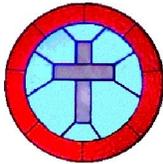


Florence United Methodist Church

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March Newsletter



CAROL'S COMMENTS

I've been thinking... about Lent and the shootings at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, Parkland, Florida. Lent is a time of reflection, preparation for Jesus', and our, resurrection at Easter, forgiveness, and the overwhelming reminder that, as Paul wrote, "Nothing can separate us from the love of God as revealed in Christ Jesus."

To make some sense of the high school shootings and the debate about banning automatic rifles, I wanted to understand the answers to two questions: "Why is an AR-15 so lethal?" and 2. "What damage does it do to the person who is struck by a bullet?"

Initially I thought it was the number of bullets that could be shot in a short amount of time, but that is not the important fact. *The following is from a story written by James Fallows for The Atlantic, November 7, 2017:*

Nearly a century before American troops were ordered into Vietnam, weapons designers had made a discovery in the science of "wound ballistics." The discovery was that a small, fast-traveling bullet often did a great deal more damage than a larger round when fired into human or (for the experiments) animal flesh. A large artillery round might pass straight through a human body, but a small bullet could act like a gouge. During the early stages of the congressional hearing, [Representative Richard] Ichord asked Eugene Stoner,

the designer of the original version of the M-16, to explain the apparent paradox of a small bullet's destructive power. The answer emerged in the following grisly exchange.

"ICHORD: One army boy told me that he had shot a Vietcong near the eye with an M-14 [which uses a substantially heavier bullet] and the bullet did not make too large a hole on exit, but he shot a Vietcong under similar circumstances in the same place with an M-16 and his whole head was reduced to pulp. This would not appear to make sense. You have greater velocity but the bullet is lighter."

"STONER: There is the advantage that a small or light bullet has over a heavy one when it comes to wound ballistics. ... What it amounts to is the fact that bullets are stabilized to fly through the air, and not through water, or a body, which is approximately the same density as the water. And they are stable as long as they are in the air. When they hit something, they immediately go unstable. ... If you are talking about .30-caliber [like a bullet used in the Army's previous M-14], this might remain stable through a human body. ... While a little bullet, being it has a low mass, it senses an instability situation faster and reacts much faster. ... this is what makes a little bullet pay off so much in wound ballistics."

... Everyone I interviewed about these weapons ... assumed as a first premise that they were talking about battlefield equipment. None of them seemed to imagine such killing power in civilian hands.

And this story from Dr. Heather Sher, Radiologist, written February 22, 2018 answered my second question:

As I opened the CT scan last week to read the next case, I was baffled. The history simply read “gunshot wound.” I have been a radiologist in one of the busiest trauma centers in the nation for 13 years, and have diagnosed thousands of handgun injuries to the brain, lung, liver, spleen, bowel, and other vital organs. I thought that I knew all that I needed to know about gunshot wounds, but the specific pattern of injury on my computer screen was one that I had seen only once before.

In a typical handgun injury that I diagnose almost daily, a bullet leaves a laceration through an organ like the liver. To a radiologist, it appears as a linear, thin, grey bullet track through the organ. There may be bleeding and some bullet fragments.

I was looking at a CT scan of one of the victims of the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, who had been brought to the trauma center during my call shift. The organ looked like an over-ripe melon smashed by a sledgehammer, with extensive bleeding. How could a gunshot wound have caused such damage?

The reaction in the emergency room was the same. One of the trauma surgeons opened a young victim in the operating room, and found only shreds of the organ that had been hit by a bullet from an AR-15, a semi-automatic rifle which delivers a devastatingly lethal, high-velocity bullet to the victim. There was nothing left to repair, and utterly, devastatingly, nothing that could be done to fix the problem. The injury was fatal...

Routine handgun injuries leave entry and exit wounds and linear tracks through the victim's body that are roughly the size of the bullet. If the bullet does not directly hit something crucial like the heart or the aorta, and they do not bleed to death before being transported to our care at a trauma center, chances are, we can save the victim. The bullets fired by an AR-15 are different; they travel at higher velocity and are far more lethal. The damage they cause is a function of the energy they impart as they pass through the body. A typical AR-15 bullet leaves the barrel traveling almost three times faster than, and imparting more than three times the energy of, a

typical 9mm bullet from a handgun. An AR-15 rifle outfitted with a magazine with 50 rounds allows many more lethal bullets to be delivered quickly without reloading...

With an AR-15, the shooter does not have to be particularly accurate. The victim does not have to be unlucky. If a victim takes a direct hit to the liver from an AR-15, the damage is far graver than that of a simple handgun shot injury....

