

THE WORD

Experiencing, Growing In & Sharing God's Love

Goldendale United Methodist Church

January 2021



Human Relations Day

We are all family.

When we walk past our neighbor who is hiding in plain sight, we limit the gifts and graces that our sisters and brothers in Christ bring to the table. We limit the experiences, the voices and the beloved community that take place through mutual sharing of gifts. With a special offering celebrating Human Relations Day, we join with United Methodists around the world, remembering that the size of the table of divine love is unlimited.

One of the wonderful aspects of The United Methodist Church is that we can do so much more together than we ever could do on our own. On Human Relations Day, we join other UMC congregations in a special offering to support neighborhood ministries through Community Developers, community advocacy through United Methodist Voluntary Services and work with at-risk youth through the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Programs

Human Relations Day is January 17th and we will be asking for a special offering this month. Please add something extra to your pledge this month, letting us know it is for Human Relations Offering.

It's Time for Our Sesquicentennial

Which is just a fancy way of saying 2021 is the 150th anniversary of the founding of our church. In 1871 not only was our church founded but so was the town of Goldendale. Our stories are intertwined as John Golden donated the first land for the church - and the first child of the town was born in the Methodist Parsonage. In 1996 a group wrote the history of our 125 years - its now time to add the last 25 years as we celebrate our first 150. A small committee will be working this year on our celebration. Look for articles of interest from our church history. And, God willing, we will celebrate together with a picnic this summer.

Looking back will help us look forward!



January Calendar

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

Sundays

Zoom Coffee Hour 9:30 am

**Council Zoom Meeting
January 6 5:30 p.m.**

Worship on Line

Pastor Joyce's message

www.goldendaleumc.org

To share prayer concerns
call the church 773-4461

Or email
gumc12@centurylink.net





Chasing the Wild Goose

Pastor Joyce O'Connor-Magee

Folks have been saying the most worthless thing they bought last year was a 2020 planner! This morning I looked back at the January 2020 newsletter - we had a lot going on. Remember the joy of monthly potlucks, Men's Breakfasts, Sunday School classes?? I looked at last year's calendar and the conferences and trips we had planned. On my winter "staycation" our highlight was a trip to Bi-Mart and a Peppermint Mocha.

This was a year we took it one day at a time. So here we are in 2021. Who knows what lies ahead. But we can know what lies inside. For the work of Christmas is never ending. Things have changed but love of neighbor is still a high need. Now it is just calling them - meeting over Zoom or just waving across the fence. Last year one great thing I was doing was helping out in the school...now it is just letting the teachers know how much we appreciate them. We continue to send funds to the church so our vital ministries can happen in Goldendale and around the world. We continue to support our Missionary to Nepal. Last we heard Katherine Parker is still in California with her family as she was visiting in the US when COVID hit. The ministry to the people of Nepal continues to go on and continues to need our help. Since March we have continued to have folks from the church feed neighbors 3-4 days a week. Some are able to cook the meals, others bake cookies to give to the guests and others buy or collect food every week.

Hopefully our Advent pages helped bring music and thought to our congregation - while many of us read the Gospel of Luke together! I am planning a daily devotion for Lent.

We continue to celebrate the Christ Child in our midst. Like every parent, we don't know what each day will bring but we are prepared to embrace each new day.

Here's to 2021! May we find joy this year!!!



Calling

All Seamstresses!!

Are you needing a project to chase away the boredom of COVID-19 stay-at-home, and gray, rainy weather? Can you sew a Christmas

stocking? The United Methodist Women's group (or anyone in the church who enjoys sewing) is going to make Christmas stockings in preparation for a project next year. If you are interested, contact Lynn at the church office for a pattern. There are also some beautiful examples which Delores Gardener has made for you to look at. Now is a good time to round up fabric and supplies for this project as they may be on sale. Give us a call at 509-773-4461 for more information and a pattern.

Epiphany - January 6th

Did you know the word "epiphany" not only means an "a-ha!" moment, but also refers to an ancient church holiday celebrated on January 6? In this video, learn how a single celestially-guided voyage, which led magi to Baby Jesus, was an epiphany for the whole world.

Learn more about Epiphany with this link:

<https://www.umc.org/en/content/ask-the-umc-how-do-united-methodists-understand-epiphany-and-three-kings-day>





Hello everyone,

T'is the season for giving!! And your four officers met before Christmas to decide where we should give our Love Gifts this year. We were sorry to do it in a small group, but rather than risk spreading/getting the virus we met as a small group, socially distanced, and wearing our masks. What a 'novel' holiday season this was and continues to be.

This is a mission project near and dear to all our hearts and we were anxious about having any funds to distribute this year. But, you all came through with pledges and here are the organizations we were able to contribute:

- *Heifer International
- *New Hope Farms
- *Dr. Ogden
- *UMCOR Disaster Relief Teams
- *McCurdy School
- *Goldendale Christian Fellowship (A Hand Up Ministry)
- *Back Packs 4 Kids
- *Love gift to Pastor Joyce

Chaplaincy Coalition (This is the work of Terri Stewart with incarcerated and at-risk youth. We have been sending gift boxes, but because of the pandemic this year we have been asked to send financial support.)

With your generous support, each of these individuals/groups received a check from us for \$165. What a blessing you all are to continue to support United Methodist Women with your gifts and talents. And that's in spite of the fact that we cannot meet together! Thank you!

In other news, our Kid's Closet is well stocked and Ellen Lund from Head Start will be contacting us soon regarding the needs of some of the kids in Head Start who need some clothing items.

In November we always meet to share a program devoted to the World Thank Offering. Since we are unable to meet together this year I need you to think about how to make a gift to this offering. I know my little box is pretty full of coins. So if yours is also overflowing you can do one of the following:

1. Bring your coins in to the church office clearly labeled for World Thank Offering,
2. Count your coins and send in a check for that amount. (PO Box 1033) And then continue to save coins for next year.

The money will get to our Treasurer, Candy Hack, and will be sent on to the World Thank Offering. Many thanks!

UMW President
Lynn Wanless



Birthdays

- Bruce Wollam 1/08**
- Lori Anderson 1/16**
- Pat Hamilton 1/16**
- Gwenn Clem 1/27**

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

**Monday to Thursday
9am - noon
509-773-4461**

M/W Lynn Wanless
T/Th Elsie David
M-Th Pastor Joyce
509-389-1406

Easy Peanut Butter Cookies

Many of us grew up in homes where spiral-bound church cookbooks were a familiar sight. Methodist church cookbooks have been around for over a hundred years and the recipes and cooking methods offer a time-capsule peek into the kitchens of generations of Methodist families.

Easy Peanut Butter Cookies is a great recipe for this time. There are only five ingredients and all are pantry staples. This vintage gem is from 1984 cookbook compiled by the First United Methodist Church in Norwood, North Carolina.



Ingredients:

3/4 cup peanut butter	1 can sweetened condensed milk
2 cups baking mix like Bisquick	1 teaspoon vanilla
Granulated sugar for rolling	

Mix one can of sweetened condensed milk with peanut butter. Add biscuit mix and vanilla and you're ready to roll these into one-inch balls. Roll in sugar and flatten with a fork on an ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 375 degrees for 6-8 minutes.

For more recipes and stories about food and fellowship visit:

www.umc.org/en/what-we-believe/umc-topics/our-people/our-united-methodist-table



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