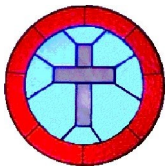


Florence United Methodist Church

Tide-ings 2016



June Newsletter



CAROL'S COMMENTS

I've been thinking...

about General Conference. (I even discovered after it was over that I was dreaming about General Conference!)

There is a link on the Conference website, <http://www.umoi.org/>, to an excellent summary of the many pieces and parts that make up General Conference from the United Methodist News Service. The summary can be found by following the General Conference link on the Conference website, then clicking on **gc2016.umc.org**, then **GC2016 wrap-up: Farewell, Portland. Thanks for the doughnuts.**

Let me offer just a few here:

Worship was wonderful! The singing, the music, the preaching, the variety, the prayers, reminded everyone of the breadth of what it means to be United Methodist across the world.

Rule 44, which would have used a group-discernment process to deal with particularly complicated and contentious legislation for

decision making rather than Robert's Rules of Order, *was defeated* early in the process. It had been recommended by The Commission on General Conference in response to a request from the 2012 General Conference for an alternative process for certain topics.

One Great Hour of Sharing has become *UMCOR Sunday*.

A general church budget of \$604 million was approved for 2017-2020. It is a slight increase over the \$603.1 million approved at the 2012 General Conference. It's also an increase over the \$599 million budget proposed to the 2016 General Conference delegates, which would have been The United Methodist Church's lowest in 16 years. The \$5 million dollar increase was added on the floor of the plenary for *Central Conference Theological Education Fund*, which supports United Methodist schools, pastors and pastors-in-training in Africa, Asia and Europe.

Twenty nine new missionaries from 11 countries were commissioned to serve in 16 lands.

2020 Vision offers four areas of Focus:

- Calling and Shaping Principled Christian Leaders;
- Creating and Sustaining New Places for New People;
- Ministry with Poor Peoples and Communities;
- Abundant Health for All.

Many in this congregation have been waiting to see what the denomination will say at General Conference about the full inclusion of LGBTQ people. General Conference asked from the Council of Bishops to provide a non-binding "Way Forward"; the Council offered that Way, the General Conference accepted the Way. A printed copy of "An Offering for A Way Forward from the Council of Bishops" is available in the entryway of the church or you may find it online as "[Offering for a Path Forward](http://www.umc.org/news-and-media/bishops-in-no-rush-to-form-sexuality-panel)," at <http://www.umc.org/news-and-media/bishops-in-no-rush-to-form-sexuality-panel>. In response to the Offering from the Council of Bishops and the action of General Conference, Matt Berryman, Executive Director of Reconciling Ministries Network, released the following statement:

The historic action by the Council of Bishops (COB) represents a significant institutional shift in the direction of inclusion and equality. It is just a beginning, but it signals hope to an end of church trials, to celebrating all marriages, to accepting the gifts of our LGBTQ candidates for ministry, clergy and lay employees. This is the first time the COB has put their collective voice around the urgent cries for change and acceptance. We applaud their efforts knowing that the real work lies ahead. We call on the Council to act quickly and deliberately and to lead the church as promised. Today, we commit to hold the COB accountable for finally bringing justice to The United Methodist Church.

General Conference gathered under the theme "Therefore GO", from Matthew 28:19-20. As Delegates return home, the Oregon Conference Center prepares for hosting the next event and volunteers recover from marathon greeting and direction giving, we will all begin to see, hear, and feel what it means to "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." The end of General Conference, marks a new beginning in the life of The United Methodist Church around the world and here at Florence UMC!

Grace and Peace,

Rev Carol

Reverend Carol will be available by phone (cell or parsonage) after the 1st week of June

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Keeping in Our Prayers

Elinor Roth; Wilma Sidebottom; Maida's daughter, Jennie; Fritz's friend, Arthur; Reverend Carol; John & Lyla Hyder; John & Maida Miller; Aaron's grand-nephew, Darius; Myrna's husband, David; Wilma's daughter, Sherry; Tim & Carol's family members, Cherie and Bob; 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 year-book, 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.

