

*Florence United Methodist Church*

## *Tide-ings* 2024



## August Newsletter

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### Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Serving the People of God:  
District Superintendent: Rev. John Tucker  
Pastor: Reverend Patty Evans, Interim  
Governing Board Chair: Beth Evans  
Finance Chair: Kathy Yelle  
Trustees Chair: Scott Philben  
SPRC Chair: Jim Waterman  
Ministers: All Members  
Newsletter Editor: Diane McCalmont



### *Keeping in Our Prayers*

Kathy Waterman; Rosie Goodwin, Butch and Machele; Tim Williams, Linda & Bert Schniepp; John & Lila Hyder; Carolyn Munson; Karen Baylis; Betty Livingston; Judy Jones and family; Donna Embree and daughter, Barbara; Ray Feay and 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 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](mailto:kathywaterman10@gmail.com).

### **WHO YOU GONNA CALL?**



#### **Pastoral Care/Concerns:**

Patty Evans, 541-905-4248

**Unlocking the Buildings:** Renee' Hansen, 541-999-9487

**General Questions:** Peggy and/or Cindy Hughes, 541-902-0197 (such as clerical assistance, reserving the Fellowship Hall, clarifying meeting times) **General Church Concerns:** Beth Evans, 541-760-3021

**Building Problems/Key Requests:** Scott Philben, 530-949-8464

**Financial Questions:** Kathy Yelle, 541-305-1495 (such as making a purchase, getting reimbursed, making a donation)



## Finding a Balance

Years ago Dr. Ken Blanchard wrote a book called The One Minute Manager. It was a great little book that I found quite helpful in my effort to bring a sense of order to my then quite hectic life. Somewhere along the line I lost the book but held on to one of Dr. Blanchard's illustrations. He told how the Orcas at Sea World were trained. The trainers divided each of the whales' days into five parts – work time, play time, free time, rest time and learning time. They discovered that these majestic animals stayed a lot healthier with this sort of balance in their lives.

I figure that if it worked for killer whales it ought to work for us! I know I would feel pretty good about a day that included all five of those elements to some degree – time to work and reach out for some focused goals, time to play and enjoy God's beautiful world, time to rest and be renewed for the days God has so graciously blessed me with, time to feel completely free to explore my faith and my calling, and time to focus on learning and strengthening my mind and spirit.

The writer of Ecclesiastes says there is a time for everything. Perhaps this summer we can follow the whales' lead and find some balance in our lives. Many of our scheduled gatherings and meetings have been placed on hiatus until September in an effort to give all of us a little more time in our schedules for fun with family, rest, and renewal. We will worship together on Sunday's at 10:30 a.m. – lifting our hearts in praise to God and opening up our lives to God's leading.

Have a great, well-balanced summer!  
Patty

## First Sunday Fellowship Time

Each first Sunday of the month, after worship, fellowship time is held in the Fellowship Hall. We celebrate the month's birthdays with cake, and often other good treats are provided to enhance our time of visiting and community building. It gives us the opportunity to deepen and expand our friendships and provides a time for new members and visitors to get better acquainted with the church and us. During the September fellowship time, we hope to have a time for people to ask questions and share concerns and ideas with the Church Council members about where we are in the search for a new pastor and other information they will have shared at the August 25 service. So plan now to attend the **September 1 fellowship time** and increase the ties that bind us in Christian love.

Patty





United  
Women  
in Faith

## United Women in Faith News

Our United Women in Faith will still be on hiatus in August, but will be planning and working on the annual UWF Rummage sale, to be held **Saturday, August 24, from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.** We could use help, so if you would like to help with that project, please contact Judy Jones or Renee' Hansen.

UWF will start up regular meetings again on **September 4 at 1:00 p.m.** in the Tedd Powell Fellowship Hall. All women are invited to attend and join our group for prayer, programs, refreshments, fun, and even more!

