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Secrets to a Long Life

by Rev. Joyce Rich

It was on Thursday, April 14, 2011 that the then world's oldest man died. His name was Walter Breuning. He was 114 years old. There was a brief article in the paper that included the "deceptively simple philosophy that Breuning . . . credited to his longevity." I thought you'd want to know what his secrets were to a long life:

- Embrace change, even when the change slaps you in the face. ("Every change is good.")
- Eat two meals a day. ("That's all you need.")
- Work as long as you can. ("That money's going to come in handy.")
- Help others. ("The more you do for others, the better shape you're in.")
- Then the hardest part: Accept death.

Not a bad list by many standards, certainly a welcome length for a commencement address. But if there is nothing past "accept death" — Walter missed an opportunity to engage in the new life that Christ offers to us, a life that accepts resurrection.

So I think we should stick with trying to follow the deceptively simple philosophy of Jesus' faithful life:

- Love one another as I have loved you.
- Seek to serve, rather than to be served.
- Abide in my love and you will abide in God's love.
- Be at peace.
- Receive the Holy Spirit.

If we can live by the things on Jesus' list we can anticipate living a rich and long life — no matter how many birthdays we celebrate on this earth.

Pastor Joyce

MISSIONS

A Mission For God's Needy was sponsored by the UMW of Caldwell, Bethel, and St James UMC. With your help, Caldwell will send ten Health Kits to Annual Conference with Pastors Joyce and Carrie. Thank you for assembling Health Kits and/or putting your loose change into the offering plate so that Missions could purchase items for kits as well.



SHARED MINISTRY MISSION TRIP

June 24-27

Kenosha

Will you be there in person?

Will you be there in spirit?

Will you be there in prayer?

Whatever works for you . . . do it!!!

Our loose change will support this mission May 29-June 19. Checks can also be written to Caldwell UMC designating this mission in the left corner of your check.

We are the hands and feet of Christ.



United Methodist Women News

Upcoming UMW events...



June 1 – *Wednesday at 10:00 am at St James UMC in East Troy* – We will gather to box up all the health kits that were collected, from all three churches. The Pastors will take these to the Wisconsin Annual Conference on June 12. When the packing of the health kits is complete, we will go to lunch at Ivan's On the Square.

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

The congregation is asked to bring bars, muffins, breads or fruit to serve at the Tea Party. A sign up sheet is at the church. Set up is on Friday afternoon or evening. Check with Elouise or Jenny H

President, Jennie Sanchez

JUNE 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM *Worship Service, Bethel UMC and St. James UMC 10:45 AM - 11:45 AM Worship Service	30 9:00 AM *Pastor Joyce @ Sugar Creek Memorial Day Program	31	1 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM *Shared Ministry Women reingathering kits incl lunch @ Ivan's, St. James UMC, East Troy 5:30 PM C.A.R.E. Committee 6:30 PM Trustees 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM *Shared Ministry Combined Choir rehearsal, St. James UMC, East Troy	2	3	 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Garden & Tea Party
5 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM *Worship Service, Bethel UMC and St. James UMC 10:45 AM - 11:45 AM Worship Service w/Communion	6 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM *Shared Ministry Men's Bible Study, St. James UMC library 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM United Methodist Women Evening Group 7:00 PM 4-H Club, church hall	7 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Shared Ministry Implementation Team meeting	8	9 5:30 PM Wedding rehearsal 6:30 PM - 7:45 PM Choir rehearsal 6:30 PM Finance/Ad Council meeting	10 3:30 PM Wedding ceremony	11 8:00 AM - 10:30 AM Food Pantry
12 *Wisconsin Annual Conference, Chula Vista, Wisconsin Dells 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM *Worship Service, Bethel UMC and St. James UMC 10:45 AM - 11:45 AM Worship Service	13 *Wisconsin Annual Conference, Chula Vista, Wisconsin Dells 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM *Shared Ministry Men's Bible Study, St. James UMC library	14 *Wisconsin Annual Conference, Chula Vista, Wisconsin Dells 12:00 PM *Mukwonago clergy meeting	 *Wisconsin Annual Conference, Chula Vista, Wisconsin Dells	16 6:30 PM - 7:45 PM Choir rehearsal	17	18
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DEADLINE FOR July 2011 NEWSLETTER: June 15, 2011

*Denotes location other than Caldwell UMC



Prayers

In the month of June we lift up in prayer: those who are celebrating a graduation, or a birthday, or a wedding anniversary.

