

Amazing Grace

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Your Mukwonago Church in the Country



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Pastor's Message by the Rev. Joyce Rich



Expect the Unexpected

My sister and I are legal guardians for our oldest brother, Mike, who lives in a group home in Rockford, Illinois. Most weeks we pick Mike up on Saturday morning, have lunch, hang out together for awhile, and then take him back to Rockford. Most weeks.

But every now and again something will throw Mike's GI tract out of whack and he ends up in the hospital. My sister and I will then "consult our calendars" and sort out who can be at the hospital with Mike so that he will have someone there to speak for him. Usually we end up alternating days so we can try to keep up at work while also keeping up with Mike!

During his last stay at the hospital, in mid-March, we would end the day thinking, "OK, this is what is in store for Mike tomorrow at the hospital." And the next day something entirely different would happen. No matter what we thought would be a reasonable expectation for the next day - our expectations never seemed to match what really happened. That meant that we had to begin expecting that ANYTHING could happen from one day to the next - and that whoever was at the hospital with Mike would need to frequently call whoever wasn't at the hospital to keep them updated.

To constantly expect the unexpected is not easy, and yet that is what we have all been doing lately. An anxious edginess has permeated our lives as we've received one newsflash after another from Madison, the Mid East, and the Pacific. We're not sure what to brace ourselves for from one day to the next. I often think that the first disciples of Jesus had a similar - yet different - experience as they followed Jesus from day to day. Things could rapidly swing from mundane and monotonous to miraculous or dangerous. The disciples didn't know what to expect next. And then they reached Jerusalem - and things really got interesting in a good-to bad-to worse-to totally awful-to incredibly better kind of way. Even though Jesus had told them to expect these things to happen when they got to Jerusalem, the disciples could never have been totally ready for what happened.

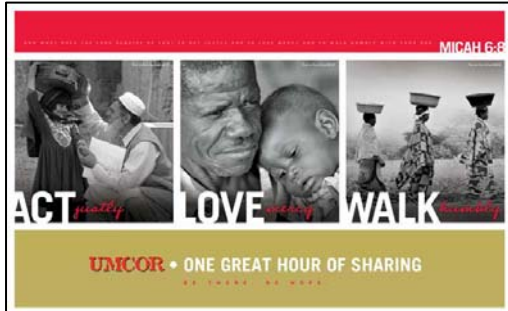
Even today, as disciples of Jesus, we are still called to expect the unexpected. We have to expect the Spirit to blow whither it will. We have to expect that nothing is impossible with God. We have to expect Easter - despite what happens on Good Friday.

Blessings to you this Easter!

Pastor Joyce

MISSION MOMENTS

Thank you so very much for your continued generosity and interest in missions. The month of February was set aside for Human Relations; your coins and checks totaled \$230.62.



One Great Hour of Sharing is another UM Special giving. The money collected is sent to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee of Relief.) UMCOR is the first on the scene of a catastrophe to administer medical help, water, food, and clothing. And they are the last to leave, as they help survivors rebuild their lives. This mission started March 6 and will run through April 10. You can put your coins in

the offertory plate, pick up a small box located just inside the sanctuary which you can put money into and return April 10, or you can write a check designating this mission.

If you would like to also support the people of Japan who suffered a devastating earthquake, you can write a check to Caldwell UMC and include the number #3021317 in the left hand corner. Remember, 100% of our donations goes to the cause.

WE ARE THE HANDS AND FEET OF GOD.



United Methodist Women News

Upcoming UMW events...

April 2 – Saturday – The Spring Retreat is at Lutherdale Conference Center, Elkhorn. Colleen Kwong is the retreat leader for the day.

April 4 – Monday at 6:30 PM – The Evening Circle will meet. We will discuss the upcoming events.

April 6 – Wednesday at noon – The Daytime Circle will meet. The program will be “Finding Peace Through Action”. Bring a bag lunch.

April 30 – (Tentative) Saturday – Cambodia Spring Concert. The women will provide refreshments.





