



# AMAZING GRACE

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## Suddenly September

by Rev. Joyce Rich

Labor Day weekend will close our “Summer of Stories” with the “shout out” that brings down the wall of Jericho. This is not to be confused with the loud shout and wailing that will cover the land as teachers, school staff, and students face the end of Summer vacation and the return to school. Nor the loud cheers of parents who are ready for the routine of the school year that matches up better with their own work schedule, or that gives them uninterrupted time to work at home. There is a sudden and dramatic switch coming from the days of Summer to the Fall of school days.

This year it may seem like an even more dramatic switch from Summer fun to the serious realization that on Sunday, September 11 a full ten years will have passed since that shocking, sunny day when planes took off, and people went to work, and too many people never came home again. The fragile nature of life, the suddenness of death, and the horror of it all will be remembered once again by all of us who experienced what happened on September 11, 2001. But this experience is not everyone’s experience.

The General Board of Discipleship of The United Methodist Church has put together a resource called, “Peaceful Remembrance of September 11, 2001: Forty Days of Prayer for Children,” that is geared toward children who are too young to remember that day. I hadn’t even thought about what kind of impact the re-playing of those graphic images, and re-telling of the sad stories of loss, could have on young children. This resource makes clear that we can’t always answer all the questions kids might have about what they see and hear during this tenth anniversary, but we can always share God’s gift of prayer as a way to express our hope, love, fear, confusion, and the power of God’s grace. Here is a place to start from in prayer:


Dear God, there are many things that happened to my world, my country, and my family before I was even born or that I cannot remember. These things still make a difference. I know you were there and you remember everything that has ever happened. I trust you, who understands the past better than any of us, to be with us in the future. Thank you for being there from the beginning of time and for promising to be with us forever! In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

And in the name of Jesus may we be in prayer with, and for, each other during these days of September.

Pastor Joyce



# SEPTEMBER 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>28</b> <b>9:00 AM - 10:00 AM</b> *Worship Service, Bethel UMC and St. James UMC <b>10:45 AM - 11:45 AM</b> Worship Service <b>4:00 PM</b> *Balgord memorial service, St. James UMC, East Troy, 3:00 PM visitation	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> <b>9:00 AM - 10:00 AM</b> *Worship Service, Bethel UMC and St. James UMC <b>10:45 AM - 11:45 AM</b> Worship Service w/Communion	<b>5</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> 4-H Club, church hall	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Caldwell United Methodist Women Day Group	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <b>9:00 AM - 3:00 PM</b> Rummage Sale @ Barb & Don Fosters' house	<b>10</b> <b>8:00 AM - 10:30 AM</b> Food Pantry <b>9:00 AM - 12:00 PM</b> Metro S UMW Bd Mtg <b>9:00 AM - 3:00 PM</b> Rummage Sale @ Foster
<b>11</b> <b>9:00 AM - 10:00 AM</b> *Worship Service, Bethel UMC and St. James UMC <b>10:45 AM - 11:45 AM</b> Worship Service	<b>12</b> <b>6:30 PM - 8:00 PM</b> Caldwell UMW Evening Group	<b>13</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> *Mukwonago clergy meeting <b>6:30 PM</b> Finance & Administrative Council	<b>14</b>	 <b>10:00 AM - 12:00 PM</b> *Metro Joint Vision Team, District Office <b>6:30 PM - 7:45 PM</b> Choir rehearsal	<b>16</b> *Faith Alive!, Mt. Morris Camp/Conf Ctr, Wautoma	<b>17</b> *Faith Alive!, Mt. Morris Camp/Conf Ctr, Wautoma
<b>18</b> *Faith Alive!, Mt. Morris Camp/Conf Ctr, Wautoma <b>9:00 AM - 10:00 AM</b> *Worship Service, Bethel UMC and St. James UMC <b>9:00 AM</b> Study Group <b>10:45 AM - 11:45 AM</b> Worship Service <b>2:00 PM</b> Worship @ Linden Grove	<b>19</b> <b>9:30 - 11:00 AM</b> BIG READ group @ Heritage <b>5:30 PM - 6:30 PM</b> *Second Helpings meal, St. James, East Troy <b>6:30 PM</b> BIG READ groups @ St. James	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <b>6:30 PM - 7:45 PM</b> Choir rehearsal <b>7:45 - 9:00 PM</b> BIG READ group	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>8:00 AM - 10:00 AM</b> SHARE <b>10:00 AM - 4:00 PM</b> *Conf Board of Laity CATALYST training, Conf Office, Sun Prairie
<b>25</b> <b>9:00 AM - 10:00 AM</b> *Worship Service, Bethel UMC and St. James UMC <b>9:00 AM</b> Study Group <b>10:45 AM - 11:45 AM</b> Worship Service	<b>26</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> BIG READ groups @ St. James	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>9:30 AM - 3:00 PM</b> Clergy Day @ St. Paul's UMC, Stevens Point	<b>29</b> <b>6:30 PM - 7:45 PM</b> Choir rehearsal <b>7:45 - 9:00 PM</b> BIG READ group	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b> <b>8:30 AM - 2:00 PM</b> *Metro South District UMW Annual Gathering <b>10:00 AM - 3:00 PM</b> *Conf Board of Laity, Conf Office, Sun Prairie

**DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER 2011 NEWSLETTER: September 15, 2011**

\*Denotes location other than Caldwell UMC



# United Methodist Women News

## Upcoming UMW events...

**September 7 – Wednesday at noon** – The Daytime Circle will meet at the church. The program will be the pledge service, titled: *Finding, Giving, and Loving Peace*. Bring a bag lunch.

**September 12 – Monday at 6:30 p.m.**– The Evening Circle will meet at the church. We will discuss and plan for the UMW Sunday, which will be October 16<sup>th</sup>.

**October 1 – Saturday 8:30 – 2:00** – The Metro South District Annual Celebration will be held at Racine First. The speaker will be Doris La Brasca, who leads seminars for domestic violence for Racine.

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

*President, Jennie Sanchez*

## Prayers



In the month of September we lift in prayer: the children who do not feel safe at school; the children who act out to win attention; the new teachers who have difficulty balancing authority and the kindness in the classroom; the seasoned teachers who are mourning the absence of retired colleagues; and the school administrators and school boards trying to stretch budgets while continuing to provide excellence in education.

In the month of September we lift up in prayer: our thanksgiving for the bounty of gardens and fields; our joy in the “new start” of a new school year; our gratitude for the opportunities to grow spiritually with others in study groups; and our love for God

## She Will Be Missed

On August 4, 2011 we came together to celebrate what a blessing Nancy Pugh has been in our lives.

Nancy was baptized, confirmed, married, and had her funeral here at Caldwell United Methodist Church. Over her lifetime Nancy attended Sunday School as a student, and as a teacher; she enjoyed church dinners, and helped prepare church dinners; she was here to worship every week, and prepared bulletins for worship; her name was entered on the membership roll, and she kept the membership roll up to date; she gave sacrificially, and she faithfully kept track of the stewardship records; she prayed for many people, and had many people who prayed for her.

Her church family had a special place in her large and loving heart. And her church family, along with Ken and whole Pugh family, will miss Nancy.



## Church Rummage Sale – NOT at Church?!!!

Here's a new development: when is a rummage sale a "church rummage sale" if it isn't held at church?

*When it is held at **Barbara and Don Foster's house** at 401 Field St., in Mukwonago!*

**On Fri. and Sat., Sept. 9 and 10 from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM** there will be rummage for sale from Caldwell in Mukwonago! Do you have some excellent rummage to add to this sale? Clean it up, price it, box it, and add it to the stack in fellowship hall by Sept. 7. If you have larger items, you can either take them directly to the Fosters on Sept. 8 or get them ready for the live auction on Sat., Oct. 15 (*see separate article*) at Caldwell UMC!

**Do you know people who like to rummage?** Tell them about our sale, or send them an email or text to remind them to check it out.

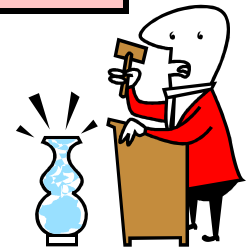
**Do you have time to help at the sale?** Sign-up at church to help with a shift!

**Why aren't we having the rummage sale at church?** We thought we'd try bringing the rummage sale closer to where folks will be for Maxwell Street Days in Mukwonago. We'll see how it goes! Nothing ventured, nothing gained!

## There's an Auction on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>?

YES! View the items at 10:30 AM; auction starts at 11:00 AM on Sat., Oct. 15.

Isn't that great? Well, it **could be** great if we have great stuff to auction, if we invite great people to the auction, and if we have a great event coordinator – wait! . . . We have a great coordinator: Jennie Sanchez. She's looking for people to help with: advertising; prepping donations for the auction; auction 'wranglers' to move the items; and clerks for the auction. In order to have a light lunch available during the auction we will also need people to prepare, serve, and clean-up lunch. The UMW will hold a bake sale – so there will be something sweet to eat after lunch, or when someone outbids you, or when you get home with all the great stuff you got at the auction, or all of the above!

