

Florence United Methodist Church

***Tide-ings* 2024**



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

Governing Board Chair: Beth Evans

Finance Chair: Kathy Yelle

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Logan's Lines



This will be my last entry for “Logan’s Lines.” I have journeyed with you as your pastor since 2022. It has been a blessing of my life to accompany you on this walk of faith, to listen to your stories, laugh and cry with you, and to lead you in worship.

This is a time of change! You will be figuring out what ministry looks like for this coming year and the years to come. You will continue to joyfully step into loving and serving God and one another. Even in the uncertainty, I know Florence is in good hands. Because God is always at work in times such as these.

Scripture abounds with stories where God is beside those about to take a big leap into something new. I recall stories from the Old Testament where God calls Abraham. Or when God speaks to Moses through a fiery bush and eventually leads the Israelites by cloud and fire through the wilderness. I remember the joyful story of Mary who sought out Elizabeth after discovering she was miraculously with child. Remember these stories of scripture, and remember your own!

God is with you on life’s journey. From the waters of your baptism where grace and Spirit rushes in, through all of your life, you are claimed and formed by God. And so, as Florence UMC and I journey toward a new thing, I know that God goes with us.

Peace be yours in Christ,

Rev. Logan McLean Strike



Crater Lake District

The Rev. John Tucker
District Superintendent

Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference
The United Methodist Church

April 21, 2024

Dear Members and Friends of the Florence United Methodist Church

It is Bishop Cedrick Bridgeforth's intention to appoint Logan McLean Strike to the Newman United Methodist Church in Grants Pass for the coming appointment year. She has provided you with great pastoral leadership and I am grateful for the support you have given her. I am aware that she begins maternity leave on May 1st. Arrangements have been made with Patty Evans, a retired Disciples of Christ minister and member of your congregation, to fill in with half time service beginning in May and running through the next appointment year as your new superintendent, Wendy Woodworth looks to fill the appointment officially. Your arrangement with Patty will be contractual and will not be listed as an appointment.

The hope is that Logan and her family can have the month of July to move from Florence to Grants Pass. A new pastor will not need the parsonage and this allows time for Logan and Paul to find a new home and show the baby off with their faith communities in Florence before moving. I will remain in contact with your leadership to help this transition go as smoothly as possible. Please be in prayer for all involved in this change and know that the bishop and cabinet are praying for you.

Crater Lake District Superintendent
Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference

Governing Board Updates

It was with great sadness that I read Rev. John Tucker's (our District Superintendent) letter on Sunday, April 21st, telling us that Pastor Logan has been assigned to another church and will be leaving us on June 30. Because Baby Strike will be making his presence known soon, Pastor Logan will essentially be leaving us on April 30 when she starts her maternity leave.



This news leaves us without a pastor until the new District Superintendent can find one. Appointments start July 1, which means July 1, 2025 for us. Because Rev. Patty Evans has agreed to serve as Pastor-in-Residence during Pastor Logan's maternity leave, we already have plans in place for pastoral services through the end of July 2024. Rev. Evans is open to serving longer, if needed. Our goal is to work with the new DS to hire a pastor as soon as possible (i.e., not wait until next summer to do this).

We will be operating under a "laity led" leadership model until our new pastor is hired. Rev. Evans will address pastoral concerns and the Church Council will govern and manage the Church. When a church has an appointed pastor, the pastor handles most management concerns. The laity led model allows us to evaluate and make adjustments about how things are working in the church. Most concerns will be addressed at Church Council meetings. These meetings are open to everyone. If you have ideas or concerns, you can bring them in person to a Council meeting or share them with a Council member. Contact information for Council members is in the Church Directory and in the Newsletter.

Patty and I started attending FUMC about a 1.5 years ago and joined the Church this past fall. Pastor Logan was already serving here. We missed the pandemic and times of transition many of you experienced. What we have seen is a small but vibrant congregation that is responsive to community needs and that loves and takes care of each other. New attendees in Sunday services have increased by 25% and the Church is fiscally solvent. This is a Church that is on solid ground. We are positioned well to get through this time of transition.

Beth Evans
Church Council Chair

WHO TO CALL FOR HELP

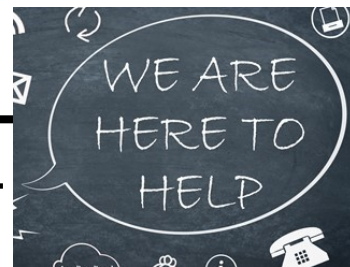
Pastoral Care/Concerns: Patty Evans, 541-905-4248

Unlocking the Buildings: Renee' Hansen, 541-999-9487

General Questions: Peggy and/or Cindy Hughes, 541-902-0197 (such as clerical assistance, reserving the Fellowship Hall, clarifying meeting times)
General Church Concerns: Beth Evans, 541-760-3021

Building Problems/Key Requests: Scott Philben, 530-949-8464

Financial Questions: Kathy Yelle, 541-305-1495 (such as making a purchase, getting reimbursed, making a donation)



Hey, let's meet...oh, wait a minute!

