

## *Florence United Methodist Church*

# *Tide-ings* 2019



## January Newsletter

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### Carol's Comments

**I've been thinking...** about Epiphany. We are beginning the third phase of the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany liturgical cycle. Advent focused our attention on the coming of Christ and our preparation for that coming into our lives one more time. Christmas celebrates that coming and Epiphany focuses our attention on new life, lived with the renewal of Christ in our lives. The liturgical color is green for growth. The first Sunday is Epiphany Day - the 12th Day of Christmas - when we celebrate the coming of the Wise Men (or Kings) to pay homage to Jesus. The following Sunday, we fast-forward to the Baptism of the Lord. The remaining Sundays of Epiphany move us through ways in which we can grow in faith.

Growing in faith includes putting into practice The Gift of Christmas: Love. God's love for the world is revealed in and through the coming of Jesus into the world. How we live-out the receiving of that love takes many expressions.

The Social Principles are practical expressions of our living God's love in the world, as United



Methodist Christians. To help guide our thinking and acting about how we live in, and are engaged in ministry in the world, The United Methodist Church has created statements to guide the church in its efforts to create a world of justice.

*The United Methodist Church believes God's love for the world is an active and engaged love, a love seeking justice and liberty. We cannot just be observers. So we care enough about people's lives to risk interpreting God's love, to take a stand, to call each of us into a response, no matter how controversial or complex. The church helps us think and act out a faith perspective, not just responding to all the other 'mind-makers-up' that exist in our society.* (From the Book of Resolutions 2016)

The Social Principles are a prayerful and thoughtful effort of the General Conference to speak to the issues in the contemporary world from a sound biblical and theological foundation. The Preamble states: We affirm our unity in Jesus Christ while acknowledging differences in applying our faith in different cultural contexts as we live out the gospel.

The Social Principles address 6 areas of expression of "active and engaged love". First: The Natural World. *All creation is the Lord's, and we are responsible for the ways in which we use and abuse it;* Second: The Nurturing Community. *We believe we have a responsibility to innovate, sponsor, and evaluate new forms of community that will encourage development of the fullest potential in individuals;* Third: The Social Community. *We affirm all persons as equally valuable in the sight of God's sight. We reject discrimination and assert the rights of minority groups to equal opportunities;* Fourth: The Economic Community. *We claim all economic systems to be under the judgment of God no less than other facets of the created order';* Fifth: The Political Community. *We hold governments responsible for the protection of people's basic freedoms. We believe that neither church nor state should attempt to dominate the other;* and Sixth: The World Community. *God's world is one world. We pledge ourselves to seek the meaning of the gospel in all issues that divide people and threaten the growth of world community.\**

Consider each area: What might you do during Epiphany to grow in faith that expresses God's love active and involved in the world? Showing by your actions that you *care enough about people's lives to risk interpreting God's love, to take a stand, to call yourself and each of us into a response, no matter how controversial or complex.*

Grace, Peace and Blessings,

**Rev Carol**

\*For further information go to [www.umc.org](http://www.umc.org), click on Basics of Faith, from the list on the left side, click on Social Principles and Creed.

*Thank  
You*

*Dear Congregation ,  
Thank you for your surprising and generous cash gift to me for Christmas. Thank you also for your continued support of me with your prayers and cards.*

*Blessings and Love,  
Rev Carol*

**Office Hours and Contacts:**

**Office Hours:**

**Tuesdays from 10:00 am—1:00 pm**

**Thursdays: Noon –4:00**

**Fridays & Saturdays: Noon-3:00**

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## 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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SPRC Chair: Erin Leonard

Music Director: Rhianna Haines

Newsletter Editor: Diane McCalmont

Ministers: All Members



## Keeping in Our Prayers

Ray Feay; Jacob Wenzel; Maida Lee Miller; Renee' Hansen; Reverend Carol; Jude Craddock; Laureli; Wim Mesman; Betty Cline; Judy Jones; Ursula Sears; Jean Parr; Janice Bell; Donna Embree; Elinor Roth; Gerry & Nancy Cedarleaf-Grey; Myrna Sullivan; Chris Beebe & family; 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](mailto:rayfeay@hotmail.com).



