

Florence United Methodist Church

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February Newsletter

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Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.

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Logan's Lines

Dear Church,

It feels too soon to be preparing for Lent after the joys of the Christmas season and new year, but here we are! Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 14 and ends with Easter Sunday on March 31.

How are we to "rend our hearts" this season? Perhaps there is no better disciple to get curious with than Peter. In Peter, we see someone who is both a dear friend and a traitor, a follower and yet one who wanders. Sound familiar? We are not so unlike Peter. Let us walk to the cross and to the open tomb through the eyes of Peter, the most frustratingly human disciple of them all.

Apart from Sunday worship, there will be opportunities for you to join an ecumenical small group where you can take part in a Lenten devotional titled: "Wandering Heart: Figuring out Faith with Peter." Small groups are led by combined Lutheran and Methodist leaders, but anyone is welcome to join. Invite friends that might be interested!

Sign up in church on Sunday or call the office to get signed up. Small groups are offered either on Wednesdays at 4:30pm at the parsonage (Pastor Paul and the Evan's to co-lead) and Fridays at 10:00am at the Methodist church (Pastor Logan and Claudia Siebert to co-lead).

With you on the Way,
Rev. Logan McLean Strike

Pastor Logan's Schedule:

Pastor Logan's office hours: Tuesdays and Fridays

You may reach her on her cell at: 406-839-1756

or by email at: logan.m.strike@gmail.com

Pastor Logan will be working most Saturdays at the hospital.



Keeping in Our Prayers

Kathy Waterman and family; Scott Philben; Carolyn Munson; Lee & Trina Smith; Karen Baylis; Bert & Linda Schniepp; Betty Livingston; Judy Jones and family; Donna Embree and daughter, Barbara; Ray Feay; Aaron Gallegos; Sandy Woodward; Laura Merz; Hazel Vacura; John & Lila Hyder; 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.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. **-1 Corinthians 13:4-15**



**Spiritual Renewal 2024
Ecumenical Weekend**

February 10 & 11

**Who is My Neighbor:
A Storytelling Workshop for
Spiritual Connections**

Saturday Workshops 10:30 & 1:00
luncheon served at noon

Ecumenical Worship Sunday 10:30

**hosted at Presbyterian Community Church
3996 Hwy 101, Florence**

Sponsors:



Workshop Leader:
Rev. Dr. Jennifer Yocum

**Storyteller Jennifer Yocum to Lead
Ecumenical Spiritual Renewal Workshops**

Rev. Dr. Jennifer Yocum, (United Church of Christ) will lead two sessions on the subject "Who is My Neighbor: A Storytelling Workshop for Making Spiritual Connection," the theme of the 2024 Ecumenical Spiritual Renewal Weekend February 10 and 11. The weekend's activities will be held at the Presbyterian Community Church, 3996 No Hwy 101.

The storytelling workshop begins at 10:30 a.m. Saturday. With a break for lunch served at the church, the session will resume at 1 p.m. and conclude at 2:30 p.m. A joint worship service, with Rev. Yocum preaching, will be held on Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

Linda Yoder

Leading up to Lent...



SHROVE TUESDAY

- ♥ Tuesday, Feb. 13, 5:30 p.m.: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, hosted by United Women in Faith

- ♥ Wednesday, Feb. 14, 4:30 p.m.: Joint Ash Wednesday worship with New Life Lutheran Church - at United Methodist Church



Dear Friends,

As the very tender holiday of **Valentine's Day** approaches, we're thinking about you and want to invite you to a special Heart Day Lunch.

Peace Harbor Hospice and the Presbyterian Community Church in Florence are collaborating to provide this special time of sharing a meal and comfort for those who are living without their precious spouse or partner.

Your RSVP is preferred for planning purposes and there will be no charge. Please call 548-205-7460 to express your desire to attend.



HEART DAY LUNCH
February 14, 2024, Noon-2:00 p.m.
At Presbyterian Community Church
3996 Highway 101, Florence, OR



Lenten Small Groups

Small groups are starting up after the first Sunday of Lent (Sunday, Feb. 18). The devotional is titled: "Wandering Heart: Figuring out Faith with Peter." Small groups are led by combined Lutheran and Methodist leaders, but anyone is welcome to join. There are two groups to choose from: Wednesdays at 4:30pm at the parsonage (Pastor Paul and the Evans' to co-lead) or Fridays at 10:00am at the Methodist church (Pastor Logan and Claudia Siebert to co-lead). Sign-up sheets will be offered in worship, but you are welcome to just show up! Call the office for more information.

Pastor Logan



United
Women
in Faith

United Women in Faith News

United Women in Faith will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 7, at 1:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Judy Jones will be our hostess and lead in devotions. Diane McCalmont and Judy will show how to make prayer boxes for shut-ins and friends. Linda Yoder is giving a book review. **All women are invited!** Join us for fun, food, prayer, and socializing.

