

Florence United Methodist Church

***Tide-ings* 2019**



December Newsletter

Florence United Methodist Church
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Sunday Worship
Sunday Services: 10:00 a.m.
Children's Sunday School 10:00 am
Adult Sunday School: 8:30 a.m.

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From Our Shared Heart...



Advent is coming! Advent is about waiting, hoping, preparing for what is coming, what new thing from God is in-breaking into our world. Advent is one of the most appreciated, observed, and honored traditions of the Christian Church. I hope that you will make every effort to join us in worship as we, experiencing our present circumstances and realities, explore how Advent is both ancient and future. On Saturday, November 30, we kick off our Advent/Christmas observances by gathering to decorate the sanctuary, a beloved ritual in the Christian tradition often referred to as “the hanging of the greens.” Our season of waiting and preparation for celebrating the birth of the Christ Child culminates with our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on December 24 at 4:00 p.m. We plan to provide spiritual sustenance for all ages and all stages of our faith and even those of “no faith” yet. Join in our opportunities for reflection, deepening your walk with Jesus as Love becomes “en’fleshed” and takes form in a human baby, “God with us,” Emmanuel.

Generosity! One of the hallmarks of deep discipleship as Christians

is our stewardship of the resources God has blessed us with out of God's amazing abundance and generosity in Creation. If you have not turned in your Estimate of Giving to the church, please let us know as soon as convenient so that the Finance Committee can create a realistic budget for our operating expenses in 2020. This Estimate does not have to be signed.

Looking forward to the celebration of Advent and Christmas with you!

Love and blessings,

Pastor Karen

Pastor Karen:

revdrkarenlove@gmail.com

(541) 915-0335 cell

(ok to text)



Keeping in Our Prayers

Jim Waterman; Tom Pfeiffer; Charles Walker; John & Lila Hyder; Roger Johnson; Kathy Yelle; Kim Holden & family; Carolyn Boyce; Jude Craddock; Georgia Garrett; Laureli; Betty Cline; Ursula Sears; Jean Parr; Janice Bell; Elinor Roth; Gerry & Nancy Cedarleaf-Grey; and Bonnie Kelly.

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

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

Note: On the last page of the UMW yearbook, as well as the inside back cover of the Church Directory, the Prayer Chain is listed. To receive the electronic prayer chain, contact rayfeay@hotmail.com.

Christmas Greetings

As in past years, the message board in the fellowship room will be decorated for Christmas early in December. People who wish may add a greeting card for the whole Congregation.



Thanks to all who contributed to the hygiene kits for immigrants on the border. We made and sent 18 kits.

Many thanks,
Yola

If you haven't yet turned in your Estimate of Giving, please do so. This is how the Finance Committee creates the budget for 2020. There are forms in the narthex, but if you can't get in to the church to get one, please send a note to the church (Finance Committee) with your estimate of giving for 2020. You don't have to attach your name to it.



Our Sunday School children and youth Will be collecting for the annual Heifer Project Beginning on December 1. Talk to one of the kids about making your donation.



United
Methodist
Women
FAITH · HOPE · LOVE IN ACTION

UMWomen News

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN will come together on Thursday, December 5 in the Tedd Powell Hall at 1:30 p.m. Hostesses are the Executive Board who will provide light finger food, with all women of our church family invited. Betty Livingston has the devotions.

Closing out the year includes "spending down" the treasury and, thanks to a successful Country Store and Luncheon, there could be extra giving to programs that benefit youth, children and women. There will also be installation of officers for 2020.

Non-edible items for those in need of assistance have been coming in during November and will soon be delivered to Food Share. Thanks to all who have responded.

UMW Executive Board is scheduled to meet on Monday, December 2nd at 10:00 a.m. Let Judy or Renee' know if you are unable to attend.

Jean Hefty

Harmony United Methodist Women in Coos Bay have invited us to their ADVENT TEA on Saturday, December 14, starting at 2:00 pm. There will be carol singing, special music from a choral trio, tea, dessert, plus door prizes. Let your interest be known at the UMW meeting on the 5th so car pooling can be arranged.

Come and see for yourself how Harmony UMC is providing space for those living in tents and trailers.





Any and all men are invited each Thursday morning at 8:00 a.m. to a no-host breakfast at Kathleen & Nina's

ALL ARE WELCOME...

