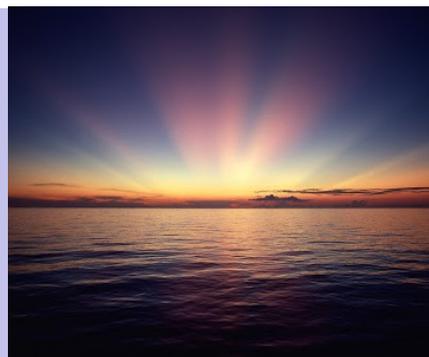


THE WORD

Experiencing, Growing In & Sharing God's Love

Goldendale United Methodist Church

August 2019



2nd Sunday Potluck

August 11th after Worship

In the beautiful month of August join us for our 2nd Sunday potluck. Great food, wonderful fellowship!



Missionary Visit with Katherine Parker

The United Methodist Women have been busy this summer! Barb Stout, Monica Gourley, Sarah Gould and Pastor Joyce were at Mission U. For the last three years we have supporting Katherine Parker, a missionary serving in Nepal. She was with us on July 17th.

Her sharing reminded us of the basic needs in far off areas. Those serving in Nepal have challenges that include travel. It sounds like a hair raising adventure of planes, cars and walking to get to Katherine's neighborhood. We have been in covenant relationship with Katherine for three years and hope to make it more. As a gift to our church Katherine presented Pat Hamilton with a painting made by a Nepalese gentleman. It and other information about Katherine's work are posted in the Hallway. See Pat or Pastor Joyce if you want to help sponsor Katherine.



McCurdy Ministries

Remember we are collecting Box Tops for Education for McCurdy Ministries. Located in Española,

New Mexico we have been supporting this educational ministry for many years. Look for the container on the round table in the entryway.

August Calendar

Sundays

Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:45 a.m.
2nd Sunday Potlucks
10:45 a.m.

Mondays

Yoga 6 p.m.
AA 8 p.m.

2nd & 4th Mondays

Staff Meeting 9:30 a.m.
The Universal Christ
Book Club 10 a.m.

T/W/Th Community Meals
5:30 p.m.

First Wednesday

Ad Council 5:30 p.m.

Wednesdays

AA 8 p.m.

2nd & 4th Thursdays

Quilters 1 p.m.

Men's Breakfast

First Saturday 8 a.m.
Roadhouse 97

Fridays - Pastor's Day Off

AA 8 p.m.

*****UMW and Choir are on break for the summer!**



Chasing the Wild Goose

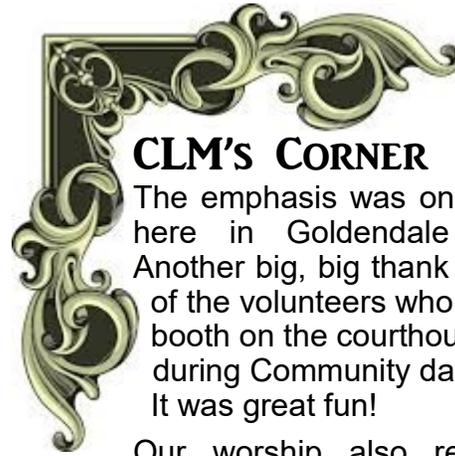
Pastor Joyce O'Connor-Magee

What a great summer it is! I was lucky enough to join with other women from the church at Mission u. Years ago I was very involved with what was then the Cooperative School of Christian Mission. Always there is much to learn as a teacher or as a participant. My teacher this year was the delightful Ev Erbele who with her husband have been missionaries in Moscow, Alaska and Lithuania, Currently they are in residence in the Oregon-Idaho Conference. Her rendering of the Gospel of Mark taught us all so much. We have been in touch and I hope we can host them soon!

Tom and I were also on the staff of the Grand Camp at Lazy F. This is a time when grandparents take their grandkids to camp. What fun it was to watch how grandparenting is done - all differently but all just right. We haven't led camp for a while and it was so good to do it together - with Pelly!

Summer is a time of rejuvenation - for some doing extra work, for others to kick back and do a bunch of nothing. I have been so delighted that attendance has been good this summer. So glad when you can be here, knowing many of you are doing other things that also fill your soul. I like to think that these summer get aways - as near as Mt. Adams, as far as Machu Picchu - give us time to recharge in holy spaces. Vacations become holidays - holy days. These holy moments can come anytime, any where. It can be over coffee with friends. Visiting in the hospital. Delighting in the flowers in your yard or your neighbors. For some holy time is swimming in the morning, for others finding shade in the evening to sit and read. Just because at times summer activities take over Sunday mornings it doesn't mean you haven't been in worship. And it certainly doesn't mean we aren't thinking of you and keeping you in our heart of prayer.

