

*Florence United Methodist Church*

*Tide-ings*      **2025**



## March Newsletter

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### Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.

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## ***A Note From Pastor Deb***

### **Walking with Christ Toward Renewal: A Lenten Journey**

As we step into the heart of the Lenten season, we are invited to walk with Christ on a journey of renewal. Lent is a time of reflection, repentance, and preparation—a season in which we are called to examine our hearts, deepen our faith, and open ourselves to the transformative work of God.



Throughout scripture, we see that journeys with God are seldom easy, but they always lead to renewal. Whether it was the Israelites wandering in the wilderness, Jesus fasting in the desert, or the disciples struggling to understand the path of discipleship, each journey brought about a deepening of faith and a renewed sense of purpose. Lent is our opportunity to enter into that same sacred movement—letting go of what holds us back and embracing the new life that Christ offers.

This season, I invite you to consider: How is God calling you to renewal? Perhaps it is through prayer, fasting, or acts of service. Prayer can be a powerful way to center ourselves in God's presence, seeking guidance, strength, and renewal. Setting aside time each day to pray, whether in quiet reflection or through heartfelt conversation with God, can deepen our faith and help us walk more closely with Christ. Maybe it is in seeking reconciliation, extending grace to another, or finding moments of quiet in the busyness of life. However God is speaking to your heart, I encourage you to walk this Lenten path with openness and trust, knowing that renewal is not just about what we give up but about what we make room for.

As we move closer to Holy Week, let us journey together in faith, supporting and uplifting one another as the body of Christ. May this season bring us closer to God, deeper in love, and ready to embrace the hope and promise of Easter.

In Christ's love,  
Pastor Deb

Office Administrator: Courtney Zietzke

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9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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## *Keeping in Our Prayers*

Nu Williams and the family/friends of Tim; Lila Hyder and family/friend of John; the family and friends of Dona Housh; Amanda, Gary, and Conner Sarles; Ann & Bradley Scharf; Linda Rosendaul; Sharon Belvill; Kathy Waterman; Rosie, Butch, and Machel Goodwin; John & Lila Hyder; Carolyn Munson; Betty Livingston; Judy Jones and family; Donna Embree and daughter, Barbara; Ray Feay and Aaron Gallegos; Sandy & Terry Woodward; Laura Merz; Hazel Vacura; Georgia Garrett; Ursula Sears; Patrick McCalmont; April McCalmont.

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

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](mailto:kathywaterman10@gmail.com).



<b>Date</b>	<b>Liturgist</b>	<b>Usher/ Greeter</b>	<b>Counters</b>	<b>Projectionist</b>	<b>Flowers</b>
<b>3/2</b>	Brooke Shafer	Judy Jones	Sharon Gallagher, Pat Kirkpatrick	Karen Baylis	
<b>3/9</b>	Jim Waterman	Patt Rollins	Nu Williams Pat Kirkpatrick	Bert Schniepp	
<b>3/16</b>	Kathy Waterman	Caroline Mesman	Caroline Mesman Sharon Gallagher	Peggy Simington	
<b>3/23</b>	Nu Williams	Peggy Simington	Peggy Simington Nancy Rhodes	Peggy Hughes	
<b>3/30</b>	Kathy Bones	Judy Jones	Sharon Gallagher Pat Kirkpatrick	Karen Baylis	



United  
Women  
in Faith

## United Women in Faith News

Our UWF group will meet next on March 5, at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. It will be a no-host gathering, as we will observe the Call to Prayer & Self-Denial, led by Sharon Gallagher. Judy Jones will lead in devotions, and Donna Embree will have a book report.

Don't miss the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at church on March 4 starting at 5:00 p.m. Two kinds of pancakes will be served, as well as sausage and eggs.

**SHROVE TUESDAY  
PANCAKE SUPPER**



All women are invited to the UWF Crater Lake District Every Member enrichment Event being held here at FUMC on Saturday, March 15. Coffee will be served at 8:30 a.m., with the program to start at 9:00. This enrichment session is for anyone who would like to learn to inspire, influence, and impact the world in a positive way through the mission and purpose of United Women in Faith. The program with guest speaker is led by the Crater Lake UWF. A lunch of bread, and dessert will be provided.