## Change of Address

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Waterford Grand  
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Eugene, OR 97401  
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**United  
Methodist  
Women**  
FAITH · HOPE · LOVE IN ACTION

### UMWomen News

On Thursday, January 3, **United Methodist Women** will meet at 1:30 p.m. in the Tedd Powell Hall With hostess, Sharon Gallagher. Devotions will be

given by Jean Hefty, and a book review is expected from Hazel Vacura. The annual pledge to mission service “Appreciate and Anticipate” is scheduled with the proposed 2019 budget to be presented for approval. Some of the items in the budget include gifts to Siuslaw Outreach Service, Florence Habitat for Humanity, Friends of Florence, and Boys and Girls Club. This first meeting of the year is an opportune time to check out United Methodist Women; guests are most welcome.

During November. “non edible” necessities were collected and delivered to Food Share. Light weight paper products filled more boxes than before but total poundage was down at 147 lbs. Everything helps and remember that a receptacle for food, and other items, is in the church entry all year long.

Jean Hefty



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

Our Sunday School children and youth are continuing to collect for their annual Heifer Project through the end of January.

Talk to one of the kids about making your donation.



# Florence Community Suppers

Wednesday Nights from 5:30-6:30pm

A good meal for:

Hungry families

Busy people

Lonely seniors

Friends and neighbors

Any walk of life

All ages

**YOU!**

JANUARY 2 at the Presbyterian Church  
3996 Hwy 101

JANUARY 9 at the New Life Lutheran Church  
21<sup>st</sup> and Spruce Streets

JANUARY 16 at the Episcopal Church  
2136 19<sup>th</sup> Street

JANUARY 23 at the United Methodist Church  
2<sup>nd</sup> and Kingwood

\*JANUARY 30 at the United Methodist Church  
2<sup>nd</sup> and Kingwood

\*Hosted by Florence Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

“The fine print” This is brought to you by a group of area churches as a service to anyone who would like to join in a friendly meal once a week. Donations towards the cost of the meals will be accepted but not required.

Come join us for a meal – no strings attached.

## Hospice Volunteers Needed

“Peace Harbor Hospice is looking for caring men and women who are interested in providing practical help and emotional assistance to patients and families dealing with a terminal illness, both in the home setting and in care facilities, and working with families in our bereavement program. An informational meeting will be held on Tuesday January 15, 2019, from 1-3 pm at Lane Community College, 3149 Oak Street, Rm 158. Training for hospice volunteers will be held during the first week of March and will be held again at LCC in the same room. To register for the January 15 meeting with no obligation or for more information, please call Victoria Spear at 541-242-8755 or email at [vspear@peacehealth.org](mailto:vspear@peacehealth.org) or Kathy Murphy at 541-902-6060 or email at [KMurphy3@peacehealth.org](mailto:KMurphy3@peacehealth.org).





Habitat for Humanity, Florence affiliate, has need for a new person to represent our United Methodist Church on its Faith Relations Committee. Currently there are people from eleven churches serving on this committee with Lesa Carnahan from the Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints as chairperson. Succeeding Jean Parr, I have been the representative for more than a dozen years and it is time for me to step aside. Our church will be the losers if no one steps up. Please contact me if you will consider the role.

Jean Hefty

**Following is information about an opportunity for you to help provide lunches for the Habitat home builders...**

Hi,

Thank you for helping us achieve our vision of, "A world where everyone has a decent place to live," which would not be possible without you. We have started constructing the 29th Habitat House ☑ in Florence!! This home will be occupied by Calvin Lloyd and his family.

There are six opportunities per week through the end of March. You can view the calendar and pick a date to sign up for the Meal Train at <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/o3y6o1>.

(A message from Lesa Carnahan of Florence Habitat for Humanity)

## **PFLAG NEWS**



PFLAG will meet Tuesday night, January 8, 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Lane Community College, Florence Campus, Room 159. (This is a slight change of rooms - we'll be next door to where we used to be - in the North Building.) LCC has informed us that, for security reasons, the north doors will be locked after 6:30 pm, so if you come a bit late, please use the main entrance.

Meetings are free and open to the public, and refreshments are served. A new feature of our meetings is that a special prize will be offered to the individual who brings the greatest number of guests.

Linda Yoder

## **WOMEN'S MARCH**

Florence ORganizes is sponsoring this year's women's march, scheduled for Saturday, January 19. Gathering at our Florence United Methodist Church, the march will start at noon.

This march is in conjunction with the national Women's March, which promotes equal rights, economic equity for women, and health care for women and families.

The march in Florence will also be a fundraiser for the Heart of the Coast Housing Alliance, an organization setting out to help bring affordable housing to the area.

A lunch and celebration will be held afterward at the Florence Senior Center on Kingwood Street. During this event, there will be a silent auction, food from local restaurants, and live music.

