



# AMAZING GRACE

## THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF

### Caldwell United Methodist Church

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### In the Midst of Holiness

By: Rev. Joyce Rich

In church talk, the first week of April this year will be “Holy Week.” This week begins on Palm Sunday and concludes on Easter Sunday. What makes it so “holy” for us is what made it so extraordinary for the first disciples who followed Jesus to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover festival: the loud shouts of “Hosanna!” as Jesus road in to Jerusalem on a borrowed donkey; Jesus speaking at the temple and staying with Mary, Martha, and Lazarus in Bethany; the meal with Jesus in the upper room; singing hymns and praying in the garden; Jesus’ arrest, trials, and crucifixion; Jesus’ body being laid in the tomb; the disappearance of Jesus’ body from the tomb; and Jesus appearing to his followers. This week of life, death, and resurrection is stirred by God’s hand into a holy mystery that we continue to ponder and appreciate.

And with the coming of Holy Week on my mind, my attention was caught by a book review of Christopher P. Momany’s, ***Doing Good: A Grace-Filled Approach to Holiness***, that Bill Mefford had in the “Faith in Action” e-newsletter. Mefford writes that in this book Dr. Momany:

reminds us of the real intent of holiness. He correctly writes:

*Living the way of holiness is not an exercise in isolation. It is, at its essence, an expression of relationship. Holiness embodies a perpetual dialogue with God. By knowing God, we come to know ourselves. We also come to know and love others.*

The “perpetual dialogue” we have with God is, of course, given to us in grace. Yet it is also our calling into mission.

*‘Perpetual dialogue’ is also not meant to be private, although it is at the same time intensely personal.*

. . . Holiness leads us to greater knowledge of ourselves, without remaining trapped in our temptation to be individualistic. “Perpetual dialogue” is a conversation that inherently calls us to welcome others into it . . . as a celebration of God’s love and yearning to be in intimate relationship with God’s people.

May this Holy Week be a time when we explore our relationship with God, and each other, as we celebrate this wondrous gift of love and grace that we have received through Jesus the Christ.

*Pastor Joyce*



## United Methodist Women News

### Upcoming UMW events...

**April 2** – *Monday at 6:30 pm* – The evening circle will meet and start planning the Garden And Tea Party for sometime in June

**April 4** – *Wednesday at noon* – at *Jane Spires Apartment* – The daytime circle will meet. Please bring a bag lunch. The program will be on International Ministries.

**April 28** – *Saturday at 2:00 pm* – Sounds of Spring Concert. The women will provide refreshments in the fellowship hall after the concert.

*President, Jennie Sanchez*

## PARSONAGE UPDATE

Perhaps you have been wondering where all the trucks have gone, or why it seems like nothing is being done at the parsonage. There was a bit of a lull in terms of “hands on” crews at the house as ServPro needed to get various estimates before putting together their quote on the restoration work. A sub-contractor already came in March to remove a layer of asbestos flooring from the first floor bathroom and kitchen. With that asbestos abatement project completed the house is ready for the restoration phase to start. You will see trucks and different sub-contractor crews coming and going at the parsonage in the very near future.

Please remember that our “work” is to stay out of their way so this job can get done in a timely and safe manner. You will be invited to tour the house when all of the work has been completed. If you have any questions please talk to Pat Tomczyk or Pastor Joyce.

## Thank You!

Thank you to Todd Schmidt for “recycling” some steel shelving for the Caldwell Food Pantry!

Thank you to Jennie and Felipe Sanchez for all the hours they volunteer each month to clean the church, set up for SHARE and Food Pantry distribution Saturdays, and for Jennie to do weekly recordkeeping as our Stewardship and Financial Secretary.

Thank you to Barbara Foster for being our Church Treasurer. It requires a lot of time, and attention to detail, to carry out the responsibilities of this lay leadership role.

Thank you to Elouise Benner, Don Foster, and Steve Lohr for representing Caldwell at the Shared Ministry Implementation Team meetings.

