

Joyce O'Connor-Magee was raised as a United Methodist in Spokane. Her mother served the church in the Spokane District office for over 35 years. Meeting many kinds of pastors through her mom's work inspired Joyce to be open to a call to ministry when she was only 16. In 1975 Joyce graduated from Shadle Park HS then EWU in 1979 with a BA in Education. She got her Masters degree in Theology from Southern Methodist University, in Dallas, in 1983. Her first church was in a town of 400 – First UMC of Potwin, Kansas. She also served on staff at First UMC in Dallas – a congregation of 6000. She has served churches across the PNW – including in East Wenatchee, Seattle, Lynden, Vashon, and Spokane. For the last 8 years she has served as lead pastor at the Fairwood UMC in Renton.

Her ministry began in camping – including leading camps throughout Washington and Idaho. She served as the chair of the Camping Board of Stewards overseeing all our Conference Camps. Serving as a leader in Mission U and in Volunteer in mission trips have been highlights over the years. One of the most exciting times was working with the Vashon congregation as they remodeled their 100 year old building – at a cost of \$1.2 million that they paid off in 6 years!

Joyce loves to read, write and travel. We will find out soon that she also loves to cook. Two years ago she won the coveted prize of the best chili of Fairwood's Chili Cook Off – her secret? Bacon in the chili! Her pride and joy is their Pembroke Welsh Corgi, Lillie.

She follows in her mother's footsteps having been certified as a handwriting analyst. She also has recently been certified in a program of death and grief ministry.

Joyce and husband Tom Magee met when she was the pastor in Lynden. He was the Lay Leader at the Hope Lutheran church which shared activities with the Methodist Church. Actually they met at a joint Halloween Party! Getting to know each other better at a joint VBS they married in 1996. Tom brought into the marriage two daughters who are now grown, married and living near Bellingham. Tom and Joyce delight in two exceptional grandsons.

Tom did much of his growing up in Southern California moving with his family to Ferndale when he was in High School. He served in the US Navy for 8 years. He has worked in retail, owned a travel agency, drove buses and access

vans and was a driver for a retirement resort. He is semi-retired, giving more time to his life's passion - long distant hiking. Tom will finish the last 200 miles of the Pacific Crest Trail this summer having hiked the Appalachian Trail in 2014. He is very happy when his wife tells him to "go take a hike!"

Pastor Joyce and Tom decided this year it was time to get back to the East Side. With 37 years of experience Pastor Joyce longed to be where she feels she fits best – in a smaller community with a church excited about ministry. They are both delighted to have moved to Goldendale this summer – to be part of a church passionate for the ministry of love and acceptance.