For more information, contact Nancy Rickard or call 541-515-8191.

# JANUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
		<b>1</b> <b>NO FREE LUNCH</b> A.A. Meeting 5:00-6:00	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> UMMen 8 am Women's Covenant 9-11:00 Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 Office Hours Noon-4:00 <b>UMW 1:30-3</b> Choir practice 5:00-6:30 Meditation Group 5:30-7
<b>6</b> Adult Sunday School 8:30 Worship/Communion 10:00 am Children's Sunday School	<b>7</b> S.B.I.P. mtg 6:30-8:30	<b>8</b> Office Hours 10 am-1 pm Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 A.A. Meeting 5:00-6:00 <b>PFLAG 6:30</b>	<b>9</b> <b>Prayer Shawl Ministry 10-Noon</b>  <b>Church Potluck 5:30</b>	<b>10</b> UMMen 8 am Women's Covenant 9-11:00 Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 Office Hours Noon-4:00 <b>Trustees mtg 3:00</b> Choir practice 5:00-6:30 Meditation Group 5:30-7 <b>Finance Committee mtg</b>
<b>13</b> Adult Sunday School 8:30 Worship 10:00 am Children's Sunday School	<b>14</b> S.B.I.P. mtg 6:30-8:30	<b>15</b> Office Hours 10 am-1 pm Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 A.A. Meeting 5:00-6:00	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> UMMen 8 am Women's Covenant 9:00-11:00 Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 Office Hours Noon-4:00 Choir practice 5:00-6:30 Meditation Group 5:30-7
<b>20</b> Adult Sunday School 8:30 Worship 10:00 am Children's Sunday School <b>SPRC mtg 2:00</b> <b>Ad Council mtg 3:05</b>	<b>21</b> S.B.I.P. mtg 6:30-8:30	<b>22</b> Office Hours 10 am-1 pm Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 A.A. Meeting 5:00-6:00	<b>23</b> <b>Prayer Shawl Ministry 10-Noon</b>  <b>Community Supper @ FUMC 5:30</b>	<b>24</b> UMMen 8 am Women's Covenant 9:00-11:00 Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 Office Hours Noon-4:00 Choir practice 5:00-6:30 Meditation Group 5:30-7
<b>27</b> Adult Sunday School 8:30 Worship 10:00 am Children's Sunday School	<b>28</b> S.B.I.P. mtg 6:30-8:30	<b>29</b> Office Hours 10 am-1 pm Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 A.A. Meeting 5:00-6:00	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> UMMen 8 am Women's Covenant 9:00-11:00 Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 Office Hours Noon-4:00 Choir practice 5:00-6:30 Meditation Group 5:30-7



	Fri	Sat
00	<b>4</b> <b>Outreach Work Area mtg</b> <b>10:00</b> Office Hours Noon-3:00 Children's Choir Practice 3:30-4:15	<b>5</b> A.A. Meeting 11:30-12:30 Office Hours Noon-3:00
00	<b>11</b> Office Hours Noon-3:00 Children's Choir Practice 3:30-4:15	<b>12</b> <b>Forward Focus meeting</b> <b>9:00 am-Noon</b> A.A. Meeting 11:30-12:30 Office Hours Noon-3:00
6:45		
1:00	<b>18</b> <b>Nurture Work Area mtg</b> <b>11:30</b> Office Hours Noon-3:00 Children's Choir Practice 3:30-4:15	<b>19</b> A.A. Meeting 11:30-12:30 Office Hours Noon-3:00  <b>National Women's March</b> <b>Noon; gathering at FUMC</b>
1:00	<b>25</b> Office Hours Noon-3:00 Children's Choir Practice 3:30-4:15	<b>26</b> A.A. Meeting 11:30-12:30 Office Hours Noon-3:00
1:00		



### Birthdays

- 4 Tom Oshel
- 9 Bill Craig
- 12 Brooke Shafer
- 15 Dick Johnson
- 20 Betty Livingston
- 21 Joan Skarda
- 22 Katla Vincent
- 22 Caroline Mesman
- 29 Connie Riebhoff
- 30 Georgine Herring

### Anniversaries

None

# Go Camping

*Camp & Retreat Ministries  
Of Oregon and Idaho*

“Camp is a powerful opportunity to step aside from daily routines for a period of time in order to experience renewal in nature and in community with others. This time of renewal is rooted in love and grace, which strengthens the potential for transformation and inspiration. While the experience of renewal itself is powerful, the true impact comes after camp.”  
-Jane Petke, Suttle Lake Camp Director

As your 2019 Camp & Retreat Ministries Liaison, I will bring you information and news about Oregon and Idaho camp opportunities. **2019 camps and events are now open for registration.** There are camps for *everyone of all ages*. Check them out at [gocamping.org](http://gocamping.org).

