

*Florence United Methodist Church*

# *Tide-ings* 2024



## January Newsletter

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### Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Serving the People of God:

District Superintendent: Rev. John Tucker

Pastor: Reverend Logan McLean Strike

Governing Board Chair: Kathy Yelle

Trustees Chair: Scott Philben

SPRC Chair: Jim Waterman

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**Pastor Logan:**

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## Logan's Lines



Why do we celebrate New Year's Day? It's really just another day, so why is it so important for people to mark a date change on a calendar? I suspect it's because a new year offers a new beginning, the chance to start fresh. It seems like a natural time for beginning something, which is why lots of people make New Year's resolutions. Each week in worship, we gather to remember that a fresh start is always possible in God. We admit to God and to each other that our lives are not perfect, that we're not living the way we ought to live. But we don't gather just to beat our chests and feel badly! We come to hear God's response. We hear the good news that because of who God is, we all get a fresh start. Psalm 130:12 says God has taken our offenses away from us "as far as the east is from the west." We need to hear these words throughout our life. We cycle through our ups and downs, day after day, year after year, pondering within our hearts how deep, how wide, how long is God's love for us. We will never grasp the magnitude of that love. So, be brave enough this year to tell truths to yourself, to God, to one another. Reconciliation and forgiveness are always there for you. Grace abounds! Fresh starts are yours for the taking.

Happy New Year,  
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](mailto:logan.m.strike@gmail.com)
- Pastor Logan will be working most Saturdays at the hospital.



### *Keeping in Our Prayers*

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](mailto:kathywaterman10@gmail.com).



United  
Women  
in Faith

## United Women in Faith News

As we step into the new year, our United Women in Faith is ready with a plan for the upcoming months. The January meeting will be held Wednesday, **January 3, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.** in the Tedd Powell Fellowship Hall. **All women are invited.** Renee' Hansen will be the Hostess and will lead Devotions. There will be a book review by Yola Hesser. The program will be based on our Pledge Service.

2024 officers were installed in December and include:

- ⇒ Co-presidents: Judy Jones and Renee' Hansen
- ⇒ Secretary: Diane McCalmont
- ⇒ Treasurer: Sharon Gallagher
- ⇒ Program Resources: Yola Hesser
- ⇒ Mission Coordinator/Social Action: Yola Hesser
- ⇒ Member Nurture/Outreach: Rosie Goodwin
- ⇒ Mission Education: Diane McCalmont

As the UWF supports projects that benefit women, children, and youth locally and around the world, it was decided at the December meeting to donate funds from 2023 to the following:

- ♥ Friends of Florence
- ♥ Florence Food Share
- ♥ Red Bird Mission
- ♥ Boys & Girls Club of Western lane County
- ♥ Siuslaw Outreach Services
- ♥ Florence Habitat for Humanity
- ♥ Pastor's Compassionate Care fund
- ♥ UMCOR
- ♥ Safe Shelter for Students
- ♥ Music Program for Siuslaw Elementary School

Diane McCalmont  
Secretary



Join Us, along with New Life Lutheran Church  
for a potluck and game night!  
**January 17· 5:30pm, FUMC Fellowship Hall**  
**Bring a game to share!**



## **PFLAG**

### **PFLAG Hosts Siuslaw High School Principal January 8**

PFLAG begins the new year with a special guest for its regular January 8 meeting. Siuslaw High School Principal Mike Harklerode will field questions and give an update on the school's efforts to be welcoming and inclusive of those in the LGBTQIA+ spectrum, with a nod to the school's continuing support of the student GSA (Gay Straight Alliance), founded in 2011, the same year PFLAG Florence was started.

The meeting starts 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.

We have invited Melanie Goeddel, the new faculty advisor to the High School's GSA, to the February 12 meeting.

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](http://www.pflagflorenceoregon.org).