Diane McCalmont, Secretary

### Wednesdays During Lent

**Ash Wednesday, March 5: Ash Wed Service, 4:00 p.m. at FUMC**

**Other Wednesdays during Lent:  
Soup supper and worship  
at the Presbyterian Community Church  
March 12 - April 16**

**Soup Supper starts at 5:30 p.m.  
Worship will begin at 6:15 p.m.**

## Storytelling Workshop Kicks Off Spiritual Renewal Weekend

On March 29, Rev. Dr. Jennifer Yocum, Care Pastor of New Life Lutheran Church, will lead this year's interdenominational Spiritual Renewal Workshop on the subject "Faithfully Together: Storytelling into Our Next Chapter," the first event in the 2025 Ecumenical weekend sponsored by five Florence churches and held at the Presbyterian Community Church. The weekend culminates in a joint worship service on March 30.

The Presbyterian Community Church, one of the event's sponsors, is located at 3996 N. Hwy. 101. The other church sponsors include Florence United Methodist, New Life Lutheran, St. Andrew's Episcopal, and Saint Mary, Our Lady of the Dunes, Catholic Church.

The storytelling workshop begins at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 29. With a break for lunch served at the church, the workshop will resume at 1:00 p.m. and conclude at 2:30. The sessions, according to Dr. Yocum, will be based on the model of Jesus as Storyteller, and will "practice storytelling as a means of creating resilience as we imagine our futures together. We will focus on how distinctive faith traditions in Florence have served our community over time."

A joint worship service, with Rev. Deborah Anderson of Florence United Methodist Church preaching, will be held the following day, Sunday, March 30, at 10:30 a.m. at the Presbyterian church. A combined choir of singers from the participating churches and the community at large will be led by Sylvia Hartman of the Presbyterian Community Church and Laura Merz of St. Andrew's Episcopal.

The events are free and the public is welcome.



**Spiritual Renewal 2025 Ecumenical Weekend**

**March 29-30**

# Faithfully Together

**Storytelling into Our Next Chapter**

**Saturday Sessions 10:00 & 1:00**  
*luncheon served at noon*

**Ecumenical Worship Sunday 10:30**

**hosted at Presbyterian Community Church**  
**3996 Hwy 101, Florence**



Workshop Leader:  
Rev. Dr. Jennifer Yocum

Sponsors:



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
<b>2</b> 9:00am Adult Sunday School 10:30am Church Svce	<b>3</b> 9:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs	<b>4</b> 9:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 11:30am Free Lunch <b>5:00pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper</b>	<b>5</b> 9:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs <b>1:00pm UWF Mtg</b> <b>4:0pm Ash Wed Svce at FUMC</b>	<b>6</b> 9:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 11:30am Free Lunch
<b>9</b> 9:00am Adult Sunday School 10:30am Church Svce	<b>10</b> 9:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs <b>6:30pm PFLAG</b>	<b>11</b> 9:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 11:30am Free Lunch	<b>12</b> 9:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs <b>11:00am-1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry</b> 2:00-3:00pm Homeschool class <b>5:30pm Soup Supper</b> <b>6:15pm Worship</b>	<b>13</b> 9:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 11:30am Free Lunch <b>3:15pm Handbell</b>
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<b>30</b> <b>10:30am Joint Worship Service at Presbyterian Church</b>	<b>31</b> 9:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs			



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### Birthdays

- 2 Yola Hesser
- 3 Janet Titus
- 6 Patty Evans
- 7 Bruce Hadley
- 13 Patti Johnson
- 22 Ray Feay
- 26 Linda Schniepp
- 26 Patt Rollins
- 30 Nu Williams

### Anniversaries

- 12 Mike & Judy Jones
- 29 Ken & Elaine Wright

**If I've missed your birthday or anniversary, please send an email to Diane at quiltinggma5@yahoo.com, to let me know.**



## Handbell Opportunity for Spiritual Renewal

If anyone would like to play or even just try out handbells we have a low-commitment opportunity. For the

Spiritual Renewal Weekend March 29-30, we would like to have an ecumenical group play one of the Prelude pieces for our combined worship service on Sunday, March 30.

We will take anyone interested in playing. It is helpful if you can read music, but we can try and work with you even if you don't.

We will have four rehearsals and will focus on just one piece of music for worship. Rehearsals will be at 3:15 pm on successive Thursdays – March 13, 20, 27 – and after the last workshop on Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m.

If you would like more information, please contact Greg Wood (call or text) 804-908-9663.

Rev. Greg Wood, Pastor  
Presbyterian Community Church of Florence

## Adult Class Continues John's Gospel Study

The Adult Sunday School class begins their Lenten study March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 am as we hear about WITNESS AT THE CROSS presented by Amy-Jill Levine, Professor of New Testament at Vanderbilt Divinity School.