Diane McCalmont  
Secretary



&  
*Clothing Boutique*



**Saturday,  
August 24  
9:00 a.m. –  
2:00 p.m.**

**Florence United  
Methodist Church  
333 Kingwood St.  
Florence, OR**

*Fundraiser hosted by*



United  
Women  
in Faith

Proceeds help to fund charities that support  
women and children locally



## PFLAG activities in August

In lieu of a regular August meeting, PFLAG will hold our annual Dinner Out at Ichiban on **Monday, August 12** (our regular meeting night and time) at 6:30 p.m.

We also plan to march August 10 in the Pride Parade in Eugene, an activity to which we were invited by the Pride Festival organizers. Although our members have attended Eugene Pride on occasion, this is the first time PFLAG Florence will participate as a group in the parade. Since the group must leave from Florence no later than 7 a.m. that Saturday, and the parade route is about the length of the Rhody Parade (1.5 miles), it may not be for everyone, although you're all invited. For a ride, email [pflagflo@gmail.com](mailto:pflagflo@gmail.com) or text Linda Yoder at 541-590-0944.

A six-minute video of PFLAG's march in the Yachats La-de-da Parade is available on YouTube by clicking a link on the calendar page of our website: [www.pflagflorenceoregon.org](http://www.pflagflorenceoregon.org).

We'd love you to join us for our annual dinner August 12, the Pride march August 10, or our next regular meeting in the church fellowship hall on Monday, September 9, at 6:30.

Linda Yoder



## Florence United Methodist Church FINANCES



June 1-30, 2024: Receipts: \$7,613.05  
Expenses: \$ \$4,489.53  
July income through the 26th: \$3,683.24

The online giving available on our website has been cancelled. Contributions to the church may still be mailed to the office

Provided by Kathy Yelle, Treasurer

### Teacher/Staff Appreciation Project

The church will be giving special appreciation bags to Siuslaw and Mapleton teachers and staff again this year, like we have done in the past.

As usual, Florence businesses are contributing items to go in the bags, but we still have some costs for the bags, stickers, and a little extra item. If you would like to support this project with a donation, you may do so through the church offering, writing "appreciation bags" in the memo line of your check or on the envelope.

If you have a connection to a business, ask them if they'd like to contribute to this project. Or give us the contact and we'll reach out.

Stuffing the bags will take place here at the church on **Monday, August 26 at 10:00 a.m.** We need volunteers to help with this project.

Contact Nancy Rhodes, Vicki Philben, or Kathy Waterman for more information or to sign up to help fill bags.



# PALS



**1:00-2:30 p.m. Fridays**  
Tedd Powell Fellowship Hall  
All women are welcome!

**P... Prayer**  
**A... Action**  
**L... Love**  
**S... Sharing**





**MASTER  
RECYCLERS  
OF FLORENCE**

# **2 4 5 Plastic Recycling Event**

**Saturday August 17, 2024**

**WHAT TO RECYCLE -**

**CLEAN, DRY AND SORTED PLEASE!**

**LABELS OKAY!**

**#2 Tubs, Lids and Small Bottles  
(smaller than your fist)**

**that can't go in Comingle Bin**

**#4's Tubs, Bottles and Lids**

**#5's - Tubs, Bottles, Jugs and Lids**

**10 am till Noon**

**Florence United**

**Methodist Church**

**333 Kingwood Ave.**

**Florence**



**QUESTIONS? Please Email Nancy at  
[banjogirl57@gmail.com](mailto:banjogirl57@gmail.com)**

# AUGUST

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
				<b>1</b>
<b>4</b> 10:30am Church Svce Fellowship Time after Service	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 11:30am Free Lunch	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 10:30am-12:30pm Office 11:30am Free Lunch
<b>11</b> 10:30am Church Svce	<b>12</b> 6:30pm PFLAG Dinner	<b>13</b> 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 11:30am Free Lunch	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 10:30am-12:30pm Office 11:30am Free Lunch
<b>18</b> 10:30am Church Svce	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 11:30am Free Lunch	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 10:30am-12:30pm Office 11:30am Free Lunch
<b>25</b> 10:30am Church Svce	<b>26</b> 10:00am Stuffing teacher bags at FUMC	<b>27</b> 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 11:30am Free Lunch	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>



