



# AMAZING GRACE

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## **Much in May**

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While we had a brief view of May back in March, our weather might re-synch with the calendar this month, which would be wonderful! There are a lot of things going on this month in our church, in our families, in our schools, in our fields and gardens, in our community – and some mild May weather would be much appreciated as we begin to have outdoor gatherings and events.

May begins with the closing days of the General Conference for The United Methodist Church – that “once every four years” gathering of representatives from our church body, that is the official “voice” of our church. It will be interesting to hear what we have to say! a whirl of stuff happens: Birdies Fore Bethel golf outing and lunch; a farewell party for our District Superintendent; another primary; Mother’s Day; Change the World Weekend; the Caldwell UMW Garden Party; Pentecost; Memorial Day; the Wisconsin Annual Conference gathers on May 31; there are sports galore going on; and some people are graduating – or getting closer to their graduation day. So there is studying, mowing, meeting, remembering, gifting, golfing, celebrating, and voting to squeeze into our busy days. Good thing there are more minutes of daylight each day! And it is a very good thing to know that God is with us every minute of every day – no matter what we are doing.

*Pastor Joyce*



## United Methodist Women News

### Upcoming UMW events...

**May 2** – *Wednesday at noon* – at Jane Spires apartment – The daytime circle will meet. Bring a bag lunch. The program will be PEACE AS ACTION.

**May 14** – *Monday at 6:30 p.m.* – The evening circle will meet. We will be planning the Garden Party and Tea.

**May 26** – *Saturday, 9:30 a.m. – noon.*– Garden Party and Tea

*President, Jennie Sanchez*

## PROGRESS REPORT ON THE PARSONAGE

At the beginning of April we hit a little snag in the work schedule because we needed to sort out what would/would not be required to change in regards to the electrical service for the house; and what would/would not be considered an “upgrade” vs. a “current code violation” vs. what could be “grandfathered in” – not to mention what would be covered by the insurance, what would be failed by the building inspector, what we could avoid having to be worked on twice...Life is always interesting! But it is not always simple! We still believe that all of the work on the house will probably be completed this month. Stay tuned for more information as we know it.

## Thank You!

**In related news: THANK YOU to Scott Bernau and Don Foster for putting a new roof on the garage. The consensus at the Trustees’ meeting in April was that this is only the second time the garage has been shingled since it was built! (And there was only one small section of plywood base that needed to be replaced.)**

**Also THANK YOU to Dean Janke, Peter Lukas, Robert Dixon, Don Foster and anyone else who had a hand in shoring up the ceiling tiles in the community hall at church. It is not an easy height to work at!**

## MAY 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>29</b> *General Conference, The United Methodist Church, Tampa, FL <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>12:00 PM</b> Potluck lunch and discussion	<b>30</b> *General Conference, The United Methodist Church, Tampa, FL	<b>1</b> *General Conference, The United Methodist Church, Tampa, FL	<b>2</b> *General Conference, The United Methodist Church, Tampa, FL  <b>12:00 PM - 2:00 PM</b> Caldwell United Methodist Women Day Group	<b>3</b> *General Conference, The United Methodist Church, Tampa, FL  <b>6:30 PM - 7:45 PM</b> Choir rehearsal	<b>4</b> *General Conference, The United Methodist Church, Tampa, FL	<b>5</b> <b>9:00 AM - 3:00 PM</b> *Conf Board of Laity, Sun Prairie  <b>4:00 PM</b> *Commission on Religion & Race
<b>6</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>3:00 PM - 5:00 PM</b> *Farewell Celebration for District Superintendent Rev Jorge Luis Mayorga Solis, Emmanuel Community UMC, Menomonee Falls	<b>7</b> <b>6:00 PM - 6:45 PM</b> Trustees  <b>6:45 PM</b> Caldwell Administrative Team	<b>8</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> *Mukwonago clergy meeting  <b>6:00 PM</b> *Conf Program & Arrangements Cmte, Conf Ofc, Sun Prairie	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>10:00 AM - 12:00 PM</b> *Metro Region Vision Team, District Ofc  <b>6:30 PM - 7:45 PM</b> Choir rehearsal	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <b>8:00 AM - 10:30 AM</b> Food Pantry
<b>13</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>14</b> <b>6:30 PM - 8:00 PM</b> Caldwell United Methodist Women Evening Group	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>6:30 PM - 7:45 PM</b> Choir rehearsal	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>8:00 AM - 10:30 AM</b> SHARE [final distribution date] <b>8:30 AM - 12:00 PM</b> *Change the World Weekend, spring cleanup Mukwonago <b>4:30 PM - 7:00 PM</b> *SOUP FOR SOULS, North Prairie UMC
<b>20</b> <b>9:00 AM - 10:00 AM</b> *Worship Service, Bethel UMC and St. James UMC  <b>9:00 AM</b> Change the World Weekend, road pickup  <b>10:45 AM - 11:45 AM</b> Worship Service	<b>21</b> <b>5:30 PM - 6:30 PM</b> *Second Helpings meal, St. James UMC, East Troy	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>6:30 PM - 7:45 PM</b> Choir rehearsal	<b>25</b>	 <b>9:00 AM - 12:00 PM</b> Garden & Tea Party
<b>27</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>28 MEMORIAL DAY</b>  <b>10:30 AM</b> *Memorial Day observance at Caldwell Cemetery	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> *SM UMWs sort ingathering items, St. James UMC, East Troy  <b>6:30 PM - 7:45 PM</b> Choir rehearsal	<b>31</b> *Wisconsin Annual Conference, Chula Vista Resort, Wisconsin Dells	<b>1</b> *Wisconsin Annual Conference, Chula Vista Resort, Wisconsin Dells	<b>2</b> *Wisconsin Annual Conference, Chula Vista Resort, Wisconsin Dells