Important Notice

**SUMMER
SERVICES**

**WE WILL HAVE ONE SERVICE
EACH SUNDAY
DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS
JUNE 5 - SEPT 4
SERVICE TIME: 10:00 am**

in
to



United
Methodist
Women
FAITH · HOPE · LOVE IN ACTION

UMWomen News

On Thursday, June 2, the **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN** are going “*out to lunch*” at ICM restaurant Old Town. This no-host event is set for **12 noon** and reserve your place at the table,

please RSVP to Elinor Roth at 541-997-6588. ALL WOMEN of our church family are invited to attend.

Workshops for the November Country Store are beginning, with the first one set for Wednesday, June 15. Tedd Powell Hall is the place to be starting at 10am. Thereafter, the first and third Wednesdays are the planned days. If you have questions or comments, contact Renee’ Hansen, 541-997-5211.

Cheers to the hard working volunteers who helped bring about a successful plant and rummage sale in May. St.Vinnies hauled away the leftovers items. Your time and efforts were appreciated!

Jean Hefty



MUSIC NOTES



The FUMC Choir will sing it's final anthem for the season on Sunday, June 19. Choir will be taking the summer off and rehearsals will start up again on Thursday, September 8th.

If you have special music or know of someone who would be willing to provide special music during the summer services, please contact Laura Merz, (541) 902-8567 or email at merzmusic@hotmail.com.

Laura



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

PFLAG Activities for June

With LCC on summer hours, PFLAG will hold its next regular meeting on Tuesday, June 14, 6:30 p.m., at Chen's Family Dish in the meeting room. Join us for a social gathering. Order off the menu.

On Saturday, June 25, join us at our booth at the Riverfront, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. We'll be doing a few new things, including face painting by Susan Peavey. Sign up to "sit" the tent by emailing or calling Linda Yoder at lindayoder@hotmail.com, or 541-590-0944.

Come by these events and find out about our "movie night" on Tuesday, July 14 at the home of PFLAG president, Edward van Aartsen, starting at 6:30 p.m.

Mark your calendar for our regular August and September meetings, which will be at the Library on Tuesday, August 9 and Tuesday, September 13 at 6:30 p.m. We will resume meetings at LCC in October.

Reported by Linda Yoder, PFLAG Secretary



**ELINOR ROTH
IS TURNING 90!**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!
SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 2016
2:00 PM
FUMC FELLOWSHIP HALL**

No gifts, please



*Lovely women and great friends,
Elinor Roth & Donna Embree,
celebrating Donna's
birthday in May*

LAY LEADER'S LINES



Some Impressions from General Conference 2016:

Watching the procession of Bishops and clergy into the Convention Center in Portland, and then being in attendance at the opening worship and communion service - it was a beautiful service and I felt humbled to be able to be there and awed to realize I was in the midst of thousands of fellow United Methodists!! It was incredible to hear familiar prayers, creeds, and hymns spoken and sung in many languages.

Meeting Rev. Carol's colleagues from around the country who work together as United Methodist Rural Advocates - it was fun to see the friendship and respect among the Advocates and their dedication to fulfilling their responsibilities. Our Rev. Carol is a long time member of this commission and it was awesome for me to see how much her fellow Advocates love and admire her. She installed the incoming officers of the UM Rural Advocates at the end of their luncheon on the first day of the Conference. She called them by name as they stood before her and talked to them about the duties of the office they were accepting. She spoke easily and with knowledge about each office – and without any notes. She told me later that she had just a few hours' notice that she would be the installing officer.

Sharing hugs and laughter and "catching up" with people I have met at retreats and camps over the years.

Working with Sally Blanchard (who works at our Conference office in Portland) at the information booth on Thursday afternoon - after a little while together when she greeted so many people by name I was sure she knows everyone in Conference leadership role. Through her and one of our visitors to the booth (from Detroit, Michigan), I learned of a book on the UMW reading list by an author both of these women know and admire.

