

# THE WORD

*Experiencing, Growing In & Sharing God's Love*

**Goldendale United Methodist Church**

**June 2022**



## Save the Dates - June 18 & 19

Pastor Joyce has two important celebrations the weekend of June 18 & 19th. On the 18th she will be 65 years old! And on the 19th she will have her final service here that will mark her retirement. On Saturday you are invited to a picnic at noon in Hornibrook Park. You should bring a folding chair! Joyce and Tom will provide the meat, cake and beverages - you are asked to bring side dish or salad. Please RSVP at the church or office to let us know how many might attend. This is also a time to thank Tom for being such a great part of our church!



## Time of Transition

The United Methodist Church orders itself differently than most of our neighboring churches. We are a part of a larger denomination. When it comes time for pastors to move it is accomplished by our Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) in dialogue with the Bishop and DS. As Pastor Kendra starts her ministry with you we have signed a covenant. My time to be your pastor will be over and I have promised her to not interfere with her ministry in Goldendale. I know you will welcome her with the warmth and love you have given us. She is great and I know you will love her as I do! For more information about this Clergy Covenant go to this page:

[www.pnwumc.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/Clergy-Conduct-PNW-06.19.17.pdf](http://www.pnwumc.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/Clergy-Conduct-PNW-06.19.17.pdf)

Our relationship changes as we move but not our love for this congregation and pride in all you do.

*Pastor Joyce & Tom Magee*

## June 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.

Or every other week

Book Study - "Last Week"

**Worship Online**  
**Pastor Joyce's message**

[www.goldendaleumc.org](http://www.goldendaleumc.org)

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

**Or email**  
**[gumc12@centurylink.net](mailto:gumc12@centurylink.net)**



## Chasing the Wild Goose

Pastor Joyce O'Connor-Magee

It comes as no surprise that I am retiring after 41 years of parish ministry. I have been talking about it a lot. It begins a whole new chapter in my life. 1981 was the year Sandra Day O'Connor entered the Supreme Court. Ronald Reagan had become president and Walter Cronkite signed off the air. The royal wedding of Prince Charles and Diana Spencer saw many brides with huge meringue dresses. It was the year I was ordained in the United Methodist Church. I was 24 years old and knew EVERYTHING. Many thanks to my ever patient 1st congregation in Potwin, Kansas.

We have had many challenges in these 4 years. We have lost loved ones, those who were some of the pillars of our congregation. We have lived through COVID...we are living now with COVID. The world is at war with so many deaths in Ukraine. There has been another school shooting, at last count killing 19 elementary children. The name of UMW has been changed, again! And yet the Methodist Church in Goldendale continues to exemplify the living church, daily being people of God.

As we move into a new chapter of our lives, Tom and I are so proud to have been part of this extraordinary congregation. The town of Goldendale has been blessed with 150 years of true Christian love and service at the Methodist Church. Your openness and joy and intellect is something the Christian community and the Goldendale community needs. Keep growing, learning and loving. Stay on the path of Jesus Christ. You are truly a people of blessing. You have been a blessing to us!

## **Cookies for Mowers!**

Again this summer we have a great deal! Cookies for

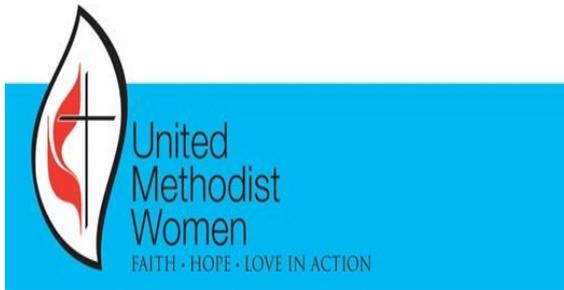


our mowers, Josh and Jim Ogden. Make sure you sign up at church to provide a dozen cookies each week. Please drop off the cookies at Dr. Ogden's office Monday or Tuesday of your week.

## **Pastor Joyce's Availability**

June will definitely be a time of transitions. Early this year it was decided to have Tom and Joyce move early in June to give the church time to get the house ready for a new pastor. Things have changed and we are now planning to rent the parsonage. A month to work on the parsonage is still needed. Bernice will do some great cleaning (as always). There will be some repairs done in the weeks the house is empty. We hope someone will step up to mow the lawn!

Joyce continues to be your pastor until her official retirement on July 1st and will be here on the weekends. During the week she, Tom and Lillie will be settling into their home in Spokane. Lynn and Elsie will continue to have office hours. Joyce will be available by cell phone, text and email. She does have her home office set up in the new house and will be working from there. Remember her phone and text are at 509-389 -1406 and her email is [goumcpastor@gmail.com](mailto:goumcpastor@gmail.com)



**PNW  
United  
Women  
in Faith**



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.

By the time this news reaches you we will have celebrated the life of Pat Benjamin. Her service on May 21st had a meal following which was hosted by our own unit of United Women in Faith. A sincere thanks to all of you who helped to set up, serve, clean up, and who brought food items to share. Pat was a treasure! We have been missing her for some time - ever since she moved to be closer to family. It was an important time to remember and celebrate her.

Bring in your change/bills/checks for Jamaa Letu. Candy will get the money to the conference to be sent on in support of the children in the orphanage.

Nome Community Center has responded that they do not need baby blankets at this time. However, they have expressed a need for feminine products, Pull-ups, sound machines, and winter gloves. We can box up items, but sometimes sending them things via Amazon works better. If you feel called to donate something in this way the church has all the information you will need. Just give us a call at 509-773-4461.

We are sending \$100 from our unit to Linda Hay for the Housing Project in Brownsville, Texas. Pastor Joyce has generously matched our \$100 with her own \$100. Thank you, Joyce!

We will meet on June 13th here at GUMC at 1 pm. More details will be available later.

### **Birthdays**

- 6-4 Gary Emerson**
- 6-16 Mike Hay**
- 6-18 Pastor Joyce**
- 6-23 Linda Clemens**
- 6-28 Ann Chaffee**
- 6-30 Barb Stout**

### **Anniversaries**

- 6-15 Lyle & Linda Blanchard**
- 6-21 Ray & Mary Gosney**
- 6-23 Steve & Barb Stout**
- 6-27 Terry and Teresa Fridley-Willis**

*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 Joyce  
 509-389-1406

**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.