**DEADLINE FOR JUNE 2012 NEWSLETTER: May 15, 2012**

\*Denotes location other than Caldwell UMC

**MISSIONS MISSIONS MISSIONS**

**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.

More info and opportunities will be communicated closer to the weekend.

**Shared Ministry Mission Trip(s)!**

We’re offering a variety of mission work on three different days of mission trips!

On Fri., June 29 you can travel to Kenosha to do crafts and games at a day care facility that brings together children with a wide range of physical and learning abilities.

Sat., June 30 travel to Milwaukee to work at United Methodist Children’s Services.

Sun., July 1 we’ll work on projects closer to home in our communities.

Scholarships for youth participants are available. Carpooling will be coordinated. Watch for more info on how to sign up!

**Soup for Souls**

The North Prairie UMC is holding another soup dinner to help support the great services of Hebron House of Hospitality in Waukesha ([www.hebronhouse.org](http://www.hebronhouse.org)).

Hebron House serves homeless women and children, many of whom are escaping abuse. Shelter was provided to 40 families and 108 single women in 2011. Unfortunately, 720 families and almost 1,500 single women had to be turned away when the shelter was full last year.

The Soup for Souls dinner is Sat., May 19, from 4:30 to 7:00 PM at North Prairie UMC, 107 N. Main St., North Prairie (262-392-3292). There will be a selection of soups, homemade bread, cookies, and other fixings. Cost is \$5.00 per person, and all proceeds go to Hebron House. Additional donations are greatly appreciated.



## What Is General Conference?

The General Conference of The United Methodist Church is an international body of nearly 1,000 delegates that meets once every four years. And for those of us in the U.S. that year is the same as the year of our presidential elections – so this year General Conference is meeting April 24 through May 4, 2012 in Tampa, Florida. The official General Conference 2012 website is: [www.gc2012.umc.org](http://www.gc2012.umc.org)

The delegates are each elected by their ‘home’ annual conference, so the delegates represent all of the United Methodist annual conferences around the world. Half of the delegates must be laity, and half must be clergy. General Conference delegates discuss and vote on petitions and resolutions that have been proposed by individuals, agencies, groups, or conferences within the denomination. The actions taken at General Conference can result in revisions to the **Book of Discipline**, the **Book of Resolutions**, denominational policies and/or structure, and the budget for our denominational ministries for the next four years. The General Conference is the only body that can set official policy and “speak” for our denomination. Bishops attend General Conference and act as presiding officers, but cannot vote.

To learn more about the delegation representing the Wisconsin Annual conference check out the blog at: [www.wigc2012.wordpress.com](http://www.wigc2012.wordpress.com) Our lay members are: Lisa King (delegation head), Dorothy Radley, William Stimeling. Clergy members: Dan Dick, Amanda Stein, Steve Zekoff (secretary).

## Who are Our Graduates?



Are you graduating this year? Do you know someone else who is?  
Let Pastor Joyce know! The whole congregation wants to congratulate you and pray for you!

## Birdies Fore Bethel

Sat., May 5 is the day. Lauderdale Lakes Country Club is the place. Come to play 9 holes of golf, bid on the silent auction items, and enjoy a great pork lunch!

Registration forms are available at church, or call Diane (949-5625) for more information. This fundraiser supports the mission and ministries of Bethel UMC – one of our Shared Ministry partners.



## VBS Takes a Whole New Direction

Get involved in helping to plan our first Vacation Bible School (VBS) to be offered in FieldPark in Mukwonago! Put the dates on your calendar: Aug. 6 to 10.



Talk to Jenny Hensgen, Elouise Benner, or Pastor Joyce for more information.

## On Fire for Pentecost



Do you have large, pillar style candles and/or candleholders in red, yellow, or orange?

We can use them on Sun., June 27 for our Pentecost worship celebration.

Talk to Pastor Joyce if you have candle resources to share!