Rev. Carol's willingness to share with me her insights and understanding of the

complicated plenary process so that I could understand issues better and benefit more from my time there.

Meeting a couple from Red Bird Mission in Kentucky - our United Methodist Women support this mission and I love to shop their online store for handmade gifts, so it was fun to meet people from the Mission itself.

Visiting with Deborah Williams who is our Jurisdictional UMW representative - she was at the UMW's impressive booth (celebrating 150 years of being United Methodist Women) the day I stopped by.

Seeing beautiful women in their colorful native dress from countries in Africa. Seeing groups of incredibly beautiful dark-skinned men and women in animated conversations in their native language and marveling that they chose to come so far to be part of this Conference.

Talking to Erven Kimble about ways to provide clean water to people in the Dominican Republic - this is an UMCOR sponsored project which you will be hearing more about from me in weeks to come.


Seeing our United Methodist decision-making process in action. Bishops took turns presiding over plenary sessions. Delegates spoke for their point of view. Rules and issues were voted on. Prayer was always a big part of every day. Plenary sessions were opened and closed with prayer and often time was taken during the session to pray about difficult items under consideration.

I was only at General Conference for a few days so I tried to make the most of my time there. I know there are things I missed out on but I am so grateful that I had the opportunity to go at all. Please keep our global United Methodist Church in prayer as we continue to try to find the best way forward to be a united church family.

Oh and then there are the stories about me finding my way from my hotel to the Convention Center and back again via public transportation!!! But those stories are for another day. 😊

Smiles,
Hazel Vacura,
Lay Leader

JUNE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
<p>Reverend Carol will be available by phone (cell or parsonage) after this 1st week in June</p>			1	<p>2 UMMen 8 am Women's Covenant Free Lunch 11:30-1 UMW Luncheon at 12 Noon Choir Practice 5:30- Meditation Group 5</p>
<p>5 Adult Sun School 9-10am Worship 10:00 (Rev Elizabeth Kennedy) Kids Sun. School during Service</p>	<p>6 S.B.I.P. Mtg 6:30-8:30</p>	<p>7 Office Hours 10 am-1 pm Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 A.A. Meeting 5-6</p>	<p>8 Prayer Shawl Ministry 10-12 Potluck 5:30</p>	<p>9 UMMen 8 am Women's Covenant Free Lunch 11:30-1 Choir Practice 5:30- Meditation Group 5 Finance Comm Mtg</p>
<p>12 Adult Sun School 9-10am Worship 10:00 (Rev Gwen Drake) Kids Sun. School during Service</p> <p>2:00 SPRC 3:00 Ad Council</p>	<p>13 S.B.I.P. Mtg 6:30-8:30</p>	<p>14 Office Hours 10 am-1 pm Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 A.A. Meeting 5-6</p>	15	<p>16 UMMen 8 a Women's Covenant Office Hours 9:00-12 Free Lunch 11:30-1 Choir Practice 5:30- Meditation Group 5</p> 
<p>19 Adult Sun School 9-10am Worship 10:00 (Laura Merz) Kids Sun. School during Service</p>	<p>20 S.B.I.P. Mtg 6:30-8:30</p>	<p>21 Office Hours 10 am-1 pm Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 A.A. Meeting 5-6</p>	<p>22 Prayer Shawl Ministry 10-12</p>	<p>23 UMMen 8 a Women's Covenant Free Lunch 11:30-1 Trustee's Mtg 3:00 Choir Practice 5:30- Meditation Group 5</p>
<p>26 Adult Sun School 9-10am Worship 10:00 (Rev Bert Schniepp) Kids Sun. School during Service</p>	<p>27 S.B.I.P. Mtg 6:30-8:30</p>	<p>28 Office Hours 10 am-1 pm Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 A.A. Meeting 5-6</p>	29	<p>30 UMMen 8 am Women's Covenant Free Lunch 11:30-1 Choir Practice 5:30- Meditation Group 5</p>

