

Florence United Methodist Church

***Tide-ings* 2020**



February 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...



Are you ready to take *The Walk* together as a congregation for this 2020 Lent/Easter season?

I encourage you to join us in a congregation-wide study and small group experience March 1 - April 12, Easter Sunday. We'll be reading Adam Hamilton's new book, *The Walk*. Adam Hamilton is the pastor of the UM Church of the Resurrection, a megachurch located in the suburbs of Kansas City, MO. When my husband Alan and I attended the Leadership Institute at the CoR this past September, we found Pastor Adam's messages inspiring, well-grounded, and solid Christian teachings.

There will be learning, discipleship training, and community-building opportunities for you as adult, youth, and children Christian disciples. I'll be preaching during Lent on the topics Pastor Adam covers as he writes about the 5 essential practices of being a Christian.

For six weeks, we'll be meeting in small groups for study, discussion, and table fellowship at the parsonage. Alan and I are delighted to have this opportunity to get to know you even better, support you in making new friendships in Christ with each other, and open our home, your parsonage, to you. We'll have sign-up sheets circulating during worship

during February to give you the opportunity to sign up for a small group. Copies of *The Walk* are available from the church office for \$11 each.

We start our Lenten observance this year with our Ash Wednesday service at noon on February 26. We have a marvelous ecumenical event scheduled for the weekend of March 7-8 as we join with the Presbyterian, Lutheran, Episcopal, and Catholic churches for our annual Spiritual Renewal weekend. Read more in this newsletter about this opportunity to join with other Christians in deepening our spirituality with combined choirs, combined congregations and our inspiring guest speaker, Susan Rush.

Amanda Sarles will be sharing her gifts for choir directing and musical leadership as our Guest Choir Director during Lent/Easter. She deeply blessed our choir and congregation during Advent this past season as Guest Choir Director and we anticipate a continuation of this deep blessing this spring.

Lots of exciting events coming up! Looking forward to sharing them with you!

Love and blessings,
Pastor Karen



Keeping in Our Prayers

Fritzi Keller; Katharine Schneider; Ramona Spencer; Rita Bergeron; Peggy Wilson; Paula Ziegelasch; Jim Waterman; Tom Pfeiffer; John & Lila Hyder; Roger Johnson; Kim Holden & family; 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.



OFFICE SUPPORT

Linda Yoder has been hired to fill the role of Church Administration/Support. She will be in the church office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am-1:00pm, and will be starting immediately. Please congratulate Linda in her new role.



We are looking for a volunteer to help in the church office with some of the daily tasks. Please contact any one of the SPRC team (Peggy Hughes, Karen Baylis, Judy Jones, Tom

Oshell, Jim Waterman) or Pastor Karen if you are interested. Your contribution of time would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

Patti Johnson, SPRC Chair

Cindy Hughes has been nominated by the Church Council to hold the position of Chair for the Christian Education Committee.



New Member & Baptism

Welcome Mike Ross



United
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UMWomen News

Members of United Methodist Women and interested friends will gather at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 6, in the Tedd Powell Hall. Hostess is Jean Hefty. Devotions will be given by Donna Embree and a book review

is anticipated from Yola Hesser. Representatives from the group 90 by 30 (with goal to reduce child abuse 90% by 2030 in Lane County) will provide the program. Ladies, be present.

Members who missed the January meeting can still pledge to the 2020 budget by contacting the treasurer, Kathleen Wenzel.

Crater Lake District Every Member Enrichment Event is scheduled for Saturday, March 7, at Medford United Methodist Church. Arrangements to attend can be made with Judy Jones; registration is \$11.