June 4 – Saturday 9:30 - noon – Garden Party Perennial Exchange.

President, Jennie Sanchez

Treasurer’s Report for February 2011

Beginning Balance	3219.78
Income	3563.19
Balance	6782.97
Expenses	6531.00
Ending Balance	251.97

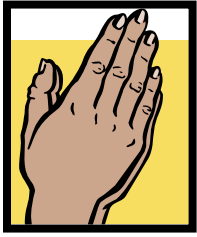
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM *Worship Service, Bethel UMC and St. James UMC 10:45 AM - 11:45 AM Worship Service 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM *Metro Region Lay Leader Training, Cedarburg UMC	28 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM *Bishop Lee's Town Hall Mtg, Elm Grove: Community UMC 6:30 PM *BIG READ, Bethel UMC, Elkhorn 6:30 PM *BIG READ, St. James UMC library	29 2:00 PM *BIG READ, The Heritage, East Troy 6:30 PM Finance Committee	30 6:00 PM - 6:55 PM *Ecumenical Lent choir rehearsal, First Cong UCC, East Troy 7:00 PM *Ecumenical Lent Service, First UCC, East Troy	31 6:30 PM - 7:45 PM Choir rehearsal 7:45 PM BIG READ	1 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM *Bishop Lee's Town Hall Meeting, Lake Street UMC, Eau Claire	2 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM *Metro So Dist UMW Annual Spiritual Retreat, Lutherdale Conf Ctr, Elkhorn 8:00 PM - 3:30 PM *Bishop Lee's retreat for All Clergy and All Laity, Lake Street UMC, Eau Claire
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17  9:00 AM - 10:00 AM *Worship Service, Bethel UMC and St. James UMC 10:45 AM - 11:45 AM Worship Service	18 6:30 PM *BIG READ, St. James UMC library	19 6:30 PM Administrative Council	20 6:30 PM - 7:45 PM Choir rehearsal	21 6:00 PM - 6:55 PM *Shared Ministry combined choir rehearsal, St. James UMC, East Troy 7:00 PM *Shared Ministry Maundy Thursday Service, St. James UMC	22  12:30 PM *Good Friday Ecumenical Service, Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, Mukwonago 7:00 PM *Shared Ministry Good Friday Service, Bethel UMC, Elkhorn	23
24  5:40 AM *Sunrise lakeside service, Army Lake Camp 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM *Worship Service, Bethel UMC and St. James UMC 10:45 AM - 11:45 AM Worship Service	25 6:30 PM *BIG READ, St. James UMC library	26	27 7:00 PM *Joint Worship Ministry Team, St. James UMC, East Troy	28 6:30 PM - 7:45 PM Choir rehearsal	29	30

DEADLINE FOR May 2011 NEWSLETTER: April 15, 2011

*Denotes location other than Caldwell UMC

Prayers



We lift up in prayer those who are experiencing the joy of celebrating another birthday, and those who are celebrating the anniversary of making a covenant with God and their spouse in their marriage vows.

We lift up in prayer our global neighbors who have had life as they knew it simply shattered and swept away, and now face the painful and daunting task of moving forward.

We lift up in prayer those who have health issues that are unresolved, or that cannot be resolved, that they may draw strength and peace from God.

We lift up in prayer those who are seeking meaningful employment and adequate sources of income to sustain their household; may they continue to be persistent and hopeful.

We lift up in prayer those families with loved ones in service, and those who serve on our behalf.

We lift up in prayer our elected officials that they may govern wisely for all.

We lift up in prayer The United Methodist Church and the ways that we are connected by being the church together.

Date of Church Trial to be Rescheduled

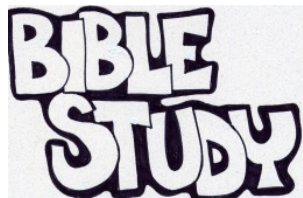
Bishop Linda Lee has notified us that Bishop Bruce Blake has recused himself as the Presiding Officer for the church trial that was scheduled to start on April 11, 2011. A new trial date will be scheduled after Bishop Lee finds a new Presiding Officer. This means that Pastor Joyce will remain in the jury pool, still unable to discuss the trial with you, but will not be out of town the week of April 11. Bishop Lee asks us to continue to pray for all who are connected to the trial, and affected by the trial, as we continue our Lenten journey.

