

*Florence United Methodist Church*

***Tide-ings* 2021**



**June Newsletter**

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Florence United Methodist Church

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Office: (541) 997-6025

Sunday Worship

Sunday Services: 10:00 a.m.,  
reservations required at this time



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## From Our Shared Heart...



Finally! On Pentecost Sunday, May 23, we had our first in-person worship service in more than a year. What a joy and delight it was to be with each other again in worship. Even though we had to limit the size of our gathering, wear masks, and practice social distancing, nonetheless, we were together!

Over the next weeks ahead, we will continue gathering for in-person worship on Sundays. We continue to monitor the risk level according to state evaluations of our county. Our Reimagining Our Lives Together team signed a covenant with our Bishop and the Greater NW affirming that we would be careful and responsible in our return. Some of the guidelines are challenging, like no congregational singing inside at this time. But with vaccinations continuing at a steady pace, now including some of our youth, we move closer and closer to “herd immunity” hopefully.

We will continue to offer virtual worship, as well as mail DVDs to our members without internet access. Be patient with us as we experiment with “hybrid worship.”

Alan and I are finally taking our vacation time for this year now that it is safer to get out and about with travel

We'll be away June 1-15 and June 25-July 6. There will be wonderful opportunities for you to hear from some of our laity as Cindy Hughes speaks on June 6, and later in the month, our Lay Leader and Lay Delegate to Annual Conference, Patt Rollins, shares her experience and take on the OR-ID Annual Conference. This year, like last year, the sessions will be held by Zoom.

Bear with us and trust the process as we return to in-person gatherings at our church. The Bishop's closure of our facilities was lifted May 17, so small groups such as the UMW, the Prayer Shawl Ministry, and the Covenant group are now able to meet again in-person at our church. Each group meeting is asked to have a host. The host will make sure attendance records are kept and given to our administrator, Linda Yoder, for contact tracing if needed.

These are exciting and uncertain times we live in. Pray for our leadership and our church as we begin to re-enter our life together as a church family, in-person.

Love and blessings,  
Pastor Karen



## *Keeping in Our Prayers*

Sandy Woodward; Family of Carolyn Boyce; Bert Schniepp; Ray Feay; Peggy Wilson; Carol Salisbury; Laura Merz; Hazel Vacura; Charles & Barbara Walker; Jasmin Crump; Pat Balzell; Jonathan Yoder; Reverend Karen; Peggy Simington; Kathleen Wenzel; John & Lila Hyder; Kim Holden & family; Georgia Garrett; Betty Cline; Ursula Sears; Jean Parr; Janice Bell; Gerry & Nancy Cedarleaf-Grey; Patrick McCalmont; April McCalmont.

We ask God's blessing on these people and those in need, but not named.

Pray 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:** 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](mailto:rayfeay@hotmail.com).

## *In-Person Service May 23, 2021*





United  
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Women

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## UMWomen News

### THIS and THAT...

Nancy's garden plants brought in over \$500 dollars from generous friends and neighbors making donations on the May 8th plant sale. Can you

imagine THAT?! Nancy has been planting plants for United Methodist Women for 30 years?! Thank you Nancy!! Nancy told me THAT she had planted a few more plants to be available at **8378 Kingwood St.** (in my yard) on **SATURDAY, JUNE 12**. Thank you Linda Yoder for making a lovely post on Facebook about the plant sale!

We have THIS closet full of craft and rummage items. These items will be available for sale also. Note...if you would like to add to THIS menagerie make sure your items are clean and priced to sell. There will be no time for pricing.

We need to think about our commitment to missions. Perhaps if pies were made at home, we could have a pie sale before Fathers Day on June 20th?

At a future date, imagine lovely things with coffee, tea and treats! Let's create some new memories of fellowship while we support the missions of the church.

2 Mission U events have been scheduled in July, and will be held virtually.

We have been unable to meet since last March due to Covid-19. UMW is having an executive meeting on Thursday May 27 at 10:00 a.m...more details of THIS later.

UMW Co-President Renee Hansen

### UMM Meet Again for Breakfast



Following a long recess in response to the pandemic of the COVID -19 virus, the vaccine has brought us back to a place where we are able to feel confident on the safety of gathering in person once again. We will once again meet weekly on Thursdays at 8:00 a.m. at Kathleen and Nina's on Hwy 101 and 36<sup>th</sup> St., beginning on June 3. It does seem, however, that masks will still be in use when not eating.

