfather on Sept. 11. With Marianne Lukas for nephew-in-law Darrel as he continues chemo treatments. With Pete Lukas for Timothy receiving treatment for cancer. With Nancy Pugh for Dan Mortimer on his cancer diagnosis. With Bonnie Mattson for her husband Kevin as he recovers from surgery. Continued prayers for healing for the mothers of Todd Schmidt and Carol Lohr. For progress to be made in the current round of peace talks between Israel and Palestine. For all in the armed services. For all who are looking for work.

## Are You a CROP Walker?



Each Fall we have the opportunity to walk in solidarity with those who often aren't "seen" in our community: those who have an insufficient supply of food in their home.

They don't wear big signs that say: **I'M HUNGRY!** – but we can carry big signs that say: **CROP WALK** – and we can invite people to help overcome hunger locally and globally.

25% of the funds raised by each CROP Walk stays in the local community, and the rest fights hunger around the world.

Talk to Chuck Herman if you can be a CROP Walker (or a sponsor) for the Twin Lakes/Waterford Area CROP Walk on **Sun., Oct. 10**. The walk begins at 1:00 PM at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 211 St. Thomas St., Waterford.

Talk to Elouise Benner if you can be a CROP Walker (or a sponsor) for the Mukwonago Area CROP Walk on **Sun., Oct. 24**. The walk begins at 1:00 PM at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 211 Main St., Mukwonago.

(Pastor Joyce will be participating in the Geneva Lake Area CROP Walk on Oct. 10 with members from Bethel UMC, and the Mukwonago Area CROP Walk on Oct. 24 with members from Caldwell UMC. She looks forward to walking with YOU on Oct. 24 in Mukwonago!)

# Highway “L” Cleanup Saturday, October 23 9:00-11:00 AM



Meet at the church.  
Please bring your own work gloves—reflective vests and trash bags are provided.

# October Lectionary

Date	Special Day	Reading
October 3, 2010	<b>Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost</b> [Green]	Lamentations 1:1-6 Psalm 137 (UMH 852) 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Luke 17:5-10
October 4, 2010	<b>(Thanksgiving Day, Canada)</b> [Green]	Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Psalm 100 (UMH 821) Philippians 4:4-9 John 6:25-35
October 10, 2010	<b>Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost</b> [Green]	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 Psalm 66:1-12 (UMH 790) 2 Timothy 2:8-15 Luke 17:11-19
October 17, 2010	<b>Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost</b> Laity Sunday [Green]	Jeremiah 31:27-34 Psalm 119:97-104 or Psalm 19 (UMH 750) 2 Timothy 3:14-4
October 24, 2010	<b>Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost</b> [Green]	Joel 2:23-32 Psalm 65 (UMH 789) 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18:9-14
October 31, 2010	<b>Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost</b> [White or Red]	<i>(Readings from All Saints Day may be substituted)</i> Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 Psalm 119:137-144 (UMH 840) 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12 Luke 19:1-10

## GREETERS & SCRIPTURE READERS



GREETERS	READERS
October 3 – Janet Scholbe & Pat Tomczyk	October 3 – Marilee Gloe
October 10 – Ken & Nancy Pugh	October 10 – Chuck Herman
October 17 – Randy & Jane Craig	October 17 – Bob Weeks
October 24 – Pete & Marianne Lukas	October 24 – Pete Lukas
October 31 – Janke Family	October 31 – Jane Craig

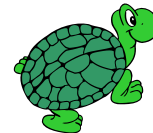
## October Birthdays and Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS		ANNIVERSARIES
2 – Erick Steib	14 – Laurie Duffek	3 – Scott & Patty Bernau
9 – Teri Pritchett-Steib	15 – Stacey Westerdale	4 – Felipe & Jennie Sanchez
10 – Johnny Hutchison	25 – Kristin Pugh	9 – Ken & Nancy Pugh
10 – Keith Handy	30 Dale Gauerke	17 – Dave & Jill Aufmuth
		29 – Kevin & Bonnie Mattson
		31 – Bob & Avis Weeks

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](mailto:crlohr@wi.rr.com), by phone at 262 662-4876 or leave a note in my mailbox at church.

## Blessing of the Animals on Sat., Oct. 2

At 1:00 PM on Sat., Oct. 2 there will be a 'Blessing of the Animals' service at Caldwell UMC. We'll be outside (inside if the weather isn't favorable) for a short time of worship that gives thanks to God for the gift of animals in our lives as pets, service animals, and partners in work. Feel free to invite other animal lovers and their animals to join you at this service.



Each animal in attendance will receive a blessing with the laying on of hands in prayer. If your animal doesn't do well in crowds – bring a picture of your animal for a blessing through the Spirit. All animal owners are asked to be sure that their animal is under control (in a carrier or trailer, or on a leash or halter) and in good health. An offering of cat litter, dry cat food, or dry dog food can be made for "Barney's Blessings" to distribute through the Mukwonago Food Pantry.

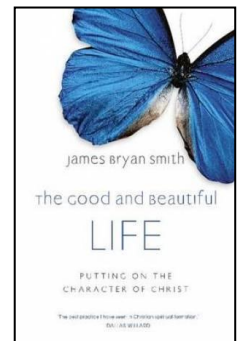
## Parenting With Love and Logic



If you're looking for new skills, or some positive support as a parent – you may want to check out the "Parenting With Love and Logic" classes to be held at Bethel UMC on Monday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 PM, starting Oct. 18 and ending Nov. 22. The class instructor is an experienced teacher in the Elkhorn school system who has led this parenting class many times. Leave a message at Bethel (262-742-3507; [bethelumc@elknet.net](mailto:bethelumc@elknet.net)) if you'd like more information.

