

*Florence United Methodist Church*



## January Newsletter

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**Florence United Methodist Church**

333 Kingwood, Florence, OR 97439

Office: (541) 997-6025

**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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**Pastor: Reverend Dr. Karen Love Baisinger**

**Lay Leader: Patt Rollins**

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## From Our Shared Heart...



As it is for many people, the New Year is one of the most significant times of the year for me. It's a time to review the previous year. 2019 is behind us now. What were the highlights and the low points of 2019? What was the wisdom garnered; what were the learnings and the lessons of this past year? What were the losses, the breakdowns, what were the gains, the breakthroughs?

It's the time to look ahead to the coming year and form our intentions about what we want to experience, what we want to have happen in this blank slate of possibility and potential. What is our 2020 vision? Our mission is a given as United Methodists: to make disciples of Jesus Christ. How do we do that here in our place, in our community, within our church?

As we acknowledge the contributions of the 2019 servant leadership and lay ministry of our committees and teams, we appreciate and feel deep gratitude for all the hard work and committed service that went into keeping our church going through tough times with the illness and then death of Reverend Carol. Our church pulled together . . . we are still here!

As we look forward to 2020, we have new leadership coming in, and many challenges to face in the months ahead. Our denomination is almost certain to splinter or split in May with General Conference 2020. We live in uncertainty. How do we work with our anxiety on an

emotional and spiritual level to transform it into anticipation? What new thing is God up to? How can we align with and join the creativity of God in "making all things new"? How do we discern the difference between the Tradition of our faith as Wesleyans, United Methodists, and Christians that is the core, the essence, the non-negotiable and the "traditions" or habits of being that are specific and peculiar to our time and space?

In this year ahead of us, there will be the necessity for much "holy conferencing," or Christian conversation. We have much to discern about our identity, our direction, and the path we will take in response to the splintering of our beloved United Methodist Church.

We need and invite everyone's voice and participation in all that is before us. In this time of endings and beginnings, we must all the more attune ourselves to God's direction, seeking God's will for our good, trusting in our process as we follow Jesus.

Looking forward to our shared journey, with anticipation and trust, praying for God's richest blessings for you and for our church in 2020, praying for "perfect vision" in 2020, with love and blessings,

Pastor Karen



## *Keeping in Our Prayers*

Katharine Schneider; Peggy Wilson; Paula Ziegelasch; Jim Waterman; Tom Pfeiffer; Charles Walker; John & Lila Hyder; Roger Johnson; Kathy Yelle; Kim Holden & family; Carolyn Boyce; 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](mailto:rayfeay@hotmail.com).



A GIFT FROM HEIFER CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

Our Sunday School children and youth will be collecting for the annual Heifer Project continuing through January. Talk to one of the kids about making your donation.



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.

## January Potluck - January 15 at 5:30 pm

Let's go on a safari...

Carol and Tim Salisbury will be sharing a PowerPoint presentation from their recent Safari trip in Tanzania. You'll be even more clear about how important Heifer International is around the world. Let's have an internationally flavored potluck, bringing dishes and foods from Africa!



[africaguide.com](http://africaguide.com)



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## UMWomen News

The **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**, gathering on Thursday January 2, will begin the new year with a Pledge Service led by officers. The 2020 budget will be

presented for approval. At last month's meeting, with JOY, the unit "spent down the treasury" with gifts to five local groups plus the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Devotions are scheduled from Brooke Shafer and a book review is to be shared by Georgia Garrett. The hostess for the 1:30 p.m. meeting is Sharon Gallagher.

At the December meeting, Reverend Karen Baisinger installed the following officers:

**Co-presidents** - Renee' Hansen and Judy Jones

**Secretary** – Jean Hefty

**Treasurer** – Kathleen Wenzel

**Nominations chair** – Sharon Gallagher

**Mission Resources** – Yola Hesser

**Mission Coordinators:**

**Education & Interpretation** – Brooke Shafer

**Social Action** – Yola Hesser

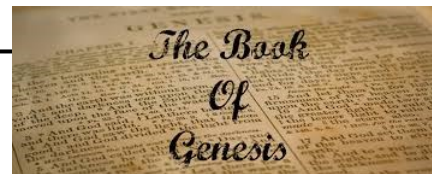
**Spiritual Growth** – Donna Embree

Rosie Goodwin leaves her leadership role and will be missed on the Executive Board.

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**



Interested in the Book of Genesis?  
Especially from a scholarly perspective?  
Join us for an inter-denominational study at **New Life Lutheran church** every **Wednesday at 10:30 am, beginning January 8**. We will be watching a lecture series from the Great Courses and follow that with lively discussion. For more information, see Peggy or Cindy Hughes.



### **Women's Covenant Group**

The Covenant Group is a table of women who meet Thursdays from 9:00 - 11:00am in the Fellowship Hall. After setting tables for the Free Lunch program, we share coffee, tea, ideas, prayers and concerns, and our study.

