

Florence United Methodist Church

***Tide-ings* 2023**



March Newsletter

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Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Serving the People of God:

District Superintendent: Rev. John Tucker

Pastor: Reverend Logan McLean Strike

Governing Board Chair: Kathy Yelle

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Pastor Logan:

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Logan's Lines



During the season of Lent, we will be exploring some of the “I am” statements that Jesus makes in the Gospel of John. What does Jesus mean when he says: “I am the bread of life,” or, “I am the true vine?”

The phrase “I am” harkens back to Exodus 3:14, where God makes himself known to Moses in the burning bush. When Moses asks God to give him a name by which to call him by, God responds with the expression “I am who I am.” This statement became a way to connect with God personally, and was used throughout Israel’s history as a way to convey that God always was, always is, and always will be.

Jesus takes “I am” as a way to identify himself as God and to bear God’s presence in the world. A human being is a bit easier to touch and know than a burning bush! The “I am” statements found in the Gospel of John are the bread of life (6:35); the light of the world (8:12); the door (10:7); the good shepherd (10:11, 14); the resurrection and the life (11:25); the way, the truth, and the life (14:6); and the true vine (15:1).

Which I am statement speaks to you most? How have you come to know the God that always was, always is, always will be?

Praying and journeying with you,

Pastor Logan

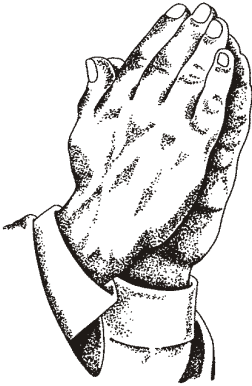
Pastor Logan's Schedule:

Pastor Logan's office hours: Tuesdays & Fridays.

You may reach her on her cell at: 406-839-1756

or by email at: logan.m.strike@gmail.com

Pastor Logan will be working Thursdays and Saturdays at the hospital.



Keeping in Our Prayers

Tim Salisbury; Carolyn Munson; Lee & Trina Smith; Karen Baylis; Family and friends of Barbara Walker; Caroline Mesman and family of Wim Mesman; Annie Van Horn and family of Frank Van Horn; Bert & Linda Schniepp; Betty Livingston; Judy Jones and family; Jean & Bob Hefty; Donna

Embree and daughter, Barbara; Ray Feay; Aaron Gallegos; Sandy Woodward; Laura Merz; Hazel Vacura; Jonathan Yoder; Kathleen Wenzel; John & Lila Hyder; Georgia Garrett; Ursula Sears; Jean Parr; Patrick McCalmont; April McCalmont.

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

For healing blessings on families across our nation who have lost loved ones to gun violence.

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 kathywaterman10@gmail.com.



Sunday, March 12, 2023
Daylight Savings Time
Spring Forward 1 Hour



United
Women
in Faith

United Women in Faith News

On March 1 at 1:00 p.m., the UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH will gather in the Tedd Powell Hall for the program, CALL TO PRAYER AND SELF DENIAL. Following the idea of denying ourselves, there are no hosts. For optional giving, a special offering will be received in support of racial justice work helping to create a more equitable society. Donna Embree is scheduled to provide the devotions.

A Special Mission Recognition is an undesignated gift for mission work in the form of an oval pin that honors anyone the unit wishes to recognize. It is not necessary that the recipient be a member of United Women in Faith. Names will be suggested at this meeting with voting by secret ballot.

On Saturday March 18, the Every Member Enrichment Event takes place at Roseburg UMChurch with program starting at 9:30 a.m. The Conference Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth, Kim Thompson, will be speaking on "soul care". The event ends at noon and no lunch is provided. If you are interested in attending, contact Judy Jones before March 14 to register.

On a recent blustery evening a small crowd enjoyed pancakes to observe Shrove Tuesday. Thank you to the preparers of pancakes, eggs, and Sausage, plus other helpers who made it all happen.

Jean Hefty, Secretary

The Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper was fun! We all had a great time. We appreciate everyone who attended, cooked, washed dishes, and cleaned up.

Thank you to everyone who donated at this great event. They will be used for the United Women in Faith mission work.

-United Women in Faith



**Spiritual Renewal 2023
Ecumenical Weekend
SATURDAY & SUNDAY
March 4 & 5**

Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw

**Speaker:
Rev. Dr. Randy Woodley**

**Saturday Workshops
10:00am, 1:00pm, 2:15pm**

**Sunday Service
10:30am**



The Spiritual Renewal Weekend, sponsored by a 5-church Florence-based coalition in its 28th year, will be held at the Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw, 3996 Hwy. 101.

Three workshops on Saturday – at 10, 1 and 2:15 – will deal with “Rooted in Our Story,” “Growing Our Roots: Understanding the Indigenous Worldview,” and “Deepening Our Roots: Sustaining the Earth.” Rev. Dr. Woodley will preach on “Jesus’ Mission and Shalom,” based on Luke 4, during Sunday’s worship service, which begins at 10:30.