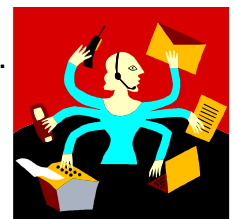


And here is a word to the wise: During the auction, if Pastor Joyce puts in a bid – she **expects** you to bid against her. This is a fund RAISER! Let's have some fun and raise some funds!

## How Coordinated are You?

We're looking for someone who enjoys matching up people with the gifts for leading worship, ushering, greeting, and dramatic skills with the calendar of worship services. It takes a lot of coordination to have these areas covered each week.

Do you have the skills to coordinate this? If you do – contact Pastor Joyce ASAP for more information about what needs doing.



# September Birthdays and Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS		ANNIVERSARIES
1 – Bob Weeks	22 – Jane Craig	12 – Dean & Lucia Janke
3 – Thomas Craig	22 – Janet Scholbe	
9 – Jill Aufmuth	27 – Avis Weeks	
9 – Nick Aufmuth	30 – Doug Merkel	
20 – Dean Janke		

## GREETERS & SCRIPTURE READERS



GREETERS	READERS
September 4 – Randy & Jane Craig	September 4 – Steve Lohr
September 11 – Pete & Marianne Lukas	September 11 – Lucia Janke
September 18 – Janke Family	September 18 – Elouise Benner
September 25 – Dixon Family	September 25 – Deanna Shimko-Herman

### The Big: The Book of Acts



Starting the week of September 18, our Shared ministry Congregations are starting an eight-week study of the New Testament book of Acts.

Anyone and everyone, church members and friends we haven't met yet, can sign-up for a study group. Five study times have already been planed, but if you put together a group of five people - you can set your own meeting day and time!

The cost is \$6 for the study book, and if you need a Common English version of the New Testament - we'll give you one!

**Register for a study group by Sept. 7** so books can be ordered. You can sign-up for a study group on the clipboard at church or simply e-mail or phone message to church to let us know you want to join a study group.

## **What's the Least I Can Believe and Still Be a Christian?**

On Sunday, September 18 we'll begin the study of a new book about Christianity titled: *What's the Least I Can Believe and Still Be a Christian?* by Martin Thielen.

During this unique study we'll discuss several things that the author suggests Christians don't need to believe. And more importantly we'll study the things that Christians do need to believe.

This study will explore promising answers to some of life's most profound questions such as: What matters most? Am I accepted? Where is God? What brings fulfillment? What about suffering? And is there hope?

Sign up and purchase the book - *What's the Least I Can Believe and Still Be a Christian?* at church or contact Pastor Joyce or Jane Craig to reserve a copy.

Join study group on Sunday mornings from 9:00 to 10:30 from September 18 through October 30 at Caldwell UMC.

This study group is being conducted in response to interest expressed at our recent meetings regarding the future of Caldwell UMC. We hope you'll participate and invite others to join in as well.

## **"The kingdom of heaven is like . . ."**

In our worship services this Fall we're going to look at Jesus' parables in the Gospel of Matthew.

What does Jesus see in these stories of everyday life that looks so much like the kingdom of heaven?

What do we see around us every day that might be like the kingdom of heaven?

And why does the kingdom of heaven matter to us? You might be surprised.

## **Senior High Convo: God is Timeless!**

Convo brings together senior high youth from across Wisconsin to the Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells the weekend of Nov. 11-13, 2011 to hear speaker Paul Dabdoub, and the band, Rush of Fools.

The focus scripture for Convo this year is Malachi 3:6, "I am the Lord, and I do not change."

What does that mean to kids who are living in a state of change every day?

How can kids come to trust in a timeless God, and know that God always has time for them?

If you have a high school age student in your household, or YOU are in high school – find out more at <http://tinyurl.com/SeniorConvo11> and then talk to Pastor Joyce about scholarships to cover the cost of registration and lodging. **Plans need to be made by Sept. 18.**

## Stewardship Message for August

**#270 The amount you give should be in proportion to what you receive.**

***"Teach your children right from wrong and when they are grown they will still do right." Pr. 22.6***

School has started, again, and children everywhere are learning the wonders of addition and subtraction. These are lessons that begin in the earliest grades and carry us through the rest of our lives. They are also lessons we use as we live our faith through our financial giving. Do you teach the children around you about how to say "thank you" to God by giving a portion of everything you have back to God?

Consider: Do you manage your finances or do your finances manage you? One of the keys to becoming a good steward is learning to manage your money. Call it a budget or whatever ... you must plan how you spend, or you will continue to be a victim of marketing, commercials, and impulse purchasing.

