

Florence United Methodist Church

***Tide-ings* 2023**



July Newsletter

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Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.

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Logan's Lines



Summer is here! We are seeing more sun, the wind is picking up, and hopefully our responsibilities lessen for a little while.

As people of faith, we are often focused on how we can GO and DO! And this is right and good. But Jesus also gives us examples of resting. Although he was often surrounded by people, a constant reminder of all the healing needed and the work he was called to do, Jesus would draw away and rest.

Luke also makes it unmistakable that this ebb and flow was part of the ongoing dynamic of Christ's human life. Jesus "departed and went into a desolate place" (Luke 4:42) — not just once but regularly. "He would withdraw to desolate places and pray" (Luke 5:16). A resting Jesus can also be found in Matthew. After the death of John the Baptist, Jesus "withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself" (Matthew 14:13). But even then, the crowds pursued him. He didn't despise them (here he puts his desire to retreat on hold) but had compassion on them and healed their sick (Matthew 14:14). Then after feeding them, five thousand strong, he withdrew again to a quiet place. "After he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray" (Matthew 14:23).

How did Jesus know when it was time to delay his habit of retreating to meet immediate needs? How did he know when to prioritize prayer and draw away from the masses? It can be hard for us to know. Take good care this month. Find time to prioritize rest and prayer. Perhaps the restoration you seek can be found there. I pray that God would continue to bless and guide you amidst your questioning, fears, and hopes these coming days.

Your Sister-Servant in Christ,

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

Pastor Logan will be working most Saturdays at the hospital.



Keeping in Our Prayers

Jean Hefty and family/friends of Bob; Caroline Mesman and family/friends of Wim; Tim Salisbury; 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; Jonathan Yoder; Kathleen Wenzel; 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.

thank you

SO GRATEFUL!

For the many cards and expressions of caring at Bob's Celebration of Life, I humbly offer my gratitude. Family members present from Idaho, Michigan and Colorado were truly wowed by the marvelous abundant brunch following the service. If I were still cooking I'd be inquiring about recipes. Thank you, all, for honoring Bob!

Jean Hefty



United Women in Faith

United Women in Faith News

United Women in Faith invite all women to join us for a potluck/picnic on Wednesday, July 5 at 12 noon. Bring your own table service and a dish to share! Hot dogs provided! Bring a friend and join the fun!

Upcoming events: A mission U virtual event scheduled July 28-30. If interested, contact Judy before July 10.

UWF Soul Care Retreat at Suttle Lake Camp September 8-10. For more Information, contact Judy Jones.

A date has been set for the UWF rummage sale—August 26, 9:00am-2:00pm. If you can, pre-mark the price on items you being in for the sale.

Judy Jones

What a special presentation at the June 11 service. "Stories from the Heart", a conversation between Amanda Hutchinson, Donna Embree, and Yola Hesser. They each shared their history with United Women of Faith (formerly United Methodist Women), and special memories and highlights of their service through the years.





PFLAG has Two July Events

PFLAG will march in the July 4 La-de-da Parade in Yachats at noon. If you need a lift, a car will be leaving the church parking lot at 10 a.m.

On July 11, we'll have our annual dinner get-together at Chen's Family Dish on Hwy. 101 at 6:30 p.m. We'll take a break for August, but return to our regular meeting September 12 at FUMC, with a presentation by SOS.

PFLAG-Florence, launched in 2011 by members of Florence UMC, invites you to consider becoming a member, which gives you links to the national organization. Dues are just \$30 annually. You can send a check to PFLAG-Florence at P.O. Box 1074, Florence, OR 97439 or use the PayPal secure link from our website www.pflagflorenceoregon.org.

Linda Yoder



Sunday School Update

The Adult Sunday School class will be on recess for the summer beginning July 9. We will resume our class the Sunday after Labor Day, on September 10. Watch for the updated information on the topic that will be our focus and the time for the discussion announced in the September issue of the church newsletter.

