

THE WORD

Experiencing, Growing In & Sharing God's Love

Goldendale United Methodist Church

May 2022



Memorial Services

We will be having a memorial services for Pat Benjamin on Saturday, May 21st at 11 a.m. The UMW ladies will be providing a light lunch following the service. Please talk to Lynn Wanless if you would like to help. We are also planning a service for Chuck Lewis on Saturday afternoon June 25th. Please plan on attending to celebrate the life of these dear friends.



Save the Date - 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 can bring side dish or salad. Please let the office know or sign up at church with your RSVP 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!

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. Also a big thanks to Buzz and Susan Paul (and others) who keep our yard looking great!



May 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

To share prayer concerns
call the church 773-4461

Or email
gumc12@centurylink.net



Chasing the Wild Goose

Pastor Joyce O'Connor-Magee

Mother's Day was begun in the United States by two anti-war activists, Anna Jarvis (a Methodist) and Julia Ward Howe. Jarvis had cared for wounded soldiers on both sides of the Civil War. Howe is best known as the author of The Battle Hymn of the Republic. Their goal was to have a day when women no longer would have husbands or sons killed in any war. In 1914 Mother's Day became an official national holiday, the 2nd Sunday of May.

Ironically, in the following years, Jarvis held the holiday in contempt for in her mind it had become merely a commercial day for Hallmark and candy companies. She felt it weakened the celebration of visiting with mothers as well as losing any notion of peacemaking.

This year I am thinking of mothers in war torn areas. It breaks my heart to see grandmothers sending their children and grandchildren out of Ukraine (and other dangerous places) for safety, knowing they might never see them again. Mothers here in the US also worry when they send their children of color or who are gay or female into the world. We are reminded of the mothers who pray and work for peace daily. May this Mother's Day be one of peace.

Join me in special prayers for mothers this year who work, live and sacrifice for peace. I intend to send the cost of beautiful flowers to UMCOR, in honor of our moms and in memory of our grandmothers. For all mothers who wish no one need go to war anymore.

United Methodists

Response to War in Ukraine

From baking pound cakes to pounding drums in benefit concerts, United Methodists have been raising funds to help Ukrainians whose lives have been upended by the Russian invasion of their country.

There have been big individual gifts, too - notably \$100,000 from a Korean American United Methodist. The woman wrote a letter noting that the plight of Ukraine reminded her of the Korean War, in which her father fled North Korea as a boy and received a helping hand in South Korea from a Methodist pastor.

"It is my family's hope and prayer that this gift can extend the church's reach for providing aid - just a little bit more," she said of the anonymous donation.

In the six weeks since the Russian invasion began, the United Methodist Committee on Relief already has received more than \$5 million for aid to displaced persons in Ukraine and refugees arriving in neighboring counties.

United Methodists and others wishing to provide humanitarian assistance to the Ukrainian people may contribute to United Methodist Global Ministries **Advance #982450**. Checks made to GUMC will be forwarded to the Advance.

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Birthdays

- May 1 Elsie David
- May 16 Connie Pond
- May 22 Carol Schoot
- May 22 Chuck Rice
- May 26 Nancy Campbell
- May 26 Bernice Baker
- May 31 Marjorie West

Anniversaries

- May 2
Elsie & Andrew David
- May 18
Tom Magee & Pastor Joyce
- May 27 - 50th!
Kevin & Pat Hamilton

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

We are looking forward to meeting together on Monday, May 9th for a potluck lunch and meeting. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall at noon. Bring a dish to share along with a memory you have of Pat Benjamin to share with her family at her memorial service on May 21st. We will compile those memories in a card for the family. We can also make donations in memory of Pat through United Women In Faith. Make checks out to UMW and Candy Hack will make sure they are sent on to this fund.

We will be serving a lunch for those attending the memorial service here at the church. We will be asking for help with this luncheon. Contact me (Lynn Wanless) if you would like to provide food or help in some way.

I have been in contact with the Nome Community Center to see if they are in need of baby blankets. They will let us know soon if they need any. We have quite the stash of blankets in the mission room.

In the past we have supported Jamaa Letu, the United Methodist orphanage in Africa. They are collecting funds again through the **Jars For Jamaa Letu** campaign. Bring your coins, bills, or checks to the meeting on May 9th and we will send them to the conference for the orphanage. These funds support the operating expenses, such as food, clothing, school fees, utilities and salaries for the staff.

You can get more information by going to <http://jamaaletu.org>

See you on Monday May 9th at noon!

Lynn Wanless

UMC Helps Ukraine... UMCOR has so far distributed \$2 million, helping to provide food, water, medicine, shelter, transportation and other services for those on the run.

The agency is preparing for a long-haul effort, given that some 4 million Ukrainians have fled the country and a prolonged siege would certainly swell that number.

Meanwhile, examples of United Methodists raising funds for that cause are mounting, and surely the youngest is 9-year-old Smith Wilson.

His mother, Emily Wilson, said the boy paid close attention as their pastor who spoke in a worship service about the plight of Ukrainians and about UMCOR as a vehicle for response. “He said, ‘Mom, I want to do something. I want to help.’”

Smith would go on to make a presentation in church, inviting people to sample pound cakes that he would sell for \$18, to raise money for UMCOR’s Ukraine response. “We’ve made and sold over 190 pound cakes,” Emily Wilson said. “One day I sifted 48 pounds of flour.” The donation tally for the Smith-led effort stands at about \$3,700.

