

*Florence United Methodist Church*

***Tide-ings* 2024**



**July Newsletter**

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**Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.**

Serving the People of God:

District Superintendent: Rev. John Tucker

Pastor: Reverend Logan McLean Strike

Governing Board Chair: Beth Evans

Finance Chair: Kathy Yelle

Trustees Chair: Scott Philben

SPRC Chair: Jim Waterman

Ministers: All Members

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**Pastor Logan:**

cell: 406-839-1756

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### *Keeping in Our Prayers*

Kathy Waterman; Rosie Goodwin; Tim Williams, Linda & Bert Schniepp; John & Lila Hyder; Carolyn Munson; Karen Baylis; Betty Livingston; Judy Jones and family; Donna Embree and daughter, Barbara; Ray Feay and Aaron Gallegos; Sandy Woodward; Laura Merz; Hazel Vacura; 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 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](mailto:kathywaterman10@gmail.com).

### WHO YOU GONNA CALL?



**Pastoral Care/Concerns:** Patty Evans, 541-905-4248

**Unlocking the Buildings:** Renee' Hansen, 541-999-9487

**General Questions:** Peggy and/or Cindy Hughes, 541-902-0197 (such as clerical assistance, reserving the Fellowship Hall, clarifying meeting times) **General Church Concerns:** Beth Evans, 541-760-3021

**Building Problems/Key Requests:** Scott Philben, 530-949-8464

**Financial Questions:** Kathy Yelle, 541-305-1495 (such as making a purchase, getting reimbursed, making a donation)



## Farewell to Pastor Logan

You are encouraged to be in worship on Sunday, July 7 because Pastors Logan and Paul will be with us and we will have the opportunity to meet little Beau, their brand new baby son. We will worship together and Pastor Logan will gather us at the Lord's Table for the last time as our pastor. The McLean Strike family will be moving to Grants Pass in just a couple of weeks where Pastor Logan has a new pastoral appointment with the Grants Pass United Methodist Church. This will be our last chance in person to express our love and appreciation to Pastor Logan for her wonderful ministry with us. There will be a basket to receive your cards and notes of greeting, love and gratitude and a reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Patty Evans



## ***JULY***

**July Coffee Hour: FUMC Governing Board**

Date	Liturgist	Usher/ Greeter	Counters	Flowers
<b>7</b>	Karen Baylis Sharon Gallagher	Judy Jones	Sharon Gallagher Susie Stevens-Briody	
<b>14</b>	Sharon Gallagher	Aaron Gallagos	Pat Kirkpatrick Nu Williams	
<b>21</b>	Cindy Hughes	Caroline Mesman	Diane McCalmont Caroline Mesman	
<b>28</b>	Ann Scharf	Patt Rollins	Nancy Rhodes Peggy Simington	



United  
Women  
in Faith

## United Women in Faith News

The UWF High Tea and Basket Auction in June was a great success! About 80 women gathered at the Presbyterian Church fellowship hall for an afternoon of fun! There was a great variety of light nibbles, as well as teas provided for refreshments. Ten tables were hosted by women of our UWF group; each was decorated and set with China, crystal, lovely centerpieces, and adorable teapots. On the fundraiser side, we made over \$3,300, which will all go towards our support of ministries for women and children. (Look for pictures on pages 12 and 13).

The annual UWF Mission U is scheduled this summer in July. Join us via Zoom as we explore what it means to draw closer to God and one another.

### Daily Schedules

Session 1: Thursday July 11: Opening worship, 6pm  
Friday, July 12: 9am-1:30pm  
Saturday, July 13: 9am-1pm; closing worship at 1:15pm

Session 2: Friday, July 26: Opening worship at 6pm  
Saturday, July 27: 9am-2:30pm  
Sunday, July 28: 1pm-4pm; Closing worship at 4:15pm

There is no registration fee. However, everyone needs to register, whether single or in a group. Register for July 11-13 at <https://forms.gle/p1wQdEb2rj3pz19a7>.  
Register for July 26-28 at <https://forms.gle/zSucCWWnw3xsrJia6>.

You can get the Mission U book (*Welcome Home*) at [United Women in Faith - Mission u \(uwfaithresources.org\)](https://www.uwfaithresources.org)

Watch for our Rummage Sale on August 24, from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. UWF will start up regular meetings again on September 4 at 1:00 p.m. in the Tedd Powell Fellowship Hall.

All women are invited to attend and join our group for prayer, programs, refreshments, fun, and even more!

