

Florence United Methodist Church

***Tide-ings* 2020**



March Newsletter

Florence United Methodist Church
333 Kingwood, Florence, OR 97439

Office: (541) 997-6025

Sunday Worship

Sunday Services: 10:00 a.m.

Children's Sunday School 10:00 am

Adult Sunday School: 8:30 a.m.

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Visit us at www.florenceunitedmethodist.org

Serving the People of God:

District Superintendent: Rev. John Tucker

Pastor: Reverend Dr. Karen Love Baisinger

Lay Leader: Patt Rollins

SPRC Chair: Patti Johnson

Finance Chair: Terry Woodward

Ministers: All Members



Newsletter Editor: Diane McCalmont

Pastor Karen:

revdrkarenlove@gmail.com

(541) 915-0335 cell (ok to text)

From Our Shared Heart...

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



It's time to prepare ourselves emotionally and spiritually for Easter 2020 through observing the liturgical season of Lent 2020 together. We will be following the Revised Common Lectionary for our Lenten worship services on Sundays as well as integrate aspects of *The Walk* into the services. For details on what we'll be offering during Holy Week and for Easter, stay tuned, especially through next month's newsletter as well as our weekly bulletin inserts during worship.

TAKING THE WALK TOGETHER

The first week of March, we start our 5 week walk together with Jesus and each other to deepen our discipleship during Lent 2020. We are now organizing 5 small groups for table fellowship (that means food!) at the parsonage, followed by lively and spirited discussion of Adam Hamilton's new book *The Walk*. We'll explore and experiment with the 5 essential practices of being a Christ-follower. Remaining openings for small group choices include Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. (Fridays from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. is overflowing and closed now). Still an option is the Sunday group, 4:30-6:00 p.m. Please let me know ASAP if you want to be in a small group to get to know others in our faith community better as we deepen our understanding of what it means to follow Jesus. Sign-up

sheets are available through the church office or call/text me at (541) 915-0335 or email me at revdrkarenlove@gmail.com.

PROJECT BELONG

Have you always wanted to be in the movies? Well, here's your chance! Or at least the chance to be in a short video with others from the Crater Lake District responding to our District Superintendent John Tucker's invitation to us to participate in creating a "lip dub" for Lady Gaga's song, "*Born This Way*." Check out Project Belong at www.projectbelong.com. John Tucker plans to launch the district's video at General Conference 2020 in Minneapolis, MN May 5-15 as part of our opposition and resistance to the harm that continues to be done to our LGBTQIA+ brothers and sisters by the restrictive outcomes of General Conference 2019. We are hoping for a positive, inclusive, life-affirming message to GC2020 and the world.

FUMC is signed up! So now we just need to dust off our dancin' shoes and get our lip dubbing skills back online! Check out an example of an inspiring community lip dub collaboration with the Grand Rapids, MI lip dub YouTube video of "*American Pie*" in 2011 that has garnered almost 6 million views. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZPjjZCO67WI&t=16s>

Let me know ASAP if you are interested in participating in or supporting this

project. We need to get our entry in to the District by March 31. Time to start practicing and videoing!

WE'VE BEEN NOMINATED!

Our District Superintendent, John Tucker, has nominated our church to participate in the 2020-2021 Rural Church Engagement Initiative. He was allowed to nominate 2 churches from the 42 churches in the Crater Lake District, and he invited us as one of them.

Our District Superintendent, John Tucker, is nominating us as one of the two churches he is allowed to nominate from the 42 churches in the Crater Lake District. This Rural Church Engagement Project 2020-2021 is for 15-20 rural churches (population less than 50,000) selected from the Alaska Conference, the PNW Conference, and the OR-ID Conference. For the launching of the 2020-2021 cohort, Patt Rollins, our Lay Leader/Lay Member of Annual Conference, and I will be attending the NW Leadership Institute in Boise, ID at the UMC Cathedral of the Rockies on March 18-20, with the travel, conference, lodging expenses paid by the RCEI. Additional leaders can go at their own expense, so if you are interested, let us know. As a part of this process, I am assembling a Vision Team for our church at John Tucker's request to help us discern our vision for how we are called to carry out our mission (which is a "given"): to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world . . . in this place and in these times we live in.

LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD

We are observing and celebrating Earth Week, not just Earth Day, the week of April 18-26. This is the 50th anniversary of Earth Day. On Saturday, April 18, we'll hold our third quarterly Community Plastics Round-up. These round-ups have been highly successful, with twice as much plastic collected to be re-cycled in the second round-up as in the first. We are excited to have well-known and beloved United Methodist musicians Jim and Jean Strathdee here with us April 23-26. Their beautiful song "*What Does the Lord Require of You*" is in our *The Faith We Sing* hymnal. Details will be announced later as we work out the schedule for a workshop they are leading for singers, including preparing an All-Comers choir to sing two anthems in a concert they are holding for the Florence community. They will also be helping lead worship on Sunday, April 26. Put the dates for the Strathdees' visit with us on your calendar and start telling your friends and family! We hope to have a couple more events and opportunities during our Earth Week, still in the planning stages.

Hope to see you in worship!

Love and blessings,
Pastor Karen



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UMWomen News

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN are scheduled to meet in the Tedd Powell Hall on Thursday, March 5, at 1:30 pm. In keeping with the theme of self-denial there are no refreshments this month. The program

focus is “We Rise.....meeting God’s call to transform communities”. Money gifts collected are designated for projects which benefit women, children, and youth. Brooke Shafer has the devotions and Donna Embree will share a book review.

Reminder: Bring your pink cover copy of 2020 yearbook for an update and come, be part of an exceptional community of United Methodist Women.

Clear Lake District Every Member Enrichment Event is set for Saturday March 7 in Medford from 9am to 2:30pm. The day includes officer training and opportunity to hear the director of CASA in Jackson County, Wenonoa Spivak. Let Judy Jones know “pronto” if you are interested in attending.

Jean Hefty



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



Gone Green...

*Free Lunch has gone green!
Please do not bring in any
more plastic storage
containers.*





Adult Class Begins New Study

Our church's Adult Sunday School class, meeting at **8:30 am** on Sunday mornings in the Sunday School room, will begin a new study this month. On March 1, the first Sunday of Lent, we will begin looking at the Old Testament passages that are designated for the Sundays of Lent in the lectionary. The first class will begin with Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7. Later passages will be from Exodus, I Samuel, Isaiah, and Ezekiel. Come join us to discuss how these passages relate to the Lenten season leading to our Easter celebration.

Bert Schniepp

Free Lunch News

Quarterly Coordinators Council Meeting: Monday, April 13, 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall at FUMC.



Paula Ziegelasch

Week	Date	Tues	Date	Thurs
1st	3/3/20	St. Mary's, Jean	3/5/20	FUMC, Brenda, Sabrina and Hand Girls, Butch
2nd	3/10/20	St. Andrew's, Bert & Linda	3/12/20	FUMC, Peggy & Cindy, Sue, Butch, Brooke
3rd	3/17/20	Unitarians, Paula	3/19/20	FUMC, Paula, Yola, Katharine, Joanna, Butch
4th	3/24/20	Florence Christian, Sharon	3/26/20	Baha'i' & Friends
5th	3/31/20	St. Mary's, Jean		



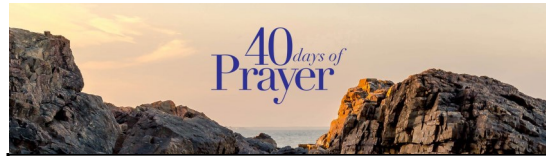
Keeping in Our Prayers

Fritzi Keller; Katharine Schneider; Ramona Spencer; Rita Bergeron; Jim Waterman; Tom Pfeiffer; John & Lila Hyder; Roger Johnson; Kim Holden & family; Jude Craddock; Georgia Garrett; Laureli; Betty Cline; Ursula Sears; Jean Parr; Janice Bell; Elinor Roth; Gerry & Nancy Cedarleaf-Grey; 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.



Call to 40 Days of Prayer

We are being called to pray daily for 40 days for General Conference 2020 of the United Methodist Church. The Upper Room® is a global ministry dedicated to supporting the spiritual life of Christians seeking to know and experience God more fully. From its beginnings in 1935 as a daily devotional guide, The Upper Room has grown to include publications, programs, prayer support, and other resources to help believers of all ages and denominations move to a deeper level of faith and service. The Upper Room is currently working with the UMC Commission on the General Conference and the Council of Bishops to re-shape their website (www.upperroom.org) to support the work of the 2020 General Conference in Minneapolis, MN, May 5-15. Keep this Call to Prayer as more details will become available soon.



