

The Good News

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As members of God's family, we endeavor, as a diverse community of disciples of Jesus Christ ~
to develop a creative supportive fellowship; to participate in global and nurturing ministries; and to
build relationships that empower all people to experience the grace of God.



Special Interest Articles:

Pastor's Column

UMW News

*Notes from our
Parish Nurse*

*Prayers for Our
People*

*And Much, Much
More!*

Pastor's Pen

As October's 'Indian Summer' wanes we prepare for pumpkins and costumes, that long line of candy collectors, and the beginning bites of winter. It is time to blow out the sprinkler lines, put up the storm windows, winterize the RV's and top off the wood pile. It is time also to reflect on days gone by and people who made those days special.

All Saint's Day is November first, not as well remembered as the holiday immediately before it, or as those soon upon us, but important to the life and rhythm of the church. This is time to remember those who have faithfully gone before us. For it is on the backs of their faith filled lives that foundations have been laid, ministries have been built, lives have changed. At a recent Charge Conference here in Goldendale the names Roger Pond, Les Horst, and Helen Hill were lifted as those from our membership rolls who have gained eternal rest this year. Each made valuable and important contributions to this community of faith. I have heard from many how much they will be missed!

And what of we who are left behind? I find it incredibly inspiring and challenging to reflect on the faith of a generation passing on. I think of grandparents and uncles and aunts who shaped a society, helped grow communities, forged ahead when the future was uncertain...and I pray that I, too may one day be remembered as one whose life made a difference. Tomorrow by its very nature will always be uncertain.

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But why not join me in being certain that tomorrow is filled with stories of faith and hope because we find value in deeds done by those who have gone before us, and inspiration to reach toward whatever tomorrow God has for us.

Office Hours/Contact Information

Pastor Ben is normally in his office at the church Tuesday - Friday 9am-Noon, or by appointment. He is usually 'in-and-out' in the afternoons. He can best be reached on his cell phone (509)250-3875.

Lynn is normally in her office at the church Monday - Friday 1pm - 4pm. The church phone number is as it has been: (509)773-4461.

THANKS FOR ALL YOU'VE DONE!

Don't forget that you can find the November 2011- calendar on-line at <http://w3.gorge.net/gumc>



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Goldendale's United Methodist Women met in October to give thanks. During the year each member has a little box in which to save coins. In October or November those coins are sent in as a Thank Offering. Monies raised by UMW promote social justice issues, help for women and children, and a host of other good works. Over \$100 was raised this year for this special offering. That's a lot of pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters!!

The group has decided to have a holiday bazaar. So plans are in the works. If any of you have donations for the bazaar, please contact Nancy Campbell, Mary Shane or Linda Hay. These can be homemade craft items, homemade food items (jams and jellies sell like hotcakes!) or even some nice rummage sale type items...toys, candles, dishes, books, etc. That is the kind of thing we are looking for to sell. Date for the bazaar is Nov. 19th. There will be many gift items for sale just in time for your holiday gift shopping.

UNITED METHODIST MEN

The United Methodist Men's group will meet on Saturday, November 5th, 8:00 AM at Sod Busters. It is a time for "breaking bread" including the opportunity for discussion and fellowship. All men are welcome! Contact Larry Gourley with any inquiries - 773-3015.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETS ON NEW DATE

PLEASE NOTE.... church council will meet on a different day this month. Regular meetings are the third Wednesday of each month. This month the meeting will be the second Wednesday, Nov. 9th. The time remains the same....5:30 pm. The choir will meet at 5:00 pm. Business to be discussed will be the 2012 budget, holiday schedule, and other items which may arise. Be sure to bring a light snack to share with everyone. We hope to see you there.

