

Florence United Methodist Church

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July Newsletter

Florence United Methodist Church
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Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Serving the People of God:

District Superintendent: Rev. John Tucker

Pastor: Reverend Logan McLean Strike

Lay Leader: Patt Rollins

SPRC Chair: Patti Johnson

Finance Chair: Terry Woodward

Ministers: All Members

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Pastor Logan:

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Logan's Lines

"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." Isaiah 43:19



God is always doing something new among us! Before the pandemic, our church began discussions with District Superintendent John Tucker about restructuring our model for church organization with something called Simple Governance. I am pleased to announce that after delay with the pandemic, our DS will train our congregation at the end of September in this new model.

Simple Governance aims to reform church governing committees (council, trustees, finance, Staff-Parish Relations, etc.) into an effective group of leaders so that our ministries are freed up for mission. It grants us an opportunity to step back and assess our values, our shared vision for the future, and most importantly, our mission as a church in making disciples for Christ and transforming our world.

I for one am excited to embark on this journey with all of you. How is God asking you to transform the world these days? Where are your passions, your curiosities, your own sense of where the Spirit is moving you to serve? Add yourself to the conversation in the days to come. I'll be eager to hear your perspective on what's in store for Florence United Methodist Church.

With you in paying witness to the work of Spirit among us,

Rev. Logan McLean Strike

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● **Pastor Logan's Schedule:**

● Pastor Logan's office hours: Tuesdays & Fridays, 9-5.
● You may reach her on her cell at: 406-839-1756,
● or by email at: logan.m.strike@gmail.com
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Keeping in Our Prayers

Judy Jones and family; Jean & Bob Hefty; Donna Embree and daughter, Barbara; Carolyn Munson and family; Ray Feay; Sandy Woodward; Laura Merz; Hazel Vacura; Jasmin Crump; Pat Balzell; Jonathan Yoder; Peggy Simington; Kathleen Wenzel; John & Lila Hyder; Georgia Garrett; Betty Cline; Ursula Sears; Jean Parr; Janice Bell; Patrick, Diane, & 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 rayfeay@hotmail.com.

Changes in Online Worship

Stay tuned for changes in worship as we work toward streaming our services live. As new equipment comes into use and we experiment with how people can gain a meaningful worship experience when they are not present in the sanctuary, we invite your comments and suggestions.



Office Hours

We ask your patience while we set up regular office hours. In the meantime, you are welcome to contact Linda Yoder directly with any office-related issue. 541-590-0944 (may text)





United
Women
in Faith

UMWomen News

With the decision to continue meetings during the summer, on Wednesday, July 6, UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH/UNITED METHODIST WOMEN will get together in the Tedd Powell Hall at 1:00 p.m. Hostess for the day is Judy Jones. Key conversation will include conversation regarding a yard sale in August. After a lapse of several years many are eager to have an outlet for their no longer needed items.

Looking back, the picnic-potluck in June was attended by twenty-three women. There were guests from New Life Lutheran, Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw, and Latter Day Saints, as well as several first-timers from the United Methodist Church. It was a fun occasion with games, winners and door prizes. PLUS great food! Thank you to everyone who made it a successful event.

Oregon-Idaho Conference Mission u dates are July 14-16 and July 29-31. Information on the virtual meetings "Who Can We be Together?" is available on website: <https://www.umi.org/umwmissionu>.

Jean Hefty, Secretary

United Methodist Men's Breakfast Time Change



Our United Methodist Men's fellowship group has decided to adjust our meeting time on Thursday mornings to **8:30** am.

We continue to welcome all men of the congregation to join with us at Fresh Harvest Restaurant on Hwy 101 to praise God as we enjoy breakfast and fellowship together.

Bert Schniepp

PFLAG

**PFLAG Marching July 4 in Yachats
Meeting July 12 at Chen's**



After a wonderful experience at the Rhododendron Festival Parade, PFLAG-Florence expects to march in the annual La-Di-Da Parade in Yachats on July 4, to be joined by members of PFLAG-Central Coast (Newport).

Then, on our regular Tuesday meeting night, July 12, we will gather at Chen's Family Dish for our annual social at 6:30 p.m.

Linda Yoder

Starting in July...Fellowship Coffee Hour and Potlucks!

Fellowship coffee time will be on the first Sunday of each month, beginning July 3. If anyone has a special occasion for a Sunday other than the first of the month, you are welcome to do that. Just let someone know.

We will have all-church potlucks on the third Wednesday of each month, at 5:00pm, beginning July 20. Be sure to bring a friend.

Please sign up to be Fellowship Host on the sign-up sheet in the back of the church.

Rosie

FREE LUNCH NEWS



Peggy & Cindy Hughes
whipping up the soup!



need a pet Sitter

Help Wanted

Rusty needs a home away
from home!

We are looking to pay for doggie day care or overnight stays for Rusty. We are living in our trailer while our home is being renovated and would like to travel overnight or even longer if the caregiver could accommodate. Rusty is a calm and loving lab, but does not get along with cats. He loves his walks and children....our grandchildren absolutely adore him. Please call if interested.

