

*Florence United Methodist Church*

# *Tide-ings* 2022



## June Newsletter

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**Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.**

**Serving the People of God:**

**District Superintendent: Rev. John Tucker**

**Pastor: Reverend Logan McLean Strike**

**Lay Leader: Patt Rollins**

**SPRC Chair: Patti Johnson**

**Finance Chair: Terry Woodward**

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## Logan's Lines



One of my favorite quotes of St. Catherine of Siena is: "Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire." But it begs the question: Who does God mean for us to be? Although our identities grow and change over time, we can trust that our identity as beloved children of God never changes. In Romans 8:14-17, it reads: "For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ." The world is changing. The church is changing. We ourselves are changing. Who is God calling us to be, right now, in this time and place? There is comfort in knowing that we are safe and secure as God's beloved children. We can be bold, knowing that God's got our backs.

How is God calling YOU to set the world on fire? How is God calling us together, as a community, to set our little town of Florence ablaze? Let us take heart in the knowledge that our Abba God keeps watch over us as we do a new thing together.

Blessings,  
Pastor Logan

### Pastor Logan's Schedule:

Vacation Time: Logan will be gone on Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup> for a sister's wedding.

Church Office Hours: Tuesdays & Fridays; 9-5. Logan will be working as a chaplain at Peace Harbor Thursdays and Saturdays during the summer.



### *Keeping in Our Prayers*

Jean & Bob Hefty; Donna Embree and daughter, Barbara; Carolyn Munson and family; Ray Feay; Sandy Woodward; Laura Merz; Hazel Vacura; Jasmin Crump; Pat Balzell; Jonathan Yoder; Peggy Simington; Kathleen Wenzel; John & Lila Hyder; Georgia Garrett; Betty Cline; Ursula Sears; Jean Parr; Janice Bell; Gerry & Nancy Cedarleaf-Grey; Patrick, Diane, & April McCalmont.

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

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 [rayfeay@hotmail.com](mailto:rayfeay@hotmail.com).



### **Office Hours**

We ask your patience while we set up regular office hours. In the meantime, you are welcome to contact Linda Yoder directly with any office-related issue.  
541-590-0944 (may text)

# WELCOME ALL!!!

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY POTLUCK



United Methodist Women would like to invite all women of faith  
to attend our Potluck Picnic get-together

Wednesday, June 1, 12:30pm  
333 Kingwood St, Florence, OR

Let's enjoy a fun time with icebreakers, games,  
and delicious food provided by the UMW!

**Hope to see you all there!**



United  
Women  
in Faith

### UMWomen News

The Florence unit of UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH, aka United Methodist Women, is scheduled to meet on Wednesday June 1 in the Tedd Powell Hall for a social time! Bring a friend and a food dish for the potluck/picnic meal. An invitation has been given to the ladies from New Life Lutheran Church to join us. Plates and flatware are supplied. Co-presidents, Judy & Renee', will have a surprise or two.

Down the road but coming swiftly, a yard sale is in the works for July or August, so if you are sorting and discarding stuff, this may be the opportunity to contribute to the sale.

The Executive team will meet in mid-June with exact date to be determined.

Jean Hefty, Secretary

### PFLAG Meeting

Stay tuned for details about the next PFLAG meeting, which is scheduled for June 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Refreshments will be served. We continue to accept new membership applications. Just email [pflagflo@gmail.com](mailto:pflagflo@gmail.com).



Linda Yoder



### United Methodist Men's Breakfast Time Change

Our United Methodist Men's fellowship group has decided to adjust our meeting time on Thursday mornings to **8:30** am.

We continue to welcome all men of the congregation to join with us at Fresh Harvest Restaurant on Hwy 101 to praise God as we enjoy breakfast and fellowship together.

Bert Schniepp

Sunday School will be suspended for the summer, to resume in September.

Peggy Hughes



**FREE LUNCH -  
IT TAKES A VILLAGE  
OR A METHODIST CHURCH**



Free Lunch has again started serving in-person meals on Tuesdays. Several groups have generously donated their time to cook and serve on Tuesdays. The Methodists have the third Tuesday of each month. We are always looking for more volunteers.

Subway tickets are still available on Thursdays until we can offer in-person meals on Thursdays, too. In order to initiate Thursdays, we need volunteers to open the church. What this would involve is opening the door about 9:00-9:30 and answering any questions that the serving group might have. Then you could leave, but return around 1:00 to close up. You would not have to commit to every Thursday, but just whatever you can.