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE
at Ray & Aaron's House

Sunday, December 15, 11:30am
87698 Mar Azul Terrace, Florence

**car pooling is advised; limited parking*

**(They say) this is their Absolutely Final
Never to Be Repeated Holiday
Open House!*



***Calling on Knitters, Quilters,
Crocheters, and Fleece Blanket
Makers...***



The Oregon-Idaho Conference of United Methodist Women is joining the Pacific Northwest and Alaska conferences United Methodist Women in a project to make quilts for "Children at Risk". The goal for our conference is 160, 40 from each district (but we are really hoping for 400!)

All the quilts will be taken to the combined Annual Conference (Pacific Northwest, Oregon-Idaho, and Alaska) on June 11-14, 2020 in Puyallup, WA. The quilts will then be divided among the districts for distribution to agencies benefiting/working with children.

The blankets can be quilted, crocheted, knitted, or made from fleece (tied). Suggested dimensions: 45" x 45", 45" x 60", or 56" x 84" for a twin-sized bed.

Locally, contact Yola Hesser. Otherwise, for questions, you can also contact Jo Ann English at joannenglish.or@gmail.com or 541-741-0575 (home, 541-743-6878 (cell)).



**Join us
for our
wacky
holiday
tradition**

A festive purple poster for a "White Elephant" gift swap. At the top, a string of colorful Christmas lights (red, green, blue) hangs across the width. In the center, a stack of three wrapped gifts sits on the back of a white elephant. The gifts are wrapped in teal, red, and teal paper with white bows. A small white Christmas tree is on top of the stack. The elephant is white with a brown patch on its ear. Text on the poster includes: "Bring your wrapped gift for the table – preferably something you want to recycle (nothing new over \$5)" in white; "No gift? No problem." and "We've got extras." in white; "white ELEPHANT gift swap" in white and gold; "LCC – Florence" in gold; "Tuesday Dec. 10 6:30 pm" in purple; and "Refreshments and prize for bringing the most guests" in gold. Small white snowflake icons are scattered throughout the background.

New Members:

**Peggy Hughes,
Cindy Hughes,
Nancy Rhodes,
with Reverend Karen**



LAY LEADER LINES

It has been my privilege to be your Lay Leader here at Florence United Methodist Church for the past several years. Since this is my last newsletter article in this capacity, it feels important that I share with you:

I have been part of the Methodist Church – now United Methodist Church – all of my life. Because of the Itinerant Ministry tradition of the UMC, I have met and worshipped with, studied with, worked with, laughed and played with, gone to camp with and grieved with many different pastors over the years.

Pastors – like the rest of us – come in all shapes, sizes, colors, and genders. They come with their own gifts and graces; strengths and weaknesses. I believe the best ones put a stamp on our hearts that lasts forever.

Rev. Carol J. Thompson was such a pastor. In all the “busyness” of making sure the pulpit was filled each Sunday during Carol’s illness and making sure that our Church Family continued to be nurtured and cared for, we were blessed to have Carol with us – still guiding and caring and loving us. I don’t want us to now feel we glossed over our time to truly grieve her passing – or that we rushed on to other things and didn’t take the time necessary to say good-bye. During the four years Rev. Carol was our pastor, among many other things, she guided us out of dire financial difficulties, re-established Nurture and Outreach and Worship work areas and set us solidly on the path to being able to look at acquiring a new Church building. In the process she showed us by example that it is fun to be Church. She reminded us what important people our children and youth are – in part because they are the future of our Church. She had special gifts for touching their lives and letting them know how important they are by meeting them where they are. Even - maybe especially if - that meeting place was Camp Latgawa or Camp Magruder or the local bowling alley.

She was a tireless champion of rural churches and served on the Conference Board of Trustees.

I don’t believe we should get “stuck in grief” for Rev. Carol. I do believe, however that it is important to remember her honestly and to honor who she was – especially in the life of Florence United Methodist Church.

We are truly blessed to have had Rev. Carol J. Thompson in our lives.

