



# AMAZING GRACE

## THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF

### Caldwell United Methodist Church

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### Do You Feel Loved?

By: Rev. Joyce Rich

February presents the striking mix of Valentine's Day (on the 14<sup>th</sup>) and Ash Wednesday (on the 22<sup>nd</sup>). Valentine's Day can be all hearts and flowers, chocolates and candlelit dinners – as we try to express our love in tangible ways. It is a day for wearing the proverbial rose-colored glasses as we look at our loved ones, and proclaim how important love is in our lives. Valentine's Day can be a real celebration of our loving relationships. And then Ash Wednesday comes along to remind us that from dust we came and to dust we shall return; that the life we lead here on earth is fleeting, but our life in Christ is eternal. I would say that Valentine's Day is about the beautiful dust of this life, while Ash Wednesday is about the fire that burns the chaff and refines the gold of eternal life.

So it is in February that Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday frame the question: Do you feel loved by God?

Some of us have been reading and discussing John Indermark's book, ***The Greatest of These: Biblical Moorings of Love***, and have been pondering our understanding of God's love for us, our love for God, and our love for one another. This has been good to do for each of us as individuals, but also as "us"—as members of the Body of Christ—to consider how God loves "us." To quote from the book, *"To know ourselves loved—and loved by God—is an extraordinary gift. It provides a powerful and enduring foundation upon which to build our lives in joyful response to that gift."* It is a foundation that I pray we all know and feel that we have.

*Pastor Joyce*

# MISSIONS

Northcott Neighborhood House, a multipurpose and multi-ethnic community center located in Milwaukee, will receive a generous check from Caldwell UMC. Our loose change and checks totaled about \$140 and with the UMW matching funds, we will send \$280.

Please continue to support Northcott by bringing in UPC labels from Campbell soup cans. There are other labels and lids you can also save; a complete list and a container to house the items can be found on the coffee table.

Thank you everyone for your continued support, and thank you, UMW.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING is one of six Special UM Sunday offerings. We will make this our February/March mission. The money collected supports UMCOR. (United Methodist Committee on Relief) UMCOR brings relief when a catastrophe strikes...remember the 2011 earthquake in Haiti? Along with food, clothing, shelter, and medical help, UMCOR stays to help survivors rebuild their lives.

**PLEASE SHARE THE GOODNESS OF LIFE WITH THOSE WHO HURT**



## United Methodist Women News

### Upcoming UMW events...

**February 1 – Wednesday at noon** –The Daytime circle will meet. Bring a bag lunch. The program will be Partnering With Others in Mission

**February 6 – Monday at 6:30 pm** – The Evening Circle will meet. We will start to plan our Desserts by Candlelight for February 11, 2012.

*President, Jennie Sanchez*

## The Next **BIG READ** Is Coming!

The book of Proverbs will be the focus of the next BIG READ. Here's a taste:

“Go to the ant, you lazybones; consider its ways, and be wise.” – Proverbs 6:6 **NRSV**

“One who forgives an affront fosters friendship, but one who dwells on disputes will alienate a friend.” – Proverbs 17:9 **NRSV**

“The rich and the poor have this in common: the LORD is the maker of them all.”  
– Proverbs 22:2 **NRSV**

More information will be in the Sunday bulletins on when and where the study groups will be meeting.

