

THE WORD

Experiencing, Growing In & Sharing God's Love

Goldendale United Methodist Church

July 2021



Our Mission with Nome Community Center

Our United Methodist Women's unit has been involved with supporting the mission in Nome, Alaska. Linda Hay has been the cheerleader for this project both in the 7 River's District UMW and at the UMC church in Walla Walla, and here.



Their mission is, *"To enhance the quality of life of the people of the Bering Straits Region through diverse programming serving elders, families, and youth."*

Nome Community Center is proud to be over 100 years old, and their mission still rings true today. In its infancy, the mission was born from the hearts of United Methodist women to address the needs of the community of Nome. The Nome Community Center continues to strive to fulfill its mission by transforming itself to meet the needs of the community and its people.

The Nome UMC founded and houses the mission to the Nome community. Nome itself is about the same size as Goldendale. And their normal attendance is like ours - prior to COVID. We might find one difference interesting - the church honors the Inupiaq Culture through the witness of an Inupiaq Choir and singing the Doxology in Inupiaq as well as having the Gospel reading in Inupiaq.

We have sent funds and supplies for this little mission with a big heart. If you go to their website you'll find the youth promoting the *smoking of fish not tobacco!* They also sponsor a Day Camp for kids that celebrates their Native Inupiaq culture as well as smoking and alcohol awareness, recreation, education and fun. They also have support for elders and children taken from abusive situations.

More information <https://www.nomecc.org>

July Calendar

2nd & 4th Mondays

Community Meals

T/W/Th Community Meals

5:30 p.m.

Sundays

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

Worship online

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

By the time you get this newsletter the 4th of July will most likely be over. For years it hasn't been our family's favorite holiday - pets really hate the noise. I have spent many a 4th of July night in the closet with a corgi! We also remember our daughter Jessica, who with so many other veterans suffer from PTSD and are traumatized by fireworks. She says she goes to a really loud movie and watches it twice on the 4th. I admit I love a good fireworks display after the baseball game. During the summer of '74 we had fireworks every night from Expo 74. You could see most of them and hear the music from the World Fair every night. For the first week we sat on our porch to watch them. Soon the noise of the fireworks just meant to us it was 10 p.m.

This 4th is the start of Tom's hike on trail 1776. He will be in Colorado for 7 weeks. To follow his journey read his trail journal at.....

<http://www.trailjournals.com/tripthelightCO/>

All of this reminds me that we often take things for granted. In celebration of the 4th I have been thinking of my gratitude for being an American. I have re-read the Declaration of Independence. We forget at times the lives sacrificed for our country - not just the service men and women. I also think of those who worked to right the wrongs of our country. In 1776 white landowners pledged "their life, their fortunes and their sacred honor." We still honor their dream. Yet we do remember that black men were counted as 3/5th a human, and women and native people were given no rights of their own. We continue to work to right the wrongs of our ancestors. Our country enslaved persons of color and broke treaty after treaty with Native peoples. Let's celebrate our selves as Americans...wave some flags, eat some BBQ, fire off some fireworks. Never let us forget that the dream of patriots is not completed. There is still work for us to do!



Mission u 2021

July 29 - August 1

via ZOOM

At our upcoming Mission u, we will examine anxiety, the culture of violence that impacts children in and out of schools, and how we as God's people can deepen our moral witness and respond faithfully.

This year the following studies will be offered:

Spirituality Study: **Finding Peace in an Anxious World.**

Issues Study: **Pushout: Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools**

Youth Study: **Becoming Peacemakers in a Culture of Violence**

Children's Study: **Responding to Violence:**
For more detail and information:

<https://www.pnwumc.org/event/mission-u-2021>

Gum Moon:

A novel of San Francisco Chinatown

The book Gum Moon is an engaging novel based on real events. The story is of Mei Chun Lai, sold in 1898 at the age of three to a cruel brothel keeper in San Francisco. Her family could not afford to care for all their children so she is sold with her mother's promise to buy her back as soon as she could. Human trafficking was a problem then as it is now. Maud, as she comes to be known, struggles even with the help of Christian missions trying to address the problem of prostitution and the abuse of girls and young women.

We have a copy of the book on the UMW Reading Table for you to borrow! Or if you want it is only \$6.50 on Amazon Kindle. Get your iced tea, sit near a fan and get lost in a touching story.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The UMW ladies met on June 14th in the Sunshine Room. It was decided we would send a shipment of blankets to the

Brownsville, Texas Mission Center. Four of us met to pack them up and send them off. We put 39 blankets in two big boxes and sent them to Deaconess Cindy Andrade.

We have not yet set a date for the Yard Sale. Some of the ladies continue to collect and sort items to be ready when we finally get a date.

At this time we do not have a date for our next meeting. When we do, we will notify everyone through email and announcements in church.

CHURCH OFFICE CHANGES

This summer our Elsie David has the opportunity to teach at the Celilo Preschool for the summer. She will be having office hours some afternoons and perhaps the weekends - to do finance and other work. Pastor Joyce will cover the office on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Lynn will continue to work on Monday and Wednesday mornings. We are so glad we can accommodate new hours for Elsie so she can also teach!

PNW Annual Conference News

Special thanks goes to Vicky Allen, our Lay Member to Annual Conference. Last year and this year Annual Conference was held via ZOOM. In some ways that is easier - no travel or housing expenses - but we miss the direct fellowship with other UMC folk. Again led by Bishop Elaine Stanovsky we were delighted that she will continue on with us until 2022. She had planned retire at the end of 2021 - but the spirit and a bunch of Methodist leaders helped her change her mind. It is vitally important for people like Elaine to have their voices at the General Conference which has been pushed back a year, again. We will be welcoming the Rev. Daniel Miranda as the new District Superintendent with his wife, Rev. Sheila Miranda serving as Connectional ministry staff in 7 Rivers and Inland District. And, FYI - Pastor Joyce O'Connor-Magee was re-appointed for her 4th year with us.



Birthdays

- July 12 Barbara Fridley
- July 12 Julie Larsen
- July 15 Linda Blanchard
- July 24 Nancy Nickels
- July 24 Larry Gourley
- July 26 Joy Bradley
- July 30 Teresa Fridley
- July 31 Tom Magee



- July 5 Mel & Shirley Johnson

CHURCH

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday

9am - noon

509-773-4461

M/W Lynn Wanless

TBA Elsie David

M-Th Pastor Joyce

509-389-1406

What's Bugging Some Churches!

The Rev. Bonnie Scott recently preached an online sermon titled "The Cicadas Are Humming." She did it in the style of spoken-word poetry, and she included the sound of cicadas in the background. Asked what technology she drew on for the special effect, Scott - pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church in Germantown, Maryland - replied that she hadn't used any. "I just opened the window," she said.



This is a Brood X cicadas year, meaning billions of the red-eyed, flying insects have noisily emerged in parts of 15 states and the District of Columbia, after spending 17 years underground. United Methodist clergy are finding inspiration in this miracle of nature. They're also having to cope.

Last year's Brood IX emergence coincided with UM churches moving to drive-in and other outdoor services because of the pandemic. The Rev. Jon Woodburn, then pastor of Oakland UMC in Dry Fork, Virginia, remembers sound technicians turning up the volume because of competition from cicadas.

"Not only was it loud, those little suckers would bomb worship leadership and fly into people's cars," said Woodburn.

Pastor Joyce: We might have high heat, dust storms, wild fires and drought with occasional earthquakes and volcanic explosions...but we don't have cicadas, thanks be to God!

Read the whole story at : <https://www.umnews.org/en/news/cicadas-show-up-for-church-testing-clergy>



The Word
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