Change of
Address

Frank and Annie Van Horn
5080 Daro Drive
Fulton, MO 65251
Same phone #: 541.991.2679

2020 Spiritual Renewal



“Finding Peace in a Chaotic World”



Contemplative Outreach practitioner Susan Rush, from Santa Fe, NM, will lead the 2020 Spiritual Renewal Weekend March 7–8 at the Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw. The multi-denominational Renewal Weekend, conducted annually since 1997 in Florence, will feature three independent seminars on Saturday and a combined worship service on Sunday.

Conducting the Saturday seminars—at 10:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. in the Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall—Susan Rush will guide participants in the use of contemplative tools such as stilling, pausing, and centering prayer to assist them in responding to the world as Christians. Each of Saturday’s sessions deals with a separate focus; participants may be present for any or all of the seminars. A light lunch will be served between the first and second sessions. On Sunday, she will speak from the pulpit of a multi-denominational worship service at 10:30 a.m. in the Presbyterian Church sanctuary. She will preach from Romans 12:2: “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds.”

A spiritual director and retreat facilitator, Rush has been active in Contemplative Outreach for three decades. With a 40-year career in non-profit health care, Susan has experience in various settings with faith communities, patients, staff, and governing boards. Her recent service in the world carries a strong spiritual care aspect. Her clinical pastoral education and certification through the Shalem Institute and the Formation for Contemplative Outreach Service program assist her in supporting others through spiritual inquiry.

The Spiritual Renewal Weekend, formerly known as the Ecumenical Lenten Renewal, is sponsored by the Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw, Florence United Methodist Church, New Life Lutheran Church, and Saint Mary, Our Lady of the Dunes, Catholic Church.



New Life
Lutheran Church



Florence United
Methodist Church



Presbyterian Church
of the Siuslaw



Saint Mary, Our
Lady of the Dunes
Catholic Church

MARCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
1 Adult Sunday School 8:30 Worship/Communion 10:00am Children's Sunday School during service	2 S.B.I.P. mtg 6:30-8:30	3 Office Hours 10 am-1 pm Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 A.A. Meeting 5:00-6:00	4 Transformational Resiliency group 3:00-5:00pm	5 UMMen 8 am Women's Covenant 9:00 Office Hours 10 am-1 pm Pastor's Office hrs 10-1:00 Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 UMW 1:30-3:00 Finance Comm mtg 3:30-5:00 Choir Rehearsal 2:00 Meditation Group 5:30-7:00
8 Spiritual Renewal Service at Presbyterian Church 10:30	9 S.B.I.P. mtg 6:30-8:30	10 Office Hours 10 am-1 pm Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 A.A. Meeting 5:00-6:00 PFLAG 6:30	11 Prayer Shawl Ministry 10- Noon Church Potluck 5:30 pm	12 UMMen 8 am Women's Covenant 9:00 Office Hours 10 am-1 pm Pastor's Office hrs 10-1:00 Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 Choir Rehearsal 2:00 Meditation Group 5:30-7:00
15 Adult Sunday School 8:30 Worship 10:00am Children's Sunday School during service March Birthday Cake after service Ad Council 12 noon	16 S.B.I.P. mtg 6:30-8:30	17 Happy St. Patrick's Day! Office Hours 10 am-1 pm Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 A.A. Meeting 5:00-6:00	18 Transformational Resiliency group 3:00-5:00pm	19 UMMen 8 am Women's Covenant 9:00 Office Hours 10 am-1 pm Pastor's Office hrs 10-1:00 Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 Choir Rehearsal 2:00 Meditation Group 5:30-7:00
Reverend Karen at NW Leadership Institute				
22 Adult Sunday School 8:30 Worship 10:00am Children's Sunday School during service	23 S.B.I.P. mtg 6:30-8:30	24 Office Hours 10 am-1 pm Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 A.A. Meeting 5:00-6:00	25 Prayer Shawl Ministry 10- Noon	26 UMMen 8 am Women's Covenant 9:00 Office Hours 10 am-1 pm Pastor's Office hrs 10-1:00 Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 Choir Rehearsal 2:00 Meditation Group 5:30-7:00
29 Adult Sunday School 8:30 Worship 10:00am Children's Sunday School during service	30 S.B.I.P. mtg 6:30-8:30	31 Office Hours 10 am-1 pm Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 A.A. Meeting 5:00-6:00		

