

# Amazing Grace

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## Caldwell United Methodist Church

Your Mukwonago Church in the Country



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



### Time Between

Most years when February rolls along we are beginning the Lenten Season. Not so this year. We won't begin Lent until March 9 on Ash Wednesday.

This luxury of time between Epiphany and Easter could be spent in hibernation – which I admit, seems like a very good idea on days when the snow is falling, or the temperature is near zero. But hibernation is really about insulated isolation. And insulated isolation is not what we're about as disciples of Jesus Christ. So I think instead of using this gift of time for hibernation, we can use this time in connection.

This month we have the opportunity to learn how to connect in new ways as “church” with the RETHINK CHURCH workshops on Feb. 18 and 19. The workshops on Friday mid-afternoon and evening will be held at Yorkville UMC; and the Saturday workshops in the morning and early afternoon will be at Christ UMC in Racine. Not far to go to stretch our thinking, our vision, our outlook on what it means to be “church” today in our community.

We also have the opportunity to connect with our partners in Shared Ministry by joining in the BIG READ. Sign up to participate and experience what happens when a lot of people are literally on the same page, and discussing the same things. You might even decide to drop into a discussion group that meets at a different place or time – because they are on the same chapter that ‘your’ group would be discussing that week. How great to be able to connect with people from East Troy, Elkhorn, and Caldwell! Invite a friend or family member to jump into this study with you!

February can be a fabulous month of new connections, and better connections!

*Pastor Joyce*

# MISSION MOMENTS



## Hope Center's Children's Free Library

Many children will be happily reading books you donated either by bringing in new and gently used books or by filling the offering plate with change. You donated 25 books and Missions bought more books with the money you so generously gave.

## A One Month Mission

Human Relations Day is one of six UM Special Sundays. We are going to try something different...Human Relations Month. Each Sunday in February you can contribute by putting change in the offering plate and/or the Special Sunday envelopes you will find in the bulletins.



# United Methodist Women News

## Upcoming UMW events...

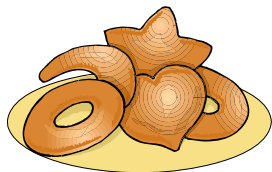
**February 3 – Wednesday at noon** – The daytime circle will meet. Bring a bag lunch. The program will be Making Peace with Mother Earth.

**February 7 – Monday at 6:30 PM** – The evening circle will meet. We will go over and update our finances.

We will not have the Dessert by Candlelight this year.

*President, Jennie Sanchez*

## UMW







Again, thank you to those of you who either baked cookies, bought cookies, or baked and bought cookies. The UMW Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 11, was very successful. Our mission to serve women and children will be greatly supported with the \$508 we made.

UMW adopted a family for Christmas from Love, Inc. We purchased gifts totaling \$252 for Mom, Dad, and boys ages 2, 3, and 4. Not only did we have fun buying the gifts, we also knew we were helping parents provide a great Christmas for their three small children



