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Seeing, and Seeing Things Differently

by Rev. Joyce Rich

Caldwell is the only church I've been part of that has an "adopted" stretch of roadway to keep clean on a regular basis. I think it's a great thing for us to be out doing this in our community, making a positive difference, and caring for God's creation. And yet for the last year I've never been able to align my schedule to the clean-up schedule to take part in this project! I carry some guilt over that, but I also have to say that I was touched by a meditation that ran in *The Upper Room* magazine on August 31, 2011 about the difference between just seeing trash and picking it up; or seeing trash, picking it up, and engaging in prayer for the people and situations that brought this trash to this place. I wanted to share it with you, if you hadn't already read it during your daily devotions. So the following material is reprinted from *The Upper Room* magazine, copyright 2011 by The Upper Room, Inc., P.O. Box 340004, Nashville, TN 37203-0004, www.upperroom.org, and is used by permission of the publisher.

Trash Prayers by Pat Herring (Ohio)

Read I Timothy 2:1-4 *Paul wrote, "I urge that petitions, prayers, requests, and thanksgivings be offered to God for all people."* – I Timothy 2:1 (TEV)

Walking is my favorite exercise, both physical and spiritual. While walking I can talk to God and give thanks for my health that allows me to take this walk, for a wonderful job that still leaves enough time each day for a walk, for the motivation to spend that time walking, and for
. . . trash.

Trash has changed my way of thinking. Not long ago, I saw trash only as an eyesore on the lovely green grass or the freshly fallen snow. I saw only how it interrupted my walk because of my having to stop and pick it up and carry it to a trash can. One day after stretching to reach a discarded beer can, I thought of persons who struggle with alcohol addiction and prayed that God would heal them. As I picked up a fast-food restaurant wrapper, I prayed for persons who don't have enough to eat or who need to learn to eat more healthfully. An empty diaper box reminded me of young parents who may be struggling to hold their family together, and I prayed for God's strength to uphold them.

With each piece of trash, I became aware of new persons and their needs. I have become grateful for the way God shows us where we can serve. I still wish those who throw out trash would learn that God's beautiful world is not a garbage dump. But I will continue to use their trash as reminders to pray for them and for others.

Prayer: Keeper of our souls, thank you for knowing us intimately and for speaking to us in ways you know we will hear. Amen.

Prayer Focus: Garbage and recycling workers.

Blessings on living each day in prayer and service to God!

Pastor Joyce

MISSIONS

You have given approximately \$145 to the *Hmong House of Good News* as well as buttons, thread, yarn, artificial flowers and material which the Hmong elder women will love to get their hands on. Elouise will deliver them sometime in October. If you would like to help with the delivery and visit as well, let her know.

World Communion is always the first Sunday in October; we will, however celebrate all month. This month-long offering will assist racial and-ethnic-minority persons pursuing various avenues of ministry.

We are ready to do God's will and serve Gods people.



Mission Celebration

Tuesday, October 25 there will be a great gathering at Community UMC, 14700 Watertown Plank Rd., Elm Grove, to celebrate mission. From 5:30 to 6:30 PM there will be a buffet meal of meat-based and vegetarian foods (ethnic finger foods like Hmong egg rolls) provided by churches and Circuit groups in the Metro area.

Following the meal keynote speaker Thomas Kemper, the General Secretary of the General Board of Global Ministries, will share what's happening in the mission outreach activities of The United Methodist Church. There will also be displays or presentations by Wisconsin Conference mission groups such as: the Disaster Response Team; East Angola Partnership; Health and Welfare Ministries; Immigration Task Force; International and National Volunteers in Mission; HIV/AIDS Task Force; Imagine No Malaria; and Native American Partnership. We will also have the opportunity to meet special guests from Cameroon; the Missionary in Residence for our North Central Jurisdiction; and a representative from the East Angola Conference.

To register for this FREE event call the Metro Regional Office at 414-271-5080 (toll free 888-645-7888), or email Barb at metro@wisconsinumc.org

Mission celebrations will also take place in the other three regions of the Wisconsin Conference: at Chapel Heights UMC in Eau Claire on Oct. 23 at 4:00 PM (call 715-835-5181 for reservations); at St. James UMC in Appleton on Oct. 24 at 5:30 PM (call 920-991-0548 for reservations); and at Asbury UMC in Madison on Oct. 26 (call 608-837-0056 for reservations).

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United Methodist Women News

Upcoming UMW events...

October 1 – *Saturday 8:30 am – 2:0 pm* – The Metro South District Annual Celebration will be held at Racine First UMC. The program is “Broken Hearts at Home”. The speaker is Doris Brasca who leads seminars for domestic violence for Racine County. First Church is celebrating their 175 year we are invited to share in their history. There will be a lunch. The cost is \$20 per person

October 15 – *Saturday 9:30* – Bake Sale and Auction

October 16 – *Sunday 10:45 am – 11:45 am* – United Methodist Women’s Sunday. The theme is doing good and making children aware of helping others without rewards

October 21-22 – The conference Annual Gathering and Office Training For United Methodist Women will be held at Black River Falls.

President, Jennie Sanchez

Auction, Lunch, and Bake Sale on Sat., Oct. 15



View the auction items at 10:30 AM
Before the live auction starts at
11:00 AM on Sat., Oct. 15.

Get a bite to eat from the lunch counter, and
something sweet from the UMW bake sale.



What’s not to like about this?!