Diane McCalmont  
Secretary



## **PFLAG to march in Yachats La-di-da Parade July 4**

In lieu of a regular July meeting, PFLAG plans to march in the July 4 La-di-da Parade in Yachats. We've done this, with a little help from our friends in the Newport PFLAG, for five years. Video of our group from last year may be found on at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aK4r6BYfT3M>. It's also on the calendar section of our home page, [www.pflagflorenceoregon.org](http://www.pflagflorenceoregon.org).

You are welcome to join us. We are leaving Florence around 10 a.m. on July 4. If you need a ride, call or text Linda Yoder at 541-590-0944, or email [lindayoder@hotmail.com](mailto:lindayoder@hotmail.com). The parade, which originates from the Yachats Presbyterian Church parking lot and follows Ocean Ave. to the park, begins at noon.

We will hold our annual Dinner Out at Ichiban on Monday, August 12 (our regular meeting night and time) at 6:30 p.m. We are also hoping to march in the Eugene Pride Parade Saturday, August 10 and will join the organizational meeting by conference call July 8.

If you'd like to join or support PFLAG's outreach in Florence, dues are \$30 per year, which includes membership in the national organization and a link to its resources. All donations, including dues, are tax-deductible. You can send a check to PFLAG-Florence at P.O. Box 1074, Florence, OR 97439 or use the PayPal secure link at the bottom of the home page on our website, [www.pflagflorenceoregon.org](http://www.pflagflorenceoregon.org).

Linda Yoder



**Mayor Rob Ward signed and read the Proclamation making June 2024 Pride Month in Florence. Here with our own Ray Feay.**



## Church Council Report

The Church Council continues to guide the church through the transition time of Pastor Logan's maternity leave and the time we will be without a regular pastor. We are calling the next phase with Patty Evans the "Bridge Pastor". Patty has agreed to serve through the end of August, in the hopes that we will have a new pastor in place for fall. We will keep you posted as we know things.



Pastor Logan is planning to be a part of the July 7th church service. She and pastor Paul will be moving to Grants Pass in mid-July. We will have a basket in the entry way to the sanctuary for cards.

We are trying to address other church issues. As you know, we just bought a new-to-us five foot baby grand piano for the sanctuary. We are also working with a vendor to update our sound system. We are discussing ways to create a new website and increase our online presence. We are hiring a yard service to maintain the church grounds. We have counted on Renee' Hanson to mow and care for the yard. Renee' has done a wonderful job. We keep adding things to her "job description" (aka the ultimate volunteer), like locking and unlocking the church, and realized we needed to swap out some things.

A lot of good things are happening. Thank you for all you do for our church.

Beth Evans

# PALS



**1:00-2:30 p.m. Fridays**

Tedd Powell Fellowship Hall

All women are welcome!

**P... Prayer   A... Action   L... Love   S...Sharing**

Renee', Fritzi, Karen, Yola, Hazel, and Donna  
welcome you!





**MASTER  
RECYCLERS  
OF FLORENCE**

# **2 4 5 Plastic Recycling Event**

**Saturday August 17, 2024**

**WHAT TO RECYCLE -**

**CLEAN, DRY AND SORTED PLEASE!**

**LABELS OKAY!**

**#2 Tubs, Lids and Small Bottles  
(smaller than your fist)**

**that can't go in Comingle Bin**

**#4's Tubs, Bottles and Lids**

**#5's - Tubs, Bottles, Jugs and Lids**

**10 am till Noon**

**Florence United**

**Methodist Church**

**333 Kingwood Ave.**

**Florence**




**QUESTIONS? Please Email Nancy at  
[banjogirl57@gmail.com](mailto:banjogirl57@gmail.com)**

# JULY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 11:30am Free Lunch	<b>3</b> <b>No UWF</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>7</b> 10:30am Church Svce Communion with Pastor Logan <b>Fellowship Hour after service</b>	<b>8</b> <b>No PFFAG</b>	<b>9</b> 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 11:30am Free Lunch	<b>10</b> <b>10:00am-Noon Prayer Shawl Ministry</b>	<b>11</b> 10:30am-12:30pm Office 11:30am Free Lunch 
<b>14</b> 10:30am Church Svce	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 11:30am Free Lunch	<b>17</b> <b>5:30pm Potluck</b>	<b>18</b> 10:30am-12:30pm Office 11:30am Free Lunch
<b>21</b> 10:30am Church Svce	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 11:30am Free Lunch	<b>24</b> <b>4:00pm Governing Board mtg</b>	<b>25</b> 10:30am-12:30pm Office 11:30am Free Lunch
<b>28</b> 10:30am Church Svce	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 11:30am Free Lunch	<b>31</b>	



Fri		Sat
	 e Hrs	6
Hrs	<b>12</b> 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 1pm PALS meet	13
UWF Mission U online sessions		
Hrs	<b>19</b> 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 1pm PALS meet	20
Hrs	<b>26</b> 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 1pm PALS meet <b>5:00pm Newsletter Deadline</b>	27
		UWF Mission U online sessions thru Sunday



### *Birthdays*

- 2 Casey Hand
- 14 George Goodwin
- 14 Lila Hyder
- 19 Donna Oshel
- 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
- 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](mailto:quiltinggma5@yahoo.com), to let me know.