Bert Schniepp

## **In-Person Services Resume Under Guidelines**

**IN-PERSON  
SERVICE  
UPDATES**



The Reimagining Team met Monday and discerned that Florence UMC can resume a weekly 10 a.m. worship service in the sanctuary within certain guidelines, especially given the size of the church building. As you know, change has been happening very quickly recently pertaining to Covid-19 guidelines on the state and local level as well as our Bishop's guidelines for the Greater NW Area churches. We expect the following policies to be temporary and transitional in all likelihood.

For those unable to or uncomfortable with attending in-person worship, the church will continue to make worship services available virtually. We will continue sending DVDs of services to those without Internet access.

Reservations will be taken up to Friday at 5 p.m. by phone or email; Seating assignments will be based on reservations.

Adults attending must be fully vaccinated; all attending must be masked at all times. Social distancing will be observed to the extent possible, allowing for family and relationship "bubbles."

Hymns will be pre-recorded by our Wire Choir and the congregation can hum along softly.

Latecomers or visitors will be seated in the main sanctuary on a best-efforts basis or in the north wing.

For the time being, no Sunday fellowship hour will be observed, either in person or via Zoom, but the church may conduct a Zoom fellowship at another day or time to be determined.

Linda Yoder

### **Church Service DVDs Available**

If you don't use the Internet, we can mail you a DVD of the service.  
Call Linda Yoder 541-590-0944 for copies.



### **PFLAG to Host Guest from National June 8**

When PFLAG-Florence meets again on Zoom on June 8, we'll be hosting National Outreach coordinator Rakhel Silverman as our guest. Check us out on Facebook or [www.pflagflorenceoregon.org](http://www.pflagflorenceoregon.org) for a link to the Zoom, which begins at 6:30 p.m.

Oregon Central Coast PFLAG (Newport) has Zoom support meetings the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. Check them out on their Facebook Page, where the link and password are published.

Linda Yoder



### **Adult Class Continues Study of Paul**



Our Adult Zoom "Sunday School" on Fridays (2:00 – 3:00 pm) has resumed our biographical study of the apostle Paul.

Professor N. T. Wright uses Paul's letters and Acts to give new life to the person of Paul.

Come join the discussion we have through the Zoom app on your computer, tablet or phone. Contact the church office for an email with the link to the Zoom meeting and to the Amplify Media connection where you will be able to watch the short lecture by Professor Wright.

Bert Schniepp





### Trustees Report

The new furnace with air scrubbers (filtration system) has been installed. The remaining part of the system (a mini-split system with its own filter system) will be installed during the first week of June.

Thanks to several volunteers, the Sunday School room cabinets have been cleaned out (with several removed) and the Free Lunch pantry and supply areas have been reorganized.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Philben

### Free Lunch News

Between 3/17/20 and 5/27/21, Free Lunch had served 2,358 Subway voucher meals. Plans are moving ahead for a potential reopening of the kitchen on 10/1/2021. A newly received grant from PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Community Foundation in the amount of \$3,000 is allowing us to use this award to spruce up the kitchen and get ready for service.

Paula Z.



Carolyn Boyce passed away in Salem on May 13. There will be a memorial service for her at Oakridge UMC on June 4 at 11:30 a.m. The obituary is on the website of Major Family Funeral Home.

[Major Family Funeral Home | Springfield & Oakridge, OR](#)



# JUNE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		1	2	3 8:00 UMMen—Kathleen & Nina's	
				Pastor Karen—Vacation	
6 10:00 In-person Service Reservations required	7	8 6:30 PFLAG via Zoom	9	10 8:00 UMMen—Kathleen & Nina's	
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13 10:00 In-person Service Reservations required	14	15	16	17 8:00 UMMen—Kathleen & Nina's	
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20 10:00 In-person Service Reservations required	21	22	23	24 8:00 UMMen—Kathleen & Nina's	
27 10:00 In-person Service Reservations required	28	29	30		
Pastor Karen-Vacation					



Fri	Sat
<b>4</b> <b>11:30 Carolyn Boyce memorial, Oakridge UMC</b> 2:00 Adult Bible Study 5:00 Service reservations due - email or call church	<b>5</b>
<b>11</b> 2:00 Adult Bible Study 5:00 Service reservations due - email or call church	<b>12</b>
<b>18</b> 2:00 Adult bible Study 5:00 Service reservations due - email or call church	<b>19</b>
<b>25</b> 2:00 Adult Bible Study 5:00 Service reservations due - email or call church <b>Noon-Newsletter Deadline</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Pastor Karen-Vacation</b>	



### *Birthdays*

4	Lloyd Baker
17	Nancy Rhodes
20	Gloria Zeff
22	Katharine Schneider
25	Matilda Hand
26	Sabrina Hand

### *Anniversaries*

8	Jacob & Kathleen Wenzel
26	Harold & Janet Titus
27	John & Joan Skarda
29	Tom & Donna Oshel
30	Jon & Trisha Holden

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.



