

THE WORD

Experiencing, Growing In & Sharing God's Love

Goldendale United Methodist Church

May 2021



Mother's Day is Sunday May 9th

In 1905 Anna Jarvis of the St. Andrews Methodist Church established a day to honor

mothers, starting with hers! Her mom, Ann, had been a peace activist and with Julia Ward Howe called for mothers to stand against war. Mothering Day had previously been observed with mothers of those who died in the Civil War decorating graves. Anna Jarvis was dismayed, having helped established Mother's Day as a day to remember, the day devolved into a time to sell cards, flowers and candy.

This year we honor our mothers as we share their pictures in church. We invite you to bring a copy of a picture of your mom and/or grandmother (the above is my mom and her mom). You can also bring an original that we can copy.



Our Ministry to Nome

Our UMW unit is supporting a ministry in Nome, Alaska!

Nome Community Center traces its roots to a reindeer-herding project that began in 1906. Mrs. R. H. Young, Bureau Secretary of Alaska, supplied a generous donation to the Women's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Church to establish a reindeer mission at Sinuk River.

Although it became an independent agency, Nome Community Center remains linked to the United Methodist Church through a covenant agreement with the United Methodist Women, and remains a UMW National Mission Institution today.

For over a century, the Nome Community Center has worked to uphold the spirit of its mission to "enhance the quality of life of the people of the Bering Strait Region." We strive to fill the gaps in community programming where the need is greatest in Nome and the surrounding districts. Our goal is to enrich the differing facets of the community through elder, youth, family and wellness programs.

May Calendar

2nd & 4th Mondays

Community Meal

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

Sundays

Worship 9:30 am

Council Zoom Meeting May 5 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



Lynn will not be in the office
on May 10th and 12th.

Pastor Joyce and Tom will be
on vacation May 16-23rd.



Chasing the Wild Goose

Pastor Joyce O'Connor-Magee

A few of years ago Christian bookstores came up with the idea of Pastor Appreciation Month, in October. I am always suspicious when folks who sell cards and gifts come up with special holidays. This month, though, I am making a special holiday - Pastor Spouse Appreciation Month - no cards, no gifts but deep thanks for all who take on the job of living with a pastor. Years ago it was only women. They were pastors' wives whose children had to be good, their houses needed to be neat, they were expected to be great cooks, play the piano and keep the pastor happy. Older pastor wives told me of actual white glove tests to see if you had dust. Come to our house with a white glove and we will give you a dust cloth so you can help out! In all our years together we still aren't sure whose job it is to dust!

25 years ago on May 18th (yes, the anniversary of Mt. St. Helens) Tom and I were married. It was a whirlwind romance - at 40 and 38 we were sure of what we were looking for - high on the list was someone who would make the other laugh. I am not sure he knew what he was getting into. There was no rule book and few expectations of the role of a pastor's husband. From the moment the congregation was told we were getting married and gasped, Tom has made his own way in our life together. From the beginning he said I had a calling and he had a job. When one of his Lutheran friends asked what he would do when the Bishop called to move me, his answer was so Tom - "I guess I will start packing."

I met Tom at Hope Lutheran church in Lynden where he was the president of the Council and had been the treasurer. I met him at a joint Halloween Party. But I noticed him when he was at Vacation Bible School dressed like an Apostle, telling bible stories. When I heard he and his first wife were divorcing I remember thinking, how sad because I had always liked Tom. After he brought his Sign Choir to one of our services I asked him out. As they say,

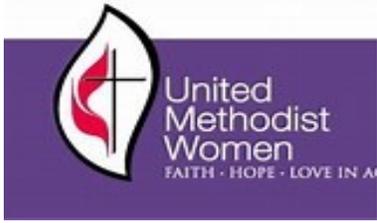
the rest is history.

Soon Tom became the purveyor of good coffee. Every church we have served has been treated to good, fair trade coffee. We found it when he took me to Coffee Fair in Seattle. I asked how we got a pass as everyone else were baristas, vendors and coffee sellers. Tom had roasted 5 pounds of green coffee beans in an air popcorn popper so claimed he was a "coffee roaster."

