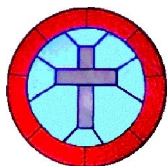


Florence United Methodist Church



July Newsletter



CAROL'S COMMENTS

I've been thinking...about

Annual Conference. It was conducted as the Greater Northwest Area. An "Area" in the United Methodist Church is/are the Annual Conference(s) served by the same bishop. When we were served by our own bishop, we were a part of the Portland Area, now that we share a bishop with the Pacific Northwest Conference, who has attached to it the Alaska Missionary Conference, we are a part of the Greater Northwest Area. All of that to say, Annual Conference was held jointly with Pacific Northwest Annual Conference and a delegation from the Alaska Missionary Conference.

The opening session of Conference was the Installation of Bishop Elaine Stanovsky. She was assigned to our Area by the Committee on the Episcopacy at the Western Jurisdiction Conference last summer. She began serving on September 1, 2016, but Annual Conference this year was the first time we, as a Conference, had been gathered as a body.

A part of her Installation included a message by Bishop Elaine based on Luke 10:26-28: *He (Jesus) said to him (a lawyer), "What is writ-*

ten in the law? What do you read there?" He (the lawyer) answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he (Jesus) said to him (the lawyer), "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." (The theme of Conference was "Do This And You Will Live".)

I wanted to share with you the text of Bishop Elaine's message, but was unable to find it online. The following is a story which appeared on the UMO-I website written by Scott Klepach, Jr, local student pastor at Yakima: Wesley UMC. Throughout her address, Bishop Elaine employed the "What If" motif to help those gathered to dream together of how the Church and the 450 United Methodist congregations of the Greater Northwest Area (Alaska, Oregon-Idaho and Pacific Northwest Conferences) can be refreshed and live abundantly.

"What if Jesus needed United Methodist Christians in the Greater Northwest to do something fresh and wonderful?" said Bishop Elaine. "What would Jesus do with us?" She invited the Greater Northwest Area,

which also includes the Alaska Conference, which held its' Annual Conference June 2-3, to "dwell in the text" of Luke 10:26-28 for the next four years to discover and live into these elements. In that scripture, she noted that Jesus stresses that the spirit leads people to life and relationships.

Bishop Elaine stated that Jesus was not as concerned in this passage with life in heaven, but rather "about the life that comes when you're in relationship with God, God's children, and self. It's about a way, not a destination."

Drawing on Simon Sinek's TED Talk and bestselling book, *Start With Why*, Bishop Elaine focused on the Why, What, and How of the Church. The "Why" of faith, Jesus, and the Church is life; the "How" we shall cultivate life is love; and the "What" we shall do to love to life is reflected in the story of the Good Samaritan, and reaching our neighbor in any way.

Bishop Elaine also expanded upon the theme referencing the image of the logo for this year's conference, which features a wheel with God at the center. In this metaphor from Dorotheus of Gaza, as we travel along the spokes of the wheel trying to reach that center, we also edge closer to those on other spokes, who are our neighbors. Ultimately, she argued, we cannot get closer to God if we do not become closer in relationship to our neighbors.

With each generation the church has done the best it could, she continued, but as the world has changed and continues to move in new directions, the Church has failed to match that pace of change. But this should not be the end of the church's story, she contended. "We declined because we kept doing

what we knew how to do," she said. "We lived that cycle. Now it's a new season. We can take the treasures from the past with new possibilities of the future," all the while being open to God's miracles still at work today and tomorrow, even in a time when more people are identifying as "nones" or "dones," as in identifying with no religion or being done with church altogether.

She added, "We are not 'none.' We are not 'done' with God, and God is not done with us."

I believe that we continue to know in expanding ways what Bishop Elaine stated when she said "that Jesus was not as concerned in this passage with life in heaven, but rather 'about the life that comes when you're in relationship with God, God's children, and self. It's about a way, not a destination'."

Let us continue to live-into the way God is leading us individually and corporately in this long Season After Pentecost in Ordinary Time!

Grace and Peace,

Rev Carol



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Sunday Worship

Sunday Services: 10:30 a.m. on the
1st Sunday of each month, and
9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on all other
Sundays of each month

Children's Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

Adult Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.

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**August 20 will be our
worship and potluck picnic
at the group assembly hall
(a.k.a. the Yurt) at
Woahink Lake. Sign-up
and details to come!**





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UMWomen News

United Methodist Women of FUMC is taking break through the summer, and will resume on September 7.