Good stewards start by setting aside "God's Share", then the necessities of life, and finally discretionary items. Poor stewards do it in the exact opposite order. Good stewardship brings peace and contentment. Poor stewardship leads to chaos and crises.

Listen and pray. Try to find out what God is calling you to do and model for the children around you!

### .....Ten Rules for Happier Living.....

I wish I knew who penned these rules for happier living. They've been repeated often, but they are wise words for us as we seek to live in the spirit of generosity.

1. Give something away - no strings attached.
2. Do a kindness - and forget it.
3. Spend a few minutes with the aged - their experience is priceless guidance.
4. Look intently into the face of a baby - and marvel.
5. Laugh often - it's life's lubricant.
6. Give thanks - a thousand times a day is not enough.
7. Pray - or you will lose the way.
8. Work - with vim and vigor.
9. Plan as though you'll live forever - because you will.
10. Live as though you'll die tomorrow - because you will, on some tomorrow.

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## Shared Ministry Notes

The Shared Ministry Implementation Team met Monday, August 15 at Bethel UMC. After discussion, the team agreed that many positive events have happened this past year and that Shared Ministry planning should continue. The team also discussed the negative feedback that has been received. Future planning will take into consideration this feedback as well. Upon reflection, the Team felt confident that knowing the pros and cons of Shared Ministry will enhance the program and will encourage members from the three churches to become more involved in planning and in worship.

The following agenda items were discussed:

- † A youth ministry will be organized. A Youth Director will coordinate the program with the help of a Youth Council which will include three individuals from each church. A job description will be developed. Reverend Carrie and Reverend Joyce will serve as resources and will support the program as the need arises. It was thought that the director would spend 20 hours a month planning and running activities. The SM Team would like to see 1-2 events a month, some in each church and some as a combined group. Planning, though, would be by the Youth Director and the Youth Council members.
- † The United Methodist Men are participating in a Shared Ministry Bible Study on Monday evenings at St. James UMC. It is hoped that future activities will be planned by the UMM based on the fellowship formed through the Bible study group.
- † The United Methodist Women participated in a Shared Ministry activity this spring. It was agreed that the presidents of the three groups would meet shortly to discuss future shared activities. In-formation would be brought to the fall UMW meetings for more discussion.
- † The Team felt strongly about continuing mission events. All who participated in the Kenosha trip reported positive feelings about the activity. Reverend Carrie and Tom Rossmiller will begin to plan a fall mission trip. An individual from each church will be asked to be a contact person to share information about the mission. Tom Rossmiller will plan a fall Saturday mission project.
- † Shared Ministry will participate in a combined worship service at Lutherdale on July 28, 2012. The Lutherdale staff will prepare a pancake breakfast for attendees.
- † The Bethel, Caldwell and St. James choirs have embraced Shared Ministry and have participated in many events this past year. They will continue to practice together as events are planned. The combined choir will sing at Barb Balgord's memorial service in August, two services this summer, and the ecumenical service in November. They will also sing at a special fundraising event for the Cambodian wells project also in November. A cantata will be held every other year. The choirs will sing at their home church for the Advent and Christmas season. There was some discussion about having a meal and campfire with music to be held this fall.
- † The Big Read, a study on the Book of Acts will be available in September. The times include: UMM study, Monday, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. (St. James); open study, Monday, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. (St. James); open study, Monday, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. (The Heritage, East Troy); open study, Thursdays, 7:45 – 8:45 p.m., (Caldwell); open study, Sunday, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m., (Bethel). The study begins the week is September 19 and ends the week of November 7. The cost is \$10 for the study guide and the Common English Bible. If you participated in the Luke study, the cost is \$6 for the study guide only. Payment is due at the first session.

The Team felt that in the future, information about Shared Ministry will be communicated to our members in a more timely and efficient manner. We feel blessed to be a part of the events and activities; but, the significant “mustard seed” of Shared Ministry is that we are meeting other Christians, expanding our faith family, and helping others in need. Jesus is happy!



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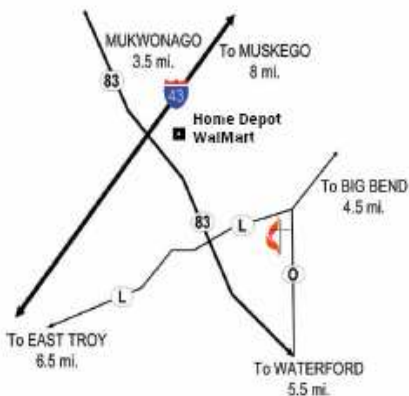
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