

Florence United Methodist Church

***Tide-ings* 2019**



June Newsletter

Crater Lake District

Oregon– Idaho Annual Conference

In a letter to our congregation, dated May 19, 2019, Crater Lake District Superintendent, Rev. John Tucker, wrote in part: “This is to announce that Bishop Elaine Stanovsky and the Appointive Cabinet of the Greater Northwest Area intend to appoint the Rev. Karen Love Baisinger as your next pastor effective July 1, 2019. Karen has a Masters of Divinity from Memphis Theological Seminary and a Doctor of Ministry from Wesley Theological Seminary as well as many certifications and years of pastoral service. Most importantly, she is someone you already know. Karen is excited about continuing her relationship with you by becoming your pastor. “

Rev. Karen came to be with us last summer and fall. She had the challenging task of leading us during several weeks of working through the beginning of our grief process after having recently lost Fritzzi’s son Jon Keller and Rosie and Butch’s daughter Leah Goodwin, to early deaths. We were also learning to come to terms with the recent news of our own Rev. Carol Thompson’s battle with pancreatic cancer.

Karen and her husband Alan quickly became “part of us” during those weeks and have continued to keep in touch with how we are all doing, as well as holding us in their prayers.

At this time we plan to welcome Rev. Karen and Alan at a reception during coffee time on Sunday, July 7 and also at our July potluck dinner on July 10. More details will be shared at a later date.

Hazel Vacura



Going to Annual Conference

June 12-15, 2019 will be my sixth time going to Oregon/Idaho Annual Conference. Erin Leonard will be going and is FUMC's voting delegate, and I am the alternate delegate. Even though I don't get to vote, I try to listen carefully to be able to get things right and to be better informed when I come back home to a leadership role at FUMC.

I enjoy it all – even the plenary sessions, talks about budgets, questions about procedure, and explanations about how the voting takes place. I pay close attention to all that is being said so that I can keep learning the details of the United Methodist Church I have been part of my entire life.

I enjoy all of Annual Conference, but my favorite parts are always the Worship Services. Seeing the Clergy in their robes processing into the Sanctuary; hundreds of voices raised in song; sharing Communion; listening to inspiring messages; being deeply moved during the Commissioning and Ordination Service; seeing the youth of the Conference taking active roles and being enthusiastic about participating and letting their voices be heard; and renewing friendships. It is always so good to reconnect with people I have met through UMW, Prayer Shawl Retreats, District events, or previous Annual Conferences. These are enduring heart connections and I am so very glad to have them in my life.

This is the first time that our Annual Conference will be held in Eugene. For many reasons it is a wonderful thing that it is so close, geographically. My daughter, Diana Michna, and her family live in Springfield, so I will be able to stay with them. While I will miss out on the convenience of staying at the Conference site, I will have the benefit of more family time. It also means I will get to take time out from Friday afternoon sessions to go with Diana, Jeff, Gwen, and Laurel to the U of O campus to watch Diana participate in her "Hooding Ceremony" as part of the ritual of graduating with a Master's Degree. Being able to finish that very full, very special day by attending the Commissioning, Ordination, and Communion Service in the evening makes me grateful once again that AC is being held in Eugene!

There is a lot of work being done on the questions of a New Way and a Way Forward for our denomination after the vote that took place at the Special Session General Conference 2019. I am eager to hear from our Bishop and others who have been present at some of these sessions. Some people have suggested not paying our Apportionments as a way of protesting the vote for the Traditional Plan. I feel a better way to work toward a more acceptable Way Forward is to listen to reports of what is being discussed in the gatherings "Our Way Forward" and "UMC Next", to take part in Table Talks and to be present at the Town Hall meeting – both events happening at Annual Conference, voice my opinions, and be open to hearing what others are saying.

This is a huge turning point for the UMC. Our Bishops and Conference leaders are not sitting idly by waiting to see what the outcome will be. We would do well to be as informed as possible. There is new information coming to us every week through blogs and newsletters. We can be much more effective by being informed and working within the structure that is already in place – even though that is a changing entity.

Having Annual Conference in Eugene this year can be a benefit to all who want to come to only certain parts of the Session.

I hope to see you there!

Hazel Vacura
Lay Leader

Florence United Methodist Church



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Sunday Worship

Sunday Services: 10:00 a.m.

Children's Sunday School 10:00 am

Adult Sunday School: 8:30 a.m.

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Tuesdays from 10:00 am—1:00 pm

Thursdays: Noon—4:00

Fridays & Saturdays: Noon-3:00



***Keeping in Our
Prayers***

Ray Feay; Georgia Garrett;
Reverend Carol; Jude Craddock;
Laureli; Wim Mesman; Betty Cline;
Judy Jones; Ursula Sears; Jean Parr;
Janice Bell; Donna Embree; Elinor
Roth; Gerry & Nancy Cedarleaf-Grey;
and Bonnie Kelly.