United Women in Faith will be hosting the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper this year, scheduled for February 13 at 5:30 p.m. Come one and all for pancakes, sausage, and fellowship!

There are openings in 2024 for UWF meeting programs in May, September, and October. If you are a member of United Women in Faith, please consider signing up to be responsible for a program in one of these months. Ask one of the officers how to do that.

Diane McCalmont
Secretary



FEBRUARY

Date	Liturgist	Usher/ Greeter	Counters	Flowers
4	Ann Scharf *Judy Jones	Peggy Simington	Sharon Gallagher, Patty Evans	
11	Ecumenical	Patt Rollins	Susie Stevens-Briody, Nu Williams	Ecumenical
18	Stephen Williams	Patty Evans	Diane McCalmont, Caroline Mesman	Diane McCalmont
25	Nu Williams	Ray Feay, Aaron Gallegos	Susie Stevens-Briody, Peggy Simington	

February Coffee Hour: Amanda Sarles



We love because he first loved us. - 1 John 4:19



PFLAG hosts Gay Straight Alliance Advisor February 12

PFLAG began the new year with special guest Mike Harklerode, Siuslaw High School principal, on January 8. The long article that resulted in The Siuslaw News started on the front page of the January 17 edition. The article was not available on the website edition, so it was made into a printable PDF available on Google docs with a hot link from the PFLAG Florence Facebook page or website. If you want to know how LGBTQ+ issues are handled by our school district, this is a fascinating resource. Here is another link (you probably will have to copy and paste):

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/10Pu2k6vze7IKpMbKqRW3FzzqWvrPpr4q/view?usp=sharing>

As a follow-up, PFLAG will host Melanie Goeddel, the new faculty advisor to the High School's Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) at its February 12 meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a friend. The meetings are free, and there are always refreshments. Please be advised that PFLAG's regular meeting night is now the **second MONDAY** of the month.

Membership is not required to be active in the group, but if you'd like to join, dues (\$30 per year) are a way of continuing to provide support and education in the community and linking you to the national organization. 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

No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. - 1 John 4:12



FEBRUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
				1 8:30am UMMen 10:30am-12:30pm O 11:30am Free Lunch
4 9:00am Adult Sunday School 10:30am Church Svce with Communion	5	6 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 11:30am Free Lunch	7 1:00pm UWF mtg 1:30-3:00 Homeschool Science Class	8 8:30am UMMen 10:30am-12:30pm O 11:30am Free Lunch
11 10:30am Ecumenical Spiritual Renewal Church Svce @ Presby- terian Church	12 6:30pm PFLAG	13 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 11:30am Free Lunch 5:30pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper @ FUMC	14 10:00am-Noon Prayer Shawl Ministry Noon-1:00pm Heart Day Lunch@Presby 1:30-3:00 Homeschool Science Class 4:30pm Ash Wednes- day Svce @ FUMC	15 8:30am UMMen 10:30am-12:30pm O 11:30am Free Lunch
18 9:00am Adult Sunday School 10:30am Church Svce	19	20 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 11:30am Free Lunch	21 1:30-3:00 Homeschool Science Class 5:30pm Potluck	22 8:30am UMMen 10:30am-12:30pm O 11:30am Free Lunch
25 9:00am Adult Sunday School 10:30am Lay-Led Church Service 5:00pm Newsletter Deadline	26	27 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 11:30am Free Lunch	28 1:30-3:00 Homeschool Science Class	29 8:30am UMMen 10:30am-12:30pm O 11:30am Free Lunch

	Fri	Sat
Office Hrs	2 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 1pm PALS	3
Office Hrs	9 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 1pm PALS meet	10 10:00am & 1:00pm Ecumenical Wkend Workshops
Office Hrs	16 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 1pm PALS meet	17
Office Hrs	23 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 1pm PALS meet 3:00-4:00 Rocket Art Class	24
Office Hrs		



Birthdays

- 3 Tim Salisbury
- 7 Hazel Vacura
- 13 Terry Woodward
- 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 quiltinggma5@yahoo.com, to let me know.

PALS

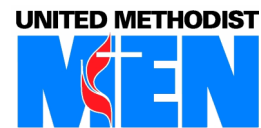


PALS

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!