## FEBRUARY 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>30</b> <b>9:00 AM - 10:00 AM</b> *Worship Service, Bethel UMC <b>10:45 AM - 11:45 AM</b> Worship Service <b>2:00 PM</b> *Service, Linden Grove, Mukwonago <b>2:00 PM - 4:00 PM</b> SPRC Training Metro Region, Port Washington <b>6:00 PM - 7:15 PM</b> *Shared Ministry Confirmation Class, Bethel UMC, Elkhorn	<b>31</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> *Shared Ministry Men's Bible Study, St. James UMC library	<b>1</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Finance Committee	<b>2</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> United Methodist Women Day Group	<b>3</b> <b>6:30 PM - 7:45 PM</b> Choir rehearsal	<b>4</b> 	<b>5</b> <b>6:30 PM - 8:30 PM</b> *Nepal Update, The Crossing, Madison
<b>6</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>7</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> *World Day of Prayer planning meeting, English Settlement <b>6:30 PM</b> *Shared Ministry Men's Bible Study, St. James UMC library <b>6:30 PM - 8:00 PM</b> United Methodist Women Evening Group <b>7:00 PM</b> 4-H Club, church hall	<b>8</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> *Mukwonago clergy meeting <b>2:00 PM</b> *Circuit #37 Clergy Meeting, Waukesha: First UMC <b>6:30 PM</b> Administrative Council	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>6:30 PM - 7:45 PM</b> Choir rehearsal	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <b>8:00 AM - 10:00 AM</b> Food Pantry
<b>13</b> <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> Shared Ministry Implementation Team meeting, Caldwell UMC <b>6:00 PM - 7:15 PM</b> *Shared Ministry Confirmation Class, Bethel UMC, Elkhorn	<b>14</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> *Shared Ministry Men's Bible Study, St. James UMC library	<b>15</b> 	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  <b>6:30 PM - 7:45 PM</b> Choir rehearsal	<b>18</b> <b>1:00 PM - 9:00 PM</b> *Rethink Church Training for All Laity and All Clergy, Yorkville UMC	<b>19</b> <b>8:00 AM - 10:00 AM</b> SHARE <b>8:30 AM - 2:30 PM</b> *Rethink Church Training for All Laity and All Clergy, Christ UMC, Racine <b>2:30 PM - 3:30 PM</b> *Metro Region Annual Meeting, Christ UMC, Racine
<b>20</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> *Shared Ministry Confirmation Class, Bethel UMC, Elkhorn	<b>21</b> <b>5:30 PM - 6:30 PM</b> *Second Helpings free meal, St. James UMC, East Troy <b>6:30 PM</b> *Shared Ministry Men's Bible Study, St. James UMC library	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <b>6:30 PM - 7:45 PM</b> Choir rehearsal	<b>24</b> *Lay Leader/Lay Servant Ministries Annual National Conference, Indianapolis	<b>25</b> *Lay Leader/Lay Servant Ministries Annual National Conference, Indianapolis <b>6:00 PM</b> *Shared Ministry Confirmation Class depart Bethel UMC to Temple Beth-El, Madison	<b>26</b> *Lay Leader/Lay Servant Ministries Annual National Conference, Indianapolis
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**DEADLINE FOR MARCH 2011 NEWSLETTER: February 15, 2011**

\*Denotes location other than Caldwell UMC

## February Prayer List



**Shut Ins:** Mabel Byron



### **Joys:**

Those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this month.

For Beth Wissner as she is at home and continuing to make good progress with therapy.

For Raquel Janke as she begins behind the wheel.

For the connections being made through Shared Ministry Confirmation Class, combined choir, and study groups.

For Pete Greeley's on-going gift of snow plowing.



### **Concerns:**

For the Tomczyk family on the death of Rob's father Ralph on Jan. 10.

With Janis Schmidt's family on the death of her Uncle John on Jan. 18.

For members of the congregation living with health issues.

For traveling mercies to be with those who are on trips.

For those serving in elected office, and for both our public and private political discourse.

For those in the service, and their families at home.

For those seeking work. For our United Methodist connection and Shared Ministry partners, our Bishop Linda Lee, and District Superintendent Jorge Mayorga Solis.

## Parsonage Update

From a few days before Christmas, to a few days after New Year's Day, we opened the parsonage up to a local family that needed a place to stay while they sorted out their next step after being evicted from their apartment on Dec. 21. We were able to provide them with needed hospitality, shelter, and breathing room. Additional assistance was provided by Salvation Army and Our Savior's Wesleyan Church in Mukwonago when the family found a new apartment in Mukwonago.

The family would like you to know how grateful they are for the kindness and assistance they received from our congregation. Although it was a brief experience, it was the first time they had ever lived in a single family house.



Our Trustees are gathering information on what would need to be done, and what actual expenses there would be, if we were to make the parsonage available to be rented, and/or pass inspection for a family receiving rent assistance in Racine County. Once we have that information in hand, the whole congregation will be able to discuss some good stewardship options for the parsonage. Please pray for God's direction in this process.



**NOT TO MISS! TOP UNITED METHODIST COMMUNICATIONS STAFF WILL PRESENT RETHINK--HOW TO DO CHURCH WORKSHOPS FEBRUARY 18 – 19 • What if church was a way of life, rather than simply a place to go on Sundays?**

Registration is open for the *RETHINK How to Do Church* workshops, which will take place February 18-19, 2011 at Yorkville UMC on Friday and Racine: Christ on Saturday. Friday evening desserts and Saturday hospitality and lunch are included in the registration.

