

THE WORD

Experiencing, Growing In & Sharing God's Love

Goldendale United Methodist Church

October 2021



Goldendale UMC Charge Conference

Our Annual United Methodist Meeting

October 28th 6:15 p.m. on Zoom!

Since our denomination began we have connected with other United Methodists to do the business of the church. Usually this is with our District Superintendent or an ordained Elder. We review the year and find inspiration for the coming year. You are invited to join us. Just let the office know you'd like to be in the meeting and we can get a link to you.

Charge or Church conferences are unique to our church. We are aware that we are not independent but a connectional church. In that we are connected to United Methodists around the world. This year our Conference is being held jointly with Yakima Wesley and Ellensburg UMCs. Its so good to know other Methodists in different communities struggling and celebrating like we do. Join us!

High School Car Wash

October 4/5 and 7/8 2-3 p.m.

Goldendale High School's Special Ed class will be holding car washes this week to raise money for a field trip. The kids are excited as this is the first time they have done this. Please bring your dirty cars and encourage our kids!



October 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.

Cancelled until further notice.

Church Council

October 6, 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

All Sunday I was humming the tune to "My Life Flows On". The song was written by Robert Lowery - a definitely Baptist piece but loved by many. He also wrote "Shall We Gather at the River". Both of these songs gives us assurance that whatever happens, God is with us.

I have been needing these songs during the middle of the pandemic. If you have noticed I have talked a lot about how small decisions change lives. We have heard a lot about folks deciding to not get vaccinated. You would think it would be a small thing - we have gotten lots of vaccines for a lot of things. For that reason we don't die these days of small pox, malaria, and polio. I would have loved a Chicken Pox shot so I didn't have to deal with Shingles! During the Spanish Flu there was little folks could do to prevent its spread except wearing masks and not gathering in big groups. If that had been an option, my great grandmother would have lived and our family's life would have been very different. Every day we make choices that impact our lives and others. We decide to be kind or snarky. We decide to give away what we can live without so others can live. We stop to talk to a friend, hug a grandchild, listen to a child, take soup to those who are sick. Most of us think it's a little thing but in fact it changes the world.

I have referenced it often but not put it in this column. I/we will be retiring from active ministry on July 1, 2022. I said when we got here we will be with you until my retirement. We have a lot to do between now and then. One of the important things we have to do is to let the DS and the Bishop know what we want as well as what we need in a new pastor. Believe me - you will not get someone who is 30 and has 25 years of experience. The SPRC, led by Nancy Nickels, will be working with the church and the

Conference to get the best fit. Just remember there are only so many pastors and so many churches - matching needs and skills is a difficult job.

But that's a long ways away. I just wanted you to know from me before you hear it from others. I feel so privileged to be a part of our church family. Ours is the kind of church I hope we find in retirement.

Our life does flow on - from one adventure to another. Believe me, this last year and a half has been harder than many of the years of our ministries. But after 150 years of Methodist ministry here in Goldendale there are many more years to reach out - to care and share - to be the church together!

Since love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can we keep from singing!?

Pastor Joyce

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you, wherever He may send you.

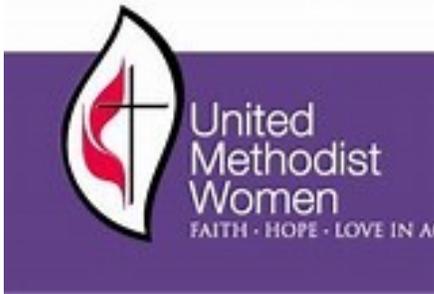
May He guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm.

May He bring you home rejoicing at the wonders He has shown you.

May He bring you home rejoicing

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Sadly, we are still not meeting in person on a regular monthly basis. We will definitely need to meet at some point early in December. Our tradition in December is to gather around a table for brunch, have a devotion from our pastor, and make decisions regarding our Love

Gifts. Look for more information about this as we get closer to the month of December.

It was an honor to give Pastor Joyce recognition at the District level of UMW. We nominated her for our Woman of The Year. She is an inspiration to all of us and this was a small, but powerful way of telling her how much she means to all of us. Congratulations, Pastor Joyce!

It was also an honor to present Tom Magee and Kevin Hamilton with Special Recognition Pins from our local UMW unit. These two fellows have been so helpful in so many ways. We do say thank you, but a special recognition pin is just another way for them to know how much we appreciate them.

To all those "Cookie Bakers" out there. You will find a sign up sheet in the church lobby. We are in need of cookies for Fellowship Time following church each Sunday. Bring cookies, (or coffee cake, or zucchini bread, or your favorite after church snack), help Tom set up the refreshments, and get everything cleaned up afterwards. You will be much appreciated!! Thank you for signing up! And thank you to all who made goodies for Josh and Jim Ogden as they mowed our church yard all summer.



Join us for United Methodist Women's FaithTalks commemorating Hispanic Heritage Month, October 7, 11 a.m.

Hispanic Heritage Month is a celebration of the contributions that Americans tracing their roots to Spain, Mexico, Central America, South American and the Spanish-speaking nations of the Caribbean have made to U.S. society and culture.



Our guests for this edition of Faith Talks will include Rev. Lyssette Perez, president of MARCHA, the Hispanic caucus of The United Methodist Church.

Register now at

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_k2PfefvQS9eWg-bHQ9Rtow



Birthdays

**Oct. 1
Margaret McInturff**

**Oct. 4
Laura Thayer**

**Oct. 18
Shirley Johnson**

**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

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

The next DEA National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is happening October 23 and will be located in the parking lot at the Methodist Church, 109 E. Broadway, Goldendale, WA, 10 am to 2 pm.

It is sponsored by the Coalition Preventing Abuse in Klickitat County along with the Klickitat County Sheriff's office and community partners. For more information call Sunday Sutton at (509) 281-2330.



What medications will be accepted? Any prescription and over-the-counter medications including pills, liquids, and inhalers will be accepted.

What about sharps and syringes? NO. Sharps or syringes will not be accepted at this event.

How are medications collected and disposed of? All prescriptions and over-the-counter medication collected are safely incinerated by the D.E.A.

Safe disposal of opioid medications at a take back location not only prevents opioid misuse and overdose deaths, it's also best for the environment. Opioids thrown out in the trash or toilet can threaten wildlife and the drinking water. In fact, scientists have found medicines in Pacific Northwest water and soils. Even at low levels, these medicines can harm the health of our environment. **Source: Washington State Department of Ecology*



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