

Florence United Methodist Church

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April Newsletter

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Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Serving the People of God:

District Superintendent: Rev. John Tucker

Pastor: Reverend Logan McLean Strike

Governing Board Chair: Beth Evans

Finance Chair: Kathy Yelle

Trustees Chair: Scott Philben

SPRC Chair: Jim Waterman

Ministers: All Members

Newsletter Editor: Diane McCalmont

Pastor Logan:

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Keeping in Our Prayers

Rosie Goodwin; John & Lila Hyder; Trina Smith, & the family and friends of Lee Smith; Scott Philben; Carolyn Munson; Karen Baylis; Betty Livingston; Judy Jones and family; Donna Embree and daughter, Barbara; Ray Feay; Aaron Gallegos; Sandy Woodward; Laura Merz; Hazel Vacura; Georgia Garrett; Ursula Sears; Patrick McCalmont; April McCalmont.

We ask God's blessing on these people and those in need, but not named.

For healing blessings on families across our nation who have lost loved ones to gun violence.

For blessings and mercy on the people of Ukraine.

For our planet in this global pandemic and economic crisis for so many.

Soldiers everywhere in the world and those who wait for them to come home.

Note: To receive the electronic prayer chain, contact kathywaterman10@gmail.com.



BABY SHOWER

*For Pastor Logan
and Pastor Paul*

*Sunday, April 14, 2024
2:00 p.m.*

New Life Lutheran Church

All are Invited!

Gift Registry: <https://www.babylist.com/list/logan-mclean-strike>



United
Women
in Faith

United Women in Faith News

The United Women in Faith will hold their next meeting on Wednesday, April 3, 1:00pm in the Tedd Powell Fellowship Hall. Sharon Gallagher is hostess, and Diane McCalmont will lead in devotions. The program will include a viewing of a podcast from the larger UWF along with a discussion.

Judy Jones has placed a basket in the Narthex for donations of items to be provided to those in need who attend Free Lunch. Items needed include soap, deodorant, socks, tissue, toothpaste, lotion, stocking caps, etc. This is an ongoing ministry of the UWF here at FUMC. Drop your donations in the basket and we will be sure it gets over to Free Lunch.

Our UWF was recently awarded the Five Star Unit certificate for their efforts in Channels of Undesignated Giving. The Crater Lake District UWF awards this certificate to units that fulfill the five Channels of Giving:

- ♥ Gift in Memory
- ♥ World Thank Offering
- ♥ Pledge to Mission
- ♥ Special Mission Recognition
- ♥ Gift to Mission

Diane McCalmont
Secretary

UMM Breakfasts...



The United Methodist men meet on Thursdays, 8:30am, Fresh Harvest Café on Hwy 101. All men welcome and encouraged to come enjoy the time of breakfast and fellowship.

Bert Schniepp

How Did We Get Here?

The long and winding road to understanding serious mental illness

When: New 4 Week Sunday Morning Seminar in April, 2024

Where: Florence United Methodist Church, Sanctuary

Time: 9:00 am

This four week seminar will look at current dilemmas and past struggles in the treatment of serious mental illness. We will examine treatment issues from the view of the criminal justice system, the treatment system, parents, and individuals receiving treatment. Additionally, we will touch on military mental health, and look at difficult topics through the lens of the call for the church to be a healing and reconciling community.

This seminar will include plenty of time for group discussion and will meet at 9:00 am on each of the four Sundays in April. The class will be led by Dr. Jim Waterman who is the retired director of a large county mental health and substance abuse treatment system. He has been on active duty as a psychologist in the U.S. Navy and chaired the California Behavioral Health Directors Criminal Justice committee. He also taught Psychiatry residents as a visiting assistant professor at UCLA.

Please join us for a timely and educational seminar as we learn about mental health and engage in thoughtful discussion.

PALS

PALS



1:00-3:00 p.m. Fridays
Tedd Powell Fellowship Hall
All women are welcome!