*We are introducing a new section here, which focuses on thoughts from some of our church family, based on a "mustard seed of faith." These will continue primarily through summer, and maybe longer.*

## **Planting Seeds**

Inspirational quotes abound which use seed planting as an analogy of faith, hope, and optimism.

You see them everywhere on posters, cards, cups, t-shirts:

"Keep planting seeds, you never know what may take the root."

"You take care of the sowing; God will take care of the growing."

"Thoughts are like seeds. They have infinite potential."

"Plant seeds of kindness and watch what grows."

And what can be more relatable? As children, many of us have had the classroom experience of planting a seed in a clear container, and watching it burst open and sprout...a small miracle from a tiny dry bit of seed! When I reflect on the paths of my life, I recall many instances of kind words, advice, or assistance given to me which came to fruition in my heart and mind much later. They were seeds which sprouted in time.

In Matthew 13:31-32, Jesus told his disciples a parable:

"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches."

In our community, we get to plant seeds in many ways. Seeds of love and support through the free lunch program. Seeds of hope through community programs like Florence Foodshare, which includes a large produce garden (tended by volunteers) to supplement the pantry. And every kind word and act plants a seed in God's Garden. Let us never underestimate what She can do with that seed!

Terese Keller



# BE<sub>ING</sub> WELL

2024

OREGON-IDAHO  
ANNUAL CONFERENCE

## Annual Conference Report

This year's annual conference was much less contentious than last year's, as we are now all agreed to be reconciling congregations. The conference was pretty much business as usual, electing members of committees and approving various recommendations.

The only item receiving some dissenting discussion involved funding for some ongoing projects. The motion was to fund these projects using funds being held from the sale of church properties. This was finally passed with a large majority vote.

The Council on Finance & Administration proposed a budget for 2025 which is no larger than this year's budget. Traditionally they only receive about 75% of the budgeted apportionment's to local churches. The council plans to work with churches not contributing 100% of their share.

Being in the same space with our Bishop was a joy and uplifting. Should you have an opportunity to see him in person, by all means, do so.

Sharon Gallagher  
Lay Leader for Florence UMC



I want to sincerely thank everyone for your thoughtful cards (even some wonderful homemade cards) and gifts you gave me upon my retirement as your pianist last month. May God bless you all and God bless our "small but mighty" church."

Sharon Belvill



*United Women in Faith  
High Tea &  
Basket Auction  
June 8*



**Judy Jones and sisters!**







## *Congratulations FUMC Graduates!*



### **Eleanor Hand**

Parents: Casey and Sabrina Hand

Eleanor will be spending the first year after graduation at home, while exploring future options. She plans to study Art History.



### **Jesse Holden**

Parents: Jonathan and Trisha Holden

Jesse is currently working at Safeway and volunteering at KXCR radio station. He's investing in his own audio and video recording equipment to continue exploring his interest in podcasting and creating and posting videos. He plans to spend his first year after high school saving money and exploring his interests.





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



May 1-31, 2024: Receipts: \$ 7,066.05 (includes donation for Camp Sponsorship)  
Expenses: \$ 6,202.87

June income through the 26th: \$4,952.40

In addition, (thanks to the efforts of Vicki Philben) in May and June, we received a total of \$19,250 from four grant providers for the Free Lunch Program as detailed below:

- Three Rivers Casino Foundation - \$6,000
- Oregon Community Foundation - \$4,500
- Western Lane Community Foundation - \$7,250
- Peace Health Foundation - \$1,500

Provided by Kathy Yelle, Treasurer

noteworthy

**Online Contributions**

Don't forget that you may make contributions to the church online via trusted ministry partner Vanco. 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](mailto:florenceumc@florenceunitedmethodist.org)

**Amplify Videos**

If you haven't tried Amplify Media, the subscription for which the church has paid, you'll need to use the church access code, which is ZRGHYB. Questions? Contact Peggy Hughes at [auntpeg0929@gmail.com](mailto:auntpeg0929@gmail.com). We don't want anyone to miss out on a fabulous resource, especially one we use extensively for small groups.

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