Presbyterian
Church of the
Siuslaw



Florence United
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New Life
Lutheran
Church



St. Andrew's
Episcopal
Church



Saint Mary
Catholic
Church



Join Us for UMM Breakfast

All men of the church are invited to join the weekly breakfast gathering of the United Methodist Men, as we spend a bit of time each week to connect with each other and share concerns. We meet each Thursday at 8:30 am at Fresh Harvest Café on Hwy 101.

Bert Schniepp



Adult Sunday School in Lent

The Gospels report that even from the cross, Jesus was talking to God and to his followers. During Lent, as we take some time to look inward for ourselves, it is a good time for us to spend a little time with Jesus in his last hours and really listen to what he was saying.

The Adult Sunday School class is doing just that, as we use the Amplify Media presentation of "Seven Words Listening to Christ From The Cross" presented by Susan Robb, the Senior Associate Minister at Highland Park United Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas. She will help illuminate these traditional seven last words that Jesus spoke from the cross and each week start us on a discussion of what they could mean for us and our discipleship.

All adults are welcome to join us any Sunday beginning on March 12 at 9:00 am in the church Sanctuary to view a short video by Rev. Robb, followed by our own discussion of the words Jesus spoke.

Since we will be participating in the joint Spiritual Renewal Weekend at the Presbyterian Church on March 5, we will not meet that morning. Come and enjoy the enlightening presentations and the lively discussion.

Bert Schniepp

FLORENCE Recycling Take Back Event

Saturday, March 4
11:00 to 1:00

Siuslaw Middle School

For details, go to
www.EcoGeneration.org



PFLAG meets on March 14

PFLAG will meet March 14 in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 p.m., and we'll cover a few preliminaries for our participation in the Rhody Parade, in addition to our regular meet-and-greet meeting.

PFLAG-Florence, which was launched in 2011 by members of our church, invites you to consider becoming a member, which gives you links to the national organization. Dues are just \$30 annually. You can send a check to PFLAG-Florence at P.O. Box 1074, Florence, OR 97439 or use the PayPal secure link from our website www.pflagflorenceoregon.org.

Linda Yoder



MARCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
			1 1:00pm United Women in Faith mtg	2 8:30am UMMen 10:30am-12:30pm Office 11:30am Free Lunch 2:00-3:00pm Homeschool Science Class
5 10:30am Spiritual Renewal Church Svce at Presbyterian Church	6	7 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 11:30am Free Lunch	8 10:00am-Noon Prayer Shawl Ministry	9 8:30am UMMen 10:30am-12:30pm Office 11:30am Free Lunch 2:00-3:00pm Homeschool Science Class
12 Daylight Savings 9:00am Sunday School 10:30am Church Svce	13	14 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 11:30am Free Lunch 6:30pm PFLAG	15 5:30pm All-Church Potluck 6:15-7:00pm Choir Practice	16 8:30am UMMen 10:30am-12:30pm Office 11:30am Free Lunch 2:00-3:00pm Homeschool Science Class
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	Fri	Sat
Hrs I	3 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs	4 Spiritual Renewal Workshops 10am, 1 & 2:15pm 11:00am-1:00pm Eco-Generation Recycling Takeback
Hrs I	10 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs	11
Hrs I	17 St. Patrick's Day 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs	18 UWF Every Member Enrichment Event at Roseburg UMC Church Fellowship Hall being used for I party 
Hrs I	24 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 4:00-5:00pm Rocket Art Class	25
Hrs I	31 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs	



Birthdays

- 2 Yola Hesser
- 3 Janet Titus
- 6 Patty Evans
- 7 Sarah Rodgers
- 7 Bruce Hadley
- 11 Chuck Selden
- 13 Patti Johnson
- 14 Laura Merz
- 18 John Pohlman
- 22 Ray Feay
- 26 Linda Schniepp
- 26 Patt Rollins
- 26 Chuck Riebhoff

Anniversaries

- 12 Mike & Judy Jones
- 16 Dean & Ramona Spencer
- 29 Ken & Elaine Wright

If I've missed your birthday or anniversary, please send an email to Diane at quiltingma5@yahoo.com, to let me know.

Food for Thought

Jeremiah 29:11

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”



How do you respond to God's call? Many of the most revered characters of the Bible first reacted to God's call with disbelief, excuses, and down-right refusal. (See: Luke 26:34, Exodus 3:11 and 4:10, and Jonah 1:1-3.) Over the years, I too have reacted to God's 'still small voice' with the response "why me, Lord!?" and have sometimes made excuses or been reluctant to answer the call. If only I had remembered the words of assurance found in Jeremiah 29:11 – how comforting (and exhilarating!) to know that by accepting God's call and participating in God's plans for us we will find hope, prosperity, and a future.

Our God is good and faithful – in fact, God is good all the time!

Kathy Yelle, Governing Board Chair



Here are a few opportunities for you to serve through our church:

- ♥ Volunteer for Free Lunch
- ♥ Liturgists
- ♥ Usher/Greeter
- ♥ Coffee hour
- ♥ Flowers

Contact Peggy Hughes to sign up for Usher/Greeter and Liturgist. Sign up in the back of the church for the last four on the list.