P... Prayer
A... Action
L... Love
S... Sharing
... and tea!



PFLAG to preview film, upcoming events

PFLAG will meet Monday, April 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall to take a peek at a newly released documentary, "1946," partially funded by PFLAG-Skagit, view a short promotional film from PFLAG National, and start to organize for PFLAG's appearance in upcoming events, including Rhody Days and the Florence City Pride Proclamation.

PFLAG also will have a presence at the Florence Area Community Coalition's annual Volunteer Appreciation Day, to be held at the Florence Events Center April 17. PFLAG has been a member of FACC since 2012 and presented to the organization January 3. If you're curious about PFLAG, that presentation is available on PFLAG's Google Drive at: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hWrRi3qCa7d2UbPBU663ZuDd5rWF5KK0/view?usp=sharing> or just email pflagflo@gmail.com for a link.

Meetings are always free and open to the public, and refreshments will be served. You don't have to be a member to attend. Mark your calendar and bring a friend.

If you'd like to join or support PFLAG's outreach in Florence, dues are \$30 per year, which includes membership in the national organization and a link to its resources. All donations, including dues, are tax-deductible. You can send a check to PFLAG-Florence at P.O. Box 1074, Florence, OR 97439 or use the PayPal secure link at the bottom of the home page on our website, www.pflagflorenceoregon.org.

Linda Yoder

Classical Sacred Music Concert April 21

Vocalists and musicians drawn from the community and region will present a selection of sacred music by Mozart, Bach and Fauré on Sunday, April 21, at the Presbyterian Community Church in Florence at 3 p.m. The event is free of charge.

The approximately one-hour program will feature chorus, soloists and ensembles with piano, organ, string and harp accompaniment under the direction of Sylvia Hartman and Laura Merz. The church is located on Highway 101, north of 35th Street.



APRIL

April Coffee Hour: Diane McCalmont
Communion Prep: Judy Jones

Date	Liturgist	Usher/ Greeter	Counters	Flowers
7	Ann Scharf	Peggy Simington	Sharon Gallagher, Patty Evans	Yola Hesser
14	Jim Waterman	Patty Evans	Susie Stevens-Briody, Nu Williams	
21	Kathy Waterman	Sharon Gallagher	Diane McCalmont, Caroline Mesman	
28	Nu Williams	Judy Jones	Nancy Rhodes, Peggy Simington	

APRIL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
	1	2	3 1:00pm UWF mtg	4 8:30am UMMen 10:30am-12:30pm O 11:30am Free Lunch
7 9:00am Mental Illness Seminar 10:30am Church Svce Rev. Jennifer Yocum with Communion Vacation	8 6:30pm PFLAG	9 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 11:30am Free Lunch	10 10:00am-Noon Prayer Shawl Ministry 1:30-3:00 Homeschool Science Class	11 8:30am UMMen 10:30am-12:30pm O 11:30am Free Lunch
14 9:00am Mental Illness Seminar 10:30am Church Svce 2:00 pm Bay Shower for Pastors Logan and Paul	15	16 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 11:30am Free Lunch	17 1:30-3:00 Homeschool Science Class 5:30pm Potluck and Town Hall mtg	18 8:30am UMMen 10:30am-12:30pm O 11:30am Free Lunch
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28 9:00am Mental Illness Seminar 10:30am Lay-Led Church Svce	29	30 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 11:30am Free Lunch		



	Fri	Sat
Office Hrs	5 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 1pm PALS meet	6 <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Pastor Logan on vacation </div>
Office Hrs	12 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 1pm PALS meet	13
Office Hrs	19 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 1pm PALS meet	20
Office Hrs	26 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 1pm PALS meet 3:00-4:00 Rocket Art Class	27

Birthdays

- 2 Kathleen Van Balligooijen
- 6 Laureli Holden
- 8 Nancy Rickard
- 9 Renee Hansen
- 10 April McCalmont
- 11 Gerry Cedarleaf-Grey
- 12 Joey Haines
- 12 Linda Reeves
- 21 Lee Smith
- 25 Kathy Waterman

Anniversaries

- 3 Dick & Carol Johnson
- 14 Casey & Sabrina Hand
- 27 Bruce & May Hadley
- 30 Glen & Karen Baylis

If I've missed your birthday or anniversary, please send an email to Diane at quiltinggma5@yahoo.com, to let me know.

