

Florence United Methodist Church



February Newsletter

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Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Serving the People of God:

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Keeping in Our Prayers

Annie Van Horn, family and friends of Frank Van Horn; Bert & Linda Schniepp; Patt Rollins; Betty Livingston; Judy Jones and family; Jean & Bob Hefty; Donna Embree and daughter, Barbara; Ray Feay; Aaron Gallegos; Sandy Woodward; Laura Merz; Hazel Vacura; Jonathan Yoder; Kathleen Wenzel; John & Lila Hyder; Georgia Garrett; Ursula Sears; Jean Parr; 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.



Office Update

We want to invite anyone interested in serving as "office help" for Pastor Logan to contact Peggy or Cindy Hughes (541-902-0197).

Peggy and Cindy are hoping to have someone in the office for 2 hours on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Pastor Logan requests the hours to be between 10:30am and 12:30pm each of these days.

Peggy and Cindy have been working with Pastor Logan to determine the duties this position entails and they will teach anyone willing to do it. We promise it won't be beyond anyone's capabilities! It could even be fun!!



United
Women
in Faith

United Women in Faith News

It's a quick start to February as the **United Women in Faith** get together on the first day of the month. The Tedd Powell Hall is the place at 1:00 p.m. Hostesses are Rosie Goodwin and Peggy Wilson, with devotions provided by Yola Hesser. Honoring Black History month, Judy Jones and Rosie Goodwin have a program to share. Come on Wednesday February 1.

At the Executive meeting in January, a good faith decision was made to sponsor the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Feed just prior to the start of Lent. It is scheduled for Tuesday, February 21, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Donations will be accepted. See separate article for details.

Jean Hefty, Secretary

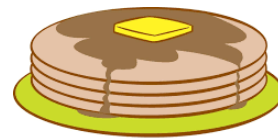
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

Tuesday, February 21, 2023

5:00 pm

Florence United Methodist Church

Hosted by FUMC United Women in Faith

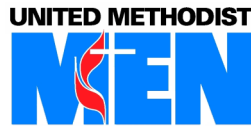


**SHROVE
TUESDAY**

Menu Includes:

- ⇒ Pancakes (sourdough and oatmeal cinnamon)
- ⇒ Eggs
- ⇒ Ham

Donations will be accepted



Join Us for UMM Breakfast

All men of the church are invited to join the weekly breakfast gathering of the United Methodist Men, as we spend a bit of time each week to connect with each other and share concerns. We meet each Thursday at 8:30 am at Fresh Harvest Café on Hwy 101.

Bert Schniepp

PFLAG News

PFLAG will meet again on the second Tuesday of the month in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 p.m., and this month it's **February 14**. So we'll have a Valentine-themed party with plenty of goodies and several warm-hearted short videos.



PFLAG-Florence, which was launched in 2011 by members of our church, invites you to consider becoming a member, which gives you links to the national organization. Dues are just \$30 annually. You can send a check to PFLAG-Florence at P.O. Box 1074, Florence, OR 97439, or use the PayPal secure link from our website www.pflagflorenceoregon.org.

Linda Yoder



Lent Is A Good Time To Begin Adult Sunday School

The Adult Sunday School class will continue our February focus on Signs and Wonders that Jesus performed, and helping us broaden the meaning for our own lives. But with Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent, we will begin a new study on Sunday, Feb. 26, as we again turn to an Amplify Media presentation, "Seven Words: Listening to Christ From The Cross" presented by Susan Robb. She will help illuminate the traditional seven last words that Jesus spoke from the cross and each week start us on a discussion of what they could mean for us and our discipleship.

But you need not wait for Lent. You are welcome to join us on any Sunday at 9:00 am in the church Sanctuary for our current discussions of various Signs and Wonders as they are presented by Vanderbilt Divinity School professor Amy-Jill Levine. Come and enjoy the enlightening presentations and the lively discussion.

Bert Schniepp

Ecumenical Renewal Choir meets in February

If you would like to be part of the choir during the Ecumenical Renewal worship service on March 5, there will be four Wednesday rehearsals, February 8 through March 1, 3:45 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw on Hwy. 101. The choir will be directed by Sylvia Hartman.

Florence UMC is one of the five churches sponsoring the Ecumenical Renewal Weekend on March 4 and 5, with workshops on Saturday, and Worship on Sunday at the Presbyterian Church.

Linda Yoder



SAVE THE DATE...