Thank you,

Hazel Vacura
Lay Leader



DECEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
1 Adult Sunday School 8:30 Worship/Communion 10:00am Children's Sunday School during service	2 UMW Executive Board mtg 10:00am S.B.I.P. mtg 6:30-8:30	3 Office Hours 10 am-1 pm Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 A.A. Meeting 5:00-6:00	4 Transformational Resiliency group 3:00-5:00pm	5 UMMen 8 am Women's Covenant 9:00 Pastor's Office Hrs 10-1: Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 UMW 1:30-3 Choir Rehearsal 4:15-5:4 Meditation Group 5:30-7
8 Adult Sunday School 8:30 Worship 10:00am Children's Sunday School during service	9 S.B.I.P. mtg 6:30-8:30	10 Office Hours 10 am-1 pm Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 A.A. Meeting 5:00-6:00 PFLAG White Elephant Gift Swap, 6:30pm	11 Prayer Shawl Ministry 10- Noon Church Potluck 5:30 pm	12 UMMen 8 am Women's Covenant 9:00 Pastor's Office Hrs 10-1: Trustees mtg 11:30am Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 Finance Comm mtg 3:3 Choir Rehearsal 4:15-5:4 Meditation Group 5:30-7
15 Adult Sunday School 8:30 Worship 10:00am Children's Sunday School during service Ray & Aaron's Open House 11:30am Ad Council mtg 3:00pm	16 S.B.I.P. mtg 6:30-8:30	17 Office Hours 10 am-1 pm Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 A.A. Meeting 5:00-6:00	18 Transformational Resiliency group 3:00-5:00pm	19 UMMen 8 am Women's Covenant 9:00 Pastor's Office Hrs 10-1: Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 Choir Rehearsal 4:15-5:4 Meditation Group 5:30-7
22 Adult Sunday School 8:30 Worship 10:00am Children's Sunday School during service	23 S.B.I.P. mtg 6:30-8:30	24 Office Hours 10 am-1 pm Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 A.A. Meeting 5:00-6:00 Candlelight Service 4:00pm	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26 UMMen 8 am Women's Covenant 9:00 Pastor's Office Hrs 10-1: Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 Choir Rehearsal 4:15-5:4 Meditation Group 5:30-7
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	Fri	Sat
-11 00 5	6 Home School Science Class 1:00-2:00	7 A.A. Meeting 11:30-12:30
-11 00 0 5	13 Home School Science Class 1:00-2:00	14 A.A. Meeting 11:30-12:30 UMW Advent Tea, Coos Bay 2:00pm
-11 00 5	20 Home School Science Class 1:00-2:00	21 A.A. Meeting 11:30-12:30
-11 00 5	27 Home School Science Class 1:00-2:00	28 A.A. Meeting 11:30-12:30



Birthdays

- 2 Tom Pfeiffer
- 3 Peggy Hughes
- 6 Brad Anderson
- 8 Rita Bergeron
- 11 Nicolai Ramsey
- 19 Jesse Holden
- 20 Georgia Garrett
- 21 Janice Bell
- 23 Mike Bones
- 26 Eileen Beck
- 30 Jacob Wenzel
- 31 Annie Van Horn
- 31 John Hyder

Anniversaries

- 4 Mike & Kathy Bones
- 21 Jim & Kathy Waterman
- 23 Terry & Kathleen Van Balligooijen

**The December birthday
cake is sponsored
by Jacob Wenzel**





*Serving in
December*

Date	Time	Liturgist	Usher/Greeter	Coffee Host
Dec 1	10 am		Aaron Gallegos & Ray Feay	Hannah Strong
Dec 8	10 am	Karen Baylis	Cindy & Peggy Hughes	The Schniepps
Dec 15	10 am	Bert Schniepp	Patt Rollins & Patti Johnson	Jean Hefty & Aaron Gallegos (coffee & goodies at Ray & Aaron's house)
Dec 22	10 am		Pat Balzell	The Hessers & Donna Embree
Dec 29	10 am			

Florence United Methodist Church
FINANCES



October 1-31, 2019:

Receipts: \$ 7,490.46

Expenses: \$ 5,739.61

November income through the 24th: \$ 7,589.14

Provided by Paula Ziegelasch

Free Lunch News



Free Lunch is happily serving up its 24th year of providing the community with the best soup in town. Many thanks to our new volunteers who have joined us in meeting our mission “to feed the hungry.” And, thanks to sleuth Yola, our record-keeping calendar has been found!