Enjoy these warm days where ever they take you. Know you are always surrounded by God's love and presence. It is a good time to offer our thanks and praise to our Creator. And when you can, join us on Sundays - to hug, to sing, to celebrate our connection with God and each other!



CLM'S CORNER

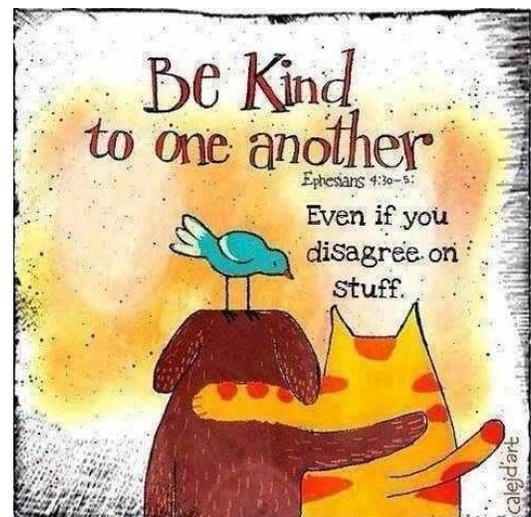
The emphasis was on Community here in Goldendale this July. Another big, big thank you to each of the volunteers who hosted our booth on the courthouse lawn during Community days. It was great fun!

Our worship also reflected our connection with Community, whether neighborhood, region, nation, or worldwide. Of note is the story of Martha, the one who served, and was really good at it. Revisiting The Good Samaritan gave us a Jesus-eye-view of who is my neighbor?

I was looking again at the 17th Chapter of The Gospel of John. Over the course of these coming summer days I invite you to read it beginning at verse 6 and ask yourself, what is Jesus dream and earnest prayer for us, His people here at GUMC, and what is he praying for us to become?

May all of us here live toward the Christ-centered unity for which our Lord prayed.

Peace,
LeRoy Schoot, CLM
Certified Lay Minister





Women, save the dates!

Two big events are happening that the women of the church don't want to miss!

The Seven Rivers District Meeting will be on Saturday, September 21st at the Riverview UMC in Pasco. It will be a great time to connect with other United Methodist Women. Learn more at our Sept 9th meeting.

The Conference United Methodist Annual Meeting will be on October 11th and 12th at First UMC of Wenatchee. Registration forms and information on a special hotel rate are now available in the office.

The meeting will be a chance for us to meet Rev. Joanne Coleman-Campbell, our new District Superintendent. Before Joanne entered the ministry she was an active United Methodist laywoman. Brian Diggs, the director of UMCOR West Depot will be Friday's keynote speaker. As always, our Conference meeting will be a time of fun, reunion and inspiration. Register now!

Community Dinners

We have been so blessed with Connie Pond's leadership that has made our Soup Suppers possible. Her organization and passion has helped us respond to the needs of our neighbors. Some have said the meal is the thing that keeps their tight budgets balanced, especially as the month comes to a close.



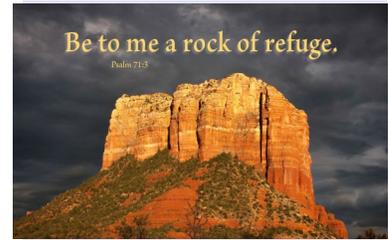
Connie will be taking over some more important duties at the hospital and is ready to pass on the apron to others. A group is being formed to cover the tasks needed for the community ministry to continue. Thank you Connie, and all the volunteers, for helping us care for our friends in need.

Big River Youth Council



BRYC will be giving us a report on their trip to UNITY Conference 2019. They will be presenting on Sunday, September 8, 2019. We will also be honoring two seniors.

The UMW will be presenting a dorm worthy basket of college needs to Sarah Gould who will be heading to UW with a Presidential Scholarship for four years. September 8th is also a potluck Sunday - so make sure to be here!!



🌸 Birthdays 🌸

Sharon Williams Aug. 4

Vicki Wollam Aug. 26

To have your birthday or anniversary listed let Elsie know!



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News from around the Church!

Marjorie West will be having surgery on her knee August 6th, postponed from July 23rd. She has been waiting a long time!

We thank Barb Stout for her rendition of Hallelujah - especially as the congregation chimed in for the chorus!

Goldendale is well represented on the Seven Rivers District UMW team - Barb Stout, Elsie David, Linda Hay continue on the team as Pastor Joyce is becoming the secretary.

Goldendale Christian Fellowship is looking for volunteers to work in the school as aides. With budget cuts the hard working teachers need some help so our kids can keep on learning. See Pastor Joyce if you are interested in signing up.

Thanks to LeRoy Schoot for bringing our message on July 14th. We need to look again at the stories, like the Good Samaritan, that we think we already know! We are glad to have him back on staff once again as a CLM - Certified Lay Minister.

Join us for worship this Sunday!



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