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It Is 'G' Time

by Rev. Joyce Rich

You might be wondering what 'G' Time is. I look at it as the period of time from Halloween through New Year's Day. Some years it is 'G' Time because I'm left thinking, "Gee whiz, where did the time go?!" But almost every year I am struck by the contrasting lists of words that begin with the letter 'g' that can describe how we enter into, and live out, these days of trick or treating, Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas, New Year's Eve, and even Epiphany.

One list looks like this:

GRABBING
GETTING
GREED

The other list looks like this:

GATHERING
GIVING
GRATITUDE

Heaven knows I have spent many years living the first list: wanting more and more candy when I was trick or treating; wanting to make the wishbone 'wish' from the Thanksgiving turkey, and taking another crescent roll or the last piece of pie; using the entire Sears and Wards Christmas catalogs as a starting point for my letters to Santa; wanting to stay up and have the party hats and noisemakers for New Year's Eve – when no one else did; and thinking that having three kings bringing gifts sounded like a pretty good deal. At heart, I was a pretty greedy kid. But the wondrous appeal of 'more and more' somehow never seemed to be 'enough.'

When I gave my life to God I started to readjust my thinking from, "What am I getting?" to, "What am I giving?" I have put in over forty years working on that adjustment – but that greedy little kid in me continues to make wish lists of what I want, instead of considering what God wants of me.

I know that it seems strange to say that I work at having 'gratitude' as my attitude. How hard can it be? I am surrounded by fields of abundant harvest, and no shortage of food or water. My life is filled with opportunities to work with wonderful people. The only time I've ever been a patient in a hospital was when I had my appendix out. I don't have any prescriptions to fill. Music and beauty and prayer weave through my days. I have much to be grateful for. I know that. Sometimes I think what I lack is the humility that acknowledges all of this life is an undeserved gift. The greedy kid in me says that I deserve it. But the greedy kid is wrong. I don't deserve all these blessings that I have received. I can only be grateful for them.

So what I try to focus on in this 'G' Time of year is my gratitude to God.

Pastor Joyce

MISSIONS

The Hmong Elders at Hmong House of Good News were surely delighted when Deanna delivered our great collection of material: yarn, buttons, thread, and artificial flowers. A check for \$157.62 and a card were sent as well.

The month of October was set aside for *World Communion*. Your generosity enabled us to send about \$100 to help undergraduates seek second careers in church-related vocations.

November is *United Methodist Student Month*. Graduates and undergraduates attending UM-related schools, colleges, and universities receive scholarships and loans.

Missions cannot be successful without YOU...Thank you for your support.

COATS... COATS... COATS

Yes, it is that time of year again when the winds come from the North, temperatures drop, and the snow flies. Many needy children and adults can use our help. Please bring "gently" used coats and jackets to church no later than November 13. We DO make a difference.



United Methodist Women News

Upcoming UMW events...

November 2 – *Wednesday at noon* – The Daytime Circle will meet in the Narthex. Bring a bag lunch. The program will be the World Thank Offering – “Letting Go to Be Thankful”

November 5 – *Saturday at 2:00 pm* – The Concert for Mission will be at the church. UMW will provide refreshments afterwards.

November 7 – *Monday at 6:30 pm* – The Evening Circle will meet. We will evaluate the Bake Sale and UMW service.

THANK YOU! - UMW would like to thank everyone who provided baked goods, helped with the lunch and helped with the auction. The event was a success thanks to everyone's hard work. The lunch brought in \$275.30 and the auction \$2072.50.

SAVE THE DATE: The Cookie Walk will be on **Saturday, December 10th** from noon until 2:00 pm.

President, Jennie Sanchez

NOVEMBER 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM *Worship Service, Bethel UMC and St. James UMC 9:15 AM Study Group 10:45 AM - 11:45 AM Worship Service 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM *Metro Region LL/LMA Training, Calvary UMC, West Allis	31 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM *BIG READ, The Heritage, East Troy 6:30 PM *BIG READ, St. James UMC library	1 4:45 PM - 6:45 PM *Catalyst, Metro University, Waukesha: First UMC	2 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Caldwell United Methodist Women Day Group 6:30 PM - 7:15 PM *Shared Ministry Choir rehearsal, St. James UMC, East Troy	3 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM *Conference Commission on Religion & Race, Sun Prairie office 6:30 PM - 7:45 PM Choir rehearsal 7:45 PM - 9:00 PM BIG READ	4	5 2:00 PM Colors of Autumn: Concert for Cambodia and reception
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20 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM *Worship Service, Bethel UMC and St. James UMC 9:15 AM Study Group 10:45 AM - 11:45 AM Worship Service 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM *Bishop Lee in Metro Region, Whitefish Bay UMC	21 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM *Second Helpings meal, St. James UMC, East Troy	22	23 6:00 PM - 6:40 PM SM Choir rehearsal 7:00 PM East Troy Area Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service	24 	25 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Choir rehearsal	26
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DEADLINE FOR December 2011 NEWSLETTER: November 15, 2011