Contact Vicki Philben to volunteer to help with Free Lunch.



News from the Office

Our volunteer crew is doing a great job of keeping the office going after Linda's retirement. Of course, we aren't covering the myriad of projects she handled, but we are providing some much needed help for Pastor Logan. We are still looking for some help on Fridays. Please contact me if you would like to give it a try. It's really do-able and fun.

We have discovered a couple things that we wanted to share with you. First, please note that the church email address listed in the directory is wrong. The correct address is florenceumc@florenceunitedmethodist.org. We hope it hasn't caused any confusion or lost notes. If so, please let us know.

We also discovered a hidden treasure trove. Did you know that Diane has been compiling scrapbooks about the church? They are wonderful!!! We have put them in the meeting room (old library) so you will have easier access to this wealth of information. Stop by and take a look.

Remember....if you would like to get in on the fun of working a couple hours in the office, let me know at lucindagh@gmail.com or 541-902-0197.

Cindy Hughes

Florence United Methodist Church **FINANCES**



January 1-31, 2023: Receipts: \$ 9,366.63
Expenses: \$6,696.31

February income through the 24th : \$ 6,274.62

* An additional \$3,000 in grant monies was also received in February for the Free Lunch Program

Provided by Kathy Yelle, Acting Treasurer

Bottle Drop for Campers

Florence UMC's account with the Oregon Beverage Recycling Cooperative (OBRC) "Bottle Drop" allows anyone who has one of our tagged blue bags to contribute the value of their returnable deposit bottles and cans to the church, in support of camperships.

You fill a tagged bag and take it to the "drop" at Fred Meyer. OBRC counts the contents and credits the church. If you would like a tagged bag mailed to you, email or call the church:

florenceumc@florenceunitedmethodist.org, or
541-997-6025. The bag will come with instructions.



Taken from the Home webpage at gocamping.org:

Camp and Retreat Ministries is a partnership between the United Methodist Church of Oregon and Idaho and the Oregon Diocese of the Episcopal Church....

Who we are:

...Mission Statement:

We are people dedicated to creating sacred spaces of Christian hospitality and learning.

We offer these spaces so that people may...

- Experience God's love
- Engage with creation
- Develop loving interdependence with each other and the Earth
- Act with justice in the world

Vision: A world of wonder, love, and justice

We serve individuals, families, educational institutions, religiously affiliated groups, social service agencies, community service organizations, and other nonprofit organizations that enrich life in the world.



Correct Address for Marge Temple:

175 S. Garden Way, #305
Eugene, Oregon 97401

Contact info for Bruce & Mae Hadley:

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Florence, OR 97439
May: 541-901-1139
Bruce: 541-901-1140
bwh541@gmail.com

New Address for Bob & Jean Hefty:

375 9th St., #226
Florence, OR 97439
Email: jahefty@gmail.com

Current Address for Lee Smith:

Oaktree Residential Facility
5030 W. Port St.
Eugene, OR 97402



From Rosie Goodwin... A BIG thank you to Amanda Sarles, Patty Evans, Sharon Belvill, and Steve Williams for providing the most beautiful music at the Ash Wednesday service. It was a very nice service provided by our Pastor Logan.

From Caroline Mesman... Thank you for the cards and flowers sent to me after the passing of my husband, Wim. I appreciated them so much.

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Online Contributions

Don't forget that you may make contributions to the church online via trusted ministry partner Vanco. Florence UMC has received a growing number of regular online contributions since the launch of the service in 2020. A link on our website takes you to Vanco's secure giving portal, providing transactional integrity. Email, write to, or call the church for instructions.

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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 Peggy Hughes at auntpeg0929@gmail.com. We don't want anyone to miss out on a fabulous resource, especially one we use extensively for small groups.

Recipe Corner

Irish Potato Soup



Ingredients:

- 10 strips bacon, divided
- 1 onion, diced
- 2 stalks celery, diced
- 6 cloves garlic, minced
- 1.5 pounds potatoes
- 4 cups chicken broth, unsalted
- 1 tbs. Dried parsley
- Salt, to taste
- Pepper, to taste
- 4 tbs. Butter
- 1/3 cup flour
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 2 cups sharp cheddar cheese, shredded
- 1/2 cup sour cream

Directions:

- In a skillet, cook the bacon until crispy. Allow bacon to cool and crumble into small pieces. Place half of it into a slow cooker and reserve other half for serving.
- Add onion, celery, garlic, and potatoes into the slow cooker.
- Add broth, parsley, salt and pepper.
- Place lid on slow cooker; cook on low heat for 8 hrs. or high heat for 4 hrs.
- Use a potato masher or an immersion blender to mash some of the potatoes in the slow cooker.
- In skillet, over medium heat, melt butter.
- Whisk flour into butter, then slowly add milk to form a rue sauce. Cook till thickened.
- Stir cheese and sour cream into sauce mixture.
- Mix sauce into soup and stir.

Sprinkle chives, shredded cheese, and bacon over top to serve.
Makes 6 servings.

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