## APRIL 2012

| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday   | Saturday   |
|---|--|--|---|---|--|--|
| <b>1</b><br><br><b>9:00 AM - 10:00 AM</b> *Worship Service, Bethel UMC and St. James UMC<br><b>10:45 AM - 11:45 AM</b> Worship Service w/Communion   | <b>2</b><br><b>6:30 PM - 8:00 PM</b><br>Caldwell United Methodist Women Evening Group    | <b>3</b>   | <b>4</b><br><b>12:00 PM - 2:00 PM</b><br>Caldwell United Methodist Women Day Group  | <b>5 HOLY THURSDAY</b><br><b>7:00 PM</b> *Shared Ministry Service w/Communion, Bethel UMC, Elkhorn                          | <b>6 GOOD FRIDAY</b><br><b>12:30 PM - 2:00 PM</b><br>*Mukwonago Area Churches Ecumenical Service, Destiny Christian Church, Mukwonago<br><br><b>7:00 PM</b> Shared Ministry Service, Bethel UMC, Elkhorn | <b>7</b>   |
| <b>8</b><br><br><b>*6:23 AM</b> Sunrise service with St. James UMC, lakeside at Salvation Army Camp, East Troy<br><b>9:00 AM - 10:00 AM</b> *Worship Service, Bethel UMC and St. James UMC<br><b>10:45 AM - 11:45 AM</b> Worship Service | <b>9</b><br><b>6:00 PM</b> Trustees<br><br><b>6:45 PM</b> Administrative Team            | <b>10</b>  | <b>11</b>   | <b>12</b><br><b>6:30 PM - 7:45 PM</b><br>Choir rehearsal  | <b>13</b><br>*Faith Alive!, Mt. Morris Camp/Conf Ctr, Wautoma  | <b>14</b><br>*Faith Alive!, Mt. Morris Camp/Conf Ctr, Wautoma<br><br><b>8:00 AM - 10:30 AM</b> Food Pantry   |
| <b>15</b><br><br>*Faith Alive!, Mt. Morris Camp/Conf Ctr, Wautoma<br><b>9:00 AM - 10:00 AM</b> *Worship Service, Bethel UMC and St. James UMC<br><b>10:45 AM - 11:45 AM</b> Worship Service  | <b>16</b><br><b>5:30 PM - 6:30 PM</b><br>*Second Helpings meal, St. James UMC, East Troy | <b>17</b><br><b>7:00 PM - 9:00 PM</b><br>*Conference Board of Laity      | <b>18</b>   | <b>19</b><br><b>6:30 PM - 7:45 PM</b><br>Choir rehearsal  | <b>20</b><br><b>7:30 PM - 9:00 PM</b> *Embracing an Adult Faith, Dr. Marcus Borg, New Richmond High School   | <b>21</b><br>*Association of Annual Conference Lay Leaders, Tampa, FL<br><b>8:00 AM - 10:30 AM</b> SHARE<br><b>9:00 AM - 3:00 PM</b> *Embracing an Adult Faith, Dr. Marcus Borg, New Richmond High School<br><b>10:00 AM - 3:00 PM</b> *Program and Arrangements Committee, Sheboygan<br><b>2:00 PM - 4:00 PM</b> *Mother-Daughter Tea, Bethel UMC |
| <b>22</b><br>*Association of Annual Conference Lay Leaders, Tampa, FL<br><br><b>9:00 AM - 10:00 AM</b> *Worship Service, Bethel UMC and St. James UMC<br><br><b>10:45 AM - 11:45 AM</b> Worship Service   | <b>23</b><br>*Association of Annual Conference Lay Leaders, Tampa, FL                    | <b>24</b><br>*General Conference, The United Methodist Church, Tampa, FL | <b>25</b><br>*General Conference, The United Methodist Church, Tampa, FL  | <b>26</b><br>*General Conference, The United Methodist Church, Tampa, FL<br><br><b>6:30 PM - 7:45 PM</b><br>Choir rehearsal | <b>27</b><br>*General Conference, The United Methodist Church, Tampa, FL   | <b>28</b><br>*General Conference, The United Methodist Church, Tampa, FL<br><br><br><b>2:00 PM</b> Sounds of Spring benefit concert for Cambodia mission   |
| <b>29</b><br>*General Conference, The United Methodist Church, Tampa, FL<br><br><b>9:00 AM - 10:00 AM</b> *Worship Service, Bethel UMC and St. James UMC<br><br><b>10:45 AM - 11:45 AM</b> Worship Service<br><b>12:00 noon</b> Potluck lunch & discussion  | <b>30</b><br>*General Conference, The United Methodist Church, Tampa, FL                 | <b>1</b><br>*General Conference, The United Methodist Church, Tampa, FL  | <b>2</b><br>*General Conference, The United Methodist Church, Tampa, FL<br><br><b>12:00 PM - 2:00 PM</b><br>Caldwell United Methodist Women Day Group | <b>3</b><br>*General Conference, The United Methodist Church, Tampa, FL<br><br><b>6:30 PM - 7:45 PM</b><br>Choir rehearsal  | <b>4</b><br>*General Conference, The United Methodist Church, Tampa, FL  | <b>5</b><br><b>9:00 AM - 3:00 PM</b> *Conf Board of Laity, Sun Prairie<br><br><b>4:00 PM</b> *Commission on Religion & Race  |