EQUAL EXCHANGE AND FAIR TRADE PRODUCTS

Thank you everyone for being so careful about marking money for coffee so that it can be directed to the correct account. The envelopes marked "coffee money" are there for you to enclose your money when purchasing Equal Exchange products. We will soon be ordering chocolate and decaffeinated coffee. Thanks for supporting this worthwhile business endeavor.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Back Packs For Kids is currently packing snack sacks for the weekends for approximately 400 children in Goldendale, Roosevelt, Wishram, and Klickitat. October was Hunger Awareness Month and the organizers ran a fund raising campaign by mail. If you did not receive a letter and wish to donate to the Back Pack Program please send your donation to: Brian Wanless, Treasurer 304 Fish Hatchery Road Goldendale, WA 98620. The group also receives support through United Way of the Columbia Gorge. If you make donations to United Way and designate it for the Back Packs For Kids Program it will be allocated to this program.

Goldendale United Methodist will be serving at the Soup Kitchen on November 15th. Crew chief is Linda Hay. If you are interested in helping with the cooking or the serving, contact Linda. You may call the church office to sign up to help. 773-4461

PRAYERS FOR OUR PEOPLE

Please offer prayers of thanks for God's blessings: beautiful, glorious fall colors around us, for all the Scouts who come to this church each week to learn character development and leadership skills - Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Girl Scouts, and their amazing leaders, for a productive and positive Charge Conference with D.S. Mary Huycke, for the people in our congregation assuming positions of leadership with a cheerful attitude! For the wonderful breakfast cooked by the UMM on our Fifth Sunday Brunch, it was yummy! For the beautiful paintings by Arlene Larison hanging in our church depicting lessons from the Psalms.

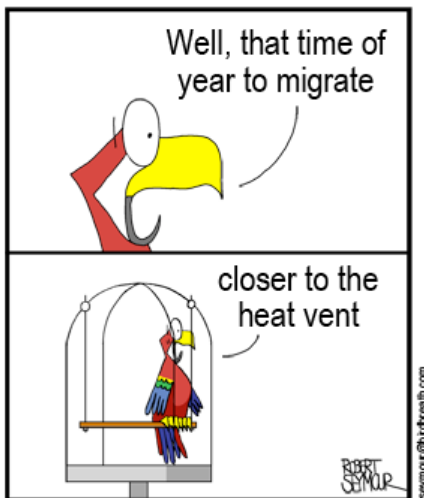
Please keep these people in your prayers: Garry & Mary Shane and family - Mary's mom passed away on Oct. 31, family and friends of Eric Tomacelli who passed away on October 24th

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

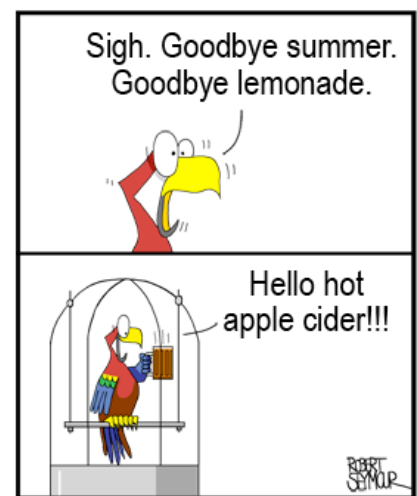
11/1 Pastor Ben Moore
11/2 Dwayne Williams
11/21 Brian Wanless
11/27 MaryJo Seborer

11/1 Donna Brost
11/22 Mary Gosney
11/25 Sarah Zwickle
11/28 Elisa Bush

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AND FINALLY.....

PAX

All that matters is to be at one with the living God
to be a creature in the house of the God of Life.

Like a cat asleep on a chair
at peace, in peace
and at one with the master of the house, with the mistress,
at home, at home in the house of the living,
sleeping on the hearth, and yawning before the fire.

Sleeping on the hearth of the living world
yawning at home before the fire of life
feeling the presence of the living God
like a great reassurance
a deep calm in the heart
a presence
as of the master sitting at the board
in his own and greater being,
in the house of life.

D.H. Lawrence (1885 - 1930)