Speakers will include: Jennifer Rodia, Director of Branding Engagement, who currently leads the team at United Methodist Communications (UMCOM) overseeing the church's national advertising campaign *Rethink Church*; and Reverend Dr. Ken Sloane, the national director of Communications Ministry at United Methodist Communications based in Nashville, TN. Workshops: *Connectional Engagement I and II; Where Is Your Church Casting Its Net? Web Ministry and Social Media; RETHINK CHURCH: Creating an Atmosphere of Welcoming; RETHINK CHURCH: Engage and Involve 18–34 Year Olds; RETHINK CHURCH: Embrace Change;* and *RETHINK CHURCH: Renew and Revitalize Existing Ministries*

This is an accredited workshop: One CEU is offered for the ten hours of workshops.

Clergy and laity from Metro Region registration fee is \$30.00 per person for 1-2 people. A nice discount is \$25.00 each if there are three to fifteen registrations from the same church. Metro Region churches: Your largest discount is when your church's 2011 district asking (\$0.60/member)\* is submitted by Dec. 31, 2010. Then, by rebate check in early 2011, any of your church's registrations will be reduced to \$15.00, and the difference will be sent back to you. With fellow church friends attending, the church collaborates to retreat, center, rethink, and affect how church can be out there seven days a week. **To read about the speakers, workshop descriptions, to register and for more information, go to [www.wisconsinumc.org](http://www.wisconsinumc.org)** and click on "RETHINK CHURCH" (changing photo in the upper right of the screen). If you have questions about the event, call Barb Ridgely at 888-645-7888 or 414-271-5080. If you have registration questions, call the Ministry and Outreach office of the Wisconsin Annual Conference at 888-240-7328.

\*Paid district askings are local impact funds. With them, Metro Vision Team has fulfilled laity and clergy hardship requests for training, equipment, youth camp scholarships, supported Christian Education training, a community outreach fair, a demographic ultimatum study for a church cluster in decline, and is starting interior rehab on the former Ministry in the City house, newly destined for ministry as a refugee hostel in Milwaukee.

For more information and to arrange carpool, contact Rev Joyce or Deanna Shimko. **See you at Rethink--How To Do Church!**

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The General Board of Church & Society (GBCS) of The United Methodist Church has developed **Twelve Social Principles** under the Social Community. These principles highlight positions approved by the The United Methodist Church's highest policy-making body, the General Conference. These principles address Rights of the Aging, Alcohol & Other Drugs, Rights of Children, Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Genetic Technology, Right to Health Care, Persons Living with HIV & AIDS, Rights of Immigrants, Medical Experimentation, Rights of Racial & Ethnic Persons, Rights of Religious Minorities, and Rights of Women.

"Many United Methodists are unfamiliar with the Social Principles," said Julie Wilson, a third-year student at Wesley Theological Seminary and in her second year as an intern at GBCS. "The Social Principles are an amazing synopsis of who we are as United Methodists," she said. "They state our beliefs and motivate us to act upon those beliefs." The Social Principles are published with prayers and suggestions for how to live out the principles and give examples of how individuals, churches or general boards and agencies are using a particular principle to guide their work. *These 12 Social Principles make an excellent study series for small groups!*

Look for these Social Principles variously as worship program inserts and articles in our newsletter throughout 2010!! In observance of February as Black History Month, the **Rights of Racial & Ethnic Persons social principle will be a worship program insert one Sunday in February!** To see all the social principles right now, go to [www.umc-gbcs.org](http://www.umc-gbcs.org).

# *Shared Ministry Updates*

## **BIG READ Coming in February!**

This is a BIG opportunity for everyone in Shared Ministry to literally be on the same page! Everyone will be reading and discussing the *Immersion Bible Studies: Luke* by John Indermark to explore the emotional, spiritual, and intellectual dimensions of our faith. We'll see how "our stories" – our lives – enter into and live out God's scripture. Groups will be meeting for eight weeks, starting the week of Feb. 20 and ending the week of April 10. Sign-up for the group time and place that works in your schedule by calling Bethel UMC at 262-742-3507 and leaving your name, phone number, and group choice. Or email that information to: [bethelumc@elknet.net](mailto:bethelumc@elknet.net)



The group options are:

