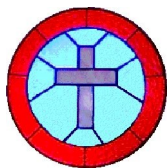


Florence United Methodist Church



May Newsletter



CAROL'S COMMENTS

I've been thinking...

about the liturgical season we've just begun, the Season of Easter. We have spent the 40 days of Lent, not counting Sundays, on reflection, fasting, prayer, and preparing for Easter. We will now spend 50 days, counting Sundays, celebrating Easter. For many of us, doing anything for more than one day is amazing. We think about it, we do it, we go on to the next thing, with little or no on-going thought of what we celebrated or were concerned about the day before; life happens too fast to stop to reflect or change. For a time, every Sunday morning for 50 days, 7 weeks (counting Easter), we will stop, we will reflect on the implications of the resurrection of Jesus Christ for our lives, and for the life of the world.

On Easter, we heard from Mary Magdalene; on the Second Sunday of Easter we heard first from "the disciples"; and then from Thomas. On the Third Sunday, we will "go to the village of Emmaus, about

seven miles from Jerusalem"; the Fourth Sunday could be called "Sheep-Shepherd Sunday". The Fifth Sunday, we will focus on Acts 7: 55-60 and 1 Peter 2: 2-10; the Sixth we will return to John's Gospel with text from John 14. The Seventh and final Sunday of the Season of Easter, we will listen to Jesus praying for his disciples, and praying for us. *50 days, 7 Sundays, to consider the implications for our lives of the resurrection of Jesus Christ; 50 days, 7 Sundays to celebrate!*

This Season of Easter has Jewish roots. From *Rabbinical Literature*, we learn "In Palestine the grain harvest lasted seven weeks and was a season of gladness (Jer. v. 24; Deut. xvi. 9; Isa. ix. 2). It began with the harvesting of the barley (Men. 65-66) during the Passover and ended with the harvesting of the wheat at Pentecost, the wheat being the last cereal to ripen."

In addition, from a Basic Level of a Jewish teaching website: "The period from Passover to Shavu'ot is a time of great anticipation. We count each of the

days from the second day of Passover to the day before Shavu'ot, 49 days or 7 full weeks, hence the name of the festival...

The counting reminds us of the important connection between Passover and Shavu'ot: Passover freed us physically from bondage, but the giving of the Torah on Shavu'ot redeemed us spiritually from our bondage to idolatry and immorality. Shavu'ot is also known as Pentecost, because it falls on the 50th day; however, Shavu'ot has no particular similarity to the Christian holiday of Pentecost, which occurs 50 days after their Spring holiday. "

In "life," April 30 is Native American Ministries Sunday with a Special Offering;

May 7 is one service at 10:30 with the celebration of Holy Communion;

May 14 is Mother's Day. Elizabeth Kennedy will be the preacher and assist with the leadership of worship, as I will be with my daughter and son-in-law for her graduation from the University of Hawaii;

May 21 is Rhody Week-end with the Grand Floral parade on Sunday;

May 28 is Memorial Day week-end.

June 4 is Pentecost! This year we will receive Matilda Hand as a new acolyte and recognize and thank those children and youth who have been acolytes. We will also receive any adults who feel called to be baptized or to transfer their membership to this congregation. It is also my hope that we will be able to

bless the children and youth, their parents, and mentors, on the beginning of their journey to confirmation through baptism or church membership.

Fifty days of celebration, fifty days of anticipation...*every day* knowing that you can know the presence of the God in the Risen Lord!

Grace and Peace,
Rev Carol

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and Contacts:***

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Florence United Methodist



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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

John Pohlman's grandson
Sirus; Katla Vincent; Laureli Holden;
Gloria Zeff; Gerry & Nancy
Cedarleaf-Grey; Ray's sister-in-law,
Suzanne; Chrisleen Cooper; Reverend
Carol; John & Lyla Hyder; John Miller;
the family of Aaron's grand-nephew,
Darius, upon his passing; Myrna
Sullivan and husband, David; and
Connie Farmer.

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.



United
Methodist
Women

FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

UMWomen News

On Thursday, May 4th, **United Methodist Women** will come together at 1:30 p.m. in the Tedd Powell Hall. Hostess is Hazel Vacura with devotions to be given by Georgia Garrett. Donna Embree will share a book review.

Our pastor, Carol Thompson, is providing the program where we are certain to learn more about the mission of UMW. No test is planned but listen intently J. All women of the church family are invited to this last business meeting until September.

July 27-30 are the dates for Mission U (formerly School of Christian Mission) to be held at Collins Retreat Center near Sandy.

Jean Hefty

IT'S HERE!

This church-wide event usually includes kitchenware, working appliances, furniture, holiday décor, books, puzzles, unfinished crafts, tools and whatever.

Vegetable and flower starts, bulbs, and shrubs will be among the plant bargains. If you have things to contribute, bring them before 1 o'clock on Friday, the day before. Extra hands are needed to set up, help on Saturday, and clean up. Let Renee' or Yola know if you can volunteer time. Thanks.

Jean Hefty

ALSO... Nancy will need help the day before and the day of the sale to pot, label, and price plants, along with set up. Give her a call if you can help in that way.



United Methodist
Women

Annual Plant & Rummage Sale

333 Kingwood
May 6, 2017
9AM-2PM

Rummage
Plants
Books, Puzzles

No Clothes



Summer Begins June 4...

...well at least our summer worship schedule begins June 4! We will have one Sunday worship service from June 4 through August 27; it will be at 10:00.



In an effort to reduce the congestion in the narthex (entryway) and the noise outside the sound room, we are asking that only folks who need to use the ramp at what is currently the front door come in that way, and that **EVERYONE ELSE** use what is now the “Office Door” beginning June 4. Greeters will meet you in that more spacious area, and name tags and bulletins will be available. You will then be able to select a place to sit from the front of the sanctuary. You will not be asked to go and come in a different door if you forget, but let’s see if we can change!