## FEBRUARY 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>29</p> <p><u>9:00 AM - 10:00 AM *Worship Service, Bethel UMC and St. James UMC</u>  <u>9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Study Group</u>  <u>10:45 AM - 11:45 AM Worship Service</u></p>	<p>30</p> <p><u>9:30 AM - 2:30 PM *Clergy Tax Workshop, Sun Prairie</u>  <u>6:30 PM - 7:30 PM *Study Group, Bethel UMC, Elkhorn</u></p>	<p>31</p> <p><u>6:30 PM - 8:00 PM *Shared Ministry Implementation Team, St. James UMC, East Troy</u></p>	<p>1</p> <p><u>9:00 AM - 2:30 PM *Healthy Church Initiative w/Doug Anderson, BCCD, Conf Office, Sun Prairie</u>  <u>12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Caldwell United Methodist Women Day Group</u></p>	<p>2</p> <p><u>6:30 PM - 7:45 PM Choir rehearsal</u></p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p><u>10:00 AM - 12:00 PM *Staff Parish Relations Committee Training, Burlington UMC</u></p>
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<p>19</p> <p><u>9:00 AM - 10:00 AM *Worship Service, Bethel UMC and St. James UMC</u>  <u>10:45 AM - 11:45 AM Worship Service</u></p>	<p>20</p> <p><u>5:30 PM - 6:30 PM *Second Helpings meal, St. James UMC, East Troy</u></p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b></p> <p><u>7:00 PM *Shared Ministry Service, St. James UMC, East Troy</u></p>	<p>23</p> <p><u>6:30 PM - 7:45 PM Choir rehearsal</u></p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p><u>8:00 AM - 10:30 AM SHARE</u>  <u>9:30 AM - 1:00 PM *LL/LMAC Training, Chippewa-Heartland Districts, Rice Lake</u></p>
<p>26</p> <p><u>9:00 AM - 10:00 AM *Worship Service, Bethel UMC and St. James UMC</u>  <u>10:45 AM - 11:45 AM Worship Service</u>  <u>1:30 PM - 5:00 PM *LL/LMAC Training, Chippewa-Heartland Districts, LaCrosse</u></p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p><u>4:00 PM - 6:30 PM *Catalyst, Metro U, Sussex UMC</u></p>	<p>29</p> <p><u>6:00 PM - 7:00 PM *Potluck Dinner, East Troy Area Churches, St. Peter's Catholic Church</u>  <u>7:00 PM *East Troy Ecumenical Lent Service, St. Peter's Catholic Church</u></p>	<p>1</p> <p><u>6:30 PM - 7:45 PM Choir rehearsal</u></p>	<p>2</p> <p><u>9:00 AM - 12:30 PM *World Day of Prayer</u></p>	<p>3</p> <p><u>9:30 AM - 1:00 PM *LL/LMAC Training, Metro Region, First UMC, Sheboygan</u></p>

**DEADLINE FOR March 2012 NEWSLETTER: February 15, 2012**

\*Denotes location other than Caldwell UMC

You are cordially invited to

# Dessert by Candlelight



Saturday, February 11, 2012

Serving from

7:00 PM to 9:30 PM

Caldwell United Methodist Church

Community Hall

8504 Caldwell Road, Mukwonago, WI 53149

Break out of the winter blahs on Valentine's Day! Call a friend or loved one and stop by Caldwell UMC Community Hall for a quiet, delicious and decadent dessert experience! Desserts include cheesecakes and chocolate desserts plus fruits, biscotti and pretzels for you to dip at the milk and dark chocolate fondue fountains. Choose from a variety of coffees and teas. Come as you are!

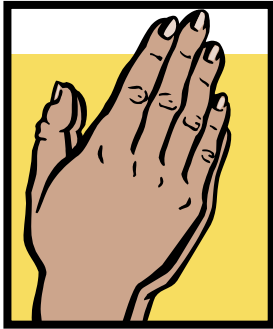
At \$7 per person, we doubt you'll find a more reasonably priced (or better tasting) dessert around!

Sponsored by Caldwell United Methodist Women...proudly supporting local and global missions for women, children and youth!

Caldwell UMC is easy to find. From Mukwonago, take Hwy 83 South 2.5 miles, turn left (east) on County Hwy L for 1.5 miles, turn right (south) on County Hwy O. Church is on the right. You'll see our steeple!

For more information, call 262-363-2680 or visit [www.caldwellumc.org](http://www.caldwellumc.org).

## Prayers



In the month of February we pray for our loved ones and give Thanks for the gift of love that we share.

In the month of February we lift up in prayer: those who feel unloved; those who have been abused by someone who took advantage of their love; and those who have been abandoned by family members.

In the month of February we thank god for loving us – both in the here and now, and for all eternity

## ***February Birthdays and Anniversaries***

<b>BIRTHDAYS</b>		<b>ANNIVERSARIES</b>
1 – Jennie Sanchez	19 – Stacey Mattson	6 – Jim & Barbara Stark
12 – Scott Craig	25 – John Wright	
17 – Lucia Janke	27 – Amanda Zoellick	
19 – Felipe Sanchez		

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



<b>GREETERS</b>	<b>READERS</b>
February 5 – Janke Family	February 5 – Robert Dixon
February 12 – Carol & Steve Lohr	February 12 – Lucia Janke
February 19 – Janet Scholbe & Pat Tomczyk	February 19 – Elouise Benner
February 26 – Steve Hensgen & Ken Pugh	February 26 – Chuck Herman

## **LENTEN SERVICES BEGIN FEB. 22**

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, and this year the date is Feb. 22. Our Shared Ministry congregations will gather to worship at 7:00 PM at St. James UMC in East Troy, and Pastor Joyce will be preaching.