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



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FINANCES

December 1-31, 2023: Receipts: \$ 8,446.36
 Expenses: \$ 4,506.53

January 2024 income through the 21st : \$ 3,541.38

Provided by Kathy Yelle, Treasurer

Adult Sunday School



As we will be moving into the six-week season of Lent following Ash Wednesday, February 14, our Adult Sunday School class will begin a series of videos by one of our UMC Bishops, Rev. Tom Berlin. He will “introduce” us to six people we already have some knowledge of, but may not have considered in the light of the resurrection as he focuses on THE THIRD DAY. We will consider each of these individuals who were close to Jesus in the weeks and days leading to the crucifixion, but from the viewpoint of the hope of the resurrection rather than the depths of death. Come join us for the short video and engaging discussion each Sunday morning of Lent at 9:00 am in the Sanctuary.

Our class meets in the Sanctuary each Sunday at 9:00 am for a short video, then moves to the choir room for a group discussion we conclude in time for worship at 10:30 am. We welcome all who would like to join us.

Bert Schniepp



4th Sunday Worship Team

The lay-led worship service that is held one Sunday a month is created by a small team that includes Peggy Hughes, Cindy Hughes, Amanda Weaver, Amanda Sarles, Ann Scharf and Patty Evans, who leads the team. They invite the congregation to share ideas, resources, preferences and concerns with them by contacting Patty Evans or one of the other members of the team. This feedback and input will help the team build worship that is inspiring, thought provoking and responsive to the Gospel call. Also, if you would like to participate in one of these services by reading scripture, telling a story, presenting special music or otherwise sharing your gifts let Patty know by calling or texting (541) 905-4248. The next two lay-led services will be on February 25 and March 24.

FLORENCE'S FIRST 2024 PLASTIC TAKE BACK

In conjunction with the City of Florence Arbor Day Celebration

WHEN: Saturday April 27th 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

WHERE: Florence Senior and Activity Center, 1570 Kingwood

WHAT ...



**#2 Tubs, Lids and Small Bottles (smaller than your fist)
that can't go in your Comingle Bin**

#4's Tubs, Bottles and Lids

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

**Please continue to separate the resin (number) types,
and bring ONLY clean and dry plastics.**

**NOTE - You no longer have to remove labels! One exception is Rx
bottles – all personal information must be removed (not lined out).**

**NEW this year: thanks to a program offered by Terracycle, you may
bring the following (clean and dry) in separate containers:**

- ⇒ Eye care products such as contact lens cases, contact solution caps, eye drop single-dose vials, and Biotrue Hydration Boost Eye Drop bottles and caps.
- ⇒ All brands of blades, razors, and plastic packaging of same
- ⇒ Kroger brand: Flexible plastic packaging. Kroger, Private Selection, and Simple Truth products, including bags from produce, dairy, pet food, frozen food, etc.

**QUESTIONS? Please Email
Nancy at banjogirl57@gmail.com or
Britte at britte.kirsch@gmail.com**

**This Event is supported by the
City of Florence Environmental Management Advisory Committee**



Governing Board

The first meeting of the Governing Board will be held on January 31. Since we haven't met at the time I am writing this, I'll tell you about things that will be coming up. You should have received the agenda for the meeting by email.

I will try to get this out to you ten days before the meetings and post the minutes of the meetings within ten days after each meeting. Please know that you are always welcome to let me know of things you think the Board should be aware of or discuss.

At the January meeting, we will:

- Review the Stewardship Response Forms and the budget for 2024, and decide on next steps to ensure we are fiscally sound
- Look at information gathered about protecting members while in church buildings and decide on actions that will ensure our safety
- Look at who has indicated a willingness to serve in different roles in the church (the clipboard signup), and charge the Nominating Team

I look forward to working with all of you this year. As you know, Patty and I both feel embraced in the love you so obviously have for each other. I feel honored to be asked to serve.

Beth Evans

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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.

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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.



Annual Giving Statements

It's that time of year again....tax prep time I mean! With the aid of QuickBooks (hip-hip hooray for this helpful program), we have compiled your annual giving. Envelopes with information on your 2023 donations will be available for you by the front door of the church. Any that have not been retrieved by February 12 will be mailed. Please help us save on postage by picking up your envelope. Thank you so very much for your generous contributions to our "small but mighty" church.

Cindy Hughes,
Financial Secretary



Easy “Hearty” Beef Soup

From the “Free Lunch Soup Recipes” Booklet

Ingredients:

- ♥ 1 1/4 lb hamburger
- ♥ 1 onion, chopped
- ♥ 2-3 cloves garlic, chopped
- ♥ 1 can diced tomatoes
- ♥ 1 large can V8 or tomato juice and 1 can water
- ♥ 1 (32 oz) box vegetable or beef broth
- ♥ 2 pkgs French Onion soup seasoning
- ♥ 1 (16 oz) pkg frozen mixed vegetables

Directions:

- ♥ Cook onions, garlic, and hamburger. Add other ingredients (except frozen veggies). Simmer 1.5 hours. Add frozen veggies and cook another hour.

Yield: 4-6 servings

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