Jean Hefty

Free Lunch Schedule



| Week | Date | Tues | | Thurs |
|-----------------|---------|----------------------------------|---------|---|
| 1 st | 2/4/20 | St. Mary's, Jean | 2/6/20 | FUMC, Two Sisters Cindy O., Hannah, Butch |
| 2 nd | 2/11/20 | St. Andrews, Bert and Linda | 2/13/20 | FUMC, Peggy & Cindy H, Sue, Brooke, Butch |
| 3 rd | 2/18/20 | Unitarians, Paula | 2/20/20 | FUMC, Paula & Karen, Joanna, Butch |
| 4 th | 2/25/20 | Florence Christian, Sharon | 2/27/20 | Bahai and Friends |



SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING

Rev. Warren Light, one of the Oregon-Idaho Conference's Safe Sanctuary Coordinators, will be with us Sunday February 16 to help lead worship and to lead an hour and a half Safe Sanctuary for our congregation immediately following a light lunch of sandwiches and soups that will be provided after worship. It is of utmost importance that we continue our conscious-raising process as a congregation about the policies and procedures mandated by our denomination and conference to ensure that we do all that we can to prevent abuse and misconduct, to provide a safe place for our children, youth, and vulnerable adults to experience Christian community. If you work with children, youth or vulnerable adults in our congregation, please make every effort to attend this required training. Rev. Light is both pastor of Spirit of the Valley UMC in Halsey, OR and the UO Wesley Foundation Director. He is a former attorney as well as an ordained clergy, and has in-depth knowledge and understanding about how and why churches provide safe sanctuary.

PFLAG

PFLAG is using its regular meeting on Tuesday, February 11, to do some brainstorming about the organization and its activities for 2020. Join us (we always have free goodies) at Lane Community College – Florence Campus at 6:30 p.m. Bring a friend. A prize may be involved.



We're hoping that our trans activist friend, Zoyer Zyndel from California, will be able to join us for the March 10 meeting. He's been a special guest a number of times, and always full of great insights.

Linda Yoder



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

Saturday, February 1
2:00-4:00pm

Linda Yoder will be available at
the church to take
photos of people
who want them for
the Directory.



A Word from your Lay Leader/Lay Member.....

So, before accepting the nomination of Lay Leader/Lay Member, I reviewed the job description provided by the Book of Discipline/Guidelines. After a few days of pondering, praying, and contacting those who had performed the role in their home church, I assessed my skill level for the task, and came to the conclusion that one of my life's priorities is to serve my church and my community. The fit, for me, was there.

As I shared in service on Jan. 5, 2020, here are some of my responsibilities:

- As the role of a servant leader, my work is to open a way for God to work through us as a church and the community of Florence.
- The Lay Leader has a primary focus of linking the local church and the community.
- To champion the work of our congregation, the annual conference, and the United Methodist Church.
- To be a primary representative of the laity in the local church.
- To foster awareness of the role of laity within the congregation.
- To meet regularly with the Pastor to discuss the state of the church.
- The lay leader is automatically a member of charge conference, church council, finance, and nominations.
- Provide timely information to the laity regarding happenings in the United Methodist Denomination.

Now you see a few of my duties to you and to our church.

I am honored to serve the Florence United Church.

Blessings,

Patt Rollins



Fossil Fuels and Forests Talk
Saturday, February 15, 1:30pm
Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw, 3996 Hwy 101, Florence

Florence Organizes, 350 Eugene, and Oregon Wild
will be presenting on how fossil fuel development threatens our
local coastline and climate.

SPRC

The 2020 Staff Parish Relationship Committee Team (SPRC) is comprised of Karen Baylis, Peggy Hughes, Judy Jones, Dr. Jim Waterman, Tom Oshell, Patti Johnson (team chair) and Pastor Karen. The team's focus is to build strong relationships between the staff, the pastor and the congregation, while also administering the district superintendent's requests. Much of the work is to similar to other organizations' Human Resource Teams. Just like a Human Resource Team, we are involved with hiring, conflict resolution, and bringing forth ideas and issues from the whole organization, or in our case the whole congregation.



With this said, the SPRC must abide by state and federal laws regarding personal information, personnel files and mandatory reporting of abuse or other offenses. Our positions are viewed like that of a physician, a counselor, or a teacher. That is why we cannot share information that is shared with us. It is not for public disclosure and/or discussion. As was stated last Sunday when the team was introduced, this is very different than being secretive. Secrets are informal. They do not hold the formality and legality that confidentiality brings forth. Secrets, are like surprise birthday parties, a secret hiding place for a key or a password.