**Did you know that you can give the gift of camp? Each year, through donations, Camp and Retreat Ministries is able to offer over \$15,000 in camp scholarships. You can donate to the “Joy Fund” by going to <https://www.gocamping.org/donate>.**

Diane McCalmont

**Florence United Methodist Church  
Lay Leadership Nominations for 2019**

**Church Council**

Chair: Hazel Vacura  
Lay Leader: Hazel Vacura  
Lay Member of AC: Erin Leonard  
Alt. Member of AC: Hazel Vacura  
Treasurer: Paula Ziegelasch  
Assistant: Sharon Gallagher  
Recording Secretary: Kathy Bones  
SPR Rep: Erin Leonard  
Finance Rep: Terry Woodward  
Trustees Rep: Elected at 1st meeting  
UMM Rep: Bert Schniepp  
UMW Rep: Renee' Hansen and Judy Jones  
Membership Secretary: Jean Hefty  
Financial Secretary: Laura Merz  
Camp & Retreat Ministries: Diane McCalmont  
Nurture Rep: Linda Yoder  
Pastor: Reverend Carol Thompson  
**The following positions have no nominations at this time:** Church Extension, Memorial Secretary, Endowment Chair, Youth Coordinator, Youth Rep, Outreach Rep

**Staff Parish Relations Committee**

Chair: Erin Leonard  
2019: Erin Leonard, Judy Jones  
2020: Kathleen Wenzel, Tom Oshel  
2021: Karen Baylis

**Trustees**

2019: Bert Schniepp, Renee' Hansen  
2020: Fritzi Keller, Nancy Rickard  
2021: Scott Philben

**Committee on Lay Leadership**

Co-Chairs: Rev. Carol Thompson;  
Lay Leader, Hazel Vacura  
2019: Peggy Wilson, Kim Holden  
2020:  
2021:

**Finance Committee**

Chair: Terry Woodward  
2019: Linda Yoder, Kathy Bones  
2020: Sharon Gallagher, Terry Woodward  
2021:  
Lay Leader or Lay member of AC, Church Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Ad Council Chair, Pastor  
**Counters:** Hazel Vacura, Linda Yoder, Aaron Gallegos, Caroline Mesman, Peggy Simington, Butch Goodwin, Tim Salisbury (Lead)

**Communications Task Force**

Newsletter: Diane McCalmont  
Newspaper Liaison Reporter: Cindy Orr  
Email Prayer Chain: Ray Feay  
Phone Prayer Chain: Fritzi Keller, Jean Parr  
Website & Facebook: Tom Gonser, Kathleen Wenzel, Linda Yoder, Bert Schniepp

**Nurture Work Area**

Kim Holden, Linda Schniepp, Linda Yoder, Rev. Bert Schniepp, Aaron Gallegos, Rev. Bob Hefty, Donna Embree

**Education Work Group**

Rev. Carol Thompson; Rev. Bert Schniepp, Adult Sunday School; Sabrina Hand, Children's Sunday School;  
Kathleen Yelle, Small Group Rep

**Worship Work Group**

Chair: Laura Merz  
Kid's Time: Kathy Bones  
Fellowship: Hazel Vacura  
Greeter/Usher: Aaron Gallegos

**Outreach Work Area**

Kathleen Wenzel, Cindy Orr, Jean Hefty, Donna Oshel, Vicki Philben




*Serving in  
January*

Date	Time	Liturgist	Usher/Greeter	Kids' Time	Coffee Host
Jan 6	10 am	Linda Yoder	Pat Balzell		
Jan 13	10 am		Diane McCalmont		
Jan 20	10 am	<b>UM Women Sunday</b>			
Jan 27	10 am				



**Birthday celebrations will continue,  
but will be on the 3rd Sunday  
of each month.**

Florence  
United Methodist Church  
FINANCES



Through November 30, 2018:  
 Receipts: \$7026.41  
 Expenses: \$6021.59      December Income to 12/22 : \$6066.58

Provided by Paula Ziegelasch

## Free Lunch News



Many thanks to all who helped us find more helpers! Welcome to new cook Deb Dietrich and many thanks to Brenda Gilmer for adding cooking on first Thursdays to her many volunteer activities! Have a happy and blessed New Year!