## A Word from Your Lay Leader...

As I am writing my comments for the upcoming newsletter, we are preparing for our first in-person worship service on Sunday, May 23, 2021. It is sad that we must ask for an RSVP for this Sunday's service, but it is so important we utilize every safety measure we can in keeping folks healthy. Remember, having to RSVP is only temporary and transitional...not permanent. We are so fortunate to have our new heating/air filtration system ready for Sunday. This system will provide air circulation that passes thru ultra violet filters. A big shout out to Sea Starr HVAC Company for making us a priority and completing the installation of the system. It will be operational on Sunday.

It is hard to believe we have not worshiped together since March of 2020. So much has occurred in our little congregation since then. We will not be graced by the presence of our dear friend, Elinor Roth, who passed last spring. Also, Carol Boyce transitioned from this earth on May 14, 2021. Her service will be June 4 in Oakridge, Oregon at the UMC. Charles and Barbara Walker have moved to McMinnville where Charles is now on hospice. We will so miss his booming, radio quality voice and Barbara's sweet, kind, demeanor. We have been so blessed in knowing them all. So many of our church family's lives have been changed during this insane pandemic. So far, to my knowledge, we have not had any member of our church who had any serious symptoms/effects of Covid-19. Our church family seems to have weathered fairly well. Thanks be to God.

On a brighter note... This past week in the Register Guard, a well thought and insightful Letter to the Editor, penned by our own Diane McCalmont. Her understanding of our school system, state wide, was very insightful. As a board member of the Oregon PTA and active member of the Florence Community PTA, as well as an elementary school secretary, she articulately defended the proposed budget for our state-wide school system. Unfortunately, the State is proposing a deficit of \$300 million dollars. As she stated, "This is not the time to short our Oregon kids". It has been a very tough year for our kids **and** our teachers. Thank you, Diane, for your leadership. **You are living the beliefs of your faith walk.** Good on you.

Also, our very own Nancy Rhodes, has completed a novel that is now on sale at Amazon and Kindle. Its title is "Blue Song". Best of luck, Nancy, as you share this novel with the world. I hope it becomes a best seller. Maybe we could have some personally autographed copies at a later date.

Hope to see you soon at 333 Kingwood Street. It's about time.

Blessings your way,

Patt Rollins

# Thank you!

To My FUMC Family,

Thank you for the cards and prayers and love you have been gifting me with!

This is by far the most unusual journey I have ever been on. It helps so much to know I am walking every step with God and all of you angels. Elinor Roth is a gentle presence to let me know all is well. Leah Goodwin is a more exuberant presence and also lets me know all is well and that I am needed more "here" than "there" for now.

So after I finish up more doctor visits in Springfield, I'll see you in Florence this summer.

Love and thank you,

Hazel Vacura

When Ursula Sears moved quickly from her house to Spruce Point, her family chose not to move her grandfather clock to her new apartment. I hated to see it just disappear so the family gave me permission to store it and enjoy it at my apartment. It is now time for me to be finished with it. I have been in conversation with Denise Onger - Ursula's stepdaughter - about it. No family members have space for the clock and Ursula is now in a care center in Hood River so can't use it either.

The clock is very pretty, keeps good time, chimes on the quarter hour and the hour, or the chimes can be turned off to just keep time. Denise and I thought that perhaps church friends who remember Ursula would be interested in having it. There would be no cost for it but if someone wanted to give something, Denise asked that whatever money be given to the FUMC in Ursula's name.

If you have questions, please give me a call at 541-999-6609. Leave a message if I don't answer.

Love, Hazel



## Nurture News



What a joy to come to church on Sunday and worship together, still social distancing and wearing masks, but enjoying each other and grinning under our masks! Special thanks to Pastor Karen, Linda Yoder, and the Re-imagining Team for making the service just what we needed. As more and more of us get vaccinated, and the restrictions lessen, what are you most looking forward to? Jim and I have been able to host some of our friends from other states which has been delightful. One of our delights in Florence is to go to the movies. The theater is open again and we had a wonderful experience on Saturday.

I have a friend, named Andrea, who I met while working out going by her house. She is 84, English, and lives by herself with her faithful dog, Sadie. Her husband died 30 years ago of cancer, just after they had built their new home. She has also survived cancer but still has a very fragile medical situation. She basically survives on Ensure but I started giving her my sourdough bread and she loved it. The next thing I knew she was giving us these amazing cheesecakes...thankfully, she would often time it when we had company. I contacted Linda Yoder to add Andrea to the **Home Touch** and **Upper Room** publications because I thought she could use some positive correspondence during the pandemic. She has so enjoyed them. She got vaccinated right away because she wanted to keep on living.