In the month of June we lift up in prayer: our neighbors in need of food, shelter, and health care; our neighbors recovering from natural disasters and economic disasters; and our neighbors in spiritual and emotional crisis.

In the month of June we lift up in prayer The United Methodist Church in this time of trial; congregations and clergy facing transitions in their ministries; the movement of the Holy Spirit in this season of Pentecost.

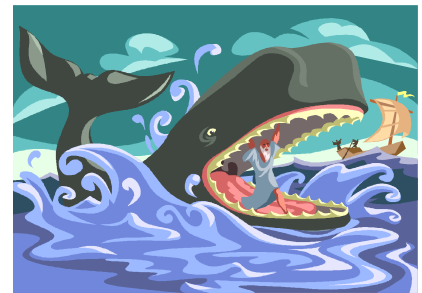
A SUMMER OF STORIES



This Summer in worship we'll be focusing on some of the most memorable stories from the Bible. You will hear **fourteen different stories over fourteen weeks**, from June 5 through September 4. And you'll be "hearing" those stories in a variety of ways, and with a variety of preachers from our Shared Ministry lay speakers and clergy. You'll hear tell about Esther, Elijah, David and Goliath, creation, Saul's conversion, Sodom and Gomorrah, the Good Samaritan, the walls of Jericho,

Jonah and the Whale, Paul and Silas, Mary and Martha, Ruth, Daniel, and Abraham.

The stories will come to you, here at Caldwell, at 10:45 AM every Sunday EXCEPT for Sun., July 17. We're planning a **special Shared Ministry service and lunch on July 17**. This will be held at the Lutherdale camp chapel (on Hwy. 12 about a mile south of Hwy. 20) so everyone can come and have an enjoyable time – even if it rains! More details will be in the July newsletter, but mark your calendars now!



Between the Church Trial and the Mission Trip . . .

If Pastor Joyce is selected from the jury pool to serve on the jury for the church trial, she would be in Kaukauna from June 21 to the end of the trial. The trial is anticipated to be two or three days in length. Pastor Joyce could be in Kenosha on June 24 and 25 for those days of the Shared Ministry mission trip. Most likely Pastor Joyce will be helping to lead worship at Caldwell on Sun., June 26. The key to this week of June: flexibility.

FAITH ALIVE!

Explore your faith, and what you believe God is calling you to do next, by engaging in a series of six study sessions, three weekends a year, over two years.

The sessions look at: Who is the God Who Calls Us?; What is My Story?; Civility: Conflict Prevention and Resolution; Inclusiveness; Social Justice Issues; and Hearing God's Call/Discernment and Celebration.

All sessions are held at Mt. Morris Camp and Retreat Center in Wautoma, WI. Tuition includes food, lodging, and class materials; and is \$200 per weekend. Scholarships are available. Registration is limited to thirty participants. To request an application contact Curtis Wittwer, Dean of Faith Alive at 608-250-9990, or email: cwittwer@charter.net. The next group begins their first session in September, so you need to apply soon.

To hear a first hand account of what Faith Alive is like, talk to Deanna Shimko-Herman

Men's Bible Study of James

All men are invited to check out the Bible study group that meets on Monday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 PM at the library in St. James UMC, East Troy. They are currently studying the book of James. For more information talk to Don Foster.



ANNUAL CONFERENCE TIME

Steve Lohr and Pastor Joyce will be representing Caldwell UMC as members of the 2011 Wisconsin Annual Conference from June 12 to 15. Deanna Shimko-Herman will also be at Annual Conference in her role as a Conference Lay Leader. The conference is being held at Chula Vista this year (not that there is a lot of time for splashing around at water parks when the agenda each day is about twelve hours long with reporting, discussing, voting, and worshipping). There will be contact information in the bulletins on June 12 and 19 to let you know who to call in case of an emergency, or how to get a message to Pastor Joyce.