To all of you who volunteer, donate, and provide financial and moral support, we are deeply grateful.

Cindy

The schedule for December:

Week	Date	Tues		Thurs
1 st	12/3/19	St. Mary's, Jean	12/5/19	Two Sisters, Cindy O., Hannah, Butch
2 nd	12/10/19	St. Andrews, Bert and Linda	12/12/19	Peggy & Cindy H, Sue, Brooke, Butch
3 rd	12/17/19	Unitarians, Paula	12/19/19	Paula & Karen, Joanna, Katharine, Butch
4 th	12/24/19	Florence Christian, Sharon	12/26/19	Bahai and Friends
5 th	12/31/19	St. Mary's, Jean		



Church Attendance in November

3rd: 53 10th: 50 17th: 58 24th: 58



TIP OF THE MONTH...

With the holidays upon us, there will be extra shopping for groceries and paper products, so remember that paper towel and toilet paper plastic wrapping, bubble wrap and shipping pillows can be recycled in the Safeway plastic bag receptacles. Air must be let out of inflated packaging. The receptacle is **NOT** just for plastic bags. Any size plastic bags are accepted, as long as they are **clean**. (per Brianna at Safeway).

***Plastics Collection
on Oct. 27***



4 WAYS TO DONATE TO FUMC AT NO COST TO YOU!

Because FUMC is a 501(c)3 Non-Profit Charitable Organization, the following programs will donate a portion of your purchases to our church. We have set up Florence United Methodist Church to benefit from these donations. Your regular rewards are not affected. Please help.



Support FUMC just by shopping at Fred Meyer with your Rewards Card. 3-5% of most all the money you spend at Fred Meyer will be given to FUMC after you link your Rewards Card. If you don't already have a digital account (taking advantage of digital coupons!), you will need to set one up at www.fredmeyer.com in My Account. Ask Paula Z (541-603-6948) to help you set up your account online. If you already have a FM digital account, visit <https://www.fredmeyer.com/account/communityrewards/> to link to Florence United Methodist Church to your reward card, or FRED MEYER customer care will help at 1-800-576-4377 Ext. 3.



If you shop at Amazon.com (free shipping to members!), Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to our church if you link your Amazon account to Amazon Smile at smile.amazon.com and select your charitable organization preference as Florence United Methodist Church. For help: Paula Z



With The Safeway Community Giving Card Program, Safeway will donate up to 5% of your Safeway purchases to FUMC. If you would like to purchase one of these reusable cards for \$5, let Paula Z know. (The \$5 is then available on the card). You must visit Safeway Customer Service to preload (with \$) your giving card in advance of shopping and then present it to the checker along with your regular rewards card.

Camp and Retreat Ministry

Our Mission: We are people dedicated to creating quality environments of Christian hospitality and learning.

We nurture persons so they may:

- ◇ Grow in wisdom and in healthy self-esteem.
- ◇ Develop lifestyles of loving interdependence with each other and all of creation.
- ◇ Affirm and expand their faith in God and their service as Christian disciples within God's world.



New Gift Card Program

We now have a way to benefit the church and the environment that won't cost you anything. Here's the scoop! We are partnering with a company that provides us with gift cards that we will print out instead of using PLASTIC cards that can't be recycled. The church makes a small rebate on each card.

Here's how it works:

⇒ See Cindy Hughes for a list of participating retailers.

⇒ Choose the one(s) you want to purchase gift cards from and give Cindy a check (made payable to the church).

⇒ She will order the cards, print them out, and have them to you the next Sunday.

OR

Order and print the cards yourself. To do that, go to <https://www.shopwithscrip.com/> and click on "Join a Program" on the top right. Enter the church's enrollment #: 7A135EC266762. Fill in your personal information to set up your account. Go to "Shop" on the top right. The online list shows both traditional plastic gift cards (that cost \$8.50 extra for shipping) and printable ones (no shipping charge--you just print them yourself). To easily find the printable ones, click "Card Type" on the left. Then select "Scripnow". Choose the ones you want to order and put those in your cart. You can pay using a charge card, but they do charge a handling fee of 2.6%. Or you can pay with a direct transfer from a checking or savings account. That way there is only a 15 cent charge per order. NOTE: On December 5 and 6, they are waiving the credit card fee. It would be a great time to stock up!