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



Keeping in our Prayers

Dick & Carol Johnson; John & Suzanne Pohlman's grandson Cyrrus; Katla Vincent; Gloria Zeff; Gerry & Nancy Cedarleaf-Grey; Ray's sister-in-law Suzanne; Chrisleen Cooper; John & Lyla Hyder; John Miller; Myrna Sullivan and husband, David; and Connie Farmer.

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.



Celebrating
5 Years in
Florence

PFLAG

PFLAG Meets July 11 at Chen's Family Dish

For our July meeting, we'll get together and order off the menu at Chen's Family Dish on Tuesday evening at July 11, gathering at 6:30 p.m. Invite a friend and take another look at our collection of free take-home literature and extensive lending library of books and DVDs. Chen's is located on Hwy 101, just north of the 35th Street light.

As usual, the meeting is open to the public.

Linda Yoder, Secretary

**FROM THE OUTREACH
COMMITTEE**



THE POWER OF FLORENCE
EACH ONE, ONE DAY, MAKING A DIFFERENCE, TOGETHER



The Outreach committee is busy making plans to reach out in Florence and beyond. One thing we are looking forward to is the Power of Florence Day. We are once again planning to participate with our tradition of providing a pancake breakfast. This year it was decided that the money raised will go to the Art Club at Siuslaw Elementary School. This club provides the only art instruction at the school, and their needs include replacing some well used equipment and replenishing supplies. **Power of Florence is Saturday, July 15. Pancakes will be served from 7:30-10:00 am.** Bring your appetites and donations!

"Blessing of the Motorcycles" during Rods and Rhodies in September is being planned. We hope to make this happen this year and perhaps in years to come! Also in September we are planning year 2 of the Bags for Teachers. Last year this was such a success! We provided bags of snacks for the Siuslaw District teachers as they set up their classrooms. We are still hearing positive feedback from teachers! This year we plan to include Mapleton School District as well. Florence UMC will provide the apples, and we will provide a list for you to shop for other goodies to include in the bags.

We are also looking toward Advent and again having invitation cards for the congregation to give out to friends and neighbors letting them know what is going on at our church.

Kathleen Wenzel and Your Outreach Committee!

JULY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
				
2 Worship/Communion 10:00	3 S.B.I.P. Mtg 6:30-8:30 Helping Hands 10-2	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY Office Hours 10 am-1 pm Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 A.A. Meeting 5-6	5 Helping Hands 10-2	6 UMMen 8 am Women's Covenant 8-10 Office Hours 9:00-12:30 Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 Meditation Group 5:30-7
9 Worship 10:00 am	10 S.B.I.P. Mtg 6:30-8:30 Helping Hands 10-2	11 Office Hours 10 am-1 pm Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 A.A. Meeting 5-6	12 Helping Hands 10-2 Potluck 5:30 	13 UMMen 8 am Women's Covenant 8-10 Office Hours 9:00-12:30 Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 Meditation Group 5:30-7 Finance Committee mtg TBD
16 Worship 10:00 am SPRC mtg 2:00 Ad Council 3:00	17 S.B.I.P. Mtg 6:30-8:30 Helping Hands 10-2	18 Office Hours 10 am-1 pm Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 A.A. Meeting 5-6	19 Helping Hands 10-2	20 UMMen 8 am Women's Covenant 8-10 Office Hours 9:00-12:30 Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 Trustee's meeting 3:30 Meditation Group 5:30-7
23 Worship 10:00 am CAMP SUNDAY Membership Class - time TBD	24 S.B.I.P. Mtg 6:30-8:30 Helping Hands 10-2	25 Office Hours 10 am-1 pm Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 A.A. Meeting 5-6 Newsletter Deadline	26 Helping Hands 10-2	27 UMMen 8 am Women's Covenant 8-10 Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 Meditation Group 5:30-7
30 Worship 10:00 am Baptisms	31 S.B.I.P. Mtg 6:30-8:30 Helping Hands 10-2			



	Fri	Sat
		1 Office Hours 9:00-12:30 A.A. Meeting 11:30-12:30
	7 Office Hours 9:00-12:30 Outreach Work Area mtg 10:00 Helping Hands 10-2	8 Office Hours 9:00-12:30 A.A. Meeting 11:30-12:30
g-time	14 Office Hours 9:00-12:30 Helping Hands 10-2	15 Office Hours 9:00-12:30 A.A. Meeting 11:30-12:30 Power of Florence Pancake Breakfast @ FUMC 7:30-10 am
	21 Office Hours 9:00-12:30 Nurture Work Area mtg 10:00 Helping Hands 10-2	22 Office Hours 9:00-12:30 A.A. Meeting 11:30-12:30
	28 Helping Hands 10-2	29 Office Hours 9:00-12:30