Our Ecumenical Services will focus on getting to know each other better in the Body of Christ. For some of us it may mean learning what it means to be “catholic” or “Catholic” in expressing our faith. For some of us it may mean learning what the means of grace are. For all of us it will be good to worship together and to have the Holy Spirit stirring us.

The schedule is:

- Wed., Feb. 29 “Leap Day” potluck dinner at 6:00 PM; worship at 7:00 PM at St. Peter the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in East Troy.
- Wed., March 7 worship at 7:00 PM at Troy Center UMC.
- Wed., March 14 Taizé prayer service at 7:00 PM at Caldwell UMC.
- Wed., March 21 worship at 7:00 PM at First Congregational UCC in East Troy.
- Wed., March 28 potluck dinner at 6:00 PM; worship at 7:00 PM at St. James UMC.

The Shared Ministry congregations will gather at table in the sanctuary at Bethel UMC on Holy Thursday, April 5 at 7:00 PM to share the sacred meal of remembrance. And on Good Friday the Mukwonago Area Ecumenical Service will start at 12:30 PM at Destiny Christian Church; and our Shared Ministry service will be at 7:00 PM at Caldwell UMC.

## **What Does it Mean to be a Missional Church?**

Rev. Dr. Reggie McNeal will lead the discussion on these questions: Can you move from an internal to an external focus? Are you willing to develop the spiritual life of people? Can you engage with leadership from the community?

Join the discussion on Sat., Feb. 11 from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM at the United Methodist Church of Whitefish Bay, 819 E. Silver Spring Dr., Whitefish Bay, WI 53217. Cost is \$35/person and includes lunch. Register online at [www.umcwf.org](http://www.umcwf.org) or talk to Pastor Joyce about going to this event. The annual District meeting for Metro North and Metro South will be from 3:45 to 5:00 PM.

The United Methodist Church of Whitefish Bay will also be hosting:

- A free evening talk by Reggie McNeal on Feb. 11 from 7:00 to 8:30 PM in the sanctuary, with dessert and fellowship to follow.
- Reggie McNeal preaching on Sun., Feb. 12 at the 9:00 AM contemporary worship service, and the 10:30 AM traditional service.

## Stewardship Message for February

#275 Giving is an act of Love. Protect yourself against the least little bit of greed. Life is not defined by what you have, even when you have a lot."

Luke 12:15 The Message

Valentine's Day is around the corner. When I was in college, living in an all-women's dorm, Valentine's Day was "the" holiday of the year! There was more activity at the front desk on February 14th as retailers and beaux brought in a steady flow of flowers, candy, cards and other goodies to be delivered to various residents. Flowers were definitely the gift of choice, the gift of "true love!" And every woman who thought she would (or should!) receive flowers, stayed close to the phone waiting and hoping that at least a single rose or a few carnations would arrive in her name.

What a different view I have of Valentine's Day now. That's not to say I won't accept flowers from my husband, but I certainly don't wait for them with baited breath! This year Valentine's Day is still in the season of Epiphany, when the love of God is made real and known to us in concrete and "ah-ha" kinds of moments. How do we as God's people make this love known to the world?

## The Challenge of Ten Apples



Once upon a time there was a couple who had nothing, and God gave them ten apples. God gave them the first three apples to eat. They shared each apple and ate all three.

God gave them the second three apples to trade for a shelter from the sun and rain. They traded the second three for a shelter from the sun and rain. God gave them the third three apples to trade for clothing to wear.

God gave them the last apple so that they might have something to give back to God to show their gratitude for the other nine. But the man and woman looked at the tenth apple, and it seemed bigger and juicier than the rest. They reasoned that God had all the other apples in the world. So they ate the tenth apple and gave back to God the core.

God has given you enough apples to supply your needs – plus one with which you may show your gratitude to God. The choice is yours. Will you return to God the largest and juiciest of your apples – or only the core?



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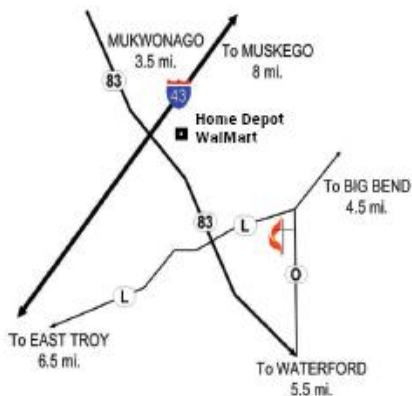
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