Bert Schniepp





Free Lunch News

The Free Lunch Program is a great asset to our Florence community, and it starts right here at FUMC!

There are openings for volunteers to help out. Contact Vicki Philben.

Vicki recently shared a beautiful, bountiful bowl of fresh veggies, straight from her garden! It was enjoyed by many free lunch goers.



Quite a few years ago, after I had taken over putting together the newsletter, Bob Hefty gave me a book that he had from his preaching days, *Uncle Ben's Quotebook*, by Benjamin R. De Jong. I've used quotes from it for the newsletter now and then when I have space. Since I had this little bit of space left here, I thought this one is good for a summer newsletter.



A Church Garden

Three Rows of Squash

1. Squash indifference.
2. Squash criticism.
3. Squash gossip.

Four Rows of Turnips

1. Turn up for meetings.
2. Turn up with a smile.
3. Turn up with a visitor.
4. Turn up with a Bible.

Five Rows of Lettuce

1. Let us love one another.
2. Let us welcome strangers.
3. Let us be faithful to duty.
4. Let us truly worship God.
5. Let us give liberally.

-Author unknown



Soul Care Retreat
A Refreshing Discovery - Yourself

Suttle Lake United Methodist Camp
29551 Suttle Lake Rd, Sisters, OR
September 8-10, 2023

Suttle Lake Camp is 14 miles west of Sisters in a forested setting. You'll find comfortable rooms with bunks and single beds with bathrooms (with showers) just down the hall from your room. Registration numbers are limited to the number of lower bunk beds. If you are willing to sleep in an upper bunk, let us know on your registration form. As for meals, the camp staff works hard to provide delicious and healthy food; they can accommodate most dietary issues. The fee for the entire weekend is \$175 and \$75.00 if you do not need lodging.

There are a variety of activities planned, depending on the time of day. Morning activities include singing, optional stretching, breath prayer, and creative time. In the afternoon you will enjoy 30 minutes set aside just for you, followed by a nature devotion, a labyrinth, singing, making a prayer box or journaling. Evenings have opportunities for devotion, music, get acquainted activities, puzzles, and games.

Note: Coffee, tea, and hot cocoa will be provided in the small kitchen equipped with a refrigerator and stove where we will be meeting. Please bring a snack to share on the refreshment table.


REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE: <https://www.umo.org/uwf>

Space is limited so register now.
Registration will close once we reach capacity.

Questions - contact Kim Thompson: kimyouwinfaith@gmail.com

If interested, talk to Judy Jones for more info

JULY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
2 9:00am Adult Sun School 10:30am Church Svce	3	4 Independence Day 11:30am Free Lunch? 	5 12:00 noon UWF Potluck	6 8:30am UMMen 10:30am-12:30pm Office 11:30am Free Lunch
9 10:30am Church Svce	10	11 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 11:30am Free Lunch 6:30pm PFLAG Annual Dinner @ Chen's	12 10:00am-Noon Prayer Shawl Ministry	13 8:30am UMMen 10:30am-12:30pm Office 11:30am Free Lunch
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23 10:30am Church Svce	24	25 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 11:30am Free Lunch	26	27 8:30am UMMen 10:30am-12:30pm Office 11:30am Free Lunch 5:00pm Newsletter Deadline
30 10:30am Church Svce	31			

	Fri	Sat
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Hrs	7 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 1pm PALS meet	8
Hrs	14 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 1pm PALS meet	15
Hrs	21 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 1pm PALS meet	22
Hrs	28 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 1pm PALS meet	29

Mission U event through July 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	Julie Wagner
27	Kathleen Yelle
27	Vicki Philben
27	Amanda Sarles
28	Jude Craddock
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 quiltinggma5@yahoo.com, to let me know.



Florence United Methodist Church
FINANCES

May 1-31, 2023: Receipts: \$ 5,368.34
 Expenses: \$ 6,195.33

June income through the 26th : \$ 4,732.38

Provided by Kathy Yelle, Acting Treasurer

Food for Thought

Genesis 2:2-3

"By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done."