Linda Yoder

## 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



## *JANUARY*

Date	Liturgist	Usher/ Greeter	Counters	Flowers
<b>7</b>	Kathy Bones; Susie Briody (Communion)	Patty Evans	Sharon G and Peggy H	Poinsettias
<b>14</b>	Susie Briody	Patt Rollins and Patti Johnson	Patty E and Diane M	Poinsettias
<b>21</b>	Karen Baylis	Judy Jones	Nancy R and Caroline M	Poinsettias
<b>28</b>	Patty Evans	Caroline Mesman	Nancy R and Peggy S	Poinsettias
January Coffee Hour: Kathy Yelle				

## Adult Sunday School to Study Hebrews



The Adult Sunday School class will resume meeting on Jan. 7, 2024 and each Sunday following at 9:00 am for a study of the New Testament book of Hebrews. Our video will feature a short presentation by David deSilva. Dr. deSilva is a professor at Ashland Theological Seminary where he currently serves as Trustees' Distinguished Professor of New Testament and Greek.

Beginning with a short video presentation of one of the primary points which the author of the Letter to the Hebrews presents and several questions raised for Christians hearing these words, Dr. deSilva presents us with questions for us to consider in the discussion following the video.

Each week we begin in the Sanctuary for the short video presentation before moving to the smaller choir room for our discussion. We finish our discussion in plenty of time for the 10:30 am worship. Come join us at 9:00 am beginning January 7, 2024.

Bert Schniepp

# 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!

# JANUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
	<b>1</b> 	<b>2</b> 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 11:30am Free Lunch <i>Pastor Logan out of office</i>	<b>3</b> 1:00pm UWF mtg	<b>4</b> 8:30am UMMen 10:30am-12:30pm Offi 11:30am Free Lunch
<b>7</b> 9:00am Adult Sunday School 10:30am Church Svce with <b>Communion</b>	<b>8</b> 6:30pm PFLAG	<b>9</b> 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 11:30am Free Lunch	<b>10</b> 10:00am-Noon Prayer Shawl Ministry	<b>11</b> 8:30am UMMen 10:30am-12:30pm Offi 11:30am Free Lunch
<b>14</b> 9:00am Adult Sunday School 10:30am Church Svce	<b>15</b> 	<b>16</b> 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 11:30am Free Lunch	<b>17</b> 5:30pm Potluck & Game night with New Life Lutheran Church at FUMC	<b>18</b> 8:30am UMMen 10:30am-12:30pm Offi 11:30am Free Lunch
<b>21</b> 22 9:00am Adult Sunday School 10:30am Church Svce <i>Pastor Logan away</i>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 11:30am Free Lunch	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 8:30am UMMen 10:30am-12:30pm Offi 11:30am Free Lunch
<b>28</b> 9:00am Adult Sunday School 10:30am Lay Led Church Service	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 11:30am Free Lunch	<b>31</b>	



	Fri	Sat
ce Hrs	<b>5</b> 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 1pm PALS	<b>6</b>
ce Hrs	<b>12</b> 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 1pm PALS meet	<b>13</b>
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ce Hrs	<b>26</b> 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 1pm PALS meet <b>5:00pm Newsletter Deadline</b>	<b>27</b>



### *Birthdays*

4	Tom Oshel
9	Bill Craig
12	Brooke Shafer
21	Joan Skarda
22	Caroline Mesman
26	Betty Livingston
27	May Hadley
29	Connie Riebhoff

### *Anniversaries*

None

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

### **Free Lunch News**

#### **THANKS TO WESTERN LANE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**



Free Lunch wishes to thank the Western Lane Community Foundation for their generosity. They provided us with a \$4500 grant which we used between the end of July and December 13. With the money we were able to provide 1,430 meals.

During that same period, we were also able to provide 170 shower vouchers, 173 laundry vouchers, and 122 gas vouchers.

Many thanks to Western Lane Community Foundation for helping us to maintain our core mission of providing fresh-cooked meals in our dining room, but also enabling us to expand our program and offer the vouchers. Their help is much appreciated, both by us and the people we serve.