April Birthdays and Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS		ANNIVERSARIES
3 – Elouise Benner	28 – Kyleigh Klawitter	8 – Don & Barbara Foster
6 – Dan Craig	28 – Kim Van Buren	12 – Brek & Heather Zortman
14 – Sharon Merkel	28 – Emily Van Buren	13 – Matt & Kristen Pawlak
20 – Peg Handy	30 – Brian Pugh	
26 – William Craig	30 – Shawn Hensgen	

Shared Ministry Updates

BIG READ Reflections What participants in the Study of Luke are saying...



When Christ picked his disciples it wasn't who you would think. It was not the educated or socially acceptable. We each have growth potential when we look beyond 'our' people. – Don Foster

We are changing the facilitation of each lesson and each person brings a new perspective. This also practices leadership. It has been a safe place for people to share perspectives, beliefs and questions. – Terri Weiland

It is a really good study but through it I'm making exceptional friends. – Steve Lohr

I can't wait to be the hands and feet of Jesus. – Bill Leith

Thank yous from the Shared Ministry Confirmation Class!

Dear Congregations of Shared Ministry: We would like to thank you for donating the following maintenance items: 9 - roller covers, 1 - paint roller, 1 - paint tray, 24 - paint brushes, 33 - cleaning rags, 1 - edge trimmer with refill, 1 - caulking kit, 1 - roll paper towels. We very much appreciate all the donations. They have been taken safely to United Methodist Children's Services (UMCS) by us to be used. Thanks again.

Sincerely, Shared Ministry Confirmation Class

Thank you very much for the feminine products! The people of Milwaukee appreciated them very much. We collected 21 packs of feminine products. Thank you for the cleaning products. They will help people maintain a healthy lifestyle. We collected 18 cleaning products and 7 packs of toilet paper. They have whiter teeth and fresher breath thanks to you. We collected 4 toothbrushes. Thank you very much for all the items you donated. We appreciated your support and so will the people who use the UMCS Family Resource Center in Milwaukee. Thank you!!!

SHARED MINISTRY MISSION TRIP June 24-27, 2011 in Kenosha, Wisconsin
Come for a day, two days, the whole trip. Cost - \$25 per day (pays for free housing at Wesley UMC, Kenosha, meals, and materials – local hotel options will be available for an extra cost). Many projects are available, including – painting a day care for special needs children, working with the special needs kids, and working at a homeless shelter. We also need a cook for the trip! Matching grants available for youth participants! Information sheets and registration forms will be available April 3rd!



The **Shared Ministry Implementation Team** continues to meet to make shared ministry happen in our three churches. Ideas for programming, improvement or change can be given to your Team representative – Elouise Benner, Nancy Dignan, Don Foster, Bill Leith, Steve Lohr, Judy McFarlane, Tom Rossmiller, Mary Schoultz, Deanna Shimko, or Terri Weiland.

Ecumenical Lenten Services Continue in April

Our Wednesday evening ecumenical Lenten services are focused on the Lord's Prayer. The worship offerings of financial gifts and non-perishable food are for the food pantries in Caldwell, East Troy, and Elkhorn. The special musical offerings each week are presented by our Combined Choir, under the direction of Deanna Shimko-Herman.

On **April 6** the 7:00 PM service will be held at Bethel UMC with Father Larry Chapman preaching on, "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."

The week of **April 13** we share a potluck meal at 6:00 PM, followed by worship at 7:00 PM, at St. James UMC. Rev. Joe Medina will be preaching on, "For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen."

Holy Week Worship Services

Holy Week begins with **Palm Sunday** on April 17 with services at 9:00 AM at Bethel UMC and St. James UMC, and at 10:45 AM at Caldwell. Get ready to shout, "HOSANNA!" and pass the palms!

