

Florence United Methodist Church

Tide-ings **2025**



April Newsletter

Florence United Methodist Church
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New Website Under Construction



Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Serving the People of God:

District Superintendent: Wendy Woodworth

Pastor: Reverend Deborah Anderson

Governing Board Chair: Beth Evans

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Ministers: All Members

Breakfast at the Beach: An Easter Reflection

Easter morning often brings to mind lilies, trumpets, and the joyous proclamation: "Christ is risen!" But there's another Easter scene that is quieter, more intimate—one that takes place not in a garden or an empty tomb, but on a beach, around a fire, with the smell of fish cooking.

In John 21, after the resurrection, Jesus appears to his disciples while they are fishing. They have returned to familiar routines, perhaps unsure of what comes next. Then, a voice calls out from the shore, guiding them to an unexpected abundance. When they reach the shore, they find Jesus waiting—tending a fire, preparing breakfast.



This scene reminds us that resurrection is not just about grand moments; it is about Jesus meeting us in the ordinary. Easter is not only about an empty tomb but also about a full table, where Jesus nourishes weary disciples and restores broken spirits. Peter, who had denied Jesus three times, is given three opportunities to reaffirm his love. Over breakfast, Jesus doesn't rebuke him—he invites him back into relationship. "Feed my sheep," Jesus says, reminding Peter that love is lived out in daily acts of care and service.

This Easter, as we celebrate the victory of life over death, let us also look for Jesus in the everyday moments—in shared meals, in reconciliations, in simple acts of grace. Sometimes, the most profound resurrection moments happen not in shouts of Alleluia, but in quiet invitations to breakfast.

May we meet the risen Christ at our own tables and be reminded that love, like a shared meal, is meant to be given and received again and again.

With love and blessings,
Pastor Deb

Office Administrator: Courtney Zietzke

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9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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Keeping in Our Prayers

Family and friends of Rosie Goodwin, especially Butch and Machele; family and friends of Patrick McCalmont; Amanda, Gary, and Conner Sarles after the passing of their dog, Opry; Ann & Bradley Scharf; Linda Rosendaul; Sharon Belvill; Kathy Waterman; Carolyn Munson; Betty Livingston; Judy Jones and family; Donna Embree and daughter, Barbara; Ray Feay and Aaron Gallegos; Sandy & Terry Woodward; Laura Merz; Hazel Vacura; Georgia Garrett; and Ursula Sears.

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

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.



Palm Sunday service, 10:30 a.m.
At FUMC

Maundy Thurs service, 7:00 p.m.
At Presbyterian Community Church

Good Friday service 5:00 p.m.
At New Life Lutheran Church

Easter Sunrise service, 6:00 a.m.
Siltcoos Lake County Boat Launch,
Dunes City

Easter Breakfast 9:00 a.m.
At FUMC

Continuing Through Lent...
April Wednesdays during Lent:
Soup supper and worship
at the Presbyterian Community Church
April 2-16

Soup Supper starts at 5:30 p.m.
Worship will begin at 6:15 p.m.



United
Women
in Faith

United Women in Faith News

The April meeting of the UWF will be held on Wednesday, April 2, 1:00 p.m. at FUMC. Donna Embree is hostess, and Jean Hefty will lead the group in devotions. A book review will be presented by Hazel Vacura. The program will be a talk on bees, with Patti Johnson. **All women are invited to join us.**

The UWF Every Member Enrichment Event was held here at FUMC on March 15, from 9:00 a.m. through 1:00 p.m. Thirty women from around the district in Oregon attended. The day included devotions; music; UWF business, reports, and information; and a virtual program on Immigration Justice: "Solidarity with the Sojourner." All ladies got to know each other a little better during lunch, prepared by the Florence women. \$270.00 was collected from women in attendance, which will be forwarded to the larger UWF Legacy Endowment Fund.