Jim and Kathy Waterman
661-472-0855





A Word From Your Lay Leader...

Annual Conference has arrived and once again this year we met via the great media tool called Zoom.

The Greater Northwest Area will be meeting this week (June 26) while individual Annual Conference Sessions joined together for joint worship, Bible study and other celebrations during the week of June 19-25, 2022. It was a busy week.

The Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference theme this year was “Called to Be: Alert/Faithful/Brave/Love.”

The GNW Laity Session was opened by Paul Dickell, Conference Lay Leader. Bishop Elaine Stanovsky provided the opening comments and left us with a challenging thought. When you think of love, what comes to mind? So, this week, I have pondered that very challenge...what does love mean to me? My first thought was the love of God. Then, of course, my life-partner Patti. My family, friends, church family, community. I love my county and God’s green earth, love our neighbor’s dog, Bruno, and I could go on and on. Maybe you would like to embrace the question as well; what does love mean to you? Grab a pen/paper and jot them down.

We all know that to “stay in love” we have to cultivate the relationship. So, love is all about relationships. When people struggle to relate to one another, we see the root of violence rear its ugly head. We know the ministry of Christ is all about relationships. Let us strive to live in “relationship” with one another and our world.

With the departure of Alan Baisinger as alternate Lay Leader, the Church Council elected Linda Yoder for a one year term to serve in this role. Linda will do a wonderful job. We will be informing the congregation of pertinent legislative actions after Conference has concluded.

Have you driven past the Parsonage recently? A fresh coat of exterior paint and the needed dry rot repairs have been completed. Thank you to Terry Woodard for pressure washing the siding before the painters took over. Also to Scott and Vicki Philben, as well as Patti Johnson’s work on the yard. (tree and bush trimming and weed eating). Several weeks ago, Butch (Mike) Jones (Judy’s husband) weed whipped the front yard. Thank you butch! As we all know, rainy spring days and then warm summer sunshine makes the weeds grow like crazy. When you feel the spirit move you, grab your gardening tools and head to the church. There is always a ton of weeding and mowing to be done. If you see Rick Arndt at service, please thank him for pinch hitting for Renee while she recovered from her vacation to Florida with her kids.

Summer is here. See you Sunday at 10.

“Do all things with love, grace and gratitude.”

Blessings,
Patt Rollins

JULY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
3 10:00am Church Svce Fellowship Coffee Time	4 	5 11:30am Free Lunch	6 1:00pm UMW	7 8:00am UMMen
10 10:00am Church Svce	11	12 11:30am Free Lunch 6:30pm PFLAG	13	14 8:00am UMMen
17 10:00am Church Svce	18	19 11:30am Free Lunch	20 5:00pm All-Church Potluck	21 8:00am UMMen
24 10:00am Church Svce	25	26 11:30am Free Lunch	27	28 8:00am UMMen
31 10:00am Church Svce				



Fri	Sat
1	2
8	9
15	16
22	23
29	30

Birthdays

- 2 Casey Hand
- 14 George Goodwin
- 14 Lila Hyder
- 19 Donna Oshel
- 20 Shirley Ross
- 22 Myrna Sullivan
- 23 Sharon Gallagher
- 24 Suzanne Pohlman
- 25 Robert Lowe
- 25 Julie Wagner
- 27 Kathleen Yelle
- 27 Vicki Philben
- 27 Amanda Sarles
- 28 Jude Craddock
- 28 Kathleen Wenzel
- 29 Lucinda Hughes
- 31 Kayla Jones

Anniversaries

- 23 John & Suzanne Pohlman
- 31 Gary & Amanda Sarles

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

Offering Counters

The Finance Committee is looking for volunteers to count and deposit donations following worship on Sundays.

Individuals – working in pairs – who volunteer for this function, are approved by the Church Council and receive training. When properly scheduled, a volunteer's time commitment can be just once a month.

If you are interested, call the church at 541-997-6025 (and leave a message), or email us at florenceumc@florenceunitedmethodist.org. If you have performed this service in the past, the church will be happy to provide a "refresher" course, since some procedures have been modified.

Linda Yoder



OFFERING
COUNTERS



The "clipboards of opportunity" have returned and are placed on the back wall of the sanctuary. The dates are left blank so that you may choose your availability. The five opportunities for ministry are:

- ⇒ Flowers
- ⇒ Cleaning
- ⇒ Sound booth
- ⇒ Liturgist
- ⇒ Usher/Greeter
- ⇒ Monthly Fellowship Host

Just list a date you're available, and you will be called to make arrangements.



Trustees Report

Most of our efforts over the past few weeks have been getting the parsonage ready for Pastor Logan and Pastor Paul to move in around the first of August.