	Fri	Sat
-11 n 00	6 Home School Science Class 1:00-2:00	7 A.A. Meeting 11:30-12:30 Office Hours 2-4pm Spiritual Renewal Seminars at Presbyterian Church 10:30, 1:00, 2:30
-11 n 00	13 Home School Science Class 1:00-2:00	14 A.A. Meeting 11:30-12:30 Office Hours 2-4pm
-11 n 00	20 Nurture Comm mtg 11:00 Home School Science Class 1:00-2:00	21 A.A. Meeting 11:30-12:30 Office Hours 2-4pm
-11 n 00	27 Home School Science Class 1:00-2:00	28 A.A. Meeting 11:30-12:30 Office Hours 2-4pm



Birthdays

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

**The March birthday cake is sponsored by
Caroline Mesman**



Anniversaries

- 12 Mike & Judy Jones
- 16 Dean & Ramona Spencer
- 22 Frank & Annie Van Horn
- 27 Charles & Barbara Walker
- 29 Ken & Elaine Wright



Random Acts of Kindness:

The week of February 18 was Random Acts of Kindness Week. Several folks here at Florence UMC got involved, spreading a little joy here and there. One couple gave a Starbucks gift certificate to a woman out directing traffic. Another person bought some cookies at Subway and delivered them to Les Schwab to put in their waiting room. Someone else gave a sack lunch to a hungry person, and instead of collecting the deposit on a bunch of bottles, gave them away to someone in need of cash. This represents only a sampling of the kindnesses passed on from one to another. May the random acts continue!

Cindy Hughes

BUY GIFT CARDS AT FUMC AND SUPPORT US TOO

The gift card program is still going. This is a wonderful (and fun!) way to donate to Florence UMC. Every time you buy a gift card/certificate, a small portion (from 2-15%) comes back to the church. You can use these yourself or buy them for friends and family. Going into Eugene to shop? Be sure to take one with you for a favorite restaurant. Talk to Cindy Hughes for more details.



Church Attendance in February:

2nd: 49

9th: 51

16th: 49

23rd: 45

**Calling on Knitters, Quilters,
Crocheters, and Fleece Blanket
Makers...**



The Oregon-Idaho Conference of United Methodist Women is joining the Pacific Northwest and Alaska conferences United Methodist Women in a project to make quilts for “Children at Risk”. The goal for our conference is 160, 40 from each district (but we are really hoping for 400!)

All the quilts will be taken to the combined Annual Conference (Pacific Northwest, Oregon-Idaho, and Alaska) on June 11-14, 2020 in Puyallup, WA. The quilts will then be divided among the districts for distribution to agencies benefiting/working with children.

The blankets can be quilted, crocheted, knitted, or made from fleece (tied). Suggested dimensions: 45” x 45”, 45’ x 60”, or 56” x 84” for a twin-sized bed.

Locally, contact Yola Hesser. Otherwise, for questions, you can also contact Jo Ann English at joannenglish.or@gmail.com or 541-741-0575 (home, 541-743-6878 (cell)).

Florence United Methodist Church
FINANCES



January 1-31, 2020:

Receipts: \$7,482.07

Expenses: \$ 3,938.07 February income through the 20th: \$ 5,753.51

Fundraiser Income:

Heifer project: \$1,408.03

ScripNow (2019): \$229.98

ScripNow (Jan. '20): \$46.64

Provided by Kathy Yelle



*Serving in
March*

Date	Time	Liturgist	Usher/Greeter	Coffee Host	Sanctuary Cleanup
Mar 1	10 am				Salisburys
Mar 8		Spiritual Renewal at Presbyterian Church			Rosie Goodwin & Peggy Wilson
Mar 15	10 am		Diane McCalmont	The Schniepps & Caroline Mesman	Patti Johnson & Patt Rollins
Mar 22	10 am	Sharon Gallagher	Pat Balzell & Betty Livingston	Peggy Simington & Laura Pirkey	PeggySimington & Laura Pirkey
Mar 29	10 am				



Mar 1	
Mar 15	Patti Johnson
Mar 22	
Mar 29	Kathy Yelle

Go Camping

Camp & Retreat Ministries Of Oregon and Idaho

Camp and Retreat ministries of Oregon and Idaho have publicized their 2020 camp schedules on their website. Here are some coming up in the Spring months that you might be interested in:

Camps coming up...