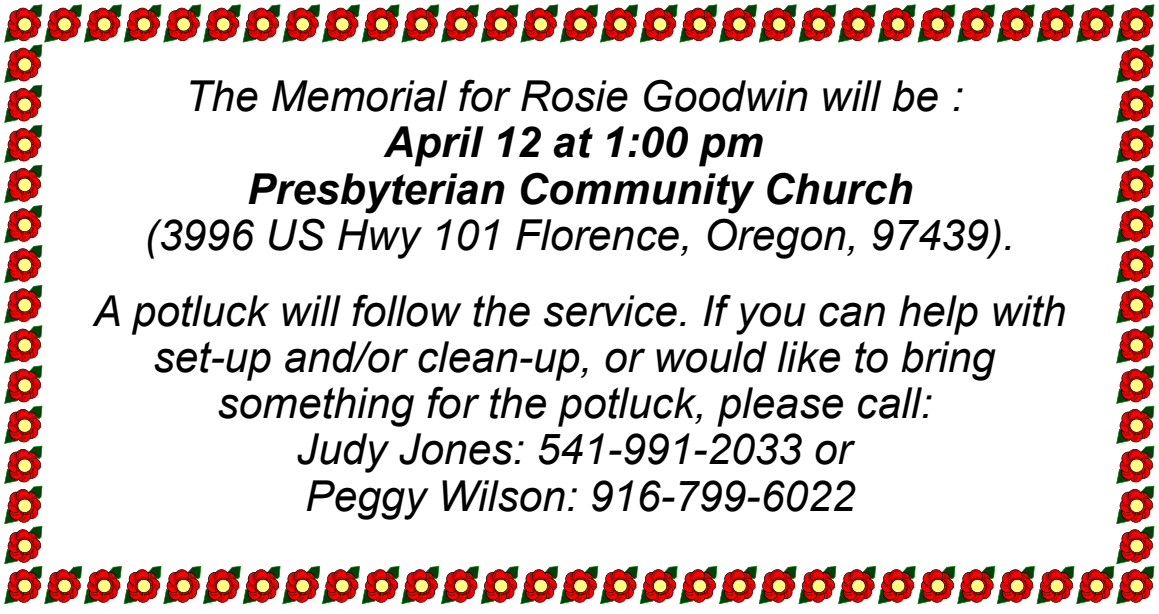
Our UWF will be providing a lunch for the British Columbia Youth Choir that will come to our church on April 13. Anyone who would like to help with that event, please contact Judy Jones.

Diane McCalmont, Secretary



Ministry Opportunities

Date	Liturgist	Usher/ Greeter	Counters	Projectionist	Flowers
4/6	Karen Baylis	Judy Jones	Sharon Gallagher Pat Kirkpatrick	Bert Schneipp	
4/13	Machaelah Faerold	Patt Rollins	Nu Williams Pat Kirkpatrick	Peggy Simington	
4/20	Sharon Gallagher	Caroline Mesman	Caroline Mesman Sharon Gallagher	Peggy Hughes	
4/27	Cindy Hughes	Peggy Simington	Sharon Gallagher Nancy Rhodes	Karne Baylis	



The Memorial for Rosie Goodwin will be :
April 12 at 1:00 pm
Presbyterian Community Church
 (3996 US Hwy 101 Florence, Oregon, 97439).

A potluck will follow the service. If you can help with set-up and/or clean-up, or would like to bring something for the potluck, please call:
 Judy Jones: 541-991-2033 or
 Peggy Wilson: 916-799-6022



Adult Class Finishes Lenten Study

The Adult Sunday School class will finish their Lenten study the first 2 Sundays of April as we continue with WITNESS AT THE CROSS presented by Amy-Jill Levine, Professor of New Testament at Vanderbilt Divinity School.

We will not meet Easter Sunday, and will begin a new series on April 27. Our new series will be six videos by Rob Renfroe, a pastor from Texas, leading us into discussions on The Trouble With The Truth. The difficulty many Christians find is striking a balance between grace and truth, both of which are seen clearly in the life of Jesus. If we are trying to live our life following the example of the life of Jesus, then we will also be trying to present to the world in our lives that balance as well. Join us for the Sundays after Easter as we explore what that balance looks like with Rev. Renfroe.

We meet at 9:00 am each Sunday in the Sunday School room in the back of the church fellowship hall. All are welcome to join with us.

Bert Schniepp

APRIL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
		1 9:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 11:30am Free Lunch	2 9:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 1:00pm UWF Mtg 5:30pm Soup Supper 6:15pm Worship	3 9:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 11:30am Free Lunch
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20 EASTER 6:00am Sunrise Svce 9:00am Easter Breakfast at FUMC 10:30am Church Svce	21 9:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs	22 9:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 11:30am Free Lunch 4:00pm Governing Board Meeting	23 9:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 2:00-3:00pm Homeschool class	24 9:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 11:30am Free Lunch
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Birthdays

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

Anniversaries

- 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
quiltnggma5@yahoo.com,
 to let me know.

**Governing Board Meeting
Minutes
February 25th 2025, 4:00 PM**



Attendees: Board Members- Pastor Deb Anderson, Kathy Yelle, Scott Philben, Kathy Waterman, Jim Waterman, David Owens

Absent: Beth Evans- (temporary leave), Karen Baylis, Sharon Gallagher, Ann Sharf.

Recorder: Kathryn Waterman

1) Kathy Waterman opened the meeting with a short icebreaker. **Kathy called for a review of the January Minutes.** A motion was made to accept the January Minutes- 2024. All ayes!

2) **Update on Website:** Kathy Yelle stated that she had a conversation with Jenna Bartlett who has agreed to work on our Website. Jenna has secured a new website name: with a .com and not [a.org](#). Evidently .org usually indicates a nonprofit entity. Kathy Yelle asked that our website be taken down which will take 90 days. The new website can be installed. Pastor Deb is willing to work on the new website with Jenna and would like to solicit members: names suggested were Beth and Patty Evans and Amanda Weaver.

3) **Update on Facebook:** Kathy Waterman stated that she found out that Linda Yoder, a former member, was the Administrator and Bert Schniepp had full control. Kathy discussed with Bert the possibility of him becoming the new Administrator and Bert agreed. A motion was made to make Bert Schniepp the Administrator for Facebook. All Ayes.