Governing Board Updates

Governing Board Meeting February 28, 2024 4:45PM

Attendees:

Board Members - Pastor Logan McLean-Strike, Beth Evans, Kathy Yelle, Scott Philben, Jim Waterman, Kathy Waterman, Renee Hansen.

Non-Board Members – Sharon Gallagher

Absent Board Members: Amanda Sarles, Karen Bayliss

Recorder: Scott Philben



Kathy Waterman led us in prayer.

- 1) Review of last month's minutes. Beth opened the meeting and called for a review of last month's minutes. One correction: Terry Woodard was not in attendance. A motion was made by Kathy Yelle to accept the January 31st minutes. Jim Waterman seconded the motion. The motion passed with all approving.
- 2) Pastor's maternity leave:
 - a. Kathy Waterman motioned to approve two (2) months leave with compensation to continue during this period. Motion seconded by Scott. Motion passed with all approving.
 - b. Pastor Logan has requested three (3) months leave and will file for Oregon Paid Family Leave to cover the 'extra' month's wages. Kathy Yelle made a motion to approve the extra month of leave, with the agreement that payment of Pastor's salary for the 'extra' time off will be revisited, contingent upon the outcome of Pastor's Oregon Paid Family Leave claim. Jim Waterman seconded. Motion passed with all approving.
- 3) Pastor in residence:
 - a. Patty Evans has graciously volunteered to fill in for Pastor Logan during her maternity leave. Her schedule will be similar to Pastor Logan's (4th Sunday off each month, etc.). Motion to accept this proposal made by Kathy Yelle, seconded by Kathy Waterman. Motion passed with all approving.
 - b. A job description and "Agreement" document was developed by Pastor Logan, to cover the main points of this arrangement with Patty Evans. A motion to approve this basic agreement was made by Jim Waterman. Seconded by Kathy Yelle. Motion passed with all approving.
- 4) Video recording of Sunday services:
 - a. Pastor Logan has handled this task for the past 14 months, but with her upcoming leave and the unavailability of anyone to take over, it was decided to discontinue this offering, effective April 21, 2024. Motion by Kathy Waterman, seconded by Kathy Yelle. Motion passed with all approving.

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5) 2024 Budget

a. The budget that was proposed at the January meeting was revised to include \$5,200 for the estimated cost of a pianist for the last six months of this year. Motion to approve by Scott Philben, seconded by Jim Waterman.

6) Security system:

a. Several board members met with a representative of a security monitoring/emergency notification company on February 27. After further discussion, it was decided to table a decision on installing a system until a later date. Leaders of various groups (PALS, Women in Faith, etc.) were encouraged to gently gauge the level of concern/interest in security issues around our church services.

7) Committee to hire a pianist.

a. Suggested members include Amanda Sarles, Kathy Bones, Steve Williams, Sharon Gallagher

8) Rain Garden proposal:

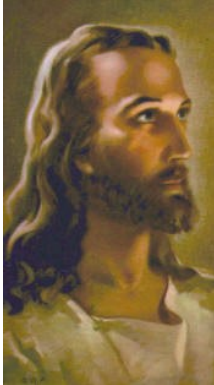
a. Scott reported that an anonymous party has offered to clean up, trim, and replant the area behind the sanctuary, next to the street. This feature is actually a drainage collection area for runoff from our paved parking lot. Board approval not required for this action.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:06 p.m. Next Governing Board Meeting is scheduled for March 27 at 4:00 p.m. A reminder notice will be sent via email.



