

THE WORD

Experiencing, Growing In & Sharing God's Love

Goldendale United Methodist Church

June 2021



Getting Back Together

As mask requirements are lifting we are able to be back together in new ways. It has been great to be back in church. We are at 50% capacity which means we can have up to 50 people in church. We still require masks during worship. Your pastor and Council leaders have a “wait and see” attitude about the new guidelines. We know that even when fully vaccinated we still can carry the COVID virus and we still can become ill with the virus. The CDC claims that if we are vaccinated and get a case of COVID it will be mild and (most likely) it won't land us in the hospital. We also know some in our church have decided to not be vaccinated. So for now we will wear masks to keep others and ourselves as safe as possible. If you are meeting in a group that is small, all persons are fully vaccinated you can agree to not use your masks as long as you remember to social distance. After worship on Sunday, Connie Pond put out hymnals. We will still have the words on the screen but for some having the hymnal handy is helpful. There is a very low chance of transmission on surfaces - and hymnals won't be touched for at least 7 days.



We will continue to send out bulletins on WORD and PDF on Thursdays. We will also continue to have the “service” taped and posted on the website. Hopefully you will continue to listen on Sundays if you can't make it to the service.

If you are not getting our emails please let Lynn or Elsie know as our computer lost the latest update of congregational emails. We are now rebuilding our email address list. We don't want you to miss notices of our prayers, up coming activities and connections.

Hope to see you back in worship soon! It feels so good to be back with the church family.

JUNE

June Calendar

2nd & 4th Mondays

Community Meal

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

Sundays

Worship 9:30 am

Council Meeting
June 2 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

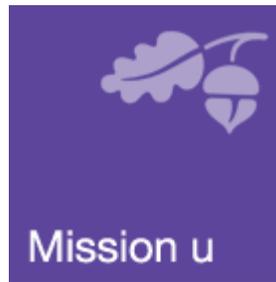
This morning I was actually able to tell Tom to “go take a hike!” and he happily did! He (Trip) and his friend Dave (Chew Toy) will be traveling to South Dakota to hike for 12 days. We have been having important conversations about how to turn on and off the sprinklers, when to feed the dog and how to get the lawn ready for it to be mowed. Oh, and when the garbage is collected and when the mail is delivered. You would think I am new to living here. But I do realize when he goes away all the little things that get done I don't always notice.

I am so appreciative of folks who have offered to help me when I need it and those who will make coffee for us on Sundays! That's how a family runs - each one doing those little things that might go unnoticed but keep us moving forward.

That is how it is with our church family. When the one who does those so much behind the scenes is gone that there is “somebody” who takes up the duty. We have really noticed that our hardworking custodian is gone - and some have been good about picking up the slack and the garbage. Plants have been repotted, the yard is being tended, bushes trimmed.

These are not just thoughts about how the church functions with the everyday - it really says who we are as Christians. It might not be our “job” but we pull together and reach out to one another. Those who knew the first Christians would say of them “see how they love each other!” How do you show your love for your brothers and sisters in this congregation? We remember Jesus himself said he came to serve not to be served.

What service are you being called to as a member of our church? How is Christ calling you to serve?



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, Taught by Rev. Joanne Coleman Campbell.

Issues Study: Pushout: Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools, Taught by Donna Farrell, Nica Sy, and Angela Reed.

Youth Study: Becoming Peacemakers in a Culture of Violence A Curriculum for Youth Leaders, Taught by Abby Niehaus.

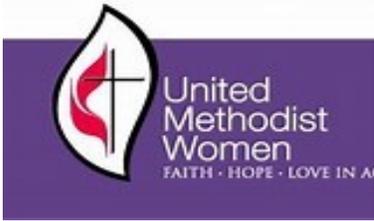
Children's Study: Responding to Violence: A Curriculum for Children's Facilitators, Taught by Rudilyn Rush.

For more detail and information:

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

New Windows

The Church Council voted to get windows replaced in the Fellowship Hall and the Choir Room. We have some broken windows and the Council decide to go ahead and replace other windows as well. The funds come from our Endowment Fund. If you would like to help and put the funds back into the Endowment Fund please send money to the church with that designation. And yes, our parking lot is on a list to be painted. We get backed up as our worker also thinks plumbing problems come first!



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Goldendale's UMW will meet on Monday, June 14th at 1 p.m. in the sanctuary.

The program will include our committee reports as well as a short video about the mission work going on in Brownsville, Texas. We have sent blankets to Brownsville as one of our mission projects and we will send them more this month.

Our yard sale is beginning to look as if it really happen this summer. We look forward to a report from the ladies who have been busily working to make it happen.

Be sure to join us for this meeting as we have all missed the opportunity to gather together. Masks are still required, just to be safe!

CHURCH OFFICE CHANGES

This summer our Elsie David has the opportunity to teach at the Celilo Preschool for the month of June. She will be having office hours some afternoons and perhaps the weekends - to do finance and other work. Pastor Joyce will be in 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!

An Invitation

Jennifer R. Farmer, Host
United Methodist Women Faith Talks Podcast

Each year at Mission U events around the country, adults, children, and youth prepare their hearts and minds for faithful living and response to needs of the world. **Join Faith Talks on June 3, at 11 a.m.** as I interview with some of the writers and planners of the 2021 Spiritual Growth Studies being offered at Mission u events this year.

My guest will include:

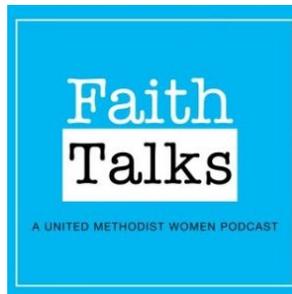
Amanda Meisenheimer, author of the study guide for *Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom: Living Into the Church's Moral Witness through Radical Discipleship*, this year's adult spiritual growth study.

Jay Godfrey, Transformative Education and Training Specialist for United Methodist Women and author of *Becoming Peacemakers in a Culture of Violence*, this year's youth study, and

Sue Raymond, author of *Responding to Violence*, this year's children's study.

Register now for Faith Talks.

Click here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/>



Birthdays

Gary Emerson June 4
Mike Hay June 16
Joyce June 18
O'Connor-Magee
Linda Clemens June 23
Ann Chaffee June 28
Barb Stout June 30



Anniversaries

Linda and Lyle
Blanchard June 15
Ray and Mary Gosney
June 21
Steve and Barb Stout
June 23

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



A Sweet, Sweet Spirit, in this Place

One choir director's insistence that her singers weren't prayed up enough resulted in a beloved United Methodist hymn, "Sweet, Sweet Spirit."

On a Sunday morning in 1962, the story goes, Doris Mae Akers would not dismiss the choir members, feeling that they needed to spend more time praying before entering the worship service.

"You are not ready to go in," she is quoted as saying, when discussing the origin of # 334 in "The United Methodist Hymnal."

As was the custom, Akers, director of the Sky Pilot Choir in Los Angeles, prayed with choir members before every performance, asking God to bless their songs.

This particular morning, she asked her choir members to pray again. As they fervently prayed, she hesitated to stop the impromptu prayer meeting, although the pastor was waiting on them before starting the service.

"Finally," Akers recalled, "I was compelled to say to the choir, 'We have to go. I hate to leave this room and I know you hate to leave, but you know we do have to go to the service. But there is such a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place.'"

From her experience came this lovely hymn.

Hear it at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zXHjWuiuyok>



The Word
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