**SPIRITUAL RENEWAL 2023
ECUMENICAL WEEKEND
SATURDAY & SUNDAY
MARCH 4 & 5**

**SATURDAY WORKSHOPS LED
BY
REV. DR. RANDY WOODLEY**



Scholar, author, farmer and professor Randy Woodley will lead workshops and preach during this year's Ecumenical Spiritual Renewal Weekend in Florence on March 4 and 5. Rev. Dr. Woodley, the author of both histories and devotionals, is Distinguished Professor of Faith and Culture at George Fox University and the founder of Eloheh Farms in Northwest Oregon.

The Spiritual Renewal Weekend, sponsored by a 5-church Florence-based coalition in its 28th year, will be held at the Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw, 3996 Hwy. 101. Three workshops on Saturday – at 10, 1 and 2:15 – will deal with “Rooted in Our Story,” “Growing Our Roots: Understanding the Indigenous Worldview,” and “Deepening Our Roots: Sustaining the Earth.” Rev. Dr. Woodley will preach on “Jesus’ Mission and Shalom,” based on Luke 4, during Sunday’s worship service, which begins at 10:30.

Rev. Dr. Woodley, a Keetoowah Cherokee legal descendant, is the author of more than a dozen books, including *Becoming Rooted*, *Living in Color*, *The Harmony Tree*, and *Indigenous Theology and the Western Worldview*. A native of Michigan, he received his doctorate from Asbury Theological Seminary in Kentucky and was ordained by the American Baptist Churches in the USA in Oklahoma.

For more information, contact ecumenicalrenewal@gmail.com.

FEBRUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
			1 1:00pm Women in Faith mtg	2 8:30am UMMen 10:30am-12:30pm Office 11:30am Free Lunch 2:00-3:00pm Homeschool Science Class
5 9:00am Sunday School 10:30am Church Svce Coffee Fellowship after church	6	7 10:30am Usher Training at FUMC 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 11:30am Free Lunch	8 10:00am-Noon Prayer Shawl Ministry 3:45 Ecumenical Choir Rehearsal	9 8:30am UMMen 10:30am-12:30pm Office 11:30am Free Lunch 2:00-3:00pm Homeschool Science Class
12 9:00am Sunday School 10:30am Church Svce	13	14 VALENTINE'S DAY 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 11:30am Free Lunch 6:30pm PFLAG 	15 5:30pm All-Church Potluck 6:15-7:00pm Choir Practice 3:45 Ecumenical Choir Rehearsal	16 8:30am UMMen 10:30am-12:30pm Office 11:30am Free Lunch 2:00-3:00pm Homeschool Science Class
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	Fri	Sat
Hrs	3 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs	4
Hrs	10 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs	11
Hrs	17 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs	18
Hrs	24 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 4:00-5:00pm Rocket Art Class 5:00pm Newsletter deadline	25

Birthdays

- 3 Tim Salisbury
- 7 Hazel Vacura
- 13 Terry Woodward
- 16 Mike Ross
- 17 Sylvia Selden
- 22 Marge Temple
- 26 Kim Holden
- 28 Lainey Goss

Anniversaries

- 23 Robert & Judith Lowe

If I've missed your birthday or anniversary, please send an email to Diane at quiltingma5@yahoo.com, to let me know.

Food for Thought

The mission statement of the United Methodist Church: ***'To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world'***.

As Florence United Methodist Church, how are we living out this mission statement? Do we seek to grow individually as a disciple of Christ and continue to support each other in our Christian journey together? Do we continue to support the ministries of our church with our time, our talents and our gifts? Is God calling us to new ministries within our church and community?

God has a plan for each of us individually and as a community of faith. How exciting to be part of God's plan!

- Kathy Yelle, Governing Board Chair



SERVE

Ministry Opportunities

Here are a few opportunities for you to serve through our church:

- ♥ Volunteer for Free Lunch
- ♥ Liturgists
- ♥ Usher/Greeter
- ♥ Coffee hour
- ♥ Flowers

Sign up in the back of the church for the last four on the list.
Contact Vicki Philben to volunteer to help with Free Lunch.



February Schedule

Feb. 5: Sharon Gallagher, Susie Stevens-Briody
Feb. 12: Sharon G., Peggy Simington
Feb. 19: Diane McCalmont, Peggy S.
Feb. 26: Diane M., Susie S.