Palms, palms, palms!

Yola Hesser provided the palm trees in her yard, while Kathy Yelle, Susie Stevens-Briody, and Pastor Logan collected a bunch to adorn our sanctuary on Palm Sunday.



Calvary - Jesus Christ, 33, of Nazareth, died Friday on Mount Calvary, also known as Golgotha, the place of the skull. Betrayed by the apostle Judas. Jesus was crucified by the Romans by order of the ruler Pontius Pilate. The causes of death were crucifixion, extreme exhaustion, severe torture, and loss of blood.

Jesus Christ, a descendent of Abraham, was a member of the house of David. He was the Son of the late Joseph, a carpenter of Nazareth and Mary his devoted Mother. Jesus was born in a stable in the city of Bethlehem, Judea. He is survived by his Mother Mary, his faithful Apostles, numerous disciples, and many other followers.

Jesus was self educated and spent most of his adult life working as a Teacher. Jesus also occasionally worked as a Medical Doctor and it is reported that he healed many patients. Up until the time of his death, Jesus was teaching and sharing the Good News, healing the sick, touching the lonely, feeding the hungry, and helping the poor.

Jesus was noted for telling parables about his Father's Kingdom and performing miracles, such as feeding over 5,000 people with only five loaves of bread and two fish, and healing a man who was born blind. On the day before his death, He held a Last Supper celebrating the Passover Feast, at which he foretold his death.

The body was buried in a stone grave, which was donated by Joseph of Arrmathea, a loyal friend of the family. By order of Pontius Pilate, a boulder was rolled in front of the tomb. Roman soldiers were put on guard.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that everyone try to live as Jesus did. Donations may be sent to anyone in need.

Author Unknown, reprinted by Steve Patterson, March 29, 2021



He is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed!

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FINANCES



February 1-29, 2023: Receipts: \$ 6,674.69
 Expenses: \$ 4,731.57

March income through the 25th : \$ 4,557.70

Provided by Kathy Yelle, Treasurer

noteworthy

Online Contributions

Don't forget that you may make contributions to the church online via trusted ministry partner Vanco. A link on our website takes you to Vanco's secure giving portal, providing transactional integrity. Email, write to, or call the church for instructions. 333 Kingwood St., 541-997-6025, florenceumc@florenceunitedmethodist.org

Amplify Videos

If you haven't tried Amplify Media, the subscription for which the church has paid, you'll need to use the church access code, which is ZRGHYB. Questions? Contact Peggy Hughes at auntpeg0929@gmail.com. We don't want anyone to miss out on a fabulous resource, especially one we use extensively for small groups.



Cheese Chili Lightened

Kathryn Waterman 2-23-24

Ingredients:

- 2 T. butter
- 5 eggs
- 5 liquid eggs
- ½ T. baking powder
- ¼ t. salt
- 1 - 7 oz. mild Ortega chiles, diced
- 1 - 4 oz. hot diced chilis
- 1/2 cup of flour or gluten free
- 1 pint of cottage cheese, low-fat
- 12 oz. grated Pepper Jack cheese

Directions:

Pre-heat Oven to 400 degrees. Melt butter in microwave, set aside. Beat eggs and Eggbeaters until light. Add flour, baking powder, salt and melted butter, and mix well. Add chiles, cottage cheese, and grated Pepper Jack cheese. Pour into a 9x13 pan, sprayed with oil. Bake at 400 degrees for 15 minutes; then reduce to 350 degrees for 20 minutes, until set.

This recipe has been a favorite in our family for many years. Unfortunately, the original recipe called for 10 eggs and 1 stick of butter. I lightened it and it is still great! I increased the chilies, decreased the butter and eggs. It is a great recipe for dinner, brunch, or lunch. Enjoy!

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