**DEADLINE FOR MAY2012 NEWSLETTER: April 15, 2012**

\*Denotes location other than Caldwell UMC

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

ONE Great Hour of Sharing was actually EIGHT Great Hours of Sharing because we made this a two month mission commitment. Instead of sending a check for about \$30, we will support UMCOR with about \$300. They bring hope, provide relief from hunger and disasters, and teach peace. WOW!!!

Additional gifts can be given to help communities rebuild and recover from this year's tornadoes. Checks can be made out to Caldwell UMC, with "Tornadoes 2012" on the memo line. 100% of your mission gift goes to this effort because our OGHS giving helps staff and supports our readiness for emergency response. For more information you can go to [www.umcor.org](http://www.umcor.org)

## **CHANGE THE WORLD WEEKEND—May 19 and 20** **PUTTING OUR FAITH INTO ACTION**

How can YOU put your faith into action? That's easy! We will help an elderly individual in Mukwonago with her/his spring yard clean up, thanks to Interfaith. Helping our elderly neighbors is not difficult. All we have to do is show up with a rake, a shovel, and a love in our hearts.

Do you feel that you are not able to do physical work but would like to "make a difference" in some capacity? Then come to church willing to do "sit down" tasks...writing to shut-ins, knitting baby sweaters, making Birthday cards for Interfaith clients...any other ideas?

Then Sunday, May 20, at 9:00 come to church to help with Road Pick Up. All you really need is a pair of gloves.

## THANK YOU, THANK YOU

Thank you so very much!!! I took 24 towels, 20 hand towels, and 14 wash cloths to the Salvation Army. With an increase in homelessness, the Salvation Army was/is in need of these personal items. They were delivered and received with a smile and a handshake.

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## **SHARED MINISTRY MISSION**

### **Mission Ingathering for Annual Conference**

Once again we will be in mission with our friends at Bethel and St. James. We have the opportunity to help those who are trying to put their lives together after a major catastrophe.

If you could purchase items for one or more Health Kits and/or Layette Kits, that would be wonderful. A list of all items can be found below as well as on the poster in the Narthex.

Your loose change will be used to purchase items for Flood Buckets; checks can be made out to Caldwell UMC designating *Flood Buckets* in the lower left hand corner.

**April 29 is the deadline.**

**HEALTH KITS:** ALL NEW items in wrapper.

- 1 hand towel
- 1 wash cloth
- 1 comb (regular size)
- 1 fingernail clipper
- 1 bar of soap (3 oz. or larger)
- 1 toothbrush
- 1 3.5 oz. or larger toothpaste  
(w/ expiration date at least one year away)
- 6 plain plastic adhesive bandage strips

Put items inside a 1 gallon plastic zipper bag.  
*Include \$1 for shipping.*

**LAYETTE KITS:** ALL NEW items.

- 6 cloth diapers (3 ply Birdseye, NEW)
- 2 undershirts or onesies
- 2 baby washcloths
- 2 gowns or sleepers
- 2 diaper pins
- 1 sweater
- 2 receiving blankets (NOT quilted or knitted)

Bundle items inside the blankets and secure with diaper pins.  
*Include \$1 for shipping.*

**Baby Sweaters:** knitting pattern for baby sweaters for the layette kit  
OR as a separate donation is available online at [midwestmissiondc.org](http://midwestmissiondc.org)  
or [wisconsinumc.org](http://wisconsinumc.org)

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## Holy Week Services

**April**

**1**

If you haven't taken part in the "passing of the palms" – you need to be in worship on Palm Sunday, April 1 at 10:45 AM. It will help give you a sense of what it might have been like in the crowd around Jesus as he went down the road into Jerusalem.