Vicki Philben



### **Trustees Report**

The pantry in the Fellowship Hall has been upgraded with new linoleum and replacement of some storage racks.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Philben  
Trustees Chair



**Florence United Methodist Church**  
**FINANCES**

November 1-30, 2023:   Receipts: \$ 5,324.13  
  Expenses: \$ 6,407.34

December income through the 26th : \$ 5,849.46

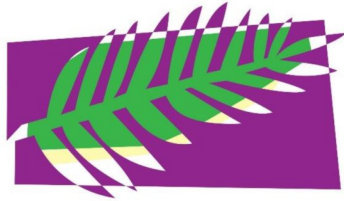
Provided by Kathy Yelle, Acting Treasurer

***Handbook for Life (anonymous)***

1. *Drink plenty of water.*
2. *Make time to pray.*
3. *Sit in silence for at least 10 minutes each day.*
4. *Live with the 3 E's: Energy, Enthusiasm, and Empathy.*
5. *Don't waste your precious energy on gossip or envy.*
6. *Don't compare your life to others; you have no idea what their journey is all about.*
7. *Invest your energy in the positive present moment.*
8. *No one is in charge of your happiness except you.*
9. *Smile and laugh more.*
10. *Life is a school and you are here to learn. Problems are simply part of the curriculum that appear and fade away like algebra class, but the lessons you learn will last a lifetime.*
11. *Each day do/give something good to others.*
12. *Make at least three people smile each day.*
13. *Call your friends and family often.*
14. *Do the right thing!*
15. *Get rid of anything that isn't useful, beautiful, or joyful.*
16. *God heals everything.*
17. *Forgive!*
18. *The best is yet to come.*
19. *When you awake alive in the morning, thank God for it.*
20. ***Make this year your best year yet!***



***Have a blessed 2024!***



## 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:



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Episcopal  
Church



Saint Mary  
Catholic  
Church



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, sponsored by the five mainline churches in Florence.

The weekend's activities will be held at the Presbyterian Community Church, 3996 No Hwy 101. Florence UMC and the Presbyterians are two of the sponsors, along with New Life Lutheran, St. Andrew's Episcopal, and Saint Mary, Our Lady of the Dunes, Catholic churches.

The storytelling workshop begins at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, February 10. 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 the following day, Sunday, February 11, at 10:30 a.m.

Dr. Yocum describes herself as a storyteller, kayaker, singer, and maker of things that get her hands dirty. She wrote her doctoral dissertation on the power of storytelling to cross progressive/conservative divides. She is deeply delighted to live in Florence with her sweetie, their two dogs, and a growing circle of friends.

Linda Yoder



### **Stewardship Update**

Thank you for your thoughtful and prayerful consideration of our stewardship questions. Twelve stewardship response forms and twenty estimates of giving have been returned. Of these, six respondents are interested in discussing God's Vision for Us. Eleven of the twelve would like to see the pastor's position increased to full time and nine are willing to increase their giving by 20% to make this happen.

The period of time to submit your forms is open through this month. If you don't have forms, you may pick up a packet at the entrance to the sanctuary or ask that a packet be mailed to you. When the church council meets in the new year, they will review the responses submitted and decide on next steps.

Beth Evans



## *Christmas Eve Candlelight Service*



noteworthy

### **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](mailto:auntpeg0929@gmail.com). We don't want anyone to miss out on a fabulous resource, especially one we use extensively for small groups.



## **Recipe Corner**

### **Pretzel Mix**

Submitted by Rosie Goodwin

#### **Ingredients:**

- ◆ 2 lbs smaller variety pretzels
- ◆ 1 envelope Ranch dressing mix
- ◆ 1 bottle butter-flavored Orville Redenbacher popcorn oil
- ◆ 2 tbs dill weed
- ◆ 1/4 tsp garlic powder
- ◆ 1/4 tsp onion salt

#### **Directions:**

Mix oil and dry ingredients together until well mixed. Pour over pretzels, stirring often until soaked into pretzels. Place in a well sealed container and let stand at least 24 hours, stirring occasionally. The longer they sit, the better they are!

Perfect for a New Years or Game Day snack!

**ENJOY!!!**

\*\* Do you have a favorite recipe that everybody loves? Send it to me and I may put it into a newsletter. I don't always have room, but will put them in when I have an extra page. Email to [quiltinggma5@yahoo.com](mailto:quiltinggma5@yahoo.com).



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