*Denotes location other than Caldwell UMC



Colors of Autumn: A Concert for Cambodia

*Proudly celebrating 10 years
of mission in Cambodia*

Saturday, November 5, 2011, 2:00 PM

Caldwell United Methodist Church
(intersection of Hwys L & O, 1 mi east of Hwy 83)

Featuring works by Henry Purcell, Pamela Martin, Craig Courtney, Allan E. Naplan, Gustav von Holst, Chiara Ferran, Glenn E. Burleigh and Mary Goetze

Presented by Jenny Hensgen, Darl Shimko, Todd Schmidt, Deanna Shimko, Denise Kirby-Roberts, Flautist, Jacque Shimko, Oboist, Debbie Rush, Pianist

And introducing Shared Ministry Choir (Bethel UMC-Elkhorn, St. James UMC-East Troy, and Caldwell UMC-Mukwonago).

Enjoy delicious snacks with friends at the reception following the concert hosted by the Caldwell United Methodist Women.

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

Pictures and slides of our completed 2011 mission will be displayed! A freewill offering will be received for our 2012 mission to the vulnerable people in rural villages, Siem Reap Province, northwest Cambodia: build wells, build toilets, supply non-hybrid Cambodian vegetable seeds and fruit tree seedlings, provide domestic hygiene and sanitation education and training, provide first aid training and supplies, provide piglets and pigpens, and fund education for poor youth – for a self-sustainable future!

Checks may be made payable to “Cambodia Community Development Project” and mailed to Carol Lohr, S69 W25025 Longview Dr, Waukesha, WI 53189.

Learn more at www.caldwelhumc.org, www.BuildingCambodia.org, and www.CambodiaWellsPlus.blogspot.com. Or call Jenny Hensgen at 262.534.4511 or Deanna Shimko at 414.313.0343.

Ordinary people doing extraordinary things! Dream on, People of God!

Prayers



In the month of November we lift up in prayer: those who need warm winter coats; those who aren't in safe places; those who feel they have nothing to give thanks for.

In the month of November we lift up in prayer: those who check up on their neighbors and make sure they have enough to eat; those who give food and time to their local food pantry, and those who invite people to be their "family" for Thanksgiving dinner.

In the month of November we lift up in prayer; our sisters and brothers in Cambodia and Caldwell; the gift of music that is shared at the Concert for Cambodia, the Celebration of Music, and in worship each week; and our gratitude to God for the harvest of forgiveness, mercy, grace, and love in our lives.

Remembering the Saints

On Sunday, October 30, 2011 during our All Saints' Celebration we remembered the following saints who have passed away since November 7, 2010:

Bishop Edsel Ammons
Tom Anderson
Barb Balgord
Marilyn Busacca
Edward Benner
Eugene Bernau
Berta Bonilla
Delores Hensgen
Susan Hermann
Loretta Humbert
John P. Jones
Phyllis H. Koelsch

Carolyn Krafeck
Helen Millen
Philip Millen
Eugenio Miranda
Daniel G. Mortimer
Earl Paynter
Nancy L. Pugh
Stacey Siemer
Phyllis Strosahl
Ralph Tomczyk
Rev. Richard (Dick) Truitt
Dick Wagner

Waterford CROP Walk

The Waterford/Wind Lake Crop Walk raised \$5110.81.

There were 65 walkers who enjoyed the 1, 3 and 5 mile walk on a beautiful day in Waterford. Participants came from St Thomas, St. Clare, Norway Lutheran, and Caldwell. The local food pantries will receive 25% of the amount raised to help the poor and needy in the Waterford area.

Thanks to all who walked and to those who supported the walkers.



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	19 – Jim & Kathy Powell

GREETERS & SCRIPTURE READERS



GREETERS	READERS
November 6 – Randy & Jane Craig	November 6 – Jane Craig
November 13 – Pete & Marianne Lukas	November 13 – Steve Lohr
November 20 – Janke Family	November 20 – Lucia Janke
November 27 – Dixon Family	November 27 – Deanna Shimko-Herman

Hang ing of the Greens:



Sun, Nov 27 12 noon lunch followed by hanging of the greens
Good fellowship and fun for the entire family!!