Rev Carol



Celebrating
5 Years in
Florence

PFLAG Meets May 9

The regular meeting of PFLAG-Florence will be held Tuesday, May 9, at 6:30 p.m. at Lane Community College – Florence in Room 158. Refreshments will be served.

LCC is located at 3149 Oak Street. All meetings are free and open to the public.

MAY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
	1 S.B.I.P. Mtg 6:30-8:30 Helping Hands 10-2	2 Office Hours 10 am-1 pm Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 A.A. Meeting 5-6	3 Helping Hands 10-2	4 UMMen 8 am Women's Covenant 8- Office Hours 9:00-12:3 Free Lunch 11:30-12:3 UMW 1:30-3 Choir Practice 5:30-6:4 Meditation Group 5:30
7 Adult Sun School 9:00 Worship/Communion 10:30 Children's Sunday School during 10:30 service	8 S.B.I.P. Mtg 6:30-8:30 Helping Hands 10-2	9 Office Hours 10 am-1 pm Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 A.A. Meeting 5-6	10 Helping Hands 10-2 Prayer Shawl Ministry 10-12 Potluck 5:30	11 UMMen 8 am Women's Covenant 8- Office Hours 9:00-12:3 Free Lunch 11:30-12:3 UMW 1:30-3 Choir Practice 5:30-6:4 Meditation Group 5:30
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Birthdays

- 4 Jean Parr
- 8 Lorenzo Ramsey
- 8 Tom Gonser
- 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

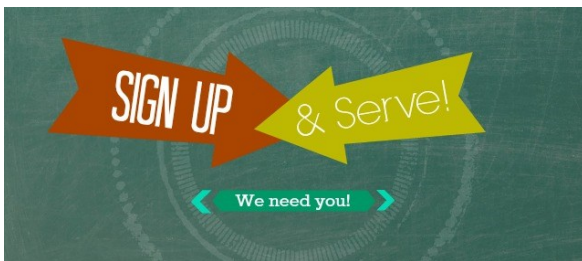
Anniversaries

- 1 Gerry & Nancy Cedarleaf-Grey
- 19 John & Lila Hyder



Serving in May

Date	Time	Liturgist	Usher/Greeter	Kids' Time	Coffee Hosts
May 7	10:30			Linda Yoder	Host



*Be sure to sign up on
the Opportunity sheet
that goes around
during church*



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



CAMP CORNER

Register for Summer Camp by May 5
to receive a \$25 Early Bird Discount!

Details to Come

We anticipate sending 6 children and youth to church camp this summer! That is going to take all of our help to gather enough money to make it happen. Car wash, bake sale, perhaps even a "Macaroni Dinner," and your attendance will be needed for the possibility of our children and youth experiencing God and Christian Community outdoors this summer.

Go Camping

Florence United Methodist Church FINANCES



March 2017:

Receipts: \$ 5,715

Expenses: \$ 5,207

April 1-16, 2017:

Receipts: \$ 6,016

Provided by John Pohlman

2017 Directory Updates Coming

Watch for a directory update form on June 4, following worship. You will be able to update the information we have on record (whether or not it is included in your listing) and select which information you wish to have published in the 2017 Directory. The directory update form will include your picture, and you may indicate whether you would like to have a new one taken. We'd like to have forms returned by June 18 so that the new directory can be published in early July.

Your data form may look something like this, with your actual listing and picture, a way to indicate communications preferences and request a new picture, and the data from which your listing was drawn:

<p>Linda Yoder* 5581 Huckleberry lane Florence, OR 97439 Mobile Phone: 541-590-0944 lindayoder@hotmail.com</p>						<p>New Picture? Yes No</p>		<p>Newsletter: email mail</p>	
						<p>Preferred way to contact you: home cell mail email</p>			
	First	Last	Email	Home Phone	Mobile	Mailing Address	Home City	Home State	Home ZIP
	Linda	Yoder	lindayoder@hotmail.com		541-590-0944	5581 Huckleberry Lane	Florence	OR	97439
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August 27, which will be our last Sunday in the Summer schedule, will be our worship and potluck picnic at the group assembly hall (a.k.a. the Yurt) at Woahink Lake. Sign-up and details to come!

Music Notes



The FUMC Choir has been singing a great deal this year, including a Christmas Cantata, Lenten Renewal Service, Good Friday Service, and almost every Sunday since September, 2016. They've done an outstanding job and always strive to sing their best. Choir will continue to meet on Thursday evenings, 5:30 - 6:45 p.m., through June 1. Our final anthem for this year will be on Pentecost Sunday, June 4. Choir will then take the summer off and re-group for Fall 2017 on Thursday, September 7.

If you know musicians who may want to provide special music through the summer 10:00 service (June, July, August), please call me at 541-902-8567, or talk with me after church. I will also provide a sign-up sheet -- another "clipboard of opportunity" -- to be distributed at Sunday services for those interested in this musical opportunity.

Rhianna Haynes will be playing/accompanying for the summer 10:00 a.m. services and will continue as our official FUMC musician beginning in the Fall, playing for both services and accompanying the choir. My goal is to continue as a music support server, as a substitute pianist when needed, and choir director in the Fall -- without waving my arms around! (This means I get to sing, too!)

On a personal note, I want to thank Rev. Carol, the SPR Committee, and all my fellow FUMC peeps for the wonderful support you have given me through all the years as your Music Director, and this year especially, due to my required resignations both at FUMC and my LCC job. YOU ROCK!! Onward and upward!

Keep on singing!



Laura Merz



Church Attendance in April:

5th: 50	12th: 60	19th: 108	26th: 63	30th: na
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