Over the years he has organized and directed Sign Language Choirs - first teaching basic ASL to those who wanted to be in the choir. He has helped organize and serve on Volunteer in Mission trips to Mexico. Helped with potlucks, Chicken BBQs, soup suppers - where more often than not he was found scrubbing pots and pans. He taught many youth how to use dishwashers, claiming he was giving them job skills. At one church for 9 months he set up and took down our space in the funeral home while our building was being renovated. He has served in the background of church services, Annual Conference events and when I deaned Mission U (aka Cooperative School of Christian Mission), He has helped with camps as dean and cabin leader. I knew I had the right one when I saw this 6'2" guy with a group of 3rd graders following him around camp, like a duck and ducklings.

He has been supportive and patient when church events have canceled our family life. He has been there through highs and lows. He has been my friend, my rock, my partner. He has let me be his trail support as I have put him on trails, picked him up and waited for months until he would hike home.

So this May is Tom Magee month! We are recreating some of our honeymoon - to Cannon Beach. It was going to be to Ireland, including the Isle of Magee - but a virus got in the way! For all that he has done for me, for us, we are truly blessed. To thank him for all he does have a cup of coffee and a laugh!



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

On Monday, April 12th, the Goldendale unit of United Methodist Women met together in-person for the first time in more than a year.

We were served a catered salad lunch to

begin and lunch was followed by a presentation from Dr. Jim Ogden. He shared slides of two of his past mission trips to bring the gift of sight and words from scripture through reading and music. (He always takes his accordion on these trips, if possible!) One trip 'in country' was to a mission project in the state of Washington and the other was to Guatemala just before the pandemic. Both of these locations included helping people who had need of someone like Jim who could easily improve their vision. His work is familiar to all of us now as he has been sharing his photos and narrative with us for many years. We continue to support his work financially. Jim also mows our lawn here at the church with the help of his son, Josh. And we pay him in cookies! If you would like to help by baking cookies, just let the church office know. We'll assign you a week to deliver cookies to his office on Main Street.

We also have sent 30 baby quilts and blankets to Brownsville, Texas to be given to shelters housing immigrant children. When they leave the shelter they can take their blanket with them. We continue our mission to help the Nome Community Center in Nome, Alaska and we recently gave clothing items to a local child in the Head Start program. This project, Kid's Closet, is ongoing and meets the needs of children right here in Goldendale.

Even though we haven't been meeting in person, we continue our mission work with women and children, here and abroad. Our next meeting will be on **June 14th** here at Goldendale UMC. Stay tuned for more details.

Bernice Baker wrote a thank you note saying that she is very thankful for the cards, letters, prayers, thoughts, and words as she is recovering from shingles. *She says other than an eye that won't close, a deaf ear, a numb chin, a head full of sores, a mouth full of sores and her weird speech everything is going great!*



We send her love, health and thank her for her work she does here as our custodian.



Birthdays

Elsie David 5/01

Connie Pond 5/16

Chuck Rice 5/22

Carol Schoot 5/22

Nancy Campbell 5/26



Anniversaries

Elsie & Andrew David 5/02

Pastor Joyce & Tom Magee 5/18

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

PENTECOST~MAY 23RD

You are invited to wear RED or orange on the Sunday of Pentecost, May 23rd.

On Pentecost Sunday, we remember the day the disciples received the Holy Spirit in a special way. The story in Acts 2 describes a powerful wind and tongues of fire as the Holy Spirit was poured out on people from all over the world who came to Jerusalem to celebrate a Jewish feast. At the first Pentecost over 3000 people were baptized, creating the first church. This is why Pentecost is known as the birthday of the Christian church. Pentecost for Christians culminates the celebration and work of the church begun on Easter Day.

In early Christianity, Easter Day was the primary day for baptisms. The newly baptized were then trained in basic Christian doctrine, including the meaning of the sacraments they had now experienced, as they prepared to take up their ministries in the life of the church. On Pentecost, Christians celebrate the commissioning of new members into ministry. Those being baptized were given new white robes to wear as a sign they had taken off the world, died to sin, and were raised with the risen Christ to new life. This is why Pentecost may be referred to as "Whitsunday" or "White Sunday."

The Season after Pentecost is the time of the church year to support new disciples and the whole congregation in living out the gifts we have been given in the name of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit.



The Word
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