29th Annual Celebration of Music

Sunday, November 13, 2011 - 6:00 PM

First Congregational Church of Mukwonago

231 Roberts Drive (next to Field Park)



Free Admission

*******Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Food Pantry!*******

**For more information,
contact the church office at 363-7249.**

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service at Caldwell

This year the ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve service will be at 7:00 PM on Wed., Nov. 23 at Caldwell.

We welcome our sisters and brothers from the East Troy United Church of Christ, St. Peter the Apostle Roman Catholic Church, St. James United Methodist Church, and Bethel United Methodist Church.

The Shared Ministry Combined Choir will be singing during the service.

Church Conference for Shared Ministry Congregations

On Sat., Nov. 19 at 10:00 AM the three Shared Ministry congregations will hold our annual church conference at St. James UMC.

The “business” portion of our time together will be overseen by an ordained Elder from our circuit group, Rev. Kris Androsky. We’ll vote on what is required to be voted upon, celebrate what we have done “better together” in the past year, share plans for 2012, enjoy door prizes, and fellowship over a potluck brunch.

We’ll have a good time and get done before Noon. Don’t believe me? Come and see for yourself – but remember to bring a brunch dish to pass!

Bishop Lee Announces Her Retirement

October 4, 2011

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

After much soul searching, family discussions, and prayer, I have made the decision to retire as Bishop effective September 1, 2012. Rest assured that this was not an easy decision. I continue to feel God’s calling on my life. I will keep you informed as I pursue my future service to God in the Church, and will always keep you in my prayers. Please know that I have valued, thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated my time as your Bishop in Wisconsin. Thank you for the honor of serving you, and for your support in the past and throughout the next year. Blessings to you all.

In Christ,

Bishop Linda Lee

Bishop Lee Visits Metro Region on Nov. 20

You’re invited to visit with Bishop Linda Lee from 2:30 to 4:30 PM on Sun., Nov. 20 in the sanctuary at Whitefish Bay UMC, 819 E. Silver Spring Dr., Whitefish Bay, WI 53217.

The Bishop will be speaking on the theme, “Building Beloved Community – inclusive, including multi-cultural, community.” There will be an interactive time of sharing. If you are interested in car-pooling with Pastor Joyce, please let her know.



“Fall Back” One Hour on Sun., Nov. 6

Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour as Daylight Saving Time ends on Sun., Nov. 6. We look forward to sharing Holy Communion with you in worship that morning at 10:45 AM.

Shared Ministry News

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Director of Youth Ministries and Youth Council

We would like to find at least one adult volunteer and one young person from each congregation to serve as a youth council. The council will help the new youth director plan activities and coordinate schedules between the churches. For more information about either the youth council or the director's job, please ask your pastor or any member of the implementation team.

Mission Work Day

We had an excellent turnout, good fellowship, and great weather for our latest mission work day on October 22. The volunteers helped a local family with yard work and some light carpentry. If you know of anyone in the area who might need our help, contact Tom Rossmiller at Tomarossmiller@centurytel.net or 262-642-3727.

The BIG READ Bible Study

Study groups are digging deeply into the Acts of the Apostles, learning how the apostle Paul and his friends spread the good news of Jesus. Watch for announcements of the next study.

Combined Choir

The shared ministry combined choir will add new zest to "Colors of Autumn", this season's concert to benefit the Cambodia Community Development Project, to be held at Caldwell UMC on Saturday, November 5 at 2:00 PM.

What's Next?

Stay tuned for upcoming fun and surprising activities that will get everybody thinking about shared ministry!



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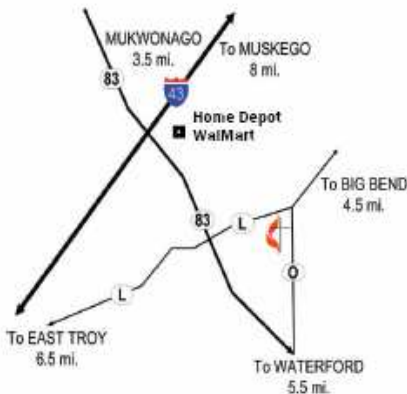
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Worship with Us
Sundays at 10:45 AM

Newsletter deadline for
The December 2011 issue is
Tuesday, November 15, 2011

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