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Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference, Salem, OR Erin Leonard, our delegate, will be attending		
m 8-10 2:30 6:45 30-7	24	25 A.A. Meeting 11:30-12:30 Elinor Roth's Birthday Celebration 2:00 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
n 8-10 2:30 6:45 30-7		



Birthdays

- 4 Lloyd Baker
- 18 Elinor Roth
- 20 Gloria Zeff
- 25 Matilda Hand
- 26 Sabrina Hand

Anniversaries

- 8 Jacob & Kathleen Wenzel
- 26 Harold & Janet Titus
- 26 Lloyd & Nan Baker
- 30 Jonathan & Trisha Holden



Congratulations!
 A boy, Griffin,
 was born to
 Jeremy & Tessa
 Ramsey
 on May 16.



*Serving in
June*

Date	Time	Liturgist	Usher/Greeter	Kids' Time	Coffee Hosts
June 5	10:00			<i>Trisha Holden</i>	Host
June 12	10:00	<i>Hazel Vacura</i>	<i>Myrna Sullivan</i>	<i>Kathy Bones</i>	Host Coffee Time for District Superintendent Gwen Drake
June 19	10:00	<i>Erin Leonard</i>		<i>Erin Leonard</i>	Host <i>The Hessers</i>
June 26	10:00			<i>Linda Yoder</i>	Host <i>Myrna Sullivan</i>



CASH COUNTER'S SCHEDULE FOR JUNE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Counters</u>
June 5	Ray Feay & Aaron Gallegos
June 12	Linda Yoder & Elinor Roth
June 19	Vacant
June 26	Linda Yoder & Hazel Vacura

Florence United Methodist Church FINANCES



April 2016:

Receipts: \$7,176.62

Expenses: \$5,906.31

May 1 - 24, 2016:

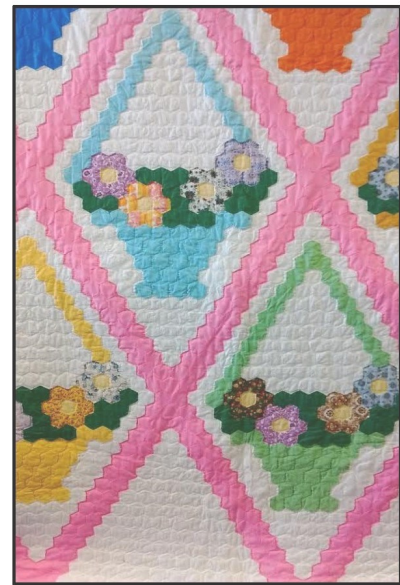
Receipts: \$6,948.46

Expenses: No final amount since most expenditures are made at the end of the month.



An eye-catching vintage quilt, 80 x 96 and flower basket design, has been given to Florence Habitat for Humanity to raffle off. Unless it's out at events in the community, the quilt will be on display at the Habitat office near City Lights Cinema. Tickets are \$1 each or 6/\$5 and available at the office which is open Tuesday - Thursday, 10am-4pm. If demand requires, they will be on hand during our church coffee hour. The winning ticket will be drawn at the Habitat Beach Walk on September 10.

Jean Hefty



Go Camping

The following is a sampling of camps that are available mostly in June and July. For descriptions of these camps, information about costs, and additional camp listings, go to gocamping.org. You can also register there.

CAMP TITLE		DATES	LOCATION
Great Hymns of Faith		8/18	Alton L Collins
Ready, Set, Discover!		7/10-7/13	Latgawa
Discovery Week		7/10-7/16	Latgawa
Shakespeare and Chocolate		8/24-8/29	Latgawa
Grand Camp I		6/17-6/19	Magruder
Middle School Celebrating Arts		6/19-6/24	Magruder
MADD Camp (Music, Art, Dance, Drama)		6/19-6/25	Magruder
Elementary Beach Adventure		6/19-6/24	Magruder
Family Camp		7/1-7/5	Suttle Lake
Quilt Show Camp		7/6-7/10	Suttle Lake
Quilt Enthusiasts Retreat		7/8-7/10	Suttle Lake
Elementary, Middle School, and Senior High Camps		7/10-7/15	Magruder
Classic Camps for various grade level groups		Various dates in July	Suttle Lake
Brass at Wallowa Lake		6/19-6/25	Wallowa Lake
Dulcimer Week		7/3-7/9	Wallowa Lake