	Fri	Sat
	<b>2</b> 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 1pm PALS meet	<b>3</b>
Hrs	<b>9</b> 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 1pm PALS meet	<b>10</b>
Hrs	<b>16</b> 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 1pm PALS meet	<b>17</b> 10:00am-Noon Plastic Recycling Event at FUMC
Hrs	<b>23</b> 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 1pm PALS meet	<b>24</b> 9:00am-2:00pm UWF Rummage Sale and Clothes Boutique
	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>



### *Birthdays*

- 2 Terry Van Balligooijen
- 6 Karen Baylis
- 14 Erin Leonard
- 16 Judith Lowe
- 17 Harold Titus
- 28 Paula Ziegelasch

### *Anniversaries*

- 5 Bert & Linda Schniepp
- 5 George & Rosie Goodwin
- 18 Jeremy & Tessa Ramsey
- 18 Scott & Vicki Philben
- 20 Patrick & Diane McCalmont
- 24 Terry & Sandy Woodward

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



*This newsletter page focuses on thoughts from some of our church family, based on a "mustard seed of faith." Do you have a thought or story you'd like to share? If so, contact Diane at 541-999-9692 or quilt-ingma5@yahoo.com.*

As a guest contributor to the newsletter, I thought I would share a moment in my life when I knew God was watching over me. Now, start singing to yourself, "All night, all day, angels watching over me, my Lord," and get ready to jump back in time. In 2008, I moved to the Mississippi Delta and lived in a UMC parsonage 37.2 miles from the "Crossroads", where the famed Robert Johnson supposedly sold his soul to the devil. In this very small Delta town everyone knew everyone, and they already knew me as the new leader in the UM Church and campus ministry. I knew that if I was to have a sip of anything other than water, then I would need to be very discreet, especially in a town where you could not buy wine on Sundays (still!). Everyone at the church had told me about the one store in the town to go to, but one day I drove past a store on the other side of town and decided to stop in.

Standing behind the counter reading a newspaper, the gentleman had warm eyes and a shocked look at my entrance. Not bothered, just a little like, "huh, who are you?" I was the only customer in the shop and I greeted him with eye contact and a smile, and then went about my business. I don't remember what I was looking for, but I do remember asking questions about this and that, trying to be friendly without becoming a nuisance.

Then another gentleman entered and walked directly to the counter. I wouldn't have noticed, except the thud of the item that he placed on the counter was definitely not the timbre of a bottle of liquid. It was a more metallic, heavy sound of an item wrapped in a cloth. I looked up because it's hard not to pay attention, but I saw the eyes of the shop attendant change and glance from me to the other gentleman. The back of my neck started to tense, telling me that I may have stumbled into the wrong place at the wrong time. I turned my back to them so they would know that I was not involved. I tried to appear nonchalant as I made mental notes of the scene, including physical descriptions of the men, just in case. The other gentleman quickly left, and the cloth wrapped item was carefully placed behind the counter by the shopkeeper. When it felt like an appropriate time to approach the counter, I walked forward thinking that if I became a paying customer minding my own business, then I could keep up the appearance that everything was just fine.

I remember the secure feeling of driving away, knowing that even though I was the only one in my car, I was not alone. God protected me in that moment from harm, from injury, and from really God only knows what. I think about that encounter with God's protection and provision over my life and continue to be overwhelmed with gratitude for being watched over by an ever present God. "All night, all day, angels watching over me, my Lord."