This fall we focused on essays by Desmond Tutu and Dalai Lama. Currently we are reading *The Great Adventure* by six American writers.

No fees! No Fuss! Just friends...sharing our lives and lessons. You are invited! Give it a try.

Donna Embree

### **PFLAG—Prejudice and Discrimination Topic**



Join us Tuesday evening, January 14, when PFLAG's own Betty Jackson will speak on historic racial prejudice during our regular meeting starting at 6:30 p.m. at LCC-Florence.

Betty, who has addressed the topic as a speaker, brings with her a lifetime of personal experiences in dealing with the issue of prejudice – overt and hidden. You won't want to miss it.

Then, on February 11, PFLAG hopes to host Zoyer Zyndel, a California trans activist who has spoken to us – and to the Newport PFLAG – on a number of occasions.

Meetings are free and refreshments are served. Invite friends. A prize is awarded to the person who brings the greatest number of guests.

Linda Yoder



### **Church Attendance in December:**

**1st: 48      8th: 61      15th: 48      22nd: 59      29th: na**

# JANUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
			<b>1</b> 	<b>2</b> UMMen 8 am Women's Covenant 9:00 Pastor's Office hrs 10-1:00 Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 <b>UMW 1:30-3</b> <b>Choir Rehearsal 2:00</b> Meditation Group 5:30-7
<b>5</b> Adult Sunday School 8:30 Worship/Communion 10:00am Children's Sunday School during service	<b>6</b> S.B.I.P. mtg 6:30-8:30	<b>7</b> Office Hours 10 am-1 pm Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 A.A. Meeting 5:00-6:00	<b>8</b> <b>Prayer Shawl Ministry 10- Noon</b>	<b>9</b> UMMen 8 am Women's Covenant 9:00 Pastor's Office hrs 10-1:00 <b>Trustees mtg 11:30am</b> Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 <b>Choir Rehearsal 2:00</b> <b>Finance Comm mtg 3:30</b> Meditation Group 5:30-7
<b>12</b> Adult Sunday School 8:30 Worship 10:00am Children's Sunday School during service	<b>13</b> S.B.I.P. mtg 6:30-8:30	<b>14</b> Office Hours 10 am-1 pm Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 A.A. Meeting 5:00-6:00	<b>15</b> <b>Transformational Resiliency group 3:00-5:00pm</b> <b>Church Potluck 5:30 pm</b> <b>PowerPoint show on the Salisbury's trip to Tanzania</b>	<b>16</b> UMMen 8 am Women's Covenant 9:00 Pastor's Office hrs 10-1:00 Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 <b>Choir Rehearsal 2:00</b> Meditation Group 5:30-7
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	Fri	Sat
-11 00	<b>3</b> Home School Science Class 1:00-2:00	<b>4</b> A.A. Meeting 11:30-12:30
-11 00	<b>10</b> Home School Science Class 1:00-2:00	<b>11</b> A.A. Meeting 11:30-12:30
0	<b>17</b> Home School Science Class 1:00-2:00	<b>18</b> A.A. Meeting 11:30-12:30
-11 00	<b>24</b> Home School Science Class 1:00-2:00	<b>25</b> A.A. Meeting 11:30-12:30
-11 00	<b>31</b> Home School Science Class 1:00-2:00	



### Birthdays

- 1 Rev Karen Baisinger
- 4 Tom Oshel
- 9 Bill Craig
- 12 Brooke Shafer
- 21 Joan Skarda
- 22 Katla Vincent
- 22 Caroline Mesman
- 26 Betty Livingston
- 27 May Hadley
- 29 Connie Riebhoff
- 30 Georgine Herring

### Anniversaries

None this month

**If you haven't seen  
your birthday and/or  
anniversary listed in  
the month that it  
should be, please let  
Diane know. I don't  
want to miss anyone!**



*Serving in  
January*

Date	Time	Liturgist	Usher/Greeter	Coffee Host
Jan 5	10 am			
Jan 12	10 am			Jean Hefty
Jan 19	10 am		Cindy & Peggy Hughes	
Jan 26	10 am			Diane McCalmont

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



November 1-31, 2019:

Receipts: \$ 7,487.69

Expenses: \$ 6,423.66

December income through the 15th: \$ 4,572.25

Provided by Paula Ziegelasch



## Free Lunch News



The Free Lunch Program is blessed with a new Leadership! Katharine Schneider is the new Executive Chairman, with new assistant, Hannah Strong. Katharine and Hannah bring experience, energy, and excitement to the program. Being relatively new to the program, they will appreciate all of our assistance and support. Katharine's contact info is: [katrenchen@gmail.com](mailto:katrenchen@gmail.com), 541-305-2026.

I am thankful for the joy of my term as head of Free Lunch. I have cherished every moment with the wonderful people we serve, and with the generous and hard-working volunteers who make the program happen. My gratitude to all of you!!