And with that said, yes, we are at a disadvantage when the rumor mill starts and sides are being drawn up. We cannot share the facts that make the difference in a contentious decision. So please remember, every story has two sides, and we are bound not to share ours, while we are on the team and even after we leave.

On a very positive note, the SPRC has hired Linda Yoder in a part time position, as Church Admin/Support. And please be assured, we are actively searching for an accompanist for the choir.

We want to hear from you. Come share your thoughts, ideas and suggestions. We have exciting times ahead. Stay tuned.

Patti Johnson



FIRST STEP SHOE DRIVE

A young man, Nick McIntire, is doing a shoe drive for those in need. He is collecting clean, gently used or new shoes of all sizes, as well as socks. Donations will be distributed to Helping Hands, SOS, Florence Caring Pregnancy Center, and the Florence Free Store. **Drop off your donations on Sunday, Feb. 2, between 12:00 noon and 2:00pm at Homegrown Public House & Brewery.**

FEBRUARY

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu |
|--|---|--|---|---|
| <p>2 Adult Sunday School 8:30 Worship/Communion 10:00am Children's Sunday School during service</p> | <p>3 S.B.I.P. mtg 6:30-8:30</p> | <p>4 Office Hours 10 am-1 pm Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 A.A. Meeting 5:00-6:00</p> | <p>5 Transformational Resiliency group 3:00-5:00pm</p> | <p>6 UMMen 8 am Women's Covenant 9:00 Office Hours 10 am-1 pm Pastor's Office hrs 10-1:00 Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 UMW 1:30-3:00 Choir Rehearsal 2:00 Finance Comm mtg 3:30-5:00 Meditation Group 5:30-7:00</p> |
| <p>9 Adult Sunday School 8:30 Worship 10:00am Children's Sunday School during service</p> | <p>10 S.B.I.P. mtg 6:30-8:30</p> | <p>11 Office Hours 10 am-1 pm Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 A.A. Meeting 5:00-6:00 PFLAG 6:30</p> | <p>12 Prayer Shawl Ministry 10- Noon Church Potluck 5:30 pm</p> | <p>13 UMMen 8 am Women's Covenant 9:00 Office Hours 10 am-1 pm Pastor's Office hrs 10-1:00 Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 Trustees mtg 11:30am Choir Rehearsal 2:00 Meditation Group 5:30-7:00</p> |
| <p>16 Adult Sunday School 8:30 Worship 10:00am Children's Sunday School during service Safe Sanctuary training after service and a light lunch</p> | <p>17 S.B.I.P. mtg 6:30-8:30</p> | <p>18 Office Hours 10 am-1 pm Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 A.A. Meeting 5:00-6:00</p> | <p>19 Transformational Resiliency group 3:00-5:00pm</p> | <p>20 UMMen 8 am Women's Covenant 9:00 Office Hours 10 am-1 pm Pastor's Office hrs 10-1:00 Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 Choir Rehearsal 2:00 Meditation Group 5:30-7:00</p> |
| <p>23 Adult Sunday School 8:30 Worship 10:00am Children's Sunday School during service Church Council mtg - Noon</p> | <p>24 S.B.I.P. mtg 6:30-8:30</p> | <p>25 Office Hours 10 am-1 pm Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 A.A. Meeting 5:00-6:00</p> | <p>26 Prayer Shawl Ministry 10- Noon Ash Wednesday Service at 12:00 Noon</p> | <p>27 UMMen 8 am Women's Covenant 9:00 Office Hours 10 am-1 pm Pastor's Office hrs 10-1:00 Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 Choir Rehearsal 2:00 Meditation Group 5:30-7:00</p> |

| | Fri | Sat |
|----------------|--|---|
| | | 1 A.A. Meeting 11:30-12:30 Office Hours 2-4pm |
| -11 n 00 | 7 Home School Science Class 1:00-2:00 | 8 A.A. Meeting 11:30-12:30 Office Hours 2-4pm |
| 0 | 14 Home School Science Class 1:00-2:00 | 15 A.A. Meeting 11:30-12:30 Office Hours 2-4pm |
| -11 n 00 | 21 Nurture Comm mtg 11:30 Home School Science Class 1:00-2:00 | 22 A.A. Meeting 11:30-12:30 Office Hours 2-4pm |
| -11 n 00 | 28 Home School Science Class 1:00-2:00 | 29 A.A. Meeting 11:30-12:30 Office Hours 2-4pm |



Birthdays

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

Monthly Birthday Recognition

Birthday celebrations will be held on the third Sunday of each month, with birthday cake in the Fellowship Hall after church.