4) **Praise Band:** Pastor Deb stated that she would be contacting members of the band to restart the group.

5) **Coffee Hour:** Kathy Waterman proposed a new approach for Coffee Sign-ups. She suggested that we ask people in January to sign up for the first Sunday Coffee Hour of each month for the entire year. Kathy said she would make a presentation and a list for signups for the first Sunday from April through December, 2025. Scott Philben made a suggestion that on the other 3 Sundays of each month, we have coffee in the Fellowship Hall. This will create unity and community. It was noted that after Covid, FUMC went to once a month for Coffee Hour. Currently Kathy Yelle purchases a cake to celebrate birthdays for the month on the first Sunday. A motion was made to have coffee every Sunday. All Ayes.

6) **Building Use Policy: Review regarding Insurance Requirements for Small Groups/ Update on Kiwanis Flag Program:** Scott did some research and found that for a special policy to cover a small event, the cost would probably run between \$70 to \$100 (per event).

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The group renting our facilities would need to work with their homeowner's or renter's insurance provider to obtain (and pay for) this coverage. If approved, this information will need to be included in the building use policy and forms. Additionally, the Kiwanis Flag Program does not include Kingwood.

7) New Business: Pastor opened a discussion about Easter services and asked about a Sunrise Service. We will be participating with New Life Lutheran and the Presbyterian Church for the Lenten Services. The Council was very positive about a Sunrise Service and participating in the Lenten Services. Pastor and Kathy Yelle will work together to find a suitable location for the Sunrise Service.

8) New Business: Pastor Deb suggested that we return to streaming our services due to numerous members who cannot participate in the service due to illness. Further discussion is needed on this topic.

9) Kathryn Waterman closed in prayer at 5:40 pm

The following dates for the next Governing Board Meetings are as follows:

- March 25, Fellowship Hall, 4:00 pm, Kathy Waterman will lead**
- April 22, Fellowship Hall, 4:00 pm: Beth Evans will lead**
- May 27, Fellowship Hall, 4:00 pm: Beth Evans will lead**

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FINANCES



February 1-28, 2025: Receipts: \$ 9,537.42
Expenses: \$ 5,639.87
March income through the 24th: \$ 5,194.02

Provided by Kathy Yelle, Treasurer



PFLAG to Host Public Forum April 15 at Library

Instead of its regular April meeting, PFLAG will host a public forum Tuesday, April 15, featuring organizations and groups besides PFLAG who are open and affirming to the LGBTQ+ community in town. The forum, to be held in the Bromley Room of the Siuslaw Public Library from 6 to 7:30 p.m., will hear from representatives from the health fields, education, civic and community groups, and open and affirming faith communities. The event is free and open to the public and refreshments will be available.

PFLAG, which has been active in Florence since 2011, is a member of the Florence Area Community Coalition and the Chamber of Commerce. Its supporters have marched in the Rhody Parade for a dozen years and in the Yachats La-de-da Parade with PFLAG-Oregon Central Coast of Newport for six years.

PFLAG-Florence is an affiliate of a national organization with more than 350 chapters and 200,000 members and supporters across the United States. PFLAG is the country's largest organization working to create a caring, just, and affirming world for LGBTQ+ people and those who love them.

Linda Yoder

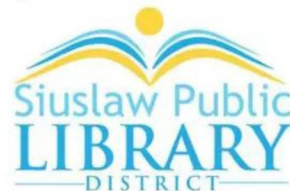


Allies: A Public Forum

Join PFLAG to hear from and speak to people from organizations in our area who care about and interact with the LGBTQ+ community

Tuesday, April 15, 6:00 p.m.
Siuslaw Public Library, Bromley Room

All are welcome. Refreshments available.



RECIPE CORNER

Cheese Chili Lightened

Kathryn Waterman



Ingredients:

2 tbsl. Butter

5 eggs

5 liquid eggs

1/2 tbsl. baking powder

1/4 tsp. salt

1 - 7 oz. mild Ortega Chiles, diced

1 - 4 oz. hot diced chiles

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 and set aside. Beat eggs and eggbeaters (liquid eggs) until light. Add flour, baking powder, salt, and melted butter, and mix well. Add chiles, cottage cheese, and Pepper Jack cheese. Pour into a 9x13 pan, sprayed with oil. Bake at 400 degrees for 15 minutes; then reduce to 350 degrees for 15 minutes, until set.

This recipe has been a favorite for 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 chiles, decreased the butter and eggs. It's a great recipe for dinner, brunch, or lunch. Enjoy!

*I'd like to thank each and every one of my church family
for the thoughtful cards, emails, and calls
during the time Patrick was in Hospice
and after his passing.*

*Also, thank you to the people who brought meals, flowers,
and walked our Clementine.*

I love you all!

Diane McCalmont

*A Memorial Service will be held on
Saturday, May 3, 1:00 p.m. at FUMC

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