**April**

**5**

On Holy Thursday, April 5 the Shared Ministry congregations will be worshipping at Bethel UMC (W5110 County Road A, at the corner of Hwys. 12/67 north of Elkhorn). We will be remembering the meal that Jesus shared with his disciples as we share Holy Communion around tables in the sanctuary. Yes, we will be sharing the sacrament while seated at tables in the sanctuary. Come and experience this meal of remembrance with your sisters and brothers in faith.

**April**

**6**

We have two different worship options on April 6, Good Friday. The Mukwonago Area Minister's Association is holding a community Good Friday service, starting at 12:30 PM, at Destiny Christian Church (1012 Main St., Mukwonago). Pastor Joyce and some of our musicians will be participating in that service. And at 7:00 PM Caldwell UMC will be hosting our Shared Ministry Good Friday service. Come to one, or the other, or both services and be blessed to share this day with fellow believers.

**April**

**8**

On Easter Sunday, April 8 at 10:45 AM we will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus the Christ! This a joyous day with wonderful music and a message that is to die and rise for. Invite your family and friends to join you in worship!

## Flowers for Easter.....

You are invited to bring flowers for Easter Sunday to beautify the sanctuary!



This can be an arrangement of cut flowers in a vase or a blooming potted plant such as Easter lilies, daffodils, azaleas, mums, kolanchoes, tulips -- that would be lovely!

You may take your flowers home after the service.



## Holy Humor Sunday

The Sunday after Easter is often known as “Bright Sunday” or “Holy Humor Sunday” – as Christians celebrate that Jesus gets the “last laugh” over death. This year it is even funnier to have the day falling on the traditional “tax day” of April 15. You will not want to miss what Pastor Joyce has planned for worship. (Jenny Hensgen often asks: “What goes on in her head? Where does this stuff come from?!” Standard answer: “It must be a gift from God. And you know God has quite a sense of humor.”)

## April 29: Potluck Lunch and Conversation After Worship

Instead of just chit-chatting over coffee, please bring a dish to share for lunch after worship on Sun., April 29. We’ll be having conversation while we eat to update everyone on a number of topics that are near and dear to all Caldwellians.

Plan on a solid hour!



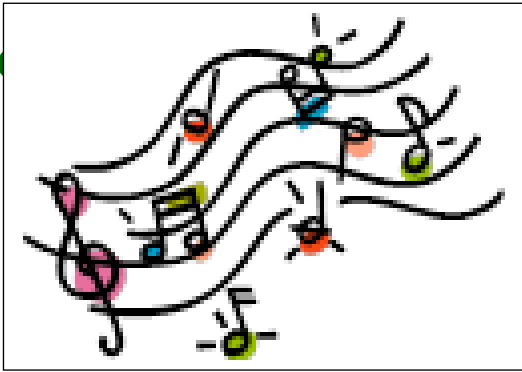
## Change the World Weekend

Block out some time on Sat., May 19 and Sun., May 20 because we are going to “Change the World” that weekend!



If you are asking yourself: “What can I do to change the world?” and you don’t have an answer: talk to Elouise Benner, Don Foster, or Steve Lohr for some answers.

We’re going to do things **IN THE COMMUNITY FOR OUR NEIGHBORS!** (People might even notice what love those Christians from Caldwell UMC have for their neighbors and God!)