The change? If you sign up to sponsor birthdays in a particular month, you will be responsible for bringing the cake to share.

The February birthday cake is sponsored by the Heftys.



Anniversaries

- 23 Robert & Judith Lowe

2020 Spiritual Renewal



“Finding Peace in a Chaotic World”



Contemplative Outreach practitioner Susan Rush, from Santa Fe, NM, will lead the 2020 Spiritual Renewal Weekend March 7–8 at the Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw. The multi-denominational Renewal Weekend, conducted annually since 1997 in Florence, will feature three independent seminars on Saturday and a combined worship service on Sunday.

Conducting the Saturday seminars—at 10:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. in the Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall—Susan Rush will guide participants in the use of contemplative tools such as stilling, pausing, and centering prayer to assist them in responding to the world as Christians. Each of Saturday’s sessions deals with a separate focus; participants may be present for any or all of the seminars. A light lunch will be served between the first and second sessions. On Sunday, she will speak from the pulpit of a multi-denominational worship service at 10:30 a.m. in the Presbyterian Church sanctuary. She will preach from Romans 12:2: “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds.”

A spiritual director and retreat facilitator, Rush has been active in Contemplative Outreach for three decades. With a 40-year career in non-profit health care, Susan has experience in various settings with faith communities, patients, staff, and governing boards. Her recent service in the world carries a strong spiritual care aspect. Her clinical pastoral education and certification through the Shalem Institute and the Formation for Contemplative Outreach Service program assist her in supporting others through spiritual inquiry.

The Spiritual Renewal Weekend, formerly known as the Ecumenical Lenten Renewal, is sponsored by the Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw, Florence United Methodist Church, New Life Lutheran Church, and Saint Mary, Our Lady of the Dunes, Catholic Church.



New Life
Lutheran Church



Florence United
Methodist Church



Presbyterian Church
of the Siuslaw



Saint Mary, Our
Lady of the Dunes
Catholic Church



A Renewal Choir will be singing two anthems for the Sunday Service on March 8. The rehearsals are scheduled for Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. on February 12, 19, 26, and March 4 at the Presbyterian Church. All singers from Florence UMC (you don't have to be in the choir) are invited.

Church Council

I know, I know . . . it's still going to be called "Ad Council," and everybody has it alphabetized that way, but Church Council, which may seem like a thankless task, is not a joyless one. It is an honor to serve followers of the Living God.

The Council is composed of leaders in Florence UMC's ministries, including those responsible for our finances. That's why we hear from Finance and Trustees – right after we pray.

The regular reports also come from Worship, Nurture, Outreach, Christian Education, Camp, Membership, Nominations, UMW, UMM, Staff-Parish Relations, and Pastor. We close by holding up prayer concerns of the congregation. Although we'd like the meetings to be an hour, they may extend beyond that limit. Because we explained and passed a 2020 budget and took other votes, the January meeting went an hour and 48 minutes. An action item January's meeting permitted the Church Council to create a staff position for administration, which will allow us to post regular office hours. For a six-month trial period, I will be assuming that role. (See note on office hours)

The Council is also in transition in 2020 – meaning, when we're done, our structure may change. This will entail taking a detailed look at the Accountable Leadership model, which was designed for churches of our size. The District will explain the structure that it sees as allowing ministry groups to do specific, task- and scope-focused work in consultation with other ministry groups rather than be "silo-ed" into rigid categories like our current organizational model. Once we've examined it, an All-Church Conference will vote on how – or if – it will be implemented. Stay tuned.

All are welcome to attend Church Council. The next meeting will be February 26 at noon, following Coffee Hour, in the Fellowship Hall.