Cindy Orr

### The schedule for January:

Week	Date	Tues		Thurs
1 <sup>st</sup>			1/2/20	Brenda, Sabrina Hand and Hand girls, Butch
2 <sup>nd</sup>	1/7/20	St. Mary's, Jean	1/9/20	Peggy & Cindy Hughes, Sue, Brooke, Butch
3 <sup>rd</sup>	1/14/20	St. Andrews, Bert and Linda	1/16/20	Paula, Yola, Joanna, Katharine, Butch
4 <sup>th</sup>	1/21/20	Unitarians, Paula	1/23/20	Bahai' and Friends
5 <sup>th</sup>	1/28/20	Florence Christian, Sharon	1/30/20	Brenda, Katharine, Renee', Butch



### *New Members*

← Katharine Schneider,  
Gary & Amanda Sarles

Shirley Ross, →  
Carolyn Munson





### TIPS OF THE MONTH...

**Food:** 30%-40% of food is wasted. To be more thoughtful about handling leftovers, freeze some for later; encourage guests to bring containers.

**Technology:** Technology is often in the high-impact carbon material category. Contribute your working electronics into the reuse stream - Next Step Recycling and the Florence Transfer Station are great resources for recycling technology.

**Trees:** If you have a real tree, Lane County Transfer Stations will accept your tree to turn it into wood chips. Be sure to remove all ribbon, tinsel, and decorations.

# PLASTICS Community Collection

**DATE:** Sunday, January 26, 2020  
**TIME:** 1:00-3:00 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Florence United Methodist Church  
333 Kingwood St.  
**PHONE:** (541) 997-6025



ONLY tubs, jugs, & bottles will be accepted.

- Items **must** be stamped & presorted by BOTH shape & number (up to 4 bags).
- Items must be clean and dry.
- Remove decals & adhesive labels. Labels not printed on must be removed.



[www.lanecounty.org/plasticscollection](http://www.lanecounty.org/plasticscollection) or email: [plasticscollection@co.lane.or.us](mailto:plasticscollection@co.lane.or.us)

We plan to have the collection in the parking lot again, but if it is too nasty out, we will move it in to the Fellowship Hall. **We need volunteers!** If anyone would like to volunteer, please contact Vicki Philben (530-355-7771; email - [wsh2bfishn@hotmail.com](mailto:wsh2bfishn@hotmail.com)) or Nancy Rhodes.

**NOTE:** The number one reason we have to reject plastic is if it is not clean, please, please, bring only clean plastic to the roundup.

### Acceptable and Non-Acceptable Plastics

1. **SORTED**: Note: There are TWO types of #2's and these must be sorted.  
**# 2 (HDPE)**: Bottles and Jugs - you can distinguish it as a BOTTLE OR JUG if it has a threaded neck and threaded cap. Bottles have a center seam across the bottom. If you have #2 transparent milk jugs, you may recycle these in your comingle recycle container or bring them to the transfer station. You don't have to remove the labels! Trays can be accepted if they meet all other criteria - clean, dry, without labels, etc. These must be sorted and stored separately.  
**#2 (HDPE)**: Tubs and lids - generally no seam across the bottom but probably have a center dimple or indentation on the bottom.  
**#5 (PP)** Tubs, jugs, bottles, and lids  
**#4 (LDPE)** Lids, tubs, bottles, and jugs
2. **CLEAN and DRY**: Free of debris. Remove plastic film around top of jug or bottle. Plastic or paper adhered to the top of bottles or jugs must be removed as much as possible. Basically, if you can grab it, it should come off. You can rub/scrape the bottle on cement or a brick to easily remove this!
3. **ALL LABELS MUST BE REMOVED**, unless it's a heat-sealed permanent type label, like many laundry bottles. Many yogurt containers like Chobani Yogurt have a label that looks permanent, but if you turn it over, you can catch the label with a dull knife or scissors. They peel off easily, but do need to be removed. ALWAYS CHECK THE BOTTOM OF THE CONTAINER to see if it has this type of removable label. Note: we cannot accept items if once the label is removed, there's a sticky residue. Try soaking container in warm soapy water over night to remove labels.
4. Plastic rings on bottles: It is not mandatory to remove the rings but it is helpful and appreciated.
5. Spicketts on soap bottles: Helpful if removed - if possible, but not mandatory.

### What we will NOT accept at the Plastics Collection:

- Bulk Styrofoam: Take it to St. Vincent's
- NO plastics that contained toxic chemical products, such as petroleum products, weed killer, poisons, etc.
- Redeemable plastic bottles: water and juice bottles marked for redemption. If it is redeemable, either put it in your comingle container or better yet, bring it to Safeway or Fred Meyers to get a grocery store credit.
- Any containers that are dirty, or have sticky residue
- Six-pack ring 'lids' - Take to St. Vincent's
- No plastic bags - take to Safeway or Fred Meyers
- No plant pots - these can go to Habitat for Humanity

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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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