## The Good and Beautiful Life

That's the main title of the book. The subtitle is: Putting on the Character of Christ. Written by James Bryan Smith, the study focuses on "soul training" – engaging in spiritual practices that reinforce biblical messages from the Sermon on the Mount about life in the kingdom of God. If you're interested in joining the Wed. afternoon study group that will be meeting at Bethel starting in Oct., talk to Pastor Joyce ASAP. If you'd be interested in having a daytime study group at Caldwell on Tues. or Thurs. afternoon – definitely talk to Pastor Joyce!



# GOD'S ACRE

**Auction – Silent Auction – Rummage – Bake Sale**

**October 16, 2010**

The bake sale, rummage sale, and silent auction all start at 9:30 AM.

Ala carte lunch is available from 11:00 AM until 3:00 PM.

The live auction begins at 1:00 PM



Now is the time to bring to the Church all of the good saleable items that you no longer use. Items will be accepted after October 1. Please deliver your items to the south wall tables (auction items) and the rummage items to the west wall. Don't forget those scrumptious goodies for the bake sale. If you have items for the silent auction, please contact Steve Lohr.

## **Shared Ministry Men's Bible Study** **Paul's Letter to the Ephesians**

Six weeks

Monday nights

Starting October 4

*(time and place to be determined)*

Contact Bill Leith

[ramsay1961@yahoo.com](mailto:ramsay1961@yahoo.com)

# Thanks

Thanks for putting your time and talents to use in making the Italian Night dinner a fun event!

Your participation made a real difference!

And many thanks to the United Methodist Women for coordinating this church fundraiser!





## Can You Cantata?

Our Shared Ministry (Caldwell UMC, St. James UMC-East Troy, and Bethel UMC-Elkhorn plus North Prairie UMC) is putting together a combined choir to sing a Christmas cantata on Sunday, December 5 at 2:00 p.m.

The title of the cantata is: **Hark the Herald: Songs and Carols to Celebrate Christmas** with works by Michael W. Smith, Claire Cloninger, Robert Sterling, Lowell Alexander, David Hamilton and others.

Hard the Herald is artistically crafted from the joyful proclamation of the title song, to the stately and festive "Sing Noel, Sing Hallelujah", to the gentle yet compelling invitational, "Come Make A Place."

This is a nice opportunity to sing with a larger group and for a shorter time! We have copies of **Hark the Herald** on hand. If you'd like to sing, would like to see the music, or have other questions, please contact Deanna Shimko or Rev. Joyce and let us know whether you'll be singing soprano, alto, tenor or bass.

Combined choir rehearsal times are being set and will be announced soon. You can figure on 3-4 combined choir rehearsals plus the performance. In addition to the combined choir rehearsals, church choirs will rehearse separately. We will have weekly rehearsals at Caldwell UMC around our regular weekly Thursday evening choir rehearsals.

Please contact Rev. Joyce or Deanna Shimko 414.313.0343 or dshimko@core.com if you have questions. Praise God in song!

## Celebration of Music

28th Annual—Sunday, November 7, 6 PM

Caldwell choir is preparing to participate in this free community outreach hosted by First Congregational Church of Mukwonago. We have sung at Annual Celebration of Music since November 1992—18 consecutive years!



This is a nice opportunity to sing with a larger group and enjoy the bigger sound! Caldwell has invited singers from our Shared Ministry churches to join with us in our musical selection: **Hope for Resolution, a Song for Mandela and de Klerk**, arranged by Paul Caldwell and Sean Ivory, and from The Anton Armstrong Choral Series, a series of multi-cultural choral music.

Combined rehearsals for our Shared Ministry churches are being set and will be announced soon. In addition to the combined choir rehearsals, Caldwell choir will rehearse **Hope for Resolution** around our regular weekly Thursday evening choir rehearsals.

As is customary, there is a song at the end of Celebration of Music evening for all available singers to sing together **River in Judea**. Rehearsal for this song will be at 4 PM on Sunday, November 7 at First Congregational Church in Mukwonago. You can bring a picnic supper and stay until time for the 6 PM program, if you'd like!

The event is open to the public and free. They are requesting food items for the food pantry.

Join in this nice opportunity to sing beautiful music! We have copies of Hope for Resolution now. If you'd like to sing Hope for Resolution with the Shared Ministry churches singers, would like to see the music, or have other questions, please contact Deanna Shimko 414.313.0343 or dshimko@core.com or Rev. Joyce.

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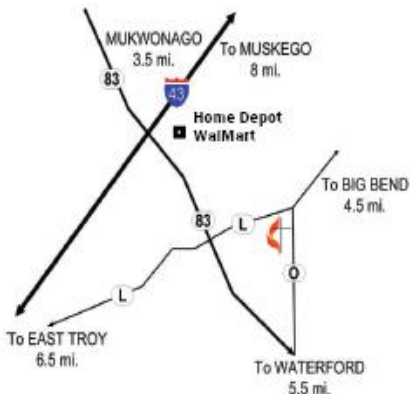
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**Worship with Us**  
**Sundays at 10:45 AM**

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**Newsletter deadline for**  
**The November 2010 issue is**  
**Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**

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