I knew that the theater was showing the movie, **Dream Horse**, which is a story about a famous Welsh horse. Andrea grew up in Wales and I thought this would be the perfect movie for her. We invited her but we knew that she might not be able to come due to her challenging medical issues. I called on Saturday morning and she was feeling great and was so excited to go; although, she wanted to take her own car in case she had a mishap.

We met at the theater and settled in. I had my hard cider and Jim and I had the homemade pasties sold at City Lights. If you need something to make you feel good, you need to go see **Dream Horse**. It was so good and Andrea was singing along with the Welsh National Anthem, and a few tears were shed, obviously memories of Wales.

We said our goodbyes and she said it was so wonderful. Later at home, I was reading in our room and Jim let Rusty out...Lo and Behold, Jim comes in with a cold bottle of champagne and two champagne glasses and a card from Andrea, saying, "That was the best day I've had in years- Thank You, Thank You, Andrea!"

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This morning as we walked by Andrea's home she had the Welch Flag displayed just for us on her front porch...

So get out there and think of someone you can reach out to, who might need an encouragement, a card, a smile, a prayer, and perhaps a hug if you are both vaccinated!

Kathy Waterman

***I Do Not Understand the Mystery of Grace- Only that it meets us where we are  
And does not leave us where it found us. -Ann Lamont***

If you see someone masked after the CDC/IDPH removed masking requirements for fully-vaccinated people, please remember:

- People may have cancer
- People may have autoimmune diseases
- People may have unvaccinated children at home
- People may have high-risk loved ones they are protecting
- People may have asthma and have realized over the last year that their symptoms are alleviated by a mask outdoors
- People may be unvaccinated

*Please be kind.*

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**FINANCES**



April 1-30:

Receipts: \$ 8,069.25

Expenses: \$ 6,306.74

May income through the 24th: \$ 3,899.44

Provided by Kathy Yelle

***Directory Updates...***

Teresa 'Jackson' Roscoe  
P.O. Box 1439  
Florence, Oregon 97439

***Go Camping*** Summer Camps Resume Scheduling

A variety of summer camps have finally been scheduled at our camp ministries locations. Everything from camps for kids to multi-generational/family camps to adult retreats.

There are guidelines and regulations in place to keep everyone safe.

Many camp sessions are during July and August, but there are some adult sessions scheduled in September as well.

If assistance is needed to help pay for camp, please contact me (Diane) at [quiltingma5@yahoo.com](mailto:quiltingma5@yahoo.com), or 541-999-9692.

Check out what's available at <https://gocamping.org>. You can also register there, or get the form online and mail it in. to:

Camp Registrar  
1505 SW 18th Avenue  
Portland, OR 97201

## **Miscellaneous Announcements...**

Beginning May 12, 2021, the Federal Communication Commission will begin taking applications for low-income families as part of their emergency broadband program. The benefit is up to a discount \$50 per month on broadband service and associated equipment rentals. The discount is higher for households on Tribal lands. There is also the potential for one-time discounts on the purchase of a laptop, tablet or desktop computer of up to \$100.

Information about the [FCC Emergency Broadband Benefit](https://www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit) can be found in the embedded link or at <https://www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit>.

Is anyone interested in starting a book club at FUMC? The Siuslaw Library has book club kits that can be checked out. Each kit has 10 books of the same title plus a discussion binder. There are 5 fiction and 5 nonfiction titles to choose from. We wouldn't necessarily have to choose from those titles, but the books kits are an inexpensive way to obtain the books. And the participants wouldn't have to be from FUMC. Anyone could participate. If interested, please let **Vicki Philben** know at [devil2pay1863@gmail.com](mailto:devil2pay1863@gmail.com) or 530-355-7771. The titles the library has for book club kits are:

### **Fiction**

*French Exit*, Patrick deWitt  
*The High Tide Club*, Mary Kay Andrews  
*Iron Lake*, William Kent Krueger  
*Miracle Creek*, Angie Kim  
*Once Upon a River*, Diane Setterfield

### **Nonfiction**

*Below Stairs*, Margaret Powell  
*Country Grit*, Scottie Jones  
*Dewey: The Small-Town Library*  
*Cat who Touched the World*, Vicki Myron  
*Furnishing Eternity*, David Giffels  
*Maid*, Stephanie Land



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