

Florence United Methodist Church

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May 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

Lay Leader: Patt Rollins

SPRC Chair: Patti Johnson

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Newsletter Editor: Diane McCalmont

Pastor Logan:

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Logan's Lines



There once was a man whose only horse broke away and ran loose. His neighbors came to him and said, "What a stroke of bad luck!" The man replied, "You never know." A few days later, the horse returned with three wild horses. His neighbors came to him and said, "Wow! What luck you have! You now can break in three new horses to ride! What a blessing." To which the man replied: "You never know." A few weeks later, the man sent his son to break in the wild horses, but he fell off the horse and broke his leg. "How awful!" his neighbors exclaimed, "You have been dealt a terrible hand with these horses." "You never know," the man replied. The next day, someone came by to bring the young men of the town to war, but they passed by the man's son on account of his broken leg. "A gift from God!" the people proclaimed. "You never know," said the man.

I could keep going with that story, but you get my point. How are we to know what is a blessing or a curse in this life? You never know what's around the corner. The gift is that we have today. We have the opportunity of the present moment to comfort one another in times of sorrow and celebrate in our moments of joy.

Let's roll with it together, in and through community. Stay soft. Stay open. Allow God's Holy Spirit to heal you and guide you along the way.

Blessings,
Pastor Logan

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● **Pastor Logan's Schedule:**

- Pastor Logan's office hours for the month of May are: Tuesday, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. She's often at the church when doing administrative tasks.
 - Feel free to stop in! You may reach her on her cell at: 406-839-1756 or by
 - email at: logan.m.strike@gmail.com. Mondays continue to be her day off.
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Keeping in Our Prayers

Jean & Bob Hefty; Donna Embree and daughter, Barbara; Teresa Roscoe and son's wife and daughter; Carolyn Munson and family; Ray Feay; Sandy Woodward; Laura Merz; Hazel Vacura; Jasmin Crump; Pat Balzell; Jonathan Yoder; Reverend Karen and Alan; Peggy Simington; Kathleen Wenzel; John & Lila Hyder; Georgia Garrett; Betty Cline; Ursula Sears; Jean Parr; Janice Bell; Gerry & Nancy Cedarleaf-Grey; Patrick, Diane, & April McCalmont.

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

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 rayfeay@hotmail.com.

Come Celebrate Pastor Logan's Ordination

*Sunday, May 1, right after the church service
Fellowship Hall*

Potluck Style

Meats will be provided

Bring a side dish or dessert to share if you can





United
Women
in Faith

UMWomen News

On Wednesday May 4th the Florence unit of **United Women in Faith**, aka United Methodist Women, will come together in the Tedd Powell Hall at 1:00pm.

Hostesses Sharon Gallagher and Rosie Goodwin will serve refreshments. Judy Jones has the devotions and Donna Embree is to review one of the many books she has read. Special guest Suzanne Mann-Heintz will provide information on the Safe Shelter for Siuslaw Students program.

If you have any curiosity about what goes on at UMW, this is a good time to attend as we learn together.

For many years June was the time to go out to lunch but this year a potluck is planned for June 1st. After a long absence of not eating or being together, plan to come and bring a favorite dish to share. Watch for more information next month.

Before Easter, an array of cookies were made by many bakers and purchased by happy consumers. Proceeds will benefit local mission projects. Thank you, all!

Jean Hefty, Secretary

United Methodist Men



Our United Methodist Men's fellowship group continues to meet each Thursday morning at 8:00 am at Fresh Harvest Restaurant on Hwy 101.

All men of the church are welcome to join us to praise God and enjoy fellowship together.

Bert Schniepp

PFLAG Meeting

PFLAG-Florence will meet on Tuesday, May 10, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall of the church. Refreshments will be served.



We are partnering with the High School GSA (Gay-Straight Alliance) to march and have a decorated car in the Rhododendron Festival Parade May 22. Join in the fun at our May meeting at church, especially if to if you want to design or color a sign for the car. We continue to accept new membership applications. Just email pflagflo@gmail.com.

Linda Yoder

UM Staff Parish Relations COMMITTEE

SPRC Update

Congratulations to Pastor Logan!

On Sunday, April 24, Pastor Logan was ordained at the Spirit of Grace Lutheran Church in Beaverton, Oregon. How lucky our small, but mighty church is, to be blessed with Pastor Logan's youth and energetic persona. Her leadership promises to continue growing our church and our ministries in the Florence Community.

Patti Johnson
SPRC Chair

*Pastor Logan's Ordination
April 24 at Spirit of Grace
in Beaverton, OR*



**Rev. John Tucker and Bishop Laurie Larson Caesar
with Pastor Logan**



The Laying on of Hands



**A Sung
Prayer by
Rev. Paul
Strike**



The giving of a stole

**Fully ordained Pastor Logan serving
Holy Communion**

A Word From Your Lay Leader...