The **Maundy Thursday**, or Holy Thursday, service is at 7:00 PM on April 21 at St. James UMC in East Troy. We will be remembering the Last Supper as we share Holy Communion.

On **Good Friday** there will be a Mukwonago Community Service at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church at 12:30 PM. This service will be about an hour and a half long. At 7:00 PM at Bethel UMC there will be a Tenebrae Service (service of shadows) with readings, music, and the extinguishing of candles around the cross.

On **Easter Sunday** there is a sunrise service at 5:40 AM at Army Lake Camp (between East Troy and Mukwonago, off of ES), and traditional services celebrating Christ's resurrection at 9:00 AM at Bethel UMC and St. James UMC, and at 10:45 AM at Caldwell UMC.

Change the World!



What can you do to change the world? That is the challenge that United Methodists are going to be answering in a variety of ways around the world on May 14 and 15. What will the United Methodists of Caldwell be doing to change the world? What will you commit to DO to change the world?

Holy Humor Sunday?!



The Sunday AFTER Easter is the time for Holy Humor! This year that Sunday is May 1 and we're going to have a beach party! Wear your tropical prints and flip flops because we're going to share some fish with the resurrected Christ and recall how he got the last laugh on death. (In some traditions this is called "Bright Sunday" – so maybe you should wear your sunglasses, too.)

April Lectionary

Date	Special Day	Reading
April 3, 2011	Fourth Sunday in Lent [Purple]	1 Samuel 16: 1-13 Psalm 23 (UMH 754 or 137) Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41
April 10, 2011	Fifth Sunday in Lent [Purple]	Ezekiel 37: 1-14 Psalm 130 (UMH 848) Romans 8: 6-11 John 11: 1-45
April 17, 2011	Sixth Sunday in Lent (Passion/Palm Sunday) Liturgy of the Palms [Red/Scarlet or Purple]	Matthew 21: 1-11 Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29 (UMH 839) Liturgy of the Passion Isaiah 50: 4-9a Psalm 31: 9-16 (UMH 764) Philippians 2: 5-11 Matthew 26: 14-27: 66 or Matthew 27: 11-54
April 18, 2011	Monday of Holy Week [Red/Scarlet or Purple]	Isaiah 42: 1-9 Psalm 36: 5-11 (UMH 771) Hebrews 9: 11-15 John 12: 1-11
April 19, 2011	Tuesday of Holy Week [Red/Scarlet or Purple]	Isaiah 49: 1-7 Psalm 71: 1-14 (UMH 794) 1 Corinthians 1: 18-31 John 12: 20-36
April 20, 2011	Wednesday of Holy Week [Red/Scarlet or Purple]	Isaiah 50: 4-9a Psalm 70 (UMH 793) Hebrews 12: 1-3 John 13: 21-32
April 21, 2011	Holy Thursday [Red/Scarlet or Purple]	Exodus 12: 1-4 (5-10) 11-14 Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19 (UMH 837) 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26 John 13: 1-17, 31b-35
April 22, 2011	Good Friday [No Color]	Isaiah 52: 13-53: 12 Psalm 22 (UMH 752) Hebrews 10: 16-25 John 18: 1-19: 42
April 23, 2011	Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil [White/Gold] <i>The number of readings may vary, but Exodus 14 and at least two other readings from the Old Testament should be used in addition to the New Testament readings.</i>	Old Testament Readings and Psalms/Canticles Genesis 1: 1-2: 4a Psalm 136: 1-9, 23-26 or Psalm 33 (UMH 767) Genesis 7: 1-5, 11-18; 8: 6-18; 9: 8-13 Psalm 46 (UMH 780) Genesis 22: 1-18 Psalm 16 (UMH 748) Exodus 14: 10-31; 15: 20-21 Exodus 15: 1b-13, 17-18 (UMH 135) Isaiah 55: 1-11 Isaiah 12: 2-6 Ezekiel 36: 24-28 Psalm 42 (UMH 777) Ezekiel 37: 1-14 Psalm 143 (UMH 856) Second Reading and Psalm Romans 6: 3-11 Psalm 114 (UMH 835) Gospel Reading Matthew 28: 1-10
April 24, 2011	Easter Sunday [White or Gold]	Acts 10: 34-43 Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24 (UMH 839) Colossians 3: 1-4 John 20: 1-18 or Matthew 28: 1-10