RECIPE CORNER

Iowa Pea Salad

If you look up “Iowa Pea Salad” online, you will find a few different versions of it. However, the following recipe is the one my mom gave me, and is the good old favorite that I remember from family reunions and summer get-togethers...

Ingredients

- 16 ounces fresh or frozen peas
- 2 stalks of celery, finely sliced
- 4 ounces sharp yellow cheddar cheese, coarsely grated
- 1/2 cup sweet pickle chips, diced
- 2 hard-boiled eggs, chopped
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 1/4 cups boiled dressing (make first), or use Miracle Whip salad dressing

If using fresh peas, cook until just tender, then cool under running water and drain. If using frozen peas, do not boil. Simply soak peas in warm water until defrosted; then drain thoroughly. Combine peas, celery, cheese, pickle chips, eggs, and salt in mixing bowl. Gently stir in boiled dressing or Miracle Whip. Serve cold.

Boiled Dressing

- 1 tbs flour
- 1 tsp dry mustard
- 2 tbs sugar
- Pinch of cayenne pepper
- 2 egg yolks
- 3/4 cup milk
- 1/4 cup white vinegar
- 1 1/2 tbs butter, melted and cooled to room temperature



In a heavy-bottomed saucepan, combine flour, mustard, 1 tbs sugar, and pepper. Stir in egg yolks, milk, vinegar, and melted butter. Place over low heat. Stir constantly and gently until thick and smooth (20-25 mins). Do not boil (despite the dressing’s name). Remove from heat and stir in remaining sugar. Let cool. Dressing will thicken.

Note: My mom’s generation usually used Miracle Whip, while it was my grandma that made the dressing from scratch.

Diane

Church on Tuesday? Roving Reporters in California Redwoods

We thought we'd seen the majestic California Redwoods. After all, we had driven through the area countless times over many decades. But a recent trip showed us just how wrong we were. We had never visited the most magical of all Redwood areas—Stout Grove. This little known special spot is roughly 10 miles east of Crescent City — but access to it is challenging. From Highway 199 northeast of Crescent City, an easily missed turnoff crosses two bridges on a paved two-way side road; then becomes a one lane, marginally maintained, gravel road. About three miles in, and across a covered bridge, a half mile trail meanders through the most scenic and pristine of the remaining redwood groves. Direct sunlight never quite gets here; but the filtered light provides a magical



setting for these towering giants. Many trees are over 300 feet tall, with diameters up to 25 feet. The few people we encountered this day all spoke in hushed tones. It seemed completely natural to do so, because although it was a Tuesday, we were actually in the most beautiful of all churches.

Tom and Stephanie Gonser



In order to spruce up the buildings and grounds of our church, there are still many tasks that anyone can do. You don't have to wait for a work day; just pick a task from the list in the Fellowship Hall and go to it. When it's completed, mark it off the list and add your name beside it.

Note that Bill Craig does the mowing around the grounds, however the yard needs edging as well.

Bill also sets out the garbage and recycling.

I'm working on the flowers around the back parking area drainage ditch. It

would be very much appreciated if someone could dig out the large weeds that are in the grass. Butch, Leah, and Jean Hefty have been working on that, but it's a big job with lots still to be done.

Thanks, Nancy



During the months of June and July the **Gallery above Silver Lining Boutique** is displaying the art work of **Bob Hefty**. On the second Saturday art tour, June 11, owner Kimberly will host a reception for the artist from 3 to 5 pm. Curious friends are invited to stop by!



Church Attendance in May:

1st: 53 8th: 49 15th: 65 22nd: 47 29th: NA

JUNE NEWSLETTER



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