"I present for ordination to the ministry of Word and Sacrament, Logan McLean Strike, who has been prepared, examined, and certified for this ministry and who has been called by the church to this ministry through Florence United Methodist Church."

Thanks be to God.

So, with those words, on our church's behalf, I presented Pastor Logan for ordination. Still gives me goosebumps. How blessed we are to have this wonderful collaboration with the Lutheran Church in the appointment of Pastor Logan to our "small but mighty church".

Bishop Laurie Larson Caesar (Lutheran) was the presiding minister over the Service of Ordination to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament and was assisted by our own District Superintendent John Tucker (United Methodist).

Since the service was held in Beaverton, Oregon, I realize it would have been a long day for many of you who might have wanted to attend in support of Pastor Logan, but there were several of you who joined by Zoom. Made me proud to see your faces.

You'll have a special opportunity to not only congratulate Pastor Logan on her ordination, but also welcome her officially as our new Pastor. Our own UMW will be hosting a good old Methodist potluck on Sunday, May 1, right after church in our newly remodeled Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite side dish. Ham and turkey will be provided. Let's show her how much Methodists love potlucks.

See you Sunday.

Blessings,
Patt Rollins

MAY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
1 9:15am Adult Sunday School 10:30am Church Svce After Service: Reception for Pastor Logan 3:30pm Church Council meeting	2	3	4 1:00pm UMWomen	5 8:00am UMMen
8 9:15am Adult Sunday School 10:30am Church Svce	9	10 6:30pm PFLAG	11	12 8:00am UMMen
15 9:15am Adult Sunday School 10:30am Church Svce	16	17	18	19 8:00am UMMen
22 9:15am Sunday School Classes 10:30am Church Svce	23	24 5:00pm-Newsletter Deadline	25	26 8:00am UMMen
29 9:15am Sunday School Classes 10:30am Church Svce	30 Memorial Day	31		



Fri	Sat
6	7
13	14
20	21
27	28

Birthdays

- 4 Jean Parr
- 8 Lorenzo Ramsey
- 8 Tom Gonser
- 9 Patrick McCalmont
- 13 Laura Pirkey
- 16 Donna Embree
- 16 Keith Brown
- 16 Griffin Ramsey
- 19 Judy Jones
- 20 Tessa Ramsey
- 24 Trisha Holden
- 24 Scott Philben
- 25 George Hesser
- 25 Mike Jones
- 25 Bert Schniepp
- 25 Peggy Simington
- 28 Jonathan Holden
- 29 Maida Lee

Anniversaries

- 1 Gerry & Nancy Cedarleaf-Grey
- 15 Alan & Karen Baisinger
- 19 John & Lila Hyder

If I've missed your birthday or anniversary, please send an email to Diane at quiltgma5@yahoo.com, to let me know.

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FINANCES



March 1-2831, 2022: Receipts: \$ 4,640.05
 Expenses: \$ 13,401.58
April 2022 income through the 25th : \$ 2,421.59

Please note that March expenses include \$6,520.63 paid to the contractor for the kitchen renovation.

Provided by Kathy Yelle
Treasurer



Decorators: Aaron & Ray

*Easter
Sunday*



**Amanda Sarles
leading in song**

**Hostesses Extraordinaire:
Rosie, Peggy, & Judy**



Sunday School News



It was a wonderful start of our Sunday School for all on Easter Sunday. We are delighted to say we had 7 youth, 4 adults and 4 teachers to total 16 in attendance.

We had 3 and ½ classes of smiling faces! There was a “middle class” with youth from 8yr. to 12yr. olds, a “teen class” with students from 13yr. to 16yr. olds, and an adult class....but we won't reveal their ages!

You may be curious about the “1/2 class” I mentioned. Well, we were blessed by the presents of one 5yr. old and one 7yr. old who spent time with the middle class for story and activities and they broke off with their own teacher for fun and lessons more geared to their ages.

We want to encourage you, if you missed it, to join in when you can. Classes begin at 9:15 Sunday mornings for 1 hour and end before worship services. You best hurry to come because classes will end in June for a break until the fall. We'd love to have you!

Peggy Hughes



On Easter Sunday, our church was blessed to have these four young men as visitors from Germany. Matthias Loos, Stephan Loos, David Kunze, and Bjorn Korbel. Their English was good and they were delightful.

They are traveling for six weeks in a motor-home. They plan on going to the California Redwoods, Yosemite, San Francisco, L.A., and the Grand Canyon.

They are all studying forestry and have been friends for about a year. Three of them have Catholic backgrounds and the fourth attends a small charismatic church.



OFFERING COUNTERS

Offering Counters

Since returning to worship in the sanctuary, we are looking for volunteers to count and deposit donations following worship on Sundays. Individuals – working in pairs – who volunteer for this role, are approved by the Church Council and receive training.