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

#265 *Giving means thinking positively.* “Make the most of every chance you get. These are desperate times.” (Ephesians 5:16 *The Message*)

Tax time is upon us. Aside from the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, it can be one of the most stressful times of the year for many people. For many it means paying at least a bit more to pay that bill in full. Still others are excited to finish the task because they’ve been planning and looking forward to the “gift” they’re receiving with their refund.

The number one reason for marital breakdown is financial conflict. Therefore, tax time is also the time to take extra care in your relationships as you review receipts, checkbooks, and 1040 forms.

Even if you didn’t lose your job in the recession, chances are you’re worried about the economy and how it may affect you and those you love. What about your church? How are those in your church weathering the financial storm of the last few years? Has the recession provided new opportunities for spiritual growth and ministry? Or, has it encouraged conflict and “blaming” to run rampant in meetings and parking lot conversations?

Remember that when finances are tight, tempers tend to be short. How can we be care-full in our ministry? Let’s remember that the primary mission of the church is to “make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.” Strive to proclaim the good news we proclaim on Easter Sunday, “He is Risen! Christ is risen indeed!”

Perhaps in these difficult times, we might do as Paul instructed the Ephesians to “make the most of every chance we get” to live the love that is ours through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. These are “desperate times,” so let’s outdo one another in love when we’re tempted to give in to the “crabby bug.” Pastors and leaders can only work with the resources at hand. Whether you still have a well-paying job, you’re unemployed, retired, or you’ve settled for a lesser-paying job, together let’s find a way to give our time, talent, and treasures to say “THANK YOU” to God for the blessings we’ve received.

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Tithe Your Time



Former Wisconsin Governor, Lee Dreyfus, is pictured here next to his 7-foot-tall monument, carved in the shape of Wisconsin. The simple epitaph etched into the red granite stone is, "Tithe Your Time." Dreyfus died on January 2, 2008. He was raised with the expectation of public service. In 1980 he said, "You gave time to the church, you gave time to the needs of the public. It was absolutely taught by my mother and father that you give, and if you had more capability, you were obligated to give more."

Many people ask how they might give in times like these when the giving gets tough. Some ideas for "tithing your time" include

- Offering the professional skills you've accumulated. If you're an accountant, offer to help with the books or the annual audit.
- Offer to help in the areas of your interests. If you're a scrap booking junkie, offer to help with bulletin boards.
- Offer to learn a new skill or try a new activity. If it's been years since you helped in the nursery or with Vacation Bible School, try it again this year.
- Put on your walking shoes and get pledges for the CROP walk or any other philanthropic walk/run in your area.

For more year-round stewardship ideas, feel free to contact the Foundation.

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GREETERS & SCRIPTURE READERS



GREETERS	READERS
April 3 – Dixon Family April 10 – Don & Barbara Foster April 17 – Bob & Avis Weeks April 24 – Elouise Benner	April 3 – Pete Lukas April 10 – Jane Craig April 17 – Steve Lohr April 24 – Lucia Janke

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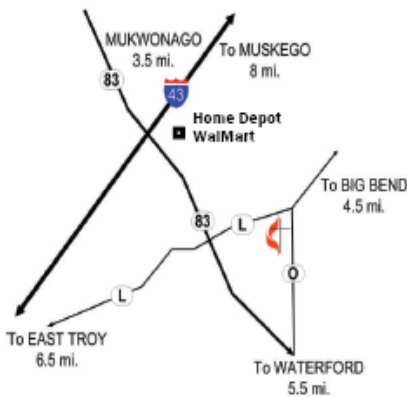
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