One of my ER colleagues was waiting nervously for his own children outside the school. While the shooting was still in progress, the first responders were gathering up victims whenever they could and carrying them outside the building. Even as a physician trained in trauma situations, though, there was nothing he could do at the scene to help to save the victims who had been shot with an AR-15. Most of them died on the spot, with no fighting chance at life....

As a radiologist, I have now seen high velocity AR-15 gunshot wounds firsthand, an experience that most radiologists in our country will never have. I pray that these are the last such wounds I have to see, and that AR-15-style weapons and high-capacity magazines are banned for use by civilians in the United States, once and for all.

So where are we, Dear Friends, where are you, in this Season of Lent:

- as you reflect,
- as you prepare for Jesus', and your own, resurrection at Easter,
- as you forgive,
- and as you are forgiven?

What is the shape of God's love in light of the cross and in light of the violent culture of our day as revealed one more time by the shootings at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School?

May we find God's way forward.

Mercy and Hope,

Rev Carol

Florence United Methodist Church



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Sunday Worship

Sunday Services: 10:30 a.m. on the
1st Sunday of each month, and
9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on all other
Sundays of each month
Children's Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Adult Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.

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Keeping in Our Prayers

Janice Bell; Rosie Goodwin;
Barbara Embree; Elinor Roth; Judy
Jones; Gerry & Nancy Cedarleaf-Grey;
John Miller; Maida Lee Miller; Myrna
Sullivan and husband, David; Mert &
Chris Beebe; Peggy Wilson's family-
daughter Vicky and Peggy's brothers;
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.

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UMWomen News

On Thursday, March 1, **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN** will meet in the Tedd Powell Hall at 1:30 p.m. In keeping with the theme of self-denial there are no refreshments this month, but come and be nourished by the fellowship together. Program topic is “Learning for a Lifetime: Developing Leaders”; an offering will be gathered, one hundred percent of which helps to fund pensions and health care benefits for retired deaconesses and missionaries. Donna Embree is to provide devotions and Barbara Walker is scheduled for a book review. All women who are part of our church family are invited.

Crater Lake District UMW Enrichment Event takes place on Saturday, March 3, from 9:30 to 2:30, at First United Methodist Church in Eugene. The theme is “Climate Justice; how can we make a difference?” Officer training is also part of the day. If you have not yet indicated your interest in attending, contact Yola Hesser right away.

COMING QUICKLY...funny how time creeps up on one, so this is an alert to the annual Plant and Rummage Sale set for May 5. Start your stash of contributions from cupboards, closets and garage. It’s reported that many plants are potted and ready now for the sale.

Jean Hefty

LENTEN



STUDY GROUP

There is room for more participants in the Tuesday morning Lenten Study group, which meets at 11:30 in the Sunday School room. Contact Linda Yoder.

UNITED METHODIST



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

Spring forward

Set your clocks ahead one hour before bed on Sunday.



**Sunday,
March
11**



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UMCOR SUNDAY

UMCOR
SUNDAY
March 11, 2018

When disaster strikes around the globe—Haiti’s 2010 earthquake or Typhoon Haiyan in 2013—so many watching the drama unfold on our living room televisions feel entirely helpless... As responders around the globe scramble to help survivors, the United Methodist Committee on Relief, UMCOR, is prepared to act...

...Since 1940, when UMCOR’s forerunner was established to meet the needs of those suffering overseas at the onset of World War II, we’ve continued to respond to those in desperate need—today throughout more than eighty countries around the world.

The response of UMCOR isn’t something “they” do, it’s something “we” do.

That’s because your generous giving to UMCOR Sunday (formerly One Great Hour of Sharing) is what allows UMCOR to act as the arms and legs of Christ’s church, moving toward the most vulnerable in their darkest days. Convinced that all people have God-given worth and dignity—without regard to race, religion or gender—together we are assisting those impacted by crisis or chronic need. Because you give, the United Methodist Church’s compassionate response to human suffering continues today:

- When tornadoes ripped through Oklahoma, we responded
- When children in Zimbabwe lost parents to AIDS, we responded
- When a massive tsunami devastated lives in Japan, we responded
- And when the next mass crisis occurs, we will be prepared to respond

UMCOR will be able to offer aid in Jesus’ name to those who suffer because United Methodists give through UMCOR Sunday. In fact, it’s your generous giving that allows us to respond when disaster strikes...

...When we meet the needs of those who suffer we actually minister to Jesus, who said: “I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you gave me clothes to wear. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me.” (Mt. 25:35-36, CEB)

To give by mail:

Send checks to:

GCFA

P.O. Box 340029

Nashville, TN 37203

Please put “UMCOR Sunday” in note section.

***Or you can place your gift in the offering plate today**

with “UMCOR Sunday” in note section.