Cindy

The schedule for January:

Week	Date	Tues		Thurs
1st	1/1/19	No Free Lunch	1/3/19	Deb and Brenda, Brooke, Cindy O., Butch
2nd	1/8/19	St. Andrews Bert and Linda	1/10/19	Peggy & Cindy H Sue, Brooke, Butch
3rd	1/15/19	Unitarians Paula	1/17/19	Paula & Yola Cindy O, Butch
4th	1/22/19	Florence Christian, Sharon	1/24/19	Baha'i and Friends
5th	1/29/19	St. Mary's, Jean	1/31/19	Brenda & Cindy O., Renee, Butch

### Church Attendance in December:

2nd: 46    9th: 48    16th: 65    Blue Christmas Svce: 15

23rd and 30th: not available



**Why Become a Pastor?**  
**(Part 3 of 3)**  
**By Trisha Holden**

Much of the discussion as a candidate explores their Call surrounds the question “Why become a pastor?” If God calls and equips all of us to serve God and share God’s love with those around us, and shows us how in many meaningful ways as lay people, why invest in an expensive education, and go through the bother of jumping through the hoops to become ordained, when we can do God’s work as our own selves?

My answer to that has been, up until recently, “I can actually serve the ways I want to serve by being my own self.” My answer has been “not yet.” I considered my main ministry to be as active and involved parent in my kids’ lives as I could be. While I was raising my kids, I also taught pre-school, worked at a bank, and worked at the schools and volunteered in many roles at the church.

Last year, I was in the high school office, and I was especially mindful of kids I’d taught preschool to as they were going through high school. I was their Head Start teacher when they were four. What I saw from the high school office was kids and families who were still struggling with the same issues 10-14 years later. Poverty was affecting every facet of their lives. They were struggling socially and academically. I saw that they were hurting. I wanted (still want) to do something to help. More than offer a kind word from the nice lady in the office. I want to be part of the solution. I know our church as a local congregation, and as a global whole is committed to social justice issues. I know we want to make a positive difference in the lives of kids and families in our community, and world. I want to be a part of that. I don’t want to just observe and take note and be kind and share love and compassion in a passing way. I want to dive in and help find the root of the hurt, and work toward healing and help families operate from a place of health and wholeness so that we might break the cycles of poverty and abuse. It’s too big of a job for “just me”. But if I can be the person described in Wesley’s and Jesus’ descriptions of who a follower of Christ is; if I can be found to be fit and worthy to serve as a member of the United Methodist clergy, it may just feel possible to share God’s abundant love in a way that makes a real difference in the lives of those who are hurting. This is my wish and my prayer. I was asked by a member of the DCOM “why now?” My “why now” is because the need is there, and my desire to help is bigger than ever before.

One of my most influential pastors, Jeff Strobel, taught me that “a Calling is when a person’s gifts and passions meet the needs of the world.” My gifts include compassion and kindness. The world needs those in spades. I would like to share my gifts in the biggest way I know how. I know God is laughing when we make plans, but my “dream ministry setting” would be to spend the school year working within the school system (because that’s where kids spend so much time) helping meet the emotional, social and spiritual needs of kids and their families; and spend my summers at camp - because that’s where I know from experience that wholeness can be experienced. Between now and my potential future ordination, I continue to look for ways I can be in ministry in my daily life, and I am excited about the opportunities I’ve been given to do so this year at school and at camp, and at home.

## RECIPE CORNER

### Cheesy Ham and Hash Brown Casserole



#### Ingredients:

- 1 (32 ounce) package frozen hash brown potatoes
- 8 ounces cooked, diced ham
- 3 green onions, diced
- 2 (10.75 ounce) cans condensed cream of potato soup
- 1 (16 ounce) container sour cream
- 2 cups shredded sharp Cheddar cheese
- 1 1/2 cups grated Parmesan cheese

#### Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Lightly grease a 9 x 13 inch baking dish.
2. In a large bowl, mix hash browns, ham, green onions, cream of potato soup, sour cream, and Cheddar cheese. Spread evenly into prepared dish. Sprinkle with parmesan cheese. Salt and pepper to taste, if desired.
3. Bake 1 hour in the preheated oven, or until bubbly and lightly brown.

Makes 12 servings.

This is a great New Year's morning breakfast or brunch casserole. You can prepare it the night before and pop it in the oven the next morning.

-Diane

# JANUARY NEWSLETTER

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