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.

A GIGANTIC
THANK YOU...

Thank You!

to Hazel for all she
has done through this rough year to keep
the congregation working together as the
Body of Christ, clergy in the pulpit, bulletins
printed, slide shows prepared and soooo
much more. She has also done a wonderful
job of keeping me in the loop of what is
happening with both you as individuals and
as a congregation. THANK YOU, HAZEL,
we couldn't have done it without YOU!

Blessings and Love,
Rev Carol



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UMWomen News

Does “going out to lunch” get your attention?? On Thursday, June 6th, the **United Methodist Women** are doing just that and will get together at Chen’s restaurant. This no-host event is set for 12 noon.

Several women have already indicated their plans to attend and you may reserve your place at the table by contacting Brooke Shafer. Come and enjoy food with old and new friends.

AHEAD: One day sessions of **Mission u 2019** are as follows: In Oregon, Lake Oswego July 19-20 and August 2-3 in Roseburg. The schedule is from Friday at 12:30 until Saturday at 4:30pm. Studies include “What About our Money?”, the Gospel of Mark, and “Women United for Change” and books must be ordered ahead. Funds are available and if you’re interested, please alert Renee’ Hansen.

THANK YOU to all who helped with the recent plant and rummage sale. Leftover items were picked up by the Elks in case you spot something familiar at their thrift store.

Jean Hefty

Farewell Gathering

We will be hosting a time of fellowship and refreshments – probably on a Sunday after Worship Service in June, so that we can say

Thank You and share a “good good-bye” with Rev. Carol Thompson as she goes into retirement once again and moves to Hawaii with her daughter and son-in-law, Alysia and Luke Downs.



We have been so fortunate to have Rev. Carol with us for these past four years! We would gladly keep her with us for another four years – except for the Itinerant Ministry part of Methodism – retirement - and some major health issues she has had the misfortune of needing to live with!

We will publish details when we determine the time that will work best for Carol. We hope you will be able to join us for that special fellowship time to let Rev. Carol know how special she has been in your life.

Hazel Vacura

PFLAG Summer



Things are shaping up for an interesting summer at PFLAG. Join us for our June 11 meeting at LCC-Florence, Room 158, starting at 6:30 p.m. Bring a friend. Win a prize if you bring the most guests. It's always free and there are always refreshments.

Then join us July 9 for a dinner meeting at Chen's Family Dish. We are hoping our great friend and presenter from California, Zoyer Zyndel, will be able to join us. Order off the menu.

For our August meeting, we've invited local attorney Jane Hanawalt to discuss some of the issues related to property transfers as they impact the LGBTQ community. We'll be meeting at the Library in the Bromley Room, starting at 6:30 p.m. The presentation is free and refreshments will be served.

We'll also hold a regular meeting September 10, with the location to be announced. After the Fall academic term begins at LCC-Florence, we will return to regular meetings on campus October 8.

Linda Yoder

Marching in the Rhody Days parade:
L to R: Jane Hudson, Linda Yoder, Letitia Hadix (kneeling), Marci Selvaggio, Julie Wagner, and Alexx Selvaggio



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

JUNE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
2 Adult Sunday School 8:30 Worship/Communion 10:00 am	3 S.B.I.P. mtg 6:30-8:30	4 Office Hours 10 am-1 pm Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 A.A. Meeting 5:00-6:00	5	6 UMMen 8 am Women's Covenant 9:00 Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 Office Hours Noon-4:00 Choir practice 5:00-6:30 Meditation Group 5:30-7:00
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Birthdays

- 2 Roger Johnson
- 4 Lloyd Baker
- 18 Elinor Roth
- 20 Gloria Zeff
- 23 Gracie Immel
- 25 Matilda Hand
- 25 Carolyn Boyce
- 26 Sabrina Hand

The June birthday cake is sponsored by the Salisburys.



Anniversaries


- 8 Jacob & Kathleen Wenzel
- 26 Harold & Janet Titus
- 26 Lloyd & Nan Baker
- 27 John & Joan Skarda
- 29 Tom & Donna Oshel
- 30 Jonathan & Trisha Holden



Serving in June

Date	Time	Liturgist	Usher/Greeter	Kids' Time	Coffee Host
June 2	10 am	Linda Yoder	Ray Feay & Aaron Gallegos	Trisha Holden	Renee' Hansen
June 9	10 am	Kathleen Yelle	Roger & Liz Johnson	Diane McCalmont	The Schniepps & Caroline Mesman
June 16	10 am		Pat Balzell		Patt Rollins & Patti Johnson
June 23	10 am	Bert Schniepp	Patt Rollins & Patti Johnson		Aaron Gallegos & Jean Hefty
June 30	10 am			Linda Yoder	

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FINANCES



April 30, 2018:
 Receipts: \$ 5,983.60
 Expenses: \$ 6,188.49

May income through the 21st: \$ 3,236.00

Provided by Paula Ziegelasch

Free Lunch News



Many thanks to the Presbyterian women who have just given a gift to the Free Lunch Program, and to the many others of you who support Free Lunch with your hard work and generous donations!

