

THE WORD

Experiencing, Growing In & Sharing God's Love

Goldendale United Methodist Church

November 2021



New Piano for the Sanctuary

A few years ago a very generous donation of \$20,000 was given to the church and designated for worship. We have used some of these funds for help with the sound system and the



projector we use for slides. Recently our Music Director, Barb Stout, found a new (to us) piano to replace the one we have now. Our musicians have said the current tone is not great and the piano is showing its age. It will be replaced with a well loved 1922 Steinway Model O. for only \$8000. Other such pianos of similar age are on the market for 2-3 times as much. In fact when the seller heard it was for a church she took \$1000 off the asking price. Gary Munson, our wonderful piano tech, will refurbish it bringing the final cost up to \$13,000. When he is finished, around the first of the year, we will have a piano worth \$35-40 thousand. Our pianists, Lynn Wanless and Linda Blanchard are thrilled! Once the piano "settles" we will have a concert with other pianists from Goldendale playing it. Thank you to our donor, to Barb and Gary for their work in finding this beautiful piano and to Lynn and Linda who will lead us in worship with this incredible instrument!



November 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.

Thursdays

Book Group 9:00 a.m.

Church Council November 3, 5:30 p.m.



Worship online

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

With November we are off and running! The holiday season is on us. Once again we are faced with challenges of our world and COVID. My own family is small on this side of the mountains - so a Thanksgiving Dinner for 4 means a lot less sides. There is talk in our house about what is an absolutely necessary item! Turkey and canned cranberry sauce are the only two we can agree on at the moment.

I think a lot about that first American Thanksgiving. They didn't have the "cranberry sauce with the lovely ridges". Most likely they didn't have pumpkin spice anything! Its history is part myth, part bittersweet. The native peoples did help the Pilgrims survive a much harsher climate than they were used to. The settlers' diet had changed - learning to hunt wild game, harvest oysters and clams, pick and eat the right kind of berries and roots. They might have also learned to cook and eat the odd thing that was plentiful - lobsters. There was much the Pilgrims learned. But they also needed to unlearn some things that they didn't. They could have unlearned the need for domination. Or the rigidity of religion. They could have learned the way of peace and unlearn violence. They could have unlearned territorialism and racism.

We can be thankful for so many things this month - some keep gratitude journals to remind themselves of all the good things in their life. We can also learn as a people the lessons we didn't learn back then. To share. To give thanks to God and to neighbors for helping us in the difficult times in our lives. To learn from and appreciate each other's cultures. We could learn the beauty of diversity and honor cooperation. That we can honor and worship one God in many different ways. Give thanks each day this month - remembering gratitude is more important than the menu!

Early Response Team basic training this December

Be ready to help those in need when the next disaster strikes. Disaster Response Coordinators are ramping up for an eight-hour, Zoom-based Early Response Team Basic Training on Friday, Dec. 3 and Monday, Dec 6, 1:30-5:30pm (PST). Class size is limited. This training will prepare you on ways to clean out a flooded home, haul debris, sift ashes and work alongside survivors while staying safe. The class is taught by United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) certified trainers. | Learn more and [register on the GNW website](#).

November is Native American Heritage Month!

Join us November 4, 2 pm, ET, (11 am. PT) when Faith Talks honors the rich ancestry and traditions of the Indigenous Peoples of America and discusses the tremendous debt our nation owes the Native American community.

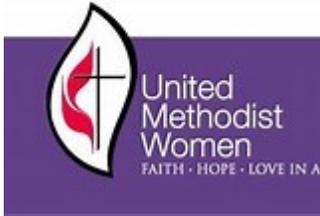
Our guests for this edition of Faith Talks will include the Rev. Carol Lakota and other leaders of the Native American International Caucus, an advocacy group within and outside of The United Methodist Church.

Register now at:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_VUOCK2jSAu2cnAKbB6-BA

Also listen when you can on UMW FaithTalks podcast.





Happy Fall Y'all!!!

Things have been quiet for all of us UM Women lately. That is about to change, however. We will be meeting in December for our annual Christmas Meditation. On Monday, December 13th, at noon we will meet in the Fellowship Hall and enjoy a catered lunch followed by a Christmas Meditation presented by Pastor Joyce. We will also determine recipients of our Love Gifts for 2021. We did have the yard sale and we did enjoy financial success, so we can give some donations to charities both local and national.

We also have a Christmas Stocking Project in the works! Several of us have been making Christmas stockings for the past year. (We still may need a few more and the pattern is in the church office.) We plan to fill them with gifts for the children at Georgeville. It is a work in progress, but you can help by donating some money so that we can purchase similar items to put in the socks for both girls and boys. And there are a variety of ages as well. Stay tuned for more information about this fun project. We are open to your ideas. So please share them with us here at the church.

As always if you have questions or ideas you can share them with Lynn or anyone in the church office.

Back Packs 4 Kids

The program is up and running for the new school year. And, once again, the students in the leadership program at Goldendale High School are doing the packing and the delivering of snacks. This has turned out to be such a blessing, as they get extra credit for community service, and the program gets excellent help during COVID conditions. Should you wish to make a donation to this program send your checks to Back Packs 4 Kids, 304 Fish Hatchery Road, Goldendale WA. 98620

The Advisory Board welcomes Kevin Hamilton as a new director this year. This is in preparation for the departure of Tom Magee this summer when he and Joyce retire from Goldendale. We will definitely miss Tom, and are looking forward to having Kevin on the Board.



Christmas Store

December 11 @
Father's House

Once again we are collecting new or gently used items to sell at the Christmas Store. This allows lower income folks to provide a nice Christmas for their families. Donations can be left in the big box in the entry of the church.



Birthdays

Larry Best	11/01
Dwayne Williams	11/02
Mary Gosney	11/22



The church office will be closed on Thursday, November 25th 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
509-389-1406



**DAYLIGHT SAVING
TIME ENDS
November 7th
set your clocks back one hour**

**The CHURCH OFFICE will be closed on
November 25 & 26 for Thanksgiving!**



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