The Mission In-gathering kits that you have worked on are also going to Annual Conference — along with all of the other mission gifts that United Methodist congregations from across Wisconsin are bringing to the In-gathering. Our kits will be loaded on a truck and probably taken to the United Methodist Committee On Relief (UMCOR) Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Chatham, IL, and from there they will be distributed where they are needed – in the U.S. or around the world.

There will be reports on the Mission In-gathering totals, actions taken by the Annual Conference, and other neat stuff to share with you in the July newsletter. Meanwhile we ask for your prayers for travel mercies and a spirit of holy conferencing to be with all who are participating in this year's Annual Conference; and your blessings on those being called, licensed, commissioned, ordained, or retiring from ministry.

A Garden Party



June 4, 2011 - 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Caldwell United Methodist Church
8504 Caldwell Road, Mukwonago, WI 53149
(at Cty Hwys "O" and "L") • Phone 262.363.2680

- ✂ **Bible Verse Plant Sale** – A specially selected set of 6 plants that are found in the Bible and will grow in our Wisconsin climate. \$25 per set.
- ✂ **Perennial Plant Swap** – Bring your perennial divisions in pots and trade with other gardeners!
- ✂ **Tea Party** – Come and enjoy a glass of lemonade or a cup of tea or coffee and delicious home-made treats before you start planting all the wonderful plants you traded and bought! \$5 per person. Serving 9:00 am-12:00 pm.
- ✂ **Garden Art and Vintage and Unique Gifts Boutiques** – Handmade cards, decorations for home and garden and classy items. Great gifts for others and yourself!
- ✂ **Hat drawing** – If you wear a fabulous garden hat, you can enter your name in the hat drawing. The prize is a free set of Bible verse plants!

Sponsored by Caldwell United Methodist Women...funding missions focusing on women, children and youth locally, regionally, nationally and globally!

Caldwell Food Pantry June 2011

The Community Food drive collected about 3600 lbs of food May 13 and 14th with Caldwell receiving over 700 lbs of food. Money collected was about \$ 1900 dollars with 1/5 going to Caldwell. The postal workers also collect a large amount of food which Todd Schmidt and son, Mary Alice Rubach, and Felipe Sanchez brought to the church. It was a big job sorting as Rev. Joyce, Deanna, Mary Alice, Jenny, and Felipe can attest to they moved the food quick into boxes. We received enough food that we do not have to buy any of the monthly items for the Caldwell Food Pantry this month.

Look What's Happening at Caldwell United Methodist Church!

Kids are Carrying out God's Recipe at Shake It Up VBS



We're bringing kitchen fun to children of all ages at our Vacation Bible School, Shake Up Café: Where

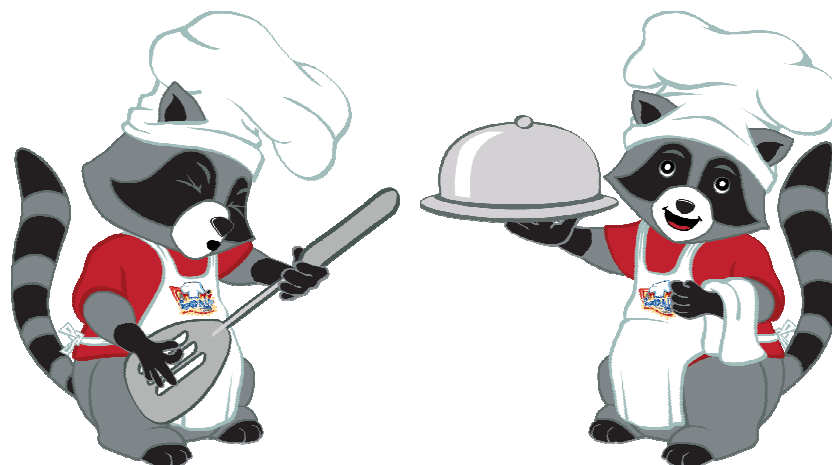
Kids Carry out God's Recipe! Your child will become chefs in training as we discover God's recipe for living.

After a high-energy opening the children will participate in interactive Bible lessons revealing the five secret ingredients for living as a follower of God. The children will participate in a variety of art, music, science and recreational activities that reinforce the lessons learned.