- Mondays, 11:00 AM to Noon at Bethel UMC, corner Hwys 12/67 and Cty Rd A
- Mondays, 6:30 to 7:30 PM (men) at St. James UMC, 2945 Main Street, East Troy
- Wednesdays, 1:30 to 2:30 PM at The Heritage, 3223 North Street, East Troy
- Thursdays, 11:00 AM to Noon at Caldwell UMC, south of Cty Rd L on Cty Rd O
- Thursdays, 7:45 to 9:00 PM at Caldwell UMC, south of Cty Rd L on Cty Rd

## **Confirmation Class to Temple Beth El**

We often read in the Bible about "the temple" in Jerusalem, but what about contemporary Judaism? How do people worship in a local synagogue? On Fri., Feb. 25 the Shared Ministry Confirmation Class will be attending the 7:30 PM service at Temple Beth El in Madison. For more information, talk with Pastor Joyce (262-742-3507 or 262-363-2680).



## **RETHINK CHURCH**

Help re-define what the "church" experience is all about! Engage in a training event with multiple workshops focusing on connection: through relationships and ministries that reach beyond our church doors, that incorporate face to face or Facebook invitation, hands on ministry and web ministry. The event is being held on: Fri., Feb. 18 from 1:00 to 9:00 PM at Yorkville UMC, Union Grove; and Sat., Feb. 19 from 9:00 AM to 2:15 PM at Christ UMC, Racine. The schedule and registration information can be found at [www.wisconsinumc.org](http://www.wisconsinumc.org) – click on "RETHINK CHURCH" in the right hand column. If you register to go for one, or both days, contact Pastor Joyce about car pooling possibilities (262-742-3507 or 262-363-2680).

# February Lectionary

Date	Special Day	Reading
February 2, 2011	The Presentation of the Lord/Candlemas [White]	Malachi 3: 1-4 Psalm 24 (UMH 755) Hebrews 2: 14-18 Luke 2: 22-40
February 6, 2011	Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany (Green)	Isaiah 58: 1-9a (9b-12) Psalm 112: 1-10 (UMH 833) I Corinthians 2: 1-12 (13-16) Matthew 5: 13-20
February 13, 2011	Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany [Green]	Deuteronomy 30: 15-20 Psalm 119: 1-8 (UMH 840) I Corinthians 3: 1-9 Matthew 5: 21-37
February 20, 2011	Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany (Green)	Leviticus 19: 1-2, 9-18 Psalm 119: 33-40 (UMH 840) I Corinthians 3: 10-11, 16-23 Matthew 5: 38-48
February 27, 2011	Eighth Sunday after the Epiphany [Green]	Isaiah 49: 8-16a Psalm 131 or Psalm 62: 5-12 (UMH 787) I Corinthians 4: 1-5 Matthew 6: 24-34

## GREETERS & SCRIPTURE READERS



GREETERS	READERS
February 6 – Bob & Avis Weeks	February 6 – Lucia Janke
February 13 – Elouise Benner	February 13 – Elouise Benner
February 20 – Steve & Carol Lohr	February 20 – Jenny Hensgen
February 27 – Janet Scholbe & Pat Tomczyk	February 27 – Deanna Shimko-Herman

## February Birthdays and Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS		ANNIVERSARIES
1 – Jennie Sanchez	19 – Stacey Mattson	6 – Jim & Barbara Stark
12 – Scott Craig	25 – John Wright	
17 – Lucia Janke	27 – Amanda Zoellick	
19 – Felipe Sanchez		

## A STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE FOR YOUR CHURCH

**#275 *Giving is an act of Love.*** Protect yourself against the least little bit of greed. Life is not defined by what you have, even when you have a lot." Luke 12:15 [The Message](#)

### Welcome news for those age 70-1/2 and older!

The new Tax Reform Act that was just signed into law on December 17<sup>th</sup> restores the IRA Charitable Rollover through December 31, 2011.

If you own an IRA and are over age 70-1/2, you may transfer up to \$100,000 from your IRA, directly to your local United Methodist Church or any United Methodist ministry because they are all qualified public charities. This qualified charitable distribution will also qualify for your annual required minimum distribution. What is the benefit? Your distribution goes directly to the church or charity and is not included in your gross income for tax purposes.