- May Great Hymns of the Faith (adult) - May 22, - Alton L. Collins Retreat Center
- Memorial Day Family Camp (all ages) - May 22-25, Camp Magruder
- Round Up (all ages) - May 22-25 - Suttle Lake Camp
- Spring Quilts, Craft, and More Retreat (adult) - May 27-31, Suttle Lake
- Scrappin Ya-Ya's (adult women) -April 30-May 3 - Wallowa Lake Camp

There is a \$25 discount for registration in youth camps prior to May 5, 2020.

If you need assistance in registering or have any questions, please contact Holly Dolan, camp registrar, at (503) 802-9214 or e-mail her at registrar@gocamping.org. You can also register online at gocamping.org.

I'd also be glad to help you look at camps and register online.

Diane McCalmont

Thank you!

We would like to thank our congregation for the recognition Sunday February 9, 2020. Most of what we do has been behind the scenes, that is except for my Hugs!

This is one of the greatest Church Family's that we have been lucky enough to be a part of.

Thanks again,
Aaron & Ray



Sacred Earth Initiative

Tip of the Month:

You probably don't think about your water heater unless your shower turns cold. Your water heater, however, represents about 20% of the CO2 emissions of your home. To improve efficiency and lower your electric/gas bill, set the thermostat to 120 degrees. And, when you go on a trip, put the setting to "off" or "pilot" to reduce wasted energy.

Put it on your calendar! The next Plastic Roundup will be **Saturday, April 18th**. Note that it will be on **Saturday**, instead of the usual Sunday schedule. The roundup will run from **1:00-3:00**. As we did with the last round up, it will be in the **Fellowship Hall**. Please start saving your #2's, #4's and #5's. Remember, containers must be clean, dry and labels removed. The roundup is a great way for all of us to help keep plastic out of our waterways, and we thank you for your help.



How can I *Leave a Legacy?*

PLANNED GIVING

Why plan to give to the Church after you have passed to Heaven?

"What type of legacy would you like to leave, and how would you like to be remembered."

There are many ways to give, but the most common is a designation in your Will as a Charitable Bequest. This is simply done by listing the name of the charity and address along with a designated dollar amount. Also lets your family members know your wishes.

For additional information please contact Tim Salisbury or the Generosity Committee.

FROM YOUR GENEROSITY TEAM...

As we continue to try and generate ideas of how to help meet all of our churches' financial obligations, listed below are expenses that we consider "ADOPTABLE".



If this is something you feel you could consider paying over and above your normal tithing amount, please contact the church office by phone (541-997-6025) or e-mail at florenceumc@florenceunitedmethdist.org. This could be done for a one-time payment, a quarterly commitment, 6 months, or however long you would like or are able. Arrangements would be made directly with the office and would be confidential. You could opt out of this "adoption" at any time but must contact the office that you are doing so.

We ask that you prayerfully consider an "adoption" to assist us in providing the mission of Florence United Methodist Church not only to our congregation, but to our community.

Here is list of sponsor-able monthly expenses:

Banner Bank - Mortgage Payment for Parsonage \$500/month

City of Florence - Water/Sewer \$75/month average

Central Coast Disposal - \$43.75/month

Central Lincoln Electricity - (Fellowship and Sanctuary) \$200-\$400/mo. seasonally

CoastCom Internet - \$45/month

Siuslaw News Directory Advertising - \$50/month

Special Music - \$100/week

Vonage Telephone - \$20.43/month

Church Insurance - \$632.75/Qtrly

Building Supplies - \$60/month average

USPS Stamps - \$55.00/month average

Payroll Service - \$50.00/month

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Directory Update

Do we have your current address,
phone number, and e-mail address?

Please forward them to:

florenceumc@florenceunitedmethodist.org

If you do not wish to receive this
Newsletter please notify the church office.