The church directory is available now. You can pick yours up at the church entrance. If you haven't picked up your copy by January 29, it will be mailed to you. Updates during 2023 will be noted in the newsletter.

Florence United Methodist Church **FINANCES**

December 1-30, 2022: Receipts: \$ 19,487.70
Expenses: \$ 6,468.19

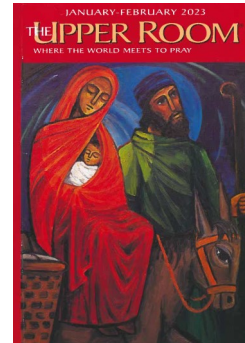


January 2023 income through the 25th : \$ 5,702.48

2022 Year-end: Revenue: \$ 93,441
Expenses: \$ 107,368

Provided by Kathy Yelle, Acting Treasurer

noteworthy



Upper Room for January and February

If you're on the list to receive the Upper Room, you were able to pick them up in the Narthex January 1. If you also normally receive monthly Home Touch devotionals and puzzles, they were packaged with the Upper Room. Those not picked up at church were mailed January 3. If you have not received them or you'd like to be added to the mailing list,

email or call the church: 541-997-6025 or florenceumc@florenceunitedmethodist.org,

Online Contributions

Don't forget that you may make contributions to the church online via trusted ministry partner Vanco. Florence UMC has received a growing number of regular online contributions since the launch of the service in 2020. 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.

florenceumc@florenceunitedmethodist.org, 333 Kingwood St., 541-997-6025

Amplify Videos

If you haven't tried Amplify Media, the subscription for which the church has paid, and have forgotten the directions to do an initial log-in, you'll need to use the church access code, which is ZRGHYB. Questions? Contact lindayoder@hotmail.com. We don't want anyone to miss out on a fabulous resource, especially one we use extensively for small groups.

Our Condolences to Annie Van Horn...

Frank van Horn passed away on January 8, 2023 in Fulton, Missouri. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Burial will be at Bethany Memorial Cemetery in Warren, OR.



Correct Contact Info for Brooke Shafer:
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Bottle Drop for Campers

Florence UMC's account with the Oregon Beverage Recycling Cooperative (OBRC) "Bottle Drop" allows anyone who has one of our tagged blue bags to contribute the value of their returnable deposit bottles and cans to the church, in support of camperships.

You fill a tagged bag and take it to the "drop" at Fred Meyer. OBRC counts the contents and credits the church. If you would like a tagged bag mailed to you, email or call the church:

florenceumc@florenceunitedmethodist.org, or
541-997-6025. The bag will come with instructions.



Call for Photos



I'm looking for photos to use as backgrounds in the weekly service slides.

If you have scenery and nature photos that you wouldn't mind sharing, please email them to me at quiltinggma5@yahoo.com.

Thank you,
Diane McCalmont

CHOCOLATE PUDDING FOR TWO

In saucepan, whisk together 1½ tbsp. sugar, 2 tbsp. cocoa, 1 tbsp. cornstarch. Over medium heat add 1 cup milk. Bring to boil and lower heat, stirring 4-5 minutes until thickened. Remove from heat, add 1 tbsp. chocolate chips and stir. Chill or eat warm. Easy and delicious.

Submitted by Jean Hefty

Perfect for a Valentine's Day dessert? Or Anytime!



Recipe Corner

Winter Vegetable Soup

Contributed by Diane Haworth
Taken from the Free Lunch Soup Recipes booklet

Ingredients:

1 cup chopped onion
1/2 cup sliced celery
1 large peeled potato, cut in 1/2 inch cubes
1 cup peeled, sliced carrots
1 beef bouillon cube
1 tsp. salt, 1/2 tsp. basil leaves, 1/4 tsp. black pepper
1-1/2 cups halved zucchini slices
1 (7 oz.) can whole kernel corn, undrained
1 tbsp. flour
2/3 cup evaporated milk
1/2 cup shredded Cheddar cheese (more for garnish)

Directions:

Sauté' onion and celery with 2 tbsp. butter until tender. Add potato, carrots, 2 cups water, bouillon cube, and seasonings. Heat to boiling. Reduce heat, cover, gently boil 30 minutes. Stir in zucchini and corn. Boil gently 30 minutes. Combine flour with small amount of milk. Stir in remaining milk and add to mixture. Cook over medium heat until just comes to boil. Remove from heat and add cheese until melted.

Yield: 4 - 6 servings

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