## Sounds of Spring: Concert for

*A festival of songs old and new from near and far*

2:00 p.m., Saturday, April 28, 2012

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8504 Caldwell Road, Mukwonago, WI 53149  
(corner of Hwys O & L, 1 mile east of Hwy 83)  
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**Celebrating 11 years of humanitarian and community development work with the vulnerable people of Siem Reap Province, Cambodia!**

**The Musicians:** Jenny Hensgen, soprano, Janis Schmidt, alto, Todd Schmidt, tenor, Brad Balgord, tenor, Darl Shimko, bass, Deanna Shimko, mezzo soprano and keyboard

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**Free admission. A freewill offering** will be received for our 2012 project: 8 wells, 3 toilets, health kits, 8 pigs, 4 pigpens, vegetable seeds, fruit tree seedlings, domestic hygiene and sanitation training, first aid supplies and training, and sponsor 3 education scholarships to university for youth of poor families.

Please **make check payable to** "Cambodia Community Development Project" and mail it to the mission's treasurer: Carol Lohr, S69 W25025 Longview Dr, Waukesha, WI 53189.

Caldwell United Methodist Women invite you to **a reception** with the musicians following the concert!

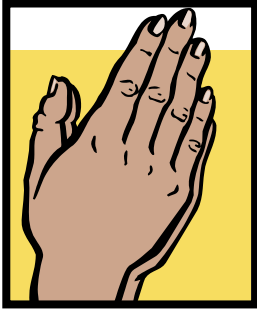
**Shop** the silks, jewelry, ceramics, carved wood and stone and novelty items from Cambodia on sale.

This mission is Advance Special #7802, Wisconsin Conference of The United Methodist Church.

For more information...contact Jenny Hensgen 262.534.4511 or Deanna Shimko 414.313.0343 or go to [www.caldwellumc.org](http://www.caldwellumc.org).

**Ordinary people doing extraordinary things! Dare to dream!**

## Prayers



In the month of April we lift up in prayer both those who are seeking employment, and those who are overly employed preparing or processing tax returns.

In the month of April we give thanks for the gift of new life that we experience as the world around us rises up from the 'death' of Winter into the greening and blooming of 'new life' in Spring.

In the month of April we thank God for our new life in Christ: Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

## ***April Birthdays and Anniversaries***

| BIRTHDAYS          |                        | ANNIVERSARIES               |
|--------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 3 – Elouise Benner | 26 – William Craig     | 8 – Don & Barbara Foster    |
| 6 – Dan Craig      | 28 – Kyleigh Klawitter | 12 – Brek & Heather Zortman |
| 14 – Sharon Merkel | 30 – Brian Pugh        | 13 – Matt & Kristen Pawlak  |
| 20 – Peg Handy     | 30 – Shawn Hensgen     |                             |

## ***GREETERS & SCRIPTURE READERS***

| GREETERS                                  | READERS                         |
|---|---------------------------------|
| April 1 – Jane & Randy Craig              | April 1 – Peter Lukas           |
| April 8 – Elouise Benner & Barbara Foster | April 8 – Steve Lohr            |
| April 15 – Janke Family                   | April 15 – Lucia Janke          |
| April 22 – Carol & Steve Lohr             | April 22 – Deanna Shimko-Herman |
| April 29 – Janet Scholbe & Pat Tomczyk    | April 29 – Elouise Benner       |

## **TREASURER'S REPORT – FEBRUARY 2012**

|                                 |                           |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b><i>Beginning Balance</i></b> | <b><i>\$8,031.85</i></b>  |
| <b><i>Interest</i></b>          | <b><i>\$0.79</i></b>      |
| <b><i>Deposit</i></b>           | <b><i>\$3,556.93</i></b>  |
| <b><i>Income total</i></b>      | <b><i>\$11,589.57</i></b> |
| <b><i>Paid</i></b>              | <b><i>\$5,168.57</i></b>  |
| <b><i>Ending Balance</i></b>    | <b><i>\$6,421.00</i></b>  |



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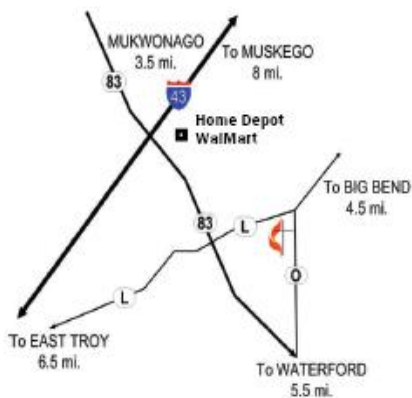
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**Sundays at 10:45 AM**

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