*excerpts taken from <http://www.umcgiving.org/ministry-articles/one-great-hour-of-sharing>

**PFLAG will hold its regular monthly meeting on
Tuesday, March 13 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 158 at LCC-Florence.**



MARCH

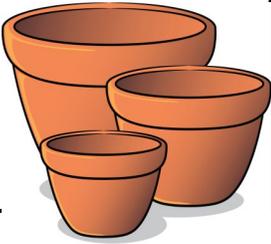
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
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4 Worship/Communion 10:30 am Children's Sunday School during 10:30 service Birthday Sunday during Fellowship Time	5 S.B.I.P. mtg 6:30-8:30	6 Office Hours 10 am-1 pm Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 A.A. Meeting 5:00-6:00	7	8 UMMen 8 am Women's Covenant 8:00 Office Hours 9:00-12:30 Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 Choir Practice 5:15-6:30 Meditation Group 5:30 Finance Committee m
11 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS Adult Sun School 9:00 am Worship 9:00 & 10:30 am Children's Sunday School during 10:30 service Confirmation Class after service	12 S.B.I.P. mtg 6:30-8:30	13 Office Hours 10 am-1 pm Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 A.A. Meeting 5:00-6:00 PFLAG 6:30	14 Prayer Shawl Ministry 10- Noon Church Potluck 5:30	15 UMMen 8 am Women's Covenant 8:00 Office Hours 9:00-12:30 Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 Choir Practice 5:15-6:30 Meditation Group 5:30
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25 PALM SUNDAY Adult Sun School 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am only Children's Sunday School during 10:30 service	26 S.B.I.P. mtg 6:30-8:30	27 Office Hours 10 am-1 pm Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 A.A. Meeting 5:00-6:00	28 Prayer Shawl Ministry 10- Noon Community Supper at FUMC 5:30-6:30	29 MAUNDY THURSDAY UMMen 8 am Women's Covenant 8-1 Office Hours 9:00-12:30 Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 Maundy Thursday Sup 5:00 Meditation Group 5:30



Serving in March

Date	Time	Liturgist	Usher/Greeter	Kid's Time	Coffee Hosts
Mar 4	10:30	Linda Yoder	Aaron Gallegos & Ray Feay	Diane McCalmont	Sharon Gallagher
Mar 11	9:00			X	Jean Hefty & Aaron Gallegos
	10:30	Trisha Holden	Pat Balzell		Ditto
Mar 18	9:00				The Schniepps
	10:30	Kathy Bones			
Mar 25 Palm Sun.	10:30	Bob Hefty			

Nancy Rickard could use gallon or larger pots for plantings to be used at the annual plant sale in May. Please contact her if you have some.



TEACHERS SCHEDULED IN MARCH...



SUNDAY SCHOOL

March 4: Trisha Holden
March 11: Renee' Hansen
March 18: Diane McCalmont
Palm Sunday: Children in Service

Free Lunch News

Great news! The Free Lunch Program has been awarded a grant by the Community 101 class at Siuslaw High School to fund the purchase of new, light-weight bowls, mugs, and dishes. Those heavy racks going into the sanitizer will soon be a whole lot lighter. What a wonderful gift the Community 101 students have given us!



Cindy Orr

**Here is our
March Schedule:**

1st Thursday	3/1/18	Peggy & Cindy Yola, Brooke, Butch, Cindy
1st Tuesday	3/6/18	St. Mary's Chris Cooper
2nd Thursday	3/8/18	Chris Cooper Peggy & Cindy, Brooke, Butch, Cindy
2nd Tuesday	3/13/18	St. Andrew's Bert & Linda
3rd Thursday	3/15/18	Paula & Sandy, Cindy O., Butch
3rd Tuesday	3/20/18	Unitarians Paula Ziegelasch
4th Thursday	3/22/18	Baha'i & Friends
4th Tuesday	3/27/18	Florence Christian Sharon Gallagher
5th Thursday	3/29/18	Cindy & Brenda Renee, Butch



Church Attendance in February:

4th: 67 11th: 67 Ash Wednesday: 16
18th (Lenten Renewal service): 22 25th: 56

Florence United Methodist Women in the "red zone" to take a stand against human trafficking. - Feb. 2



Commissioning of Church Leaders - Feb. 4



A birthday party for Hazel Vacura



Easter Flowers



If you would like to give a plant in memory of or in honor of a loved one, please fill out the information below, and drop it in the offering plate:

Please order a plant for me. I have placed \$10.00 in the offering plate this morning and marked my check "Easter Flowers."

Deadline is March 18

Name _____ Phone _____

Hydrangea

Lily

In honor of

In memory of



You are welcome to take your plant(s) home after the Easter service.

Florence United Methodist Church FINANCES



January 2018:

Receipts: \$8,302.35

Expenses: \$6,225.09

February receipts through the 23rd: \$8,728.00

Provided by Sharon Gallagher

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