If you haven’t already been contacted to take part in some way, shape, or form with this event – do not hesitate to contact Jennie Sanchez.

Maybe you have super furniture, tickets for a Badger football game, or a time share to donate.

Maybe you love preparing and serving lunch.

Maybe you have an excellent recipe for muffins you want to make.

Maybe you enjoy the thrill of bidding at an auction.

Maybe you want to work on your muscle tone and can hold auction items up in the air while the bidding goes on.

Maybe you have friends and extended family members you want to spend some time with on Oct. 15 having a good time at Caldwell!

Volunteers are essential to make this happen!

Prayers



In the month of October we lift up in prayer: those who fear a long, cold Winter and high heating bills; those who grow depressed as the daylight hours grow shorter, and those who feel in their bones that this is their final Autumn.

In the month of October we lift up in prayer: those who are busy harvesting and hauling crops from fields to storage, that they make work safely; those who are participating in CROP Walks to raise funds and awareness to address hunger and poverty issues locally and globally; and those who help their neighbors prepare for Winter.

In the month of October we lift up in prayer: all of our sisters and brothers who share the bread and the cup with us on World Communion Sunday; those who study scripture with us and challenge us to consider things from a different point of view; and we offer our thanksgiving to God for the rich colors of Fall.

Waterford CROP Walk on Sun., Oct. 9

Are you walking or did you sponsor a walker?



October Birthdays and Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS		ANNIVERSARIES
2 – Erica Steib 10 – Keith Handy	15 – Stacey Westerdale 25 – Kristin Pugh	3 – Scott & Patty Bernau 4 – Felipe & Jennie Sanchez 17 – Dave & Jill Aufmuth 29 – Kevin & Bonnie Mattson 31 – Bob & Avis Weeks

GREETERS & SCRIPTURE READERS



GREETERS	READERS
October 2 – Don & Barb Foster	October 2 – Jenny Hensgen
October 9 – Elouise Benner	October 9 – Robert Dixon
October 16 – Steve & Carol Lohr	October 16 – Jennie Sanchez
October 23 – Janet Scholbe & Pat Tomczyk	October 23 – Chuck Herman
October 30 – Ken Pugh	October 30 – Pete Lukas

Giving Is ... sharing.
It is an acknowledgement that God owns everything.
We are simply stewards.

Getting ready for Halloween usually means finding a costume, appropriate make-up and the biggest goodie bag ever. Halloween celebrations can also be a time to teach children (and adults) about giving, when you invite them to "Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF"

Children become very excited about this opportunity to help less fortunate children to have clean water to drink, medicine, and warm blankets. Once they've been invited to turn the rather greedy tradition of trick-or-treating into a way to help "the least of these", children seem grateful for the chance to give. And those they visit on Halloween tend to respond with enthusiasm and gratitude as well. Let's not overlook the ways our children can be encouraged to be good stewards and leaders in living the gospel of Christ among us, throughout the upcoming holiday season.

In order to make Halloween count this year, visit the following website: youth.unicefusa.org where you can order collection boxes, or to print out a canister wrapper to create your own collection container. Then go door-to-door on Halloween and "Trick or Treat for UNICEF", or create your own fundraiser. Ask everyone to help you raise money for kids around the world!

Once you've collected the money, [send it to UNICEF](#) to help save kids' lives. Print out a [donation form](#) off the website and then send it with a check or money order to:

Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF
125 Maiden Lane,
New York, NY 10038.

Giving Is ... sharing. "God's gifts and God's call are irrevocable." Romans 11:29 NIV

Stewardship Message for October

#247 Giving involves your whole self; including all you have and all you accumulate in your lifetime. "Zaccheus said to the Lord, 'Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.'" (Luke 19:8 NRSV)

Zaccheus quickly learned the meaning of the teachings of Jesus is that it is "more blessed to give than to receive." Like children who "Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF", he experienced the joy of being able to give to others who are in need. Donors who establish a Charitable Gift Annuity through the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation also experience this joy.

A Charitable Gift Annuity allows you to make a gift to your favorite United Methodist ministry or local church and receive a fixed annuity payment for the rest of your life, or for the duration of your life and the life of your spouse. The payment you receive is a fixed percentage of your gift and is based upon your age. You can also receive a charitable deduction for a portion of the gift you make. At the time of your death, 80% of the remaining funds in your account will be sent to the church or charity you designate.

Examples of the 2011-2012 single life rates are:

Age 55-5.0	Age 60-5.2
Age 65-5.5	Age 70-5.8
Age 75-6.4	Age 80-7.2
Age 85-8.1	Age 90+ 9.5

Charitable Gift Annuities can be established with gifts of as little as \$2,000. For more information, please call our office. Please have information regarding your age, the age of your joint annuitant (if applicable) and your income tax bracket ready to share, in confidence, with a member of our staff.



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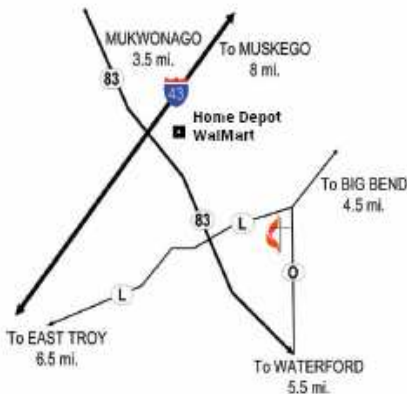
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Sundays at 10:45 AM

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