We will learn about people who were around the cross at Jesus' crucifixion, and the distinct roles each has in the Gospels. Each class will begin with a short video, leaving time for discussion by the people attending. We will meet six Sundays preceding Easter except for the Spiritual Renewal weekend March 23-24.

We meet at 9:00 am each Sunday in the Sunday School room in the back of the church fellowship hall. All are welcome to join with us.

Bert Schniepp





## Award-winning Documentary on Alan Turing

PFLAG will host a viewing of the award-winning documentary “Codebreaker” Monday night, March 10, at its regular meeting, starting at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The event is free and open to the public.

The 80-minute documentary, released in 2014, deals with the tragic history of Alan Turing, one of the 20<sup>th</sup> century’s most important mathematicians, now considered the father of computer science. His unconventional and original mind helped the British break the German naval Enigma code during World War II, but rather than being hailed for this triumph, he was persecuted and tried under England’s anti-gay laws. To avoid prison, he had to undergo what was then called “chemical castration,” a process that ultimately led to his suicide at the age of 41. He has since received accolades and a public apology from the British government, but his story remains one that needs to be told.

PFLAG-Florence is an affiliate of a national organization with more than 350 chapters and 200,000 members and supporters across the United States. PFLAG is the country’s largest organization working to create a caring, just, and affirming world for LGBTQ+ people and those who love them.

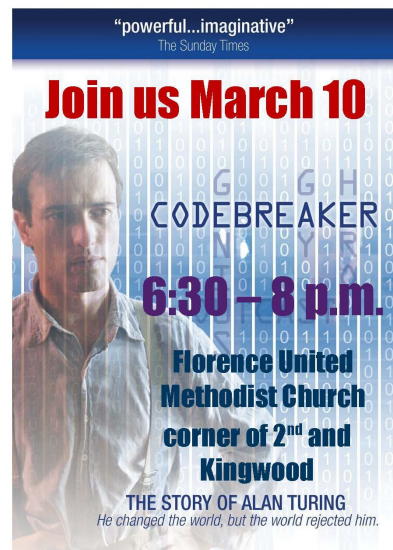
Linda Yoder



### Award-winning documentary

The story of Alan Turing, the mathematical genius who cracked the German Enigma code during World War II

Invite your friends.  
Refreshments will be served.





## Camp Magruder Turns 80!

This year marks the 80th year of Camp Magruder. There will be a special day-long celebration on May 24, beginning at 10 am. The day will include opportunities to tour the site, meet with people who attended camp during the various decades, eat lunch together, share time around the campfire, hear stories, and learn a little about what is ahead for Camp Magruder.

You can register online at [gocamping.org](http://gocamping.org) website. The event is free. Donations will be gladly accepted. If you need help with registration or donations please email Holly Dolan, registrar, at [holly@umoi.org](mailto:holly@umoi.org) or you can call her at 503-802-9214.

Please feel free to share this news with others whom you would like to see at Camp Magruder to mark this milestone.



This Camp Magruder photo from the 1950s shows (from left) Shorehouse, the bell tower, Miller Cottage, Carrier Dining Hall, and Pioneer, taken from the beach. Yes, things have changed a lot over the years! Thanks to good leadership and excellent support, our facilities at Magruder have changed for the better (case in point: Carrier just received a new roof this winter!). But there's no time to rest on our laurels, because Smith and Herron, our sibling cabins in the center of camp, are very much in need of a major remodel so that they can continue to house a wide variety of visitors.

In honor of the Big Eight-Oh for Magruder, we'd love to accept your gift in support of the Smith and Herron remodel. You can donate online at [gocamping.org](http://gocamping.org), just click on the green button and choose "Camp Magruder Smith and Herron Lodge Renovation" (it's the very last one on the list!).

*-articles from Go Camping E-news, February 19, 2025*

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**OPPORTUNITIES...**

**Great Hymns of Faith**

Site: Alton Collins Retreat Center

Date: April 4, 2025

Cost: \$25

This Great Hymns of Faith retreat will be led by Rev. Laura Jaquith Bartlett. Experience the transformative effects of singing together. You will learn bits of hymn history and the theological underpinnings of our congregational songs. Lunch will be served.

If you need assistance registering or have any questions about this event or the registration form, please contact Alton L. Collins Retreat Center at 503-637-6411 or email them at [office@collinsretreatcenter.org](mailto:office@collinsretreatcenter.org).

Diane  
Outdoor Ministries Liaison

**Florence United Methodist Church**  
**FINANCES**



January 1-31, 2025: Receipts: \$ 14,083.98  
Expenses: \$ 15,162.25  
February income through the 24th: \$ 9,174.24

Provided by Kathy Yelle, Treasurer

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