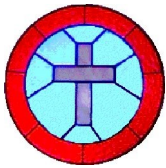


Florence United Methodist Church

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May Newsletter



CAROL'S COMMENTS

I've been thinking...

about Pentecost and the weeks following in Ordinary Time! With Easter very early, Pentecost is early and the number of weeks of Ordinary Time, sometimes called Kingdomtide, has increased. Pentecost is May 15, the following Sunday is Trinity Sunday, then the numbered Sundays after Pentecost begins, concluding the day before the First Sunday of Advent- twenty-eight weeks in all this year! Pentecost is celebrated as the Birthday of the Church. We learn from *The United Methodist Book of Worship* that "The Day of Pentecost is the fiftieth and last day of the Easter Season, when the church received the gift of the Holy Spirit" as described in Acts 2. Pentecost Sunday celebrates ministry in the gifts and power of the Holy Spirit and in Christ's name of individuals and the congregation.

As we conclude the Season of Easter (also known as Eastertide), as a congregation we

will celebrate Holy Communion together on May 1. May 8 is Ascension Sunday and Mother's Day.

As we live toward Pentecost, I would like to invite you to read and reflect on Romans 12:1-8; Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16; and I Corinthians 12. Don't get bogged down in specifics of what gifts mean what or why gifts are listed one place and not another. Instead, stay focused to discover how the Holy Spirit empowers all Christians for their ministry in the world. When you are ready, consider these questions offered for reflection in an online resource from Discipleship Resources (also known as The General Board of Discipleship):

1. What kinds of activities energize you the most?
2. If Jesus were in town doing what he did in Israel in the first century, where are you most drawn to join him -- with the children, in the synagogue, healing, ministering to the poor, leading a small group, turning over the tables of the moneychangers, some other activity?

3. To put that question another way, what kinds of support or change for life in your congregation or community do you care enough about to get up off the couch and do something about?
4. What skills do you use well on a regular basis on your job or at school?
5. In what ministries or groups are you currently participating actively as part of this or another church? in your community? online?
6. Reflecting on what you've written above, in what kinds of ministries could you participate or lead?

If you would like to explore a self-assessment of your Spiritual Gifts, our sisters and brothers in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America offer an online resource, "Finding Your Spiritual Gifts Self-Assessment" at <http://archive.elca.org/evangelizingchurch/assessments/spiritgifts.html>.

If you accept this invitation, then add these 3 questions to the other 6:

1. What are the top five and bottom five gifts from the survey(s)?
2. Reflect on your lowest five gifts. What are you currently engaged in that draws primarily on these gifts? When and how will you stop doing things you are not well-gifted to do or change your roles so that you are acting out of your strongest gifts?
3. Reflect on your highest five gifts. What kinds of ministries seem most compatible with this collection of gifts?

Would there be a visible difference at the beginning of Advent in the transformation of the world if in our corporate and individual efforts we were doing

anything any differently than what we currently are doing?

Grace and Peace,

Rev Carol

P.S. On a very personal note, I will be on Medical Leave from May 23 to June 30 for major surgery. (My daughter, Alysia Downs, will be coming from Kailua-Kona, Hawaii to be with me the first week). In my absence, Trisha Holden will offer leadership for worship and preach May 29; Rev. Elizabeth Kennedy, June 5; District Superintendent Rev. Gwen Drake, June 12; Laura Merz and the Choir with a "Singing Sunday", June 19; and Rev. Bert Schniepp, June 26. It was the decision of the Administrative Council in their April 24 meeting, after talking with congregation members from both services, to move to one service at 10:00 a.m. for the summer beginning June 5.

***Pastor's Office Hours
and Contacts:***

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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

Helen Yager's family; Wilma Sidebottom; Maida's daughter, Jennie; Fritz's friend, Arthur; Trisha & Jonathan Holden; Hazel Vacura; Reverend Carol's mother, Geraldine; John & Maida Miller; Aaron's grand-nephew, Darius; Connie Farmer; Betty Jones; and Bonnie Kelley.

Soldiers everywhere in the world and those who wait for them to come home. We ask God's blessing on these people and those in need, but not named.

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 ray-feay@hotmail.com.



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UMWomen News

On Thursday, May 5th, the **United Methodist Women** will come together in the Tedd Powell Hall and you'll want to be there by 1:30 p.m.

when hostess Yola Hesser will serve dessert. Devotions will come from Barbara Walker and a book review is to be given by Donna Embree.