When properly scheduled, a volunteer's time commitment can be just once a month. If you are interested, call the church at 541-997-6025, or email us at florenceumc@florenceunitedmethodist.org.

If you have performed this service in the past, the church will be happy to provide a "refresher" course, since some procedures have been modified.

Linda Yoder



The "clipboards of opportunity" have returned and are placed on the south wall of the entrance to the sanctuary. The dates are left blank so that you may choose your availability. The five opportunities for ministry are:

★ flowers ★ cleaning ★ sound booth ★ liturgist ★ usher/greeter

Just list a date you're available, and you will be called to make arrangements.

Florence Food Share now offers



delivery service!

**Already a Florence Food Share client and live in
Florence?**

Can't make the trip to Florence Food Share?

Only need 25LB's of food or less?

Call (541) 997 9110 to schedule a delivery!



Florence Food Share is partnering with United Way of Lane County and Door Dash to offer small deliveries to our clients in the local Florence area. This service comes as an addition to our existing full pantry delivery service.

Ride United delivery orders placed before the end of day Tuesday will arrive Thursday of the same week. Any orders placed after Tuesday will be delivered the following Thursday.



Excerpts from a letter of the Executive Director of Camp & Retreat Ministries, Todd Bartlett...

April 21, 2022

"The Oregon-Idaho Board of Camp and Retreat Ministries has launched "Lighting the Way to a Brighter Future". This will raise \$75,000 to help us become more environmentally friendly and increase our chances for long-term sustainability, by bringing solar power to the Alton L. Collins Retreat Center and Wallowa Lake Camp in 2022."...

..."Some benefits that we can expect from these two projects:

- Supply approximately 242,500 kWh of clean and sustainable power from the sun each year, eliminating more than 189 tons of greenhouse gas emissions, equivalent to not driving a car approximately 426,949 miles, or not burning 190,868 pounds of coal annually.
- For the next 25 years, these panels will save the Alton L. Collins Retreat Center an estimated \$432,684 in electric bills and Wallowa Lake an estimated \$154,000 in electric bills. With panels expected to last longer than 25 years, there will be even greater savings.
- Create a unique new relationship between the Alton L. Collins Retreat Center and its community, by allowing community members to earn a return from investing in the solar project."...

..."you have two ways that you can support this project financially.

First, you can donate to Camp and Retreat Ministries either as a one-time donation (check mailed to the camping office, address below) or online [here](#), or as an on-going donation (online, or call 503-802-9214 or email Holly@umoi.org if you need assistance with this). Help us reach our goal of \$75,000.

Second, you can invest in this project. By doing so, you contribute the amount you desire (in multiples of \$1,000) through the Oregon Clean Power Cooperative (OCPC), and you will receive 4% return on your investment over 10 years. For more information on this option send an email to: info@oregoncleanpower.coop. Click [here](#) to see the proposal from Oregon Clean Power Cooperative for Alton L. Collins or [here](#) for the Wallowa Lake Camp proposal.

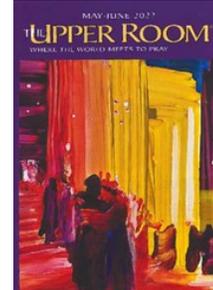
I am so excited to step into this brighter future that allows us to live more completely into our mission and vision for Camp and Retreat Ministries and its impact on the world. Please join me in taking a step toward reducing our environmental impact as well as increasing our ability to impact lives for a brighter future. I thank you, the Earth thanks you, and future generations will thank you."...

Todd Bartlett
Executive Director

Noteworthy...

Home Touch & Upper Room

The Upper Room daily devotional for May and June and the Home Touch weekly devotionals and puzzles for May have been mailed. If you would like to be added to or removed from the mailing list, contact lindayoder@hotmail.com or call or text 541-590-0944.



Electronic Giving

Giving online continues to be available exclusively through our website, www.florenceunitedmethodist.org, which provides a secure portal to the donation site managed by our ministry partner Vanco.

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 lindayoder@hotmail.com. We don't want anyone to miss out on a fabulous resource, especially one we use extensively for small groups.



Bottle Drop – for Camperships

Florence UMC's account with the Oregon Beverage Recycling Cooperative (OBRC) "Bottle Drop" program allows everyone who has one of our tagged bags to contribute the value of their returnable bottles and cans to the church.

Kids going to Methodist camp, their friends, relatives, and everyone in the congregation, can pitch in and fill bags to benefit the program.

We hope Bottle Drop is a win-win for our campers.

Pick up a blue bag, sticker, and card at the back of church.

- Attach the sticker on the bag
- Bring the bag to a Bottle Drop station at the north side of Fred Meyer
- Use the paper card to unlock the door at the Bottle Drop
- Scan the card as indicated, open the door and place your tagged bag on the chute inside
- Bottle Drop does the rest – counts the contents of the bag and credits our account

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