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The schedule for June:

Week	Date	Tues	Date	Thurs
1st	6/4/19	St. Mary's, Jean	6/6/19	Two Sisters, Cindy O., Butch
2nd	6/11/19	St. Andrew's, Bert & Linda	6/13/19	Peggy & Cindy H., Sue, Brooke, Butch
3rd	6/18/19	Unitarian's, Paula	6/20/19	Paula, Yola, Joanna, Butch
4th	6/25/19	Florence Christian, Sharon	6/28/19	Baha'i and Friends



Church Attendance in May:

5th: 53 12th: 52 19th: 50 26th: 57

Dear Friends,

As the Conference year draws to a close and I make plans to retire again, I want to take this opportunity to say “Thank you” and reflect on my years as the Pastor of this great congregation!



Thank you for being who you are individually and corporately. Thank you for your willingness and ability to grow in your faith; your willingness to try new forms of mission and ministry; living out open hearts, open minds, open doors; and your continuous capacity to welcome new people and make them feel at home - a part of the family. My observation is that you do that with people who are “church shopping” as well as those who have “come to stay”. You don’t just say that you are a welcoming congregation, full of hospitality, you ACT that way also!

When I returned to active ministry from retirement in July 2015, there were things I wanted to try. They were not where you were as a congregation or individually. When I began ministry 34 years ago, I understood my call to ministry to be “to equip the saints for the work of ministry.” (Ephesians 4:12) Equipping the saints for something to which you had not been called made no sense so I began to seek the wisdom of the saints to discern where I needed to provide pastoral leadership. (Do I regret not doing what I thought I would do when I returned to active ministry in your midst? NOT for a second!)

With my pastoral leadership, I have attempted to live up to and live in to my call to ministry. In worship I have felt led each week to share in the writing of the service of worship and in the message that is helpful to you individually as you live your life of faith with family, friends, in the community, and the world. In my leadership of the administration of the church, I have made it a point to cultivate the gifts and grace of ministry that each person brings. You are the ones who decide how effective I have been in living up to and in to my call to ministry.

These past 10 months have been a very different experience. I have learned to receive ministry from all of you through your prayers and your words of love and support on cards and through emails. As that part of the Body of Christ known as Florence United Methodist Church, “ You raise me up to be more than I can be. You raise me up so I can walk on stormy seas. You raise me up so I can stand on mountains, When I am standing on your shoulders”. I know that I am more than I would be on my own. The choir’s anthem sings in my head on a regular basis, helping to remind me of the source of my strength and the great gift I have received from all of you.

Thank you. Thank you for 4 years of ministry in your midst - 3 years of pastoral leadership and 1 year of receiving the gift of ministry from you, the Saints of God.

When I leave, I will go to live in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, with my son-in-law Luke and my daughter Alysia. My grandson, Weston, remains in the Army posted to Ft. Bragg, North Carolina.

Your next chapter of pastoral leadership is about to begin with Karen Love-Baisinger and her spouse Alan. If she doesn’t already know what a terrific congregation you are, I am sure that you will show her - them - in the weeks and months to come as you continue to discern your way forward in missions and ministry under Karen’s leadership.

The past has been wonderful, and through God’s guidance, the best is yet to come!

Thank you and continued Blessings & Love,

Reverend Carol



Save the Date

Worship at
Woahink



Annual Worship Service & Potluck

Sunday, Aug. 18, 10:00 a.m.

Honeyman Group Meeting Hall (Yurt)

Go Camping

*Camp & Retreat Ministries
Of Oregon and Idaho*

Camps coming up in July & August...

- Great Hymns of Faith 2 (adult) - Aug. 22 - Alton Collins Retreat Center
- Shakespeare Retreat (adult) - July 9-14, Camp Latgawa
- 4th of July Family Camp (all ages) - July 2-5 - Camp Magruder
- Grand Camp (all ages) - Aug 2-4, Camp Magruder
- Quilt Show Camp (adult) - July 11-17 - Suttle Lake Camp
- Strength for the Journey (adult) - Aug 22-25 - Suttle Lake Camp
- Writers Retreat (adult) - July 7-11 - Wallowa Lake Camp
- All through July and August, there are several **camps for kids** at most of the locations

If you need assistance in registering or have any questions, please contact Holly Dolan, camp registrar, at (503) 802-9214 or e-mail her at registrar@gocamping.org. You can also register online at gocamping.org.

Diane McCalmont

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