So far the exterior has been power washed, primed, and painted. A lot of cleanup work has been done on the lawn, landscape, trees and bushes. More landscape work remains. Also still to be completed are some interior repairs, deep cleaning, and possibly more painting.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Philben
Chair-Board of Trustees

Florence United Methodist Church

FINANCES

May 1-31, 2022: Receipts: \$ 4,119.56
Expenses: \$ 6,559.87

June 2022 income through the 25th : \$ 5,809.40

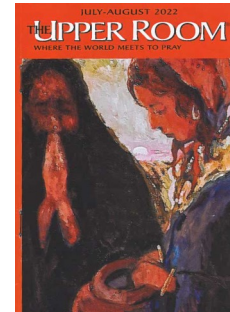
Provided by Kathy Yelle
Treasurer



noteworthy

Upper Room and Home Touch

Upper Room daily devotionals for July and August and Home Touch weekly devotionals and puzzles for July have been mailed. If you would like to be added to or removed from the mailing list, contact lindayoder@hotmail.com or call or text 541-590-0944.



Electronic Giving

Giving online continues to be available exclusively through our website, www.florenceunitedmethodist.org, which provides a secure portal to the donation site managed by our ministry partner Vanco.

Amplify Videos

If you haven't tried Amplify Media, the subscription for which the church has paid, and have forgotten the directions to do an initial log-in, you'll need to use the church access code, which is ZRGHYB. Questions? Contact lindayoder@hotmail.com. We don't want anyone to miss out on a fabulous resource, especially one we use extensively for small groups.



Sharing with Food Share

Food Share is currently in need of food items that don't need to be cooked, such as peanut butter and cheese.

Of course, all non-perishable foods and toiletry type items are welcomed, as well as pet food.

You can bring your items to the donation barrel located in the church narthex.

CHURCH COUNCIL



The FUMC Church Council met on June 26 to present committee reports and conduct regular business. Also on the agenda was the nomination of a new Church Council Chairperson, Cindy Hughes. Cindy was unanimously voted in. Yea!

Go Camping

CAMP AND RETREAT MINISTRIES
OF OREGON AND IDAHO



Camperships



The bake sale May 29 collected more than \$200. We ask the parents of the children attending camp to pay what they can afford, but we need in excess of \$2,000 to cover the expected shortfall. The church membership has committed to financially supporting campers, and the ongoing collection of returnable bottles will help replenish funds over time, but we are seeking gifts specifically for this purpose to assist the church this summer, since the church typically sees a drop in overall contributions at this time of year.

Florence UMC's account with the Oregon Beverage Recycling Cooperative (OBRC) "Bottle Drop" has collected more than \$186 as of June 21. The program allows everyone who has one of our tagged bags to contribute the value of their returnable deposit bottles and cans to the church, in support of camperships.

Pick up a blue bag, sticker, and card at the back of church.

- Attach the sticker on the bag
- Bring the bag to a Bottle Drop station at the north side of Fred Meyer
- Use the paper card to unlock the door at the Bottle Drop
- Scan the card as indicated, open the door and place your tagged bag on the chute inside
- Bottle Drop does the rest – counts the contents of the bag and credits our account



As of June 21, we have raised \$186.00 through the program

Weekly Service Attendance In Person & Online

Date	Online + DVD	In-Person
January 2	No online	15
January 15	70	Closed
January 22	55	Closed
January 29	72	Closed
February 4	67	Closed
February 11	57	Closed
February 20	45	20
February 27	40	20
March 6	40	35
March 13	50	27
March 20	34	27
March 27	38	36
April 3 (Lenten Renewal)	43	21
April 10	26	22
April 17	35	56
April 24	25	17
May 1	25	30
May 8	31	20
May 15	37	27
May 22	No online	21
May 29	38	31
June 5	26	27
June 12	29	30
June 19	21	17
Average	41	25



Recipe Corner

1. Cheese Stuffed Burgers for Two

Ingredients:

- 1 tbsp finely chopped onion
- 1 tsp ketchup
- 1 tsp prepared mustard
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/8 tsp pepper
- 1/2 pound ground beef (90% lean)
- 1/4 cup finely shredded cheddar cheese
- 2 hamburger buns, split
- Optional: lettuce and tomato slices



Directions:

- In a small bowl, combine the first 5 ingredients. Crumble beef over mixture and mix lightly but thoroughly. Shape into 4 thin patties. Sprinkle cheese over 2 patties; top with remaining patties and press edges firmly to seal.
- Grill burgers, covered, over medium heat 5-6 mins on each side or until a thermometer reads 160 degrees. Serve on buns.

2. Red, White, & Blue Salad

Ingredients:

- 1/4 cup red wine vinegar
- 1 tbsp. Dijon mustard
- 1 tbsp. grated lemon zest
- 1 tsp sugar
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp pepper
- 1/3 cup olive oil
- 1/4 cup finely chopped red onion

Salad:

- * 6 cups fresh arugula (about 5 ounces)
- * 1-1/2 cups fresh blueberries
- * 5 cups cubed seedless watermelon
- * 1 package (8 ounces) feta cheese, cut into 1/2-in cubes

Directions:

- For vinaigrette, in a small bowl, whisk the first 6 ingredients; gradually whisk in oil until blended. Stir in onion.
- In a large bowl, lightly toss arugula with 1/4 cup vinaigrette. Arrange evenly in a large rectangular serving dish.
- For stars, place blueberries over the arugula at the top left corner. For stripes, arrange watermelon and cheese in alternating rows. Drizzle with remaining vinaigrette. Serve immediately.



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