

THE WORD

Experiencing, Growing In & Sharing God's Love

Goldendale United Methodist Church

July—August 2022



Writing the first newsletter article is always a challenge. You don't know me yet. You don't know my background or history. You may not understand my references or humor. On the up side, you haven't heard any of my stories yet. The question always is 'where to start?'

Starting at the beginning seems like a bit much. I was a delightful and precocious child, but you probably don't care about that quite yet. Over our time together I will tell you stories of growing up, about my mom, and about my less than traditional upbringing. But all of that is too much for this space.

I could tell you about my home church, the pastors and teachers who nurtured and taught me. I could tell you about the quirky personalities and the unique dynamics of my small town church. I could tell you about how much they loved me, supported me, and encouraged me even when I told them I wanted to be a pastor. I could tell you how proud they were of me at every point in my journey and how proud they still are today. But that seems more like a call story than a newsletter article.

I could tell you about my education, the many professors that not only showed me how little I actually knew, but also started filling up those empty spaces in my brain. Professors who taught me that I could be more than one thing. I could be smart and funny. I could read philosophy and theology and still love pop culture. That no matter what we might do, the arts have a place that deepen and enrich our lives. I could talk about my schools and classes and grades, but this is not a resume.

I could talk about the last 26 years of ministry: The good, the bad, the successes and the failures. I could tell you how I have changed from the person I was when I started and what happened to bring me to where I am today. I could tell you the lessons I learned, whether I wanted to or not, that change the way I view the world, the Church, and my faith. But this is not a theological treatise.

So where do I start? There is so much to tell you. Some of which you will never know, some of which you will not care about, some you will get tired of hearing about. We can't know at this point what will come. All we can do at this point is make a start.

Hello!

Pastor Kendra-Behn Smith

Summer Calendar

2nd & 4th Mondays

Community Meals

T/W/Th Community Meals

5:30 p.m.

Sundays

Worship 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Or every other week

Book Study - "Last Week"

www.goldendaleumc.org

**To share prayer concerns
call the church
509-773-4461**

**Or email
gumc12@centurylink.net**



Come See The Mammoth!

Sunday, July 31, 2022

11:30 a.m. at the Gorge Discovery Center in
The Dalles, Oregon

Bring your own picnic lunch and a chair and we will dine with the Methodists from White Salmon. We will tour the Discovery Center and there is a Raptor Show at 2 p.m.

Cost is \$6.50 per person. You may sign up in the church office and leave your money then. If cost is an obstacle, we have scholarship money to help with that.

Get Your Spirit In Shape Podcast:



Navigating Dementia: A guide for loved ones

Loneliness, grief, anger, exhaustion and a longing for peace. Healthcare chaplain, former United Methodist pastor and author Elizabeth Shulman says these emotions frequently surround families dealing with dementia. In her new book, "Finding Sanctuary in the Midst of Alzheimer's: A Spiritual Guide for Families Facing Dementia," Shulman offers steps for how caregivers, as well as members of the church community, can find and offer support for one another.

Learn more about Elizabeth Shulman at her website:
<https://elizabethshulman.com>

Listen to her podcast at:
www.umc.org/en/content/get-your-spirit-in-shape

Online support community:
<https://elizabethshulman.com/resources>

Cookies for Mowers!

Again this summer we have a great deal! Rewards for our mowers, Josh and Jim Ogden. Make sure you sign up at church to provide a low sugar snack each week. Please drop off the snack at Dr. Ogden's office Monday or Tuesday of your week.



Volunteer Appreciation

There has been a flurry of activity around the church and parsonage in the last few weeks. It's definitely time for some thank you's!

Terry Nickels for tree cutting.

Buzz & Susan Paul for gardening.

Ann Chaffee for pressure washing the front porch of the church.

Hamilton's and Candy Hack for cleaning up in the kitchen and storage spaces.

For all who helped with the O'Connor-Magee yard sale.

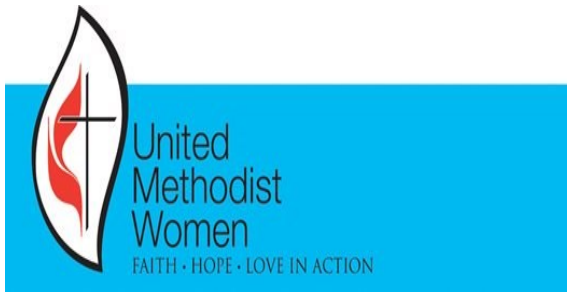
Connie Pond who has done a ton of work getting the parsonage ready to rent.

Lori Anderson who is going to get rid of weeds in the parking lot.

Joy Bradley who has taken over coffee making duties.

Thanks to all of you! There's never a lack of projects around here. You may be our next volunteer!!





We are all 'practicing' our new name and it will become natural to say United Women In Faith at some point. One of our members reminded me that our new name seems much more inclusive and perhaps that is appropriate for we welcome all to our mission work.

We are not meeting this summer, but the work goes on. We have many of our members who continue to quilt, knit and sew baby blankets and prayer shawls.

Linda Hay has reported that the Brownsville Project (which involves furnishing a cabin for migrants at the border) is nearing the \$3000 mark. That is great news! The goal is \$5000. Our unit is looking to send another check very soon. We sent \$100 which was matched by Pastor Joyce.

We look forward to seeing everyone in the fall when we resume our meeting schedule of the second Monday of each month.

Just Energy 4 All Monthly Webinar

Join the monthly Just Energy for All webinars to hear from experts, community leaders and United Women in Faith members advocating for just energy solutions in their communities and around the world. Learn about efforts to prioritize women's voices in climate justice advocacy, reduce air pollution, install solar panels, increase electric school buses, and more.



These monthly 90-minute sessions occur every 3rd Wednesday at 12 pm P.S.T. All are welcome!

To register for the webinar go to:

<https://uwfaith.org/event/just-energy-for-all-monthly-webinar-250-802-471/>

Birthdays

- July 12 Julie Larson
- July 12 Barbara Fridley
- July 15 Linda Blanchard
- July 24 Nancy Nickels
- July 24 Larry Gourley
- July 26 Joy Bradley
- July 30 Teresa Fridley

- Aug. 4 Sharon Williams
- Aug. 13 Mel Johnson
- Aug. 26 Vicki Wollam

Anniversaries

- July 5 Mel & Shirley Johnson
- Aug. 21 Terry & Nancy Nickels

Please let the office know when your birthday and/or anniversary is so we can celebrate with you!

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday

9am - noon

509-773-4461

M/W Lynn Wanless

T/Th Elsie David

M-Th Pastor Kendra

509-883-9108

Our Work for Ukraine United Methodists and others wishing to provide humanitarian assistance to the Ukrainian people in the wake of the Russian invasion of their country may contribute to **Advance #982450, UMCOR International Disaster Response and Recovery**. This fund will provide direct assistance to those in Ukraine as well as assistance to Ukrainians fleeing to neighboring countries. Additional gifts to support the people of Ukraine can be made in the following ways:



Online at <https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/982450>

- By toll free telephone: 888-252-6174
- By check with “Advance #982450-Ukraine” written on the memo line, either mailed and addressed to Global Ministries/UMCOR, GPO, P.O. Box 9068, New York, NY, 10087-9068 or given at or through any United Methodist church

100% of all Advance contributions go to the designated cause. The United Methodist community in Ukraine, though quite small, is actively engaged in assisting neighbors in need. Global Ministries is in touch with the church’s leadership as well as with church leaders in countries welcoming those who are fleeing from violence in Ukraine.