## Flowers! Beautiful! Flowers!

Thanks again to everyone who brought flowers of every shape, color, and size to create a garden of beauty in the sanctuary for Easter! And thanks to Jenny Hensgen, Elouise Benner, Robert Dixon, and Grayson Wolf-Dixon for helping to put together and put in place the colorful ribbon background in the sanctuary! It is quite lovely to look at.



Rumor has it that more flowers may be coming to worship on Mother's Day.

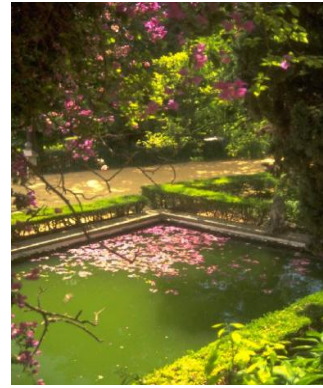
## American Legion Events for Memorial Day

American Legion Essman-Schroeder Post # 20 of Waterford will be conducting a short ceremony and rifle salute on May 28, Memorial Day, at the following times and locations:

8:00 AM – North Cape Cemetery;  
8:20 AM – Norway Cemetery;  
8:40 AM – St. Peter Cemetery;  
9:15 AM – Waterford Parade;  
9:30 AM – Waterford Bridge;  
9:45 AM – St. Thomas Cemetery;  
10:15 AM – Oakwood Cemetery;  
**10:30 AM – Caldwell Cemetery;**

11:00 AM – Honey Creek Bridge;  
11:10 AM Honey Creek Cemetery;  
Noon – Rochester Cemetery;  
12:50 PM – English Settlement Cemetery;  
1:10 PM – Rosewood Cemetery;  
1:30 PM – Rochester Parade;  
2:00 PM – Rochester Park program.

# A Garden Party



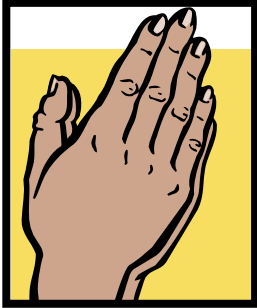
May 26, 2012 - 9:00 am-12:00 pm

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- ✿ **Bible Verse Plant Sale** – Specially selected plants that are found in the Bible and will grow in our Wisconsin climate.
- ✿ **Perennial Plant Swap** – Bring your perennial divisions in pots and trade with other gardeners!
- ✿ **Tea Party** – Come and enjoy a glass of lemonade or a cup of tea or coffee and delicious home-made treats before you start planting all the wonderful plants you traded and bought! \$5 per person. Serving 9:00 am-12:00 pm.
- ✿ **Garden Art and Vintage and Unique Gifts Boutiques** – Handmade cards, decorations for home and garden and classy items. Great gifts for others and yourself!
- ✿ **Hat drawing** – If you wear a fabulous garden hat, you can enter your name in the hat drawing. The prize is a free set of Bible verse plants!

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## Prayers



In the month of May we lift up in prayer all who are going through major transitions in their lives, who may be anxious or simply uncertain about what the next stage of life is going to be like, or what it will hold for them.

In the month of May we remember the many lives that have been given in service, and all who have given years of their lives to serve our country.

In the month of May we pray for those who are seeking employment we pray for those who are beginning new jobs; and we pray for those who are retiring from their work – either by their own volition, or because it is necessary to do so.

In the month of May we thank God for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and for the ways that the Spirit leads us to change the world.

## ***May Birthdays and Anniversaries***

BIRTHDAYS		ANNIVERSARIES
1 – Luke Zortman	19 – Brek Zortman	7 – Don & Diane Herron
4 – Barbara Foster	28 – Sam Pritchett	17 – Peter & Marianne Lukas
4 – Ben Zoellick	29 – Carol Lohr	
5 – Al Handy	29 – Kassandra Klawitter	
9 – Scott Bernau	31 – Kevin Mattson	
13 – John Craig	31 – Joe Mattson	
15 – Deanna Bayley	31 – Hank Mattson	

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

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<b>May 6 – Steve Hensgen &amp; Ken Pugh</b>	<b>May 6 – Chuck Herman</b>
<b>May 13 – Sharon &amp; Doug Merkel</b>	<b>May 13 – Marlo Wolf-Dixon</b>
<b>May 20 – Marianne &amp; Peter Lukas</b>	<b>May 20 – Jane Craig</b>
<b>May 27 – Gloria Schmidt &amp; Brian Bayley</b>	<b>May 27 – Miranda Janke</b>



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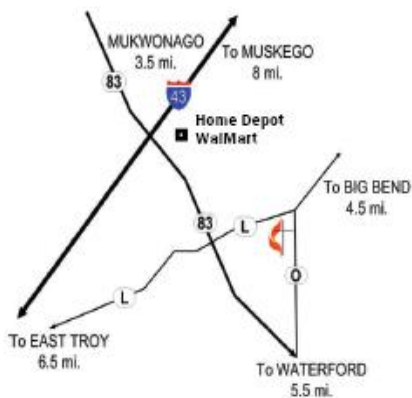
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