Lets' get cookin'! Join us at Caldwell United Methodist Church on **August 1st through the 5th from 9:30 am to Noon.**

To register or to find out more about Shake It Up, call Jenny at 262 534-4511 or visit the church website: www.CaldwellUMC.org.

Mail your registration form and \$10.00 to: Caldwell UMC 8504 Caldwell Rd, Mukwonago, Wisconsin 53149 Attention: VBS Director Jenny Hensgen.



June 2011 A STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE FOR YOUR CHURCH

#267 *Giving is an expression of love and gratitude.* -- “Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul...there was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold...and it was distributed to each as any had need. (Acts 4:32-35 NRSV)

When my son was a toddler, he had a favorite song about all the pockets on his overalls. Whenever he lost something, we always checked all five pockets on his bib overalls and, eventually, we'd find the missing treasure!

If the Sunday offerings in your church aren't quite enough to meet the ministry challenge Christ has given you, don't give up! Keep looking! Have you checked all the potential pockets of income? Our annual income is one "pocket." It may be that up-front pocket that's most visible. But, what about the other "pockets" we might check? Have you ever considered checking the "pockets" that hold your non-cash assets when considering gifts to the church?

Did you know you can make gifts of **appreciated stock** to your church? By processing gifts of stock through the Foundation Office, you can avoid paying any commission or selling fees, allowing you to make a larger gift to the church! You also avoid paying any capital gains taxes when you use stock to make a gift.

Have you considered donating "obsolete" **life insurance** policies that might have been purchased long ago for a reason that no longer exists? What a wonderful hidden treasure!

Would you consider giving the cash saved in a **Certificate of Deposit** to establish a Charitable Gift Annuity? By making a gift with a CD, you can receive a guaranteed annuity payment each year for the rest of your life. Call our office for the current rates.

Another "pocket" often overlooked is **real estate**. You can turn assets of property or stock into a Charitable Remainder Unitrust. The trust will pay you 5-8% of the market value of the fund *each year* for the rest of your life. And, the church and any other qualified non-profit charities you designate will receive a significant gift at the time of your death.

Call us for details on how we can help. That's our ministry!

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Sun Prairie, WI 53590-0620
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wumf@wumf.org

April 2011 Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance	\$337.93
Deposits	\$4713.69
Sub-Total	\$5051.62
Disbursements	\$5182.01
Ending Balance	-\$130.39

June Lectionary

Date	Special Day	Reading
June 2, 2011	Ascension Day [White or Gold]	Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47 (UMH 781) Ephesians 1:15-23 Luke 24:44-53
June 5, 2011	Ascension Sunday/Seventh Sunday of Easter [White or Gold]	Acts 1:6-14 Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 (UMH 792) 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 John 17:1-11
June 12, 2011	Pentecost [Red]	Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (UMH 826) 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 John 7:37-39
June 19, 2011	Trinity Sunday (First Sunday after Pentecost) [White]	Genesis 1:1-2:4a Psalm 8 (UMH 743) 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Matthew 28:16-20
June 26, 2011	Ordinary Time/Second Sunday After Pentecost [Green]	Genesis 22:1-14 Psalm 13 (UMH 746) Romans 6:12-23 Matthew 10:40-42

June Birthdays and Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS		ANNIVERSARIES
2 – Diane Herron 4 – Donald Herron 6 – Kathy Craig 11 – June Craig 12 – Heather Frank 19 – Jacob Mattson	20 – Ashley Van Buren 21 – Ethan Pritchett 24 – Adam Aufmuth 27 – Gregg Wissner 28 – Don Foster	5- Doug & Sharon Merkel 6 – John & Teri Steib 16 – Dan & Nicole Craig 29 – Steve & Carol Lohr 20 – Sam & Yvette Pritchett

GREETERS & SCRIPTURE READERS



GREETERS	READERS
June 5 – Janke Family June 12 – Dixon Family June 19 – Don & Barbara Foster June 26 – Bob & Avis Weeks	June 5 – Chuck Herman June 12 – Bob Weeks June 19 – Pete Lukas June 26 – Jane Craig

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