Everyone is invited to share in the program theme "A Woman who made a difference in my life". Currency, authors, mothers, athletes, entertainers..... limiting to one person may not be easy. Plan to attend.

July 7 – 10 are the dates for **Mission u** to be held at Collins Retreat Center near Sandy, OR. Information is available from Yola Hesser and on UMW bulletin board.

Jean Hefty

UMW PLANT & RUMMAGE SALE

The annual **Plant and Rummage Sale** takes place outdoors AND inside the Tedd Powell Hall on Saturday, May 7th between the hours of 9am and 2pm. This church-wide activity usually has "choice stuff" such as furniture, working appliances, kitchenware, puzzles, games & books, bedding, tools, unfinished craft projects, and holiday décor.

Veggie and flower starts, bulbs and shrubs will be among the bargains. Clothing is not included in this sale but can be taken to SOS or other organizations.

If you have items to contribute, bring them between 9am and Noon on Friday the 6th. Many hands are needed to set up and again to help at the sale on Saturday. Please come and help.



Jean Hefty



Important Notice

SUMMER SERVICES

**WE WILL HAVE ONE SERVICE EACH
SUNDAY DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS**

JUNE 5 - SEPT 4

SERVICE TIME: 10:00 am

YOU ARE INVITED...

...To George Hesser's 90th Birthday Celebration!

Saturday, May 28th, 1:30 pm

FUMC Fellowship Hall

No gifts, please



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

FREE LUNCH NEWS





The Pacific Coast Wind Ensemble is giving a concert to benefit the Florence Free Lunch Program, Food Share and Helping Hands Coalition. The concert will be held at the New Life Lutheran Church on May 15, at 2:30 pm.

Also, as usual, we are short on volunteers for serving at Free Lunch. I hope you can help in at least one of these ways.

Yola Hesser

MAY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
1 Adult Sun School 9-10am Worship & Communion 10:30 Kids Sun. 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 5-6	4	5 UMMen 8 am Women's Covenant Office Hours 9:00-12 Free Lunch 11:30-1 UMW 1:30—3 Choir Practice 5:30- Meditation Group 5
8 Adult Sun School 9-10am Worship 9:00 & 10:30 Kids Sun. School during Service	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 5-6	11 Prayer Shawl Ministry 10-12 Potluck 5:30	12 UMMen 8 am Women's Covenant Free Lunch 11:30-1 Choir Practice 5:30- Meditation Group 5 Finance Comm Mtg
			Reverend Carol at General Confer	
15 Adult Sun School 9-10am Worship 9:00 & 10:30 Kids Sun. School during Service	16 S.B.I.P. Mtg 6:30-8:30	17 Office Hours 10 am-1 pm Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 A.A. Meeting 5-6	18	19 UMMen 8 am Women's Covenant Office Hours 9:00-12 Free Lunch 11:30-1 Choir Practice 5:30- Meditation Group 5
22 Adult Sun School 9-10am Worship 9:00 & 10:30 Kids Sun. 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 5-6	25 Prayer Shawl Ministry 10-12  NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	26 UMMen 8 am Women's Covenant Free Lunch 11:30-1 Trustee's Mtg 3:00 Choir Practice 5:30- Meditation Group 5
			Reverend Carol Surgery/Recuperation May 23	
29 Adult Sun School 9-10am Worship 9:00 & 10:30 Kids Sun. 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 5-6		



	Fri	Sat
8-10 2:30 2:30 6:45 30-7	6 Office Hours 9:00-12:30 Plant & Rummage Item Drop-Off 9:00—Noon	7 UMW Plant & Rummage Sale 9:00-2:00 Office Hours 9:00-12:30 A.A. Meeting 11:30-12:30
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through June 30		

Birthdays

- 4 Jean Parr
- 8 Lorenzo Ramsey
- 9 Patrick McCalmont
- 9 Bruce Yelle
- 11 Phyllis Beall
- 16 Donna Embree
- 16 Keith Brown
- 19 Judy Jones
- 20 Tessa Ramsey
- 22 Connie Farmer
- 24 Trisha Holden
- 24 Charles Walker
- 25 George Hesser
- 25 Mike Jones
- 25 Bert Schniepp
- 28 Jonathan Holden
- 29 Maida Lee Miller

