Florence United Methodist Church



February Newsletter

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Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Serving the People of God: District Superintendent: Wendy Woodworth Pastor: Reverend Deborah Anderson Governing Board Chair: Beth Evans Finance Chair: Kathy Yelle Trustees Chair: Scott Philben SPRC Chair: Jim Waterman Office Administrator: Courtney Zietzke Newsletter Editor: Diane McCalmont Ministers: All Members

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



<u>Keeping in Our Prayers</u>

The family and friends of Dona Housh; Amanda Sarles; Ann & Bradley Scharf; Linda Rosendaul; Sharon Belvill; Kathy Waterman; Rosie, Butch, and Machelle 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.

<u>Note:</u> To receive the electronic prayer chain, contact <u>kathywaterman10@gmail.com</u>.

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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

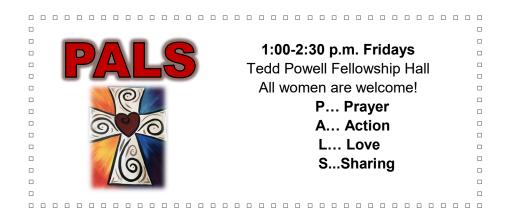
The Adult Sunday School class will continue with the sixweek series on the Gospel of John during the Sundays in February. The video presentations each week from Pro-



fessor 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





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, yearround.

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



Florence United Methodist Church corner of 2nd and Kingwood



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

Invite your friends. Refreshments will be served.

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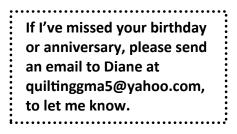


<u>Bírthdays</u>

- 7 Hazel Vacura
- 13 Terry Woodward
- 22 Marge Temple
- 26 Kim Holden
- 28 Lainey Goss

<u>Anníversaríes</u>

23 Robert & Judith Lowe







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 Brídge Pastor Patty Evans "passes the torch" to new Pastor Deborah Anderson



Blessings to her and her family.

From Brooke Shafer

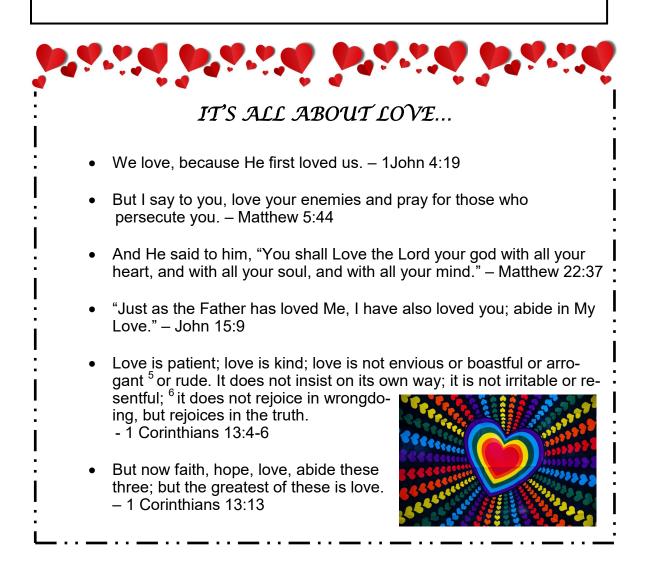
Sunday, January 19, 2025 The Confirmation of Matilda Hand



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



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