**What types of IRA's qualify?** Only Traditional and Roth IRA's.

**When?** Now through December 31, 2011.

**Where can I make Qualified Charitable Distributions from my IRA?** Only to qualified public charities. All United Methodist Churches and United Methodist ministries are qualified public charities - UMCOR, any of our Health and Welfare Ministries, UM Camps, or Advance Specials.

**Why make an IRA Rollover gift to my church?** First, there are tax advantages. If you make a gift directly from your IRA to your church or another UM ministry, you do not pay income tax on the withdrawal. Second, you may be able to use money from your IRA to support your local church or another ministry you are passionate about, at a level you are unable to reach simply by making gifts from ordinary income. Third, you may wish to make an outright gift or a gift that establishes a permanent endowment fund.

*For more information, contact:*

**Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation**  
**750 Windsor Street Ste 305, P.O. Box 620**  
**Sun Prairie, WI 53590-0620**  
**1-888-903-9863 or [wumf@wumf.org](mailto:wumf@wumf.org)**

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## Treasurer's Report for December 2010

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>5536.27</b>
Income	4144.12
Grant	416.67
<b>Balance</b>	<b>10097.06</b>
Expenses	5476.37
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>4620.69</b>

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## February is **BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

# Do you know who spoke these words?

Answers are at the bottom.

1. What prominent novelist and 1953 National Book Award winner spoke these words:

*"I am not ashamed of my grandparents for having been slaves. I am only ashamed of myself for having at one time been ashamed."*

- a) Ralph Ellison    b) Richard Wright  
c) James Baldwin

3. What black national activist spoke these Words in a 1965 speech?

*"You can't separate peace from freedom because no one can be at peace unless he has his freedom."*

- a) Stokely Carmichael  
b) Malcolm X    c) Huey Newton

5. What inspirational and prolific poet spoke these words?

*"I can be changed by what happens to me, but I refuse to be reduced by it."*

- a) Langston Hughes    b) Maya Angelou  
c) Gwendolyn Brooks

7. What highly educated and talented singer, athlete, actor and activist said the following when accused of being a communist in the 1950's?

*"Because my father was a slave, and my people died to build this country, I am going to stay here and have a part of it just like you. And no Facist-minded people will drive me from it. Is that clear?"*

- a) Ossie Davis    b) Sidney Poitier  
c) Paul Robeson

9. What out-spoken role model who converted to the religion of Islam spoke these words?

*"I know where I'm going and I know the truth, and I don't have to be what you want me to be. I'm free to be what I want."*

- a) Kareem-Abdul Jabar    b) Malcolm X  
c) Muhammad Ali

2. What present-day political activist and community leader spoke these words:

*"Leadership has a harder job to do than just choose sides. It must bring sides together."*

- a) Louis Farrakhan    b) Jesse Jackson  
c) Al Sharpton

4. Who spoke these words?

*"It doesn't matter who you are, where you come from. The ability to triumph begins with you – always."*

- a) Madam C. J. Walker    b) Shirley Chisholm  
c) Oprah Winfrey

6. What politician and women's rights advocate spoke these words?

*"Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth."*

- a) Shirley Chisholm    b) Ida B. Wells  
c) Condoleeza Rice

8. What ground-breaking athlete of the 60's and 70's spoke these words?

*"True heroism is remarkably sober, very undramatic. It is not the urge to surpass all others at whatever cost, but the urge to serve others at whatever cost."*

- a) Muhammad Ali    b) Jackie Robinson  
c) Arthur Ashe

10. What civil rights leader spoke these words?

*"Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly. I can never be what I ought to be until you are what you ought to be. This is the interrelated structure of reality."*

- a) Dr. Martin Luther    b) Medgar Evers  
c) Rosa Parks

Answers: 1. a, 2. b, 3. b, 4. c, 5. b, 6. a, 7. c, 8. c, 9. c, 10.

## LOOKING AHEAD:

- Wed, Mar 16, 7:00 PM, at Caldwell UMC: Shared Ministry Ash Wednesday service with Communion
- Sat, Apr 2, 9 AM-4 PM, Metro South District UMW Annual Spring Retreat, Lutherdale Conference Center, Elkhorn
- Fri-Sat, Apr 1-2, Bishop's Retreat for all clergy and all laity, Lake Street UMC, Eau Claire

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