

THE WORD

Experiencing, Growing In & Sharing God's Love

Goldendale United Methodist Church

November 2020



Annual Church Conference ZOOM Meeting

Saturday November 7

2-3 p.m. SPRC

3-4:30 p.m. Everyone!

Each fall Methodists gather to check in with the work of the

church - the local church and the wider church. Usually it means the District Superintendent meets with members of the Staff Parish Relations Committee (it's our HR committee). Then the DS meets with the rest of the council or the whole church. This is a meeting that links this United Methodist Church to others around the Conference and the world. Our current DS, Rev. Joanne Coleman Campbell, will bring us the church's vision and mission opportunities. This year will be interesting as we are still in the pandemic and in the middle of the possible division of our denomination. We have a chance to let her know what we are doing. Then we usually have dessert or a potluck. This year it will be held on ZOOM! No potluck, no dessert but lots of good food for thought. Contact Pastor Joyce if you are planning on attending and she will email you the link. Her direct address is goumcpastor@gmail.com



All Saints'

Sunday

November 1

9:30/9:45/10:00/10:45 a.m.

To maintain health during this time of COVID, we are having 4 short devotional times on Sunday, November 1. With up to ten in attendance there will be a short devotion, meditative music, time to light candles remembering loved ones and a time for communion. Call the office to schedule your time. 773-4461

November Calendar

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

Wednesdays

Book Group 10 a.m.
Speaking Christian

Sundays

Zoom Coffee Hour 9:30 am

Bible Study (limit 10)
10:30 a.m. Sunshine Room

**ZOOM Council Meeting
Wednesday
November 4th
5:30 pm**

**Goldendale UMC
ZOOM**

**Church Conference
November 7th**

SPR 2pm-3pm
All Church Meeting 3pm

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

We have finally made it to November! What a year it has been!? November has wonderful things for us on the calendar.. We start with All Saints' Sunday - remembering those who have gone before us. We tend to consider our family and friends as we light candles of remembrance. I hang around current and former Catholics and love their honoring of saints. Some saints really inspire me - like St. Oscar Romero, the Archbishop of San Salvador who stood against poverty and injustice. He gave his life for the people he was called to serve, being assassinated in 1980. I also love the fact certain saints help with specific things - like St. Dymphna, the patron saint of those with anxiety. A perfect gal for 2020.

November is also the month we honor veterans, those who have served their country and also gave lives to protect those who they were called to serve. November 11th has been an important day for me as it was when I felt called to ministry in 1973.

When we think of November we think of Thanksgiving. This year it will be a difficult year for many as travel is being restricted and family reunions are being discouraged. Eating turkey and cranberry sauce will not be the same on a Zoom call. We should remember those who might be alone this Thanksgiving - and find a place for them in our "bubble". Dr. Ogden is again sponsoring a Thanksgiving Day dinner at Father's House.

Thanksgiving is a time of gratitude. It represents the time of harvest. It is the time to admire the canned goods on our shelves. A time to be prepared for winter.

I encourage you to see this whole month as a time for thanks. Take a sheet of paper and each day write down one thing you are thankful for...heat, clean water, friendship, apples, pumpkins (or Pumpkin Spice Lattes)

Because it has been a tough year - and an election days away - it is more important to remember those things for which we give thanks. On the top of my list is my church family. For Tom's health. For a kitchen remodel. For missions that keep going even during the pandemic. For God's presence every day. Give thanks today and for every day this November.



Moncia's Simple Stitches

Monica Gourley will have some of her wonderful crafts for sale on a new Facebook page. Many of us are finding shopping on line is the way to go this year. Give Monica or Larry a call to find out how to get on line to buy beautiful, handmade gifts.



"HOW THE WOMAN AT THE WELL

BECAME THE WELL WOMAN."

The UMW Reading Program category : Nurturing for Community.

Nancy Nickels is recommending this compelling book -"How the Woman at the Well Became the Well Woman". It's a very moving memoir of a woman's desperate journey to find love. It's inspired by the account in the Bible of the woman at the well, which is a testament to God's faithfulness and the power of God's redemption is transformative for those who think their lives will never change and for those who are afraid to hope again. Again, it's a very moving story! Our UMW is starting up the Reading Program once more (see their article) as many are looking for great books to read. Pastor Joyce has a lending copy for anyone who would like to read this particular book. We have other Reading Program books available in the library and the UMW room. Check it out!



Surviving the Holidays

A one day workshop for those who grieve during the holidays.

November 14 10 a.m. - Noon

815 N. Columbus

Preregister @509-773-1959



It is such a challenge to come up with ways to keep us connected and pursuing our mission of Faith, Hope and Love In Action. Do put on your thinking caps and see what you can come up with. Nancy Nickels and I are working on an idea that will inspire you to read books!! There's a reward involved, so be on the lookout for information about this project.

We can all continue to sew, knit, and crochet blankets for shelters and hospitals. There is quite a stack of them in the mission room at the church. But you can never have too many of them.

McCurdy School in New Mexico has a virtual tour available and Linda Hay and I are making that contact. Once we get permission to join the tour we will send out the information you need to come along with us.

How about re-visiting our cook book idea? Pastor Joyce got us started last year. But perhaps it needs to be revisited. Granted, we don't all have computer access, but we can work that out.

Our Kid's Closet is stocked and ready for winter. Our funds could use some extra money. The Head Start program is "in school" in person, so there will no doubt be requests as winter is soon upon us.

The Yard Sale has been put on hold, but we are going to be making decisions regarding this fund raiser soon.

What do you all think? Without our regular programs, our potluck social gatherings, or our meetings, we are going to have to get creative. Send in your thoughts! Also, send in your pledges. It is important to keep our pledges current even though we are not meeting. You can mail them to the church at: PO Box 1033 in Goldendale. Just include a note that it is for UMW.

Remember to stay safe and to think about our mission. All ideas are most welcome. The church phone number is 773-4461.

Lynn Wanless, President UMW

Back Packs 4 Kids



The program is up and running for its twelfth year! This year has called for a few changes because of schools being both virtual and 'in person. We are currently getting food to Roosevelt, Goldendale Head Start, Klickitat,

Wishram and Lyle children. A group of students at Goldendale High School under the supervision of Becky Bare are the sole packing team. Following safe protocols these students are earning community service credits while doing us a service by packing.

Donations to the program are being accepted at:
304 Fish Hatchery Road, Goldendale, WA 98620.

Mattress Topper!

One of our friends purchased a wonderful king sized mattress topper. Deciding that it wasn't for them the company invited them to donate it to a charity. It would have been donated to the rummage sale but maybe you want it now for a donation to UMW. Call the church if interested



Birthdays

Larry Best 11/01

Donna Brost 11/01

Dwayne Williams 11/02

Mary Gosney 11/22



The church office will be closed on Thursday, November 26th for Thanksgiving Day. As usual the office will also be closed on Friday.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday

9am - noon

509-773-4461

M/W Lynn Wanless

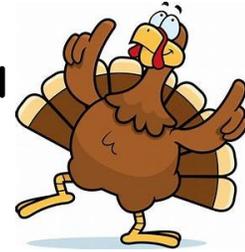
T/Th Elsie David

M-Th Pastor Joyce



DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS
Sunday November 1st
set your clocks back one hour

The CHURCH OFFICE will
be closed on November 26
& 27 for Thanksgiving!



*For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies.*

Lord of all, to you we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.



The Word
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