We fill our lives with the busy-ness of living, making productivity a revered virtue; yet God sanctified a full day of rest out every 7 days. During your busy summer schedule make a pledge to carve out a full day of rest each week and take time to reflect on God's goodness and the goodness of all that God created.

Kathy Yelle, Governing Board Chair

Governing Board Actions



On June 4 the Governing Board met to discuss and take action on two issues affecting the annual budget. Kathy Yelle reports that the church expenses have gone down dramatically since last year, and the year-to-date receipts are slightly higher than projected. No funds have been withdrawn from the OPB savings account this year and the monthly checking account balance is roughly twice that of last year.

1) 2023 Camp Sponsorship: Diane McCalmont, our Camp & Retreat Ministries liaison provided a recap of the children attending in 2022 along with camp costs. Diane explained that previously the Children's Education or Youth Leader was responsible for working with the participating families on fundraising activities. We no longer have a person to take on that responsibility. Renee Hansen said that she would discuss having the children participate in the Women in Faith rummage sale again this year.

After general discussion, the Governing Board passed a motion to adjust the annual budget to include up to \$2,500 in funds for 2023 Camp Sponsorships.

2) Resuming full Apportionment Payments: Kathy Yelle reported that our church currently pays annual apportionments through twelve equal monthly installments. In May of 2020 the Church Council voted to begin withholding 20% of the amount of apportionments designated for global church programs in protest of the Book of Discipline's prohibition on the ordination of gay clergy. District Superintendent, John Tucker is encouraging the Florence United Methodist Church to resume paying the full amount of apportionments as those churches opposed to LGBTQ+ inclusion are leaving our denomination through disaffiliation and our conference now has an openly gay bishop. The next General Conference will not be held until 2024.

After general discussion, the Governing Board passed a motion to resume full payment of the church's apportionments effective with the June 2023 monthly payment.

Kathy Yelle, Governing Board Chair

**Pictures from the United
Women of Faith 'High Tea and
Purse Auction' on June 3**







Online Contributions

Don't forget that you may make contributions to the church online via trusted ministry partner Vanco. Florence UMC has received a growing number of regular online contributions since the launch of the service in 2020. 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. 333 Kingwood St., 541-997-6025, florenceumc@florenceunitedmethodist.org

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 Peggy Hughes at auntpeg0929@gmail.com. We don't want anyone to miss out on a fabulous resource, especially one we use extensively for small groups.

Bottle Drop for Campers

Florence UMC's account with the Oregon Beverage Recycling Cooperative (OBRC) "Bottle Drop" allows anyone who has one of our tagged blue bags to contribute the value of their returnable deposit bottles and cans to the church, in support of camperships.

You fill a tagged bag and take it to the "drop" at Fred Meyer. OBRC counts the contents and credits the church. If you need someone to pick up your filled bag and take it to Fred Meyer, call Diane McCalmont at 541-997-1854.





Recipe Corner

Lemon Ricotta Cookies (from Patty Evans)

Ingredients:

- 1 box Krusteaz Lemon Pound Cake mix
- 1 egg
- 1-2 teaspoons lemon extract
- 2-3 tablespoons ricotta cheese
- 1/2 stick softened butter

Directions:

Mix together all ingredients. Place rounded tablespoon dough on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake 8-10 minutes in 375 degree oven. Cool on cookie sheet for 1-2 minutes.

Use the box mix glaze packet to make glaze for cooled cookies. Add 1-2 tablespoons lemon juice to powdered sugar packet to make light glaze. Dip each cookie in glaze and drain on baking rack until set.

If your mix doesn't have a glaze packet with it, mix 1 cup powdered sugar, 2-3 Tablespoons lemon juice, and 1 teaspoon vanilla for glaze.

You don't have to add the ricotta cheese to make good cookies, but I think the ricotta adds a nice flavor and texture.

Yield 18-24 cookies.

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