Whichever way you choose to participate, the church earns 2-10% on each card you purchase. Those little amounts can add up quickly and really help with our expenses.

If you have any questions, give Cindy a call at (541) 902-0197 or email her at: lucinda-agh@gmail.com.

Annual All Church Conference Highlights

November 17, 2019

- ⇒ The Lay Leadership/Nominations Committee report was reviewed and approved (see list of elected Lay Leadership next page).
- ⇒ Pastor Karen's total compensation package of \$25,977.50 for the calendar year 2020 was passed.
- ⇒ Worship: length of service discussed. Worship Committee will look into this and how to improve it while remembering flow and engagement.
- ⇒ It appears there will likely be a split in the Methodist Church by May/June because of lack of inclusion issues. If we stop giving our apportionments now, it will only be penalizing the OR/ID Conference. It was suggested we pay up until May and see where we go from there. Majority present agreed no need for a vote at this time.
- ⇒ DS John Tucker told of a fun project he is starting around Feb. or March; individual churches can lip sync to a song of his choosing, to make a stand for our convictions and beliefs.

**Florence United Methodist Church
Lay Leadership Nominations for 2020**

Church Council Chair: Linda Yoder
Lay Leader: Patt Rollins
Lay Member of AC: Patt Rollins
Alt. Member of AC: Alan Baisinger
Treasurer: Paula Ziegelasch
Recording Secretary: Kathy Bones
SPRC Chair: Patti Johnson
Finance Chair: Terry Woodward
Trustees Chair: Elected at 1st meeting
UMM Rep: Bert Schniepp
UMW Co-Chairs: Renee' Hansen and Judy Jones
Membership Secretary: Jean Hefty
Financial Secretary: Kathy Yelle
Camp & Retreat Ministries: Diane McCalmont
Generosity Team Co-Leaders: Tim & Carol Salisbury
Young Adult Coord: Amanda Sarles
Youth Reps: Eleanor Hand, Jesse Holden
Nurture Leader: Kathy Yelle
Outreach Leader: Kathleen Wenzel
Parsonage Committee: SPRC Chair, Trustees Chair, and Pastor Karen
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Karen Love Baisinger

Staff Parish Relations Committee

Chair: Patti Johnson
2020: Kathleen Wenzel, Tom Oshel, Judy Jones
2021: Karen Baylis, Fritzi Keller
2022: Patti Johnson, Peggy Hughes

Board of Trustees (Chair elected 1st mtg)
2020: Bruce Hadley, Alan Baisinger, Renee' Hansen
2021: Fritzi Keller, Scott Philben
2022: Bert Schniepp

Committee on Lay Leadership

Chair: Rev. Karen Love Baisinger
2020: Peggy Wilson
2021: Patt Rollins
2022: Kathy Waterman

Finance Committee

Chair: Terry Woodward
2020: Sharon Gallagher
2021: Terry Woodward
Lay Leader or Lay member of AC, Church Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Church Council Chair, Pastor, Generosity Team Co-Leaders
2022: Kathy Bones

Counters: Linda Yoder, Caroline Mesman, Peggy Simington, Sharon Gallagher, Nancy Rhodes

Generosity Team

Co-Leaders: Tim and Carol Salisbury
Paula Ziegelasch

Hospitality & Safety Team

Leader: Terry Woodward
Tim Salisbury, Kathleen Wenzel, Jon Holden, Casey Hand

Communications Team

Newsletter: Diane McCalmont
Newspaper Liaison Reporter: Linda Yoder
Email Prayer Chain: Ray Feay
Phone Prayer Chain: Fritzi Keller, Jean Parr
Website & Facebook: Kathleen Wenzel, Linda Yoder, Bert Schniepp

Nurture Team

Betty Livingston, Bert Schniepp, Linda Schniepp

Christian Formation Team

Adult Formation: Bert Schniepp
Children & Youth: Sabrina Hand
Youth: Trisha Holden

Outreach Team

Leader: Kathleen Wenzel
Jean Hefty, Donna Oshel, Vicki Philben (H4H Rep)

Worship Team

Pastor, Music Director, Kathleen Wenzel, Laura Merz, Jesse Holden, Alan Baisinger, Amanda Sarles

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Directory Update

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If you do not wish to receive this
Newsletter please notify the church office.