Anniversaries

- 1 Gerry & Nancy
Cedarleaf-Grey
- 13 Jeff & Diane Landon
- 19 John & Lila Hyder



*Serving in
May*

Date	Time	Liturgist	Usher/Greeter	Kids' Time	Coffee Hosts
May 1	10:30	<i>Kathy Bones</i>	<i>Ray Feay & Aaron Gallegos</i>	<i>Diane McCalmont</i>	Host
May 8	9:00				Host
	10:30				Host & Cleanup
May 15	9:00				Host <i>Aaron Gallegos & Jean Hefty</i>
	10:30	<i>Hazel Vacura</i>	<i>Butch & Rosie Goodwin</i>	<i>Rev. Carol</i>	Host & Cleanup <i>As above</i>
May 22	9:00				Host <i>Diane McCalmont</i>
	10:30	<i>Bert Schniepp</i>		<i>Rev. Carol</i>	Host & Cleanup
May 29	9:00				Host
	10:30	<i>Hazel Vacura</i>		<i>Linda Yoder</i>	Host & Cleanup



CASH COUNTER'S SCHEDULE FOR MAY

<u>Date</u>	<u>Counters</u>
May 1	Ray Feay & Aaron Gallegos
May 8	Vacant
May 15	Linda Yoder & Hazel Vacura
May 22	Tim Salisbury & Elinor Roth
May 29	Linda Yoder & Elinor Roth

Florence United Methodist Church **FINANCES**



March 2016:

Receipts: \$6,520.86

Expenses: \$5,067.76

April 1 - 24, 2016:

Receipts: \$6,424.37

Expenses: No final amount/most expenditures are made at the end of the month.



Church Attendance in April:

3rd: 55

10th: 53

17th: 74

24th: 55

ROVING REPORTERS IN BEND: WHAT'S IN A NAME?

As we have the opportunity to visit new communities, and on weekends touch a “home base” at the local United Methodist church, we see interesting trends. One of them is a growing desire to be seen as inviting and inclusive. The message is not just to reach out to those with prior Methodist credentials, but rather to the entire community. One minor change we’re seeing in smaller towns is to add the word “community” to the name—such as “Borrego Springs Community United Methodist Church”. Most recently we’ve seen what appears to be the ultimate in

“re-branding”. After considerable discussion, the former “Bend First United Methodist Church” has a new sign out front. Both the sign and all of its literature now bear a different name—a new name. It’s simply “Bend Church”. Note in the offset smaller print below is “United Methodist”. Perhaps subtle, but in the context of the demographics of that congregation and community, potentially quite powerful. What’s in a name? Food for thought...



Tom and Stephanie Gonser

Thank You!

Thank you so much, UMW, for the wonderful birthday party! Refreshments were delicious, and we enjoyed visiting with family and friends.

Sincerely,
Frank & Annie Van Horn

TRUSTEES' WORK LIST

We'd like for people to take on a task if you can and do it whenever you can, rather than try to get people together for work days. However, there is also a work day scheduled for Saturday, May 14. Come out and join a group to help spruce up the church and grounds.

- ⇒ At some time the electrical panel at the parsonage will have to be upgraded so that the breakers won't fail when a vacuum cleaner is used
- ⇒ Power wash all three buildings
- ⇒ Paint the social hall and possibly the lower walls of the church - we have 2 large buckets of the exterior paint
- ⇒ Attic door surround - in the church - needs to be done by a contractor
- ⇒ Wash windows at church and fellowship hall
- ⇒ New light fixtures on the church towards the parking lot for safety - needs to be done by an electrician if we don't have someone who could do it
- ⇒ Clean kitchen, pantry, bathrooms
- ⇒ Shampoo new carpet in fellowship room
- ⇒ Finish the railing and posts in front of the church - needs to be done by a contractor
- ⇒ 40 new vinyl covered chairs - \$18.00 each
- ⇒ Door mat for back door of church
- ⇒ Dig large weeds out of the grass
- ⇒ Weed the azaleas and lavender - chop out the tree starts in the yard north of the fellowship hall - dig out the tall grass clumps
- ⇒ Anchor the pews so they won't rock if someone uses them to stand up
- ⇒ Furnace filters

Please check with one of the trustees if you would like to help with any of the above:

Bert Schniepp, Renee' Hansen, Jonathan Holden, John Miller, Carol Salisbury, Rosie Goodwin, or Nancy Rickard



MAY NEWSLETTER



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Sunday Worship: 10:30 only on the
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9 and 10:30 a.m. on the remaining Sundays

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