Amanda Sarles



## AUGUST

### August Coffee Hour:

Date	Liturgist	Usher/ Greeter	Counters	Flowers
4	Michaela Faerrolld	Sharon Gallagher	Sharon Gallagher Susie Stevens-Briody	
11	Jim Waterman	Patt Rollins	Pat Kirkpatrick Nu Williams	
18	Stephen Williams	Caroline Mesman	Diane McCalmont Caroline Mesman	Diane McCalmont
25	Kathy Bones	Judy Jones	Nancy Rhodes Pat Kirkpatrick	

### Ministry Opportunities

Our little church runs on the powerful steam of faithful, creative and committed volunteers. We are a strongly lay-led congregation. There are a multitude of ways a person can put their gifts and interests to work to enhance the ministry of our congregation.

We are always on the lookout for people who would enjoy reading scripture, leading in worship, bringing special music, joining the choir, counting the offering, helping in the office, gardening, cleaning, checking in by phone with homebound friends, providing meals, cooking and serving Free Lunch, creating prayer shawls, making cards, sending cards, providing flowers for worship, creating sanctuary art, serving on the church council, hosting First Sunday Fellowship Time, helping with receptions and more.

The list is endless and there is a place for everyone to share their life in loving servanthood. For more information or to volunteer in some way talk to Pastor Patty Evans or one of our Church Council members.



*Pastor Logan's last day  
with us at FUMC,  
along with a blessing for baby Beau,  
and Farewell reception  
July 7*







## Change of Address

Pastor Logan McLean Strike and Family  
1200 NW D St.  
Grants Pass, OR 97526



## Church Council Report

The Church Council has been busy this summer taking care of our buildings and operating systems. As you know, we have replaced our troubled piano and completed a cleanup of the Church and parsonage grounds. We are in the process of preparing the parsonage as a rental property while we are between pastors. We are updating our sound system and our WiFi system. Our goal is to make our buildings and systems appealing to potential candidates for the pastor position and to prospective new members.



We need your help. We need help finding a new pastor and a new pianist. Our new District Superintendent has given us permission to try to find candidates for the pastor's position. If you have any contacts or ideas of people who might be interested in this position, please let Patty or Beth know. We are also still looking for a pianist. We have been fortunate to have Sylvianne and Sandy help us out this summer, but we would like to hire a pianist who can play for all our services and accompany the choir. Again, if you know of anyone we can reach out to, please let us know.

We also need help on Sunday mornings. We need people who are willing to usher, count the offering and serve as liturgists. These jobs are all fairly simple and we do have trainings for each job. For example, the ushers arrive at 10:00am to greet people as they enter the church, especially visitors. They light the candles and collect the offering. We also need people to provide flowers each week and help with coffee hour on the first Sunday. We don't have anyone signed up for August!

It is also time to be thinking about changes in church leadership. One third of the church council rotates off each year, which means we need new members each year. If you are interested in being on the council, or in helping on Sunday mornings, please let Beth know (541-760-3021).

Thank you for all you do for our Church. We are a small but mighty congregation.

Beth Evans



## Nutty Olive Spread

*Submitted by Amanda Sarles*



### Ingredients:

1 (8 oz.) package cream cheese (room temperature)  
2 (4.24 oz.) cans chopped black olives, drained  
1 cup mayonnaise  
1/3 cup finely chopped pecans  
Juice of 1/2 lemon  
6 shakes Tabasco sauce  
1/4 tsp. garlic powder  
2 tsps. grated onion  
1/4 tsp. salt, plus more to taste  
1/8 tsp. freshly ground black pepper

In a medium bowl, combine all ingredients and mix well. Chill. Serve with tortilla or pita chips.

### Camp News from Camp and Retreat Ministries



Have you ever attended an outdoor ministry camp? If not, you need to put it on your bucket list. I know from experience that there is something extraordinarily special about communing with others in the wonderful creation God made!

Young, old, or in between, camp is for everyone. The Idaho-Oregon Outdoor Ministries has a camp for every age. Camping for adults is comfortable and meaningful.

Maybe you know a family or have grandkids that would benefit from camp. Find out more about the camps available this season (into October), where they are and what they offer. Go to <https://www.gocamping.org>. [GoCamping - Homepage](#)

Or give me a call...Diane...541-999-9692

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