

Florence United Methodist Church

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February Newsletter

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Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Serving the People of God:

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Newsletter Editor: Diane McCalmont

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A Note From Pastor Deb

Friends in Christ,

What a joy it is to be writing to you as your new pastor! From the moment I first encountered this congregation, I was struck by your warmth, your commitment to serving others, and your deep love for God. I feel truly blessed to be here and am excited to begin this journey of faith with you.

I am not only new to you, but new to Florence and even fairly new to Oregon. I moved to Eugene a year ago from Wisconsin to be closer to my daughters and then began work as a Hospice Chaplain with PeaceHealth. In my free time, I enjoy sewing of all kinds, hiking and gardening. And when I'm not sewing or outside, you'll often find me in the kitchen, baking up something delicious to share!"

I felt called to this congregation because of the love you show to one another, the action you take in living out your faith, and your spiritual eagerness. My hope is to build on this foundation and together discern how God is calling us to grow, serve and share the Good News. Let us dream boldly and step faithfully into this new chapter together.

I am eager to know each of you. I have received your "Hosting Pastor Deb" list and will be calling you soon. Whether it's through these times, worship, ministry opportunities, or sharing a conversation over coffee, I look forward to building relationships with you.

Paul's words to the Philippians capture my gratitude: *'I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus'* (Philippians 1:3-6). It reminds us that God is at work in and through us, and that the good work begun here will continue as we remain faithful to God's calling with love, action, and spiritual eagerness.

May the peace of Christ dwell richly in your hearts and homes, and may God's Spirit inspire us to love boldly, serve joyfully and live faithfully. I am so grateful to be here with you and look forward to all that God has in store for us.

With love and blessings,

Pastor Deb





Keeping in Our Prayers

The family and friends of Dona Housh; Amanda Sarles; Ann & Bradley Scharf; Linda Rosendaul; Sharon Belvill; Kathy Waterman; Rosie, Butch, and Mabelle Goodwin; Tim & Nu Williams; John & Lila Hyder; Carolyn Munson; Karen Baylis; 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; Ursula Sears; Patrick McCalmont; April McCalmont.

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.



Please contact the church office if you would like to be a service volunteer. People are needed for liturgists, ushers/greeters, flower providers, and hosting fellowship time once a month.

Office Administrator: Courtney Zietzke

Office Hours: Monday through Friday,
9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Office Phone: 541-997-6025





United
Women
in Faith

United Women in Faith News

Ladies, join us for our next meeting on February 5 at 1:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The hostess is Sharon Gallagher and devotions will be led by Betty Livingston. Our program will include hands-on making valentines for residents in local nursing care homes.

Currently our United Women in Faith group has 30 members. Some are members of support, while others attend meetings regularly and participate in program planning. We encourage all ladies to join. For those who are already members, bring a friend!

SAVE THE DATE: Our UWF is hosting the Every Member Enrichment Event on March 15, 2025. It will be held here at FUMC and is open to all women. Watch for more information to come.

Diane McCalmont, Secretary

Adult Class Continues John's Gospel Study In February

The Adult Sunday School class will continue with the six-week series on the Gospel of John during the Sundays in February. The video presentations each week from Professor Amy-Jill Levine of Vanderbilt University have led us to enjoyable and enlightening discussions each week. All adults are welcome to join us for this hour each Sunday morning.

We meet at 9:00 am each Sunday in the Sunday School room in the back of the church fellowship hall.

Bert Schniepp



PALS



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

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



PFLAG to hear from Siuslaw School Board Vice Chair

PFLAG will host a discussion with Siuslaw School Board Vice Chair Maureen Miltenberger at its monthly gathering in February. The meeting, which starts at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Public schools and school board issues are a concern to the community at large, but have special significance for those in the LGBTQ+ community, their allies, friends, and families. PFLAG membership is not required for attendance at any of its regular meetings, which are held on the second Monday of each month, year-round.

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



Join us February 10
6:30 – 8 p.m.

Florence United Methodist Church
corner of 2nd and Kingwood

Issues Facing
Siuslaw Schools

Hear from and ask questions of Siuslaw School Board Member
Maureen Miltenberger

Invite your friends. Refreshments will be served.

FEBRUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
2 9:00am Adult Sunday School 10:30am Church Svce	3 9:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs	4 9:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 11:30am Free Lunch	5 9:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 1:00pm UWF Mtg	6 9:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 11:30am Free Lunch
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Birthdays

- 7 Hazel Vacura
- 13 Terry Woodward
- 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 quiltngma5@yahoo.com, to let me know.

Free Lunch News



It is the end of the year, and so it's time to tally up the Free Lunch statistics. Free Lunch had a very busy year. We served a total of 4,119 bowls in 2024. We use "bowls" as a proxy for meals served, although admittedly some people get seconds. This compares to 3,224 bowls in 2023, so our program has been growing.

We were also able to supply 619 shower vouchers, 682 laundry vouchers, and 379 gas vouchers for people in need.

A great thank you to everyone who helped with the program to feed hungry people and help with basic hygiene needs.

Wondering what to do with #5 plastic pint containers with lids? The ones that hold things like yogurt and cottage cheese? We can use them at Free Lunch as "to go" containers. If you bring them in washed and clean, we run them through the sterilizer and use them if someone wants a take away. We cannot use #1 or #2 containers. These melt with hot soup. So, if you would like to bring in your #5 containers, it would save us money by not having to buy take away containers.

Thanks!

Vicki Philben



The final total poundage contributed to Food Share during our Reverse Advent food collection was 110 lbs.!

Thank you to Bert & Linda Schniepp, Jim & Kathy Waterman, and Diane McCalmont for those donations.

Sunday, January 5
Bridge Pastor Patty Evans “passes the torch”
to new Pastor Deborah Anderson



Dona Housh passed away peacefully on the night of January 26th. She was staying at a friend's home and her dog was with her. Dona spent many years being a caregiver for many of our church members, including Elinor Roth. I am sure she is being well cared for on the other side. Blessings to her and her family.
From Brooke Shafer

Sunday, January 19, 2025
The Confirmation of Matilda Hand



Florence United Methodist Church
FINANCES

December 1-31, 2024: Receipts: \$ 11,312.87
Expenses: \$ 7,789.50
January income through the 25th: \$ 12,538.80



Provided by Kathy Yelle, Treasurer



IT'S ALL ABOUT LOVE...

- We love, because He first loved us. – 1John 4:19
- But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you. – Matthew 5:44
- And He said to him, “You shall Love the Lord your god with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” – Matthew 22:37
- “Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My Love.” – John 15:9
- Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;⁶ it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth.
- 1 Corinthians 13:4-6
- But now faith, hope, love, abide these three; but the greatest of these is love.
– 1 Corinthians 13:13



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