We are, of course, always looking for cooks to help out once a month on both Tuesdays and Thursdays. Even if you don't cook, we always need people to help with setting the tables, serving, cleanup, and dishwashing. Again, this would not be every month, and you would not have to stay the entire time, but whatever time you can give. Many hands make light work.

So, if you can help, please contact Vicki Philben at 530-355-7771 or [devil2pay1863@gmail.com](mailto:devil2pay1863@gmail.com).



Even if you cannot volunteer, we invite you to come have lunch with us. There is a certain stigma attached to a soup kitchen that shouldn't be. Having lunch with us is a way to support the program and demonstrate that everyone is welcome.

**THANK YOU TO WLCF**

Free Lunch owes a big thanks to Western Lane Community Foundation for a \$2500 grant to get us started with the reopening. A HEPA air filtration system, a new sneeze guard, a new Free Lunch sign, and other kitchen and pantry supplies were purchased with the grant. A big shout out to WLCF for their kind support!

Vicki Philben



## A Word From Your Lay Leader...

When I started this article, my thoughts were upbeat. I was anxious to share summer fun, summer camp at Magruder, vacation to see family, and all of the summer activities we have missed during two years of a crazy pandemic.

Instead, my phone buzzed with a news alert....14 children and 1 teacher killed at Robb Elementary school in a small community of Uvalde, Texas. Unimaginable, simply unimaginable. 14 innocent children. Children, just children, with a lifetime ahead of them. And a teacher who was doing what teachers do, protect their students.

This morning when parents dropped their kids off at school, they had every expectation that they were going to be able to pick their child up when the school day ended. . I am heartbroken. Tears flow freely. Just little kids. God help us. For me to process such a horrific shooting involving children, I can only envision Jesus, with His arms extended, welcoming 14 little ones and their teacher to reside with him in a place of eternal peace. That thought keeps me sane.

Let us never, ever assume that this horrific event couldn't happen in Florence or in any of our schools or churches...it could. God forbid we should ever see a school shooting in our town. Hug your kids, hug your family members, and tell those you love, that you love them.

Pray for the families. Pray for the school. Pray for those recovering in local hospitals. Pray for our nation. Pray for our world.

No words...just tears.

Patt

**\*Editor's Note:** As the day unfolded on May 24, we now know that 19 children and 2 adults lost their lives due to a senseless act of violence.

# JUNE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
			<b>1</b> 12:30pm UMWomen Potluck Luncheon	<b>2</b> 8:00am UMMen
<b>5</b> 10:00am Church Svce	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 11:30am Free Lunch	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 8:00am UMMen
<b>12</b> 10:00am Church Svce	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 11:30am Free Lunch 6:30pm PFLAG	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 8:00am UMMen
<b>19</b> 10:00am Church Svce 	<b>20</b>  Juneteenth Event In front of FUMC 1:00pm 	<b>21</b> 11:30am Free Lunch	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 8:00am UMMen
<b>26</b> 10:00am Church Svce	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 11:30am Free Lunch	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 8:00am UMMen





Fri	Sat
3	4
10	11
17	18
24	25

### *Birthdays*

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

### *Anniversaries*

- 7 Pastor Logan and Paul Strike
- 8 Jacob & Kathleen Wenzel
- 26 Harold & Janet Titus
- 27 John & Joan Skarda
- 29 Tom & Donna Oshel

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.

## Offering Counters

The Finance Committee is looking for volunteers to count and deposit donations following worship on Sundays.

Individuals – working in pairs – who volunteer for this function, are approved by the Church Council and receive training. When properly scheduled, a volunteer's time commitment can be just once a month.

If you are interested, call the church at 541-997-6025 (and leave a message), or email us at [florenceumc@florenceunitedmethodist.org](mailto:florenceumc@florenceunitedmethodist.org). If you have performed this service in the past, the church will be happy to provide a "refresher" course, since some procedures have been modified.

Linda Yoder



**OFFERING  
COUNTERS**



The "clipboards of opportunity" have returned and are placed on the back wall of the sanctuary. The dates are left blank so that you may choose your availability. The five opportunities for ministry are:

⇒ flowers   ⇒ cleaning   ⇒ sound booth   ⇒ liturgist   ⇒ usher/greeter

Just list a date you're available, and you will be called to make arrangements.



## Trustees Report

In the coming weeks, we will be seeking volunteers to help with general cleanup of our facilities (Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, and Parsonage).