Birthdays

- 2 Casey Hand
- 2 Patty Immel
- 14 George Goodwin
- 14 Lila Hyder
- 19 Donna Oshel
- 20 Bonnie Tout
- 22 Myrna Sullivan
- 23 Sharon Gallagher
- 24 Suzanne Pohlman
- 25 Robert Lowe
- 27 Kathleen Yelle
- 28 Jude Craddock
- 28 Kathleen Wenzel
- 29 Lucinda Hughes
- 31 Kayla Jones

Anniversaries

- 23 John & Suzanne Pohlman
- 23 Keith Brown & Cindy Glover



*Serving in
July*

Date	Time	Liturgist	Usher/Greeter	Kids' Time	Coffee Hosts
July 2	10:00	<i>Trisha Holden</i>	<i>Charles & Barbara Walker</i>	<i>Rev Carol</i>	<i>Patt Rollins & Patti Johnson</i>
July 9	10:00	<i>Sharon Gallagher</i>	<i>Cindy Orr</i>	<i>Rev Carol</i>	<i>Brooke Shafer & Donna Embree</i>
July 16	10:00	<i>Linda Yoder</i>		<i>Linda Yoder</i>	<i>The Schniepps & Caroline Mesman</i>
July 23	10:00				<i>Diane McCalmont</i>
July 30	10:00	<i>Trisha Holden</i>		<i>Rev Carol</i>	



Church Attendance in June
4th: 57 11th: 73 18th: 66 25th: 47

June 4: Reverend Carol recognizes past and present acolytes, and welcomes Mathilda Hand as our newest acolyte.



Change of Addresses & New Contact Information

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Manor Care
2350 Wingfield Hills Drive
Sparks, NV 89436
Phone: 775-335-8404

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FINANCES



May 2017:

Receipts: \$6,519.31

Expenses: \$6,004.95

Through June 18, 2017:

Receipts: \$4,904.00

Provided by John Pohlman

FREE LUNCH NEWS



A huge thank you to Renee Hanson and Cindy Orr, who have agreed to co-chair the Methodist portion of the Free Lunch program. They will recruit assistants, cooks, helpers and dishwashers. We are always in need of volunteers in these areas. We are always running short. Without the help of persons outside our church, we would not be able to continue to help this program. Please consider volunteering. You do not have to give a lot of hours.

The Free Lunch has been a blessing to many for the last 22 years - to the community, those we serve, volunteers, and especially me. I plan to continue cooking and helping on a rotating basis and will try to keep fresh flowers on the tables.

I would like to thank all the people who have volunteered over the years. These are our current volunteers: Karen Baylis, Paula Ziegelasch, Chrisleen Cooper, Butch Goodwin, Renee' Hanson, Jean Hefty, Peggy & Cindy Hughes, Cindy Orr, Bert & Linda Schniepp, and Hazel Vacura.

I will not bug you anymore,

Yola Hesser



RECIPE CORNER

This red, white, and blue recipe is easy and perfect for a 4th of July dessert. I use little Pyrex bowls.

4th of July Fruit & Jello Cups

Ingredients:

- Strawberry Jello
- Berry Blue Jello
- Water
- Cool Whip
- Blueberries
- Strawberries, chopped

Directions:

1. For each packet of jello, prepare using 1 cup of boiling water and 1 cup of cold water. You can easily double this recipe - for example if you only wanted to use strawberry jello, you can prepare both boxes of jello at one time in the small bowl, just double the amount of water added.
2. Pour the jello powder into a mixing bowl. Add in 1 cup of boiling water, and stir for 1-2 minutes to dissolve the mixture. Add in 1 cup of cold water, and stir to combine. Evenly divide the jello mixture among the glasses or cups. Fill each about halfway full. If you're using strawberry jello, place chopped strawberry pieces in each glass. If you're using berry blue jello, place blueberries in each glass.
3. Place the glasses in the refrigerator to set.
4. Before serving, fill the rest of the glasses with cool whip. Top each cup with either chopped strawberries or blueberries.

Diane McCalmont



JULY NEWSLETTER



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