Linda Yoder,
Church Council Chair





*Serving in
February*

| Date | Time | Liturgist | Usher/Greeter | Coffee Host | Sanctuary Cleanup |
|--------|-------|------------------|---------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Feb 2 | 10 am | Sharon Gallagher | | Patti & Patt | Peggy & Laura |
| Feb 9 | 10 am | | | The Hands | Patt & Patti |
| Feb 16 | 10 am | | Pat Balzell | Scott & Vicki Philben | The Salisburys |
| Feb 23 | 10 am | Karen Baylis | Patt & Patti | Nancy Rhodes | |

Florence United Methodist Church
FINANCES



December 1-31, 2019:

Receipts: \$ 9,019.85

Expenses: \$ 9,612.76

January income through the 19th: \$ 3,865.00

Provided by Paula Ziegelasch

RURAL CHURCH ENGAGEMENT PROJECT 2020-2021

From Lynn Egli, Crater Lake District Lay Leader and Project Leader for the Rural Church Engagement Initiative of the Greater NW Episcopal Area of the UMC...

“John Tucker has nominated Florence UMC to join the Rural Church Engagement Initiative of the Greater Northwest Episcopal Area of the UMC (RCEI) for 2020-21. The RCEI is an initiative whose goal is to provide training and support in faith-based community development in rural communities.

As a participant in the RCEI, you will be in a cohort of approximately 15-20 churches from rural communities across the Greater Northwest UMC Area (Alaska, Washington, Idaho and Oregon).



Key elements of the program include:

- Training at the Northwest Leadership Institute 2020 in Boise, Idaho March 18-20, 2020
- Monthly Cohort Meetings via Zoom
- Site visit by a Community Development Consultant
- Quarterly Zoom training on a variety of topics aimed to strengthen local Ministry”

Aside: Pastor Karen and Patt Rollins, our Lay Leader/Lay Member of Annual Conference, will be attending the NW Leadership Institute in Boise, ID at the UMC Cathedral of the Rockies on March 18-20, with the travel, conference, lodging expenses paid by the RCEI. Additional leaders can go at their own expense.

Thank you!

Thank you all for the beautiful card and the generous gift you presented to me at the end of December. It was a “heart thing” for me to work in the Church office and with all the various committees.

Meeting people and/or renewing acquaintances with those who came by the office from time to time for help of some sort always made me grateful to be part of such a generous church and also helped me realize the extent of the blessings in my own life.

I couldn't have done my job effectively without so much support and caring from the rest of the Church family. When I'd get to a place which was out of my comfort zone and wasn't sure I was going in the right direction, it was always good to hear “It's ok. I've got your back!”

Thank you,

Hazel Vacura



**Plastics Roundup at FUMC
January 26**



Gone Green...



*Free Lunch has gone green!
Please do not bring in any more plastic storage
containers.*

BUY GIFT CARDS AT FUMC AND SUPPORT US TOO



The gift card/certificate program is off to a great start! This is a wonderful (and fun!) way to donate to Florence UMC. Every time you buy a gift card/certificate, a small portion (from 2-15%) comes back to the church. The Christmas gift giving season may be over, but you can use these yourself for those great after-holiday sales. Going into Eugene to shop? Be sure to take one with you for a favorite restaurant. Talk to Cindy Hughes for more details.

Gift Cards for Random People

One of my favorite things to do is to buy gift cards to hand out to people who are working hard. I often buy \$5.00 Starbucks Cards and have them in my purse to hand out to people who just need a lift during their day! This past Christmas in Florence, I gave a gift card to one of the produce clerks at a local market. It was on Christmas Eve...I said, "Have a drink on me!" He laughed and said thank you! On the day after Christmas, I was back at the same store to load up for more company. I saw the produce clerk (and wondered if he would remember me) and asked him how his Christmas was? He said, "I worked all day...my Christmas was quiet." And then he said, "But, the gift card I got from you was the best gift I got!" This simple act of kindness is often just a reminder to others that we see them...that we acknowledge their hard work.

You would be surprised what a gift card or a positive comment, 'thank you for working so hard!' ...does for a person's psyche.

Kathryn Waterman



Church Attendance in January:

5th: 50

12th: 62

19th: 53

26th: 40

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Directory Update

**Do we have your current address,
phone number, and e-mail address?**

Please forward them to:

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