Mostly spiffing things up - washing windows, dusting, vacuuming, weeding, and possibly some painting. The Parsonage is due for some long-neglected maintenance; that will be a priority.

If you are interested in participating, please drop me an email at [wish2bfishn@gmail.com](mailto:wish2bfishn@gmail.com) and indicate what you can help with. When we have a schedule, I will reach out to you.

Thanks in advance!

Scott Philben  
Chair, Board of Trustees

## Florence United Methodist Church FINANCES

April 1-31, 2022: Receipts: \$ 7,058.79  
Expenses: \$ 8,360.84

May 2022 income through the 25th : \$ 3,814.47

Provided by Kathy Yelle  
Treasurer



# noteworthy

## **Home Touch**

Home Touch weekly devotionals and puzzles for June have been mailed and an electronic version emailed to you if you are on the church's blast email list. If you would like to be added to or removed from the mailing list, contact [lindayoder@hotmail.com](mailto:lindayoder@hotmail.com) or call or text 541-590-0944.

## **Electronic Giving**

Giving online continues to be available exclusively through our website, [www.florenceunitedmethodist.org](http://www.florenceunitedmethodist.org), which provides a secure portal to the donation site managed by our ministry partner Vanco.

## **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 [lindayoder@hotmail.com](mailto:lindayoder@hotmail.com). We don't want anyone to miss out on a fabulous resource, especially one we use extensively for small groups.



There are six kids from our church planning to attend outdoor ministry camps this summer. Some will be attending in late June and others in August. All will be at Camp Magruder, up the coast from us.

Please keep our kids in your prayers as they learn and experience more about their faith through the amazing outdoors and sharing with new friends.

Diane



### Bottle Drop – for Camperships

Florence UMC's account with the Oregon Beverage Recycling Cooperative (OBRC) "Bottle Drop" program allows everyone who has one of our tagged bags to contribute the value of their returnable bottles and cans to the church.

Kids going to Methodist camp, their friends, relatives, and everyone in the congregation, can pitch in and fill bags to benefit the program. We hope Bottle Drop is a win-win for our campers.

#### **Pick up a blue bag, sticker, and card at the back of church.**

- Attach the sticker on the bag
- Bring the bag to a Bottle Drop station at the north side of Fred Meyer
- Use the paper card to unlock the door at the Bottle Drop
- Scan the card as indicated, open the door and place your tagged bag on the chute inside
- Bottle Drop does the rest – counts the contents of the bag and credits our account

**As of May 23, we have raised \$107.10 through the program**

## Housing Leads?



We were alerted by Bay City (OR) United Methodist Church that Shannon De Jean, who attends that church, will be moving to Florence in late June or early July to take a position as a social worker at Peace Health. Florence UMC was asked if anyone in the church knew of or had a house or apartment to rent. Shannon does not have children or pets, and does not smoke. If you have a lead, you may contact Danielle Hurd at [daniellelhurd@gmail.com](mailto:daniellelhurd@gmail.com).



## Sharing with Food Share

Food Share is currently in need of canned fruit.

Of course, all non-perishable foods and toiletry type items are welcomed, as well as pet food.

You can bring your items to the donation barrel located in the church narthex.



## Recipe Corner

### Honey Poppy Seed Fruit Salad

#### Ingredients

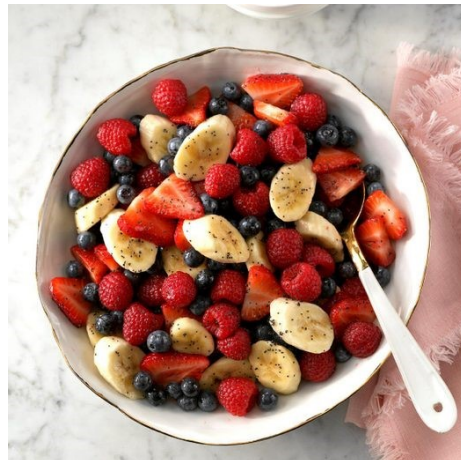
- 2 medium firm bananas, chopped
- 2 cups fresh blueberries
- 2 cups fresh raspberries
- 2 cups fresh sliced strawberries
- 5 tablespoons honey
- 1 tsp lemon juice
- 3/4 tsp poppy seeds

#### Directions

In a large bowl, combine the bananas and berries. In a small bowl, combine the honey, lemon juice, and poppy seeds. Pour over fruit and toss to coat.

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Servings: 8



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