If you and/or your group want to use the sanctuary or fellowship hall in the next few months, please contact Cindy (541-991-7290 or lucindagh@gmail.com). She will put it on the calendar. That way...hopefully...we can avoid those embarrassing moments when you walk in only to find somebody's taken your place.



We are needing to appoint one new person to help with counting the offering. If you would like to serve in this area, please contact:

**Cindy Hughes (541-902-0197) or
Beth Evans (541-760-3021).**



Keeping in Our Prayers

Rosie Goodwin; Tim Williams, Linda & Bert Schniepp; Kathy Waterman; John & Lila Hyder; Scott Philben; Carolyn Munson; Karen Baylis; Betty Livingston; Judy Jones and family; Donna Embree and daughter, Barbara; Ray Feay; Aaron Gallegos; Sandy 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 healing blessings on families across our nation who have lost loved ones to gun violence.

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.



MAY

May Coffee Hour: Donna Embree, Barbara Embree, Kathy Yelle (cake)

Date	Liturgist	Usher/ Greeter	Counters	Flowers
5	Susie Stevens-Briody	Aaron Gallegos	Patty Evans Sharon Gallagher	
12	Stephen Williams	Sharon Gallagher	Patty Evans Nu Williams	
19	Service will be at the Presbyterian Community Church			
26	Karen Baylis	Peggy Simington	Nancy Rhodes Peggy Simington	

The Church Celebrates Pentecost!

The Presbyterian Community Church (3996 Highway 101) has extended an invitation to our congregation and the New Life Lutheran Church to join them for worship on Pentecost Sunday, May 19 at 10:30 a.m. We will celebrate the gift of the Spirit and the birthday of the Church in joyful and cooperative fellowship. A time of celebration, visiting and refreshments will follow. This invitation from our Presbyterian friends is not only in honor of the Day of Pentecost but comes as a way to extend help and hospitality to our congregation and the New Life congregation as we enter the Maternity Leave weeks of Pastors Logan and Paul. Let us celebrate the gift of the Spirit with our partner congregations and extend our appreciation for their kind invitation by helping to fill the sanctuary!

A special invitation is extended to all singers to join the Pentecost choir. Rehearsals will be held on Wednesdays May 8 and 15 at 3:45 pm at the Presbyterian Church. Call 541-997-7136 if you need more information.



May Brings A Vital, Spreading Church

The Adult Sunday School class will resume our video presentations for May with an appropriate follow-up to the resurrection which brought such life-changes to the world around the Eastern end of the Mediterranean Sea. We will be focusing on the growth and changes taking place in the earliest churches as we watch and discuss during a 6-week study, "Acts – Catching Up With The Spirit" by Matthew L. Skinner.

Come join us in the Sanctuary at 9:00 am each Sunday as we view the video and then move to a smaller room for our discussion of the presentation. All adults are welcome to join us for any or all of the sessions as we meet each Sunday before Worship.

Special thanks to Dr. James Waterman for his presentations concerning mental health during our April Sunday mornings.

Bert Schniepp

MAY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
			1 1:00pm UWF mtg	2 8:30am UMMen 10:30am-12:30pm O 11:30am Free Lunch
5 9:00 Adult Sunday School 10:30am Church Svce	6	7 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 11:30am Free Lunch	8 10:00am-Noon Prayer Shawl Ministry 1:30-3:00 Homeschool Science Class 3:45 Pentecost Choir rehearsal at Presby	9 8:30am UMMen 10:30am-12:30pm O 11:30am Free Lunch
12 9:00 Adult Sunday School 10:30am Church Svce	13 6:30pm PFLAG	14 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 11:30am Free Lunch	15 1:30-3:00 Homeschool Science Class 3:45 Pentecost Choir rehearsal at Presby 5:30pm Potluck	16 8:30am UMMen 10:30am-12:30pm O 11:30am Free Lunch
19 No Sunday School 10:30am Pentecost Church Svce at Presbyterian Community Church	20	21 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 11:30am Free Lunch	22 1:30-3:00 Homeschool Science Class	23 8:30am UMMen 10:30am-12:30pm O 11:30am Free Lunch
26 9:00 Adult Sunday School 10:30am Lay-Led Church Svce 5:00pm Newsletter Deadline	27	28 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 11:30am Free Lunch	29 1:30-3:00 Homeschool Science Class	30 8:30am UMMen 10:30am-12:30pm O 11:30am Free Lunch

	Fri	Sat
Office Hrs	3 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 1pm PALS meet	4
Office Hrs	10 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 1pm PALS meet	11
Office Hrs	17 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 1pm PALS meet	18
Office Hrs	24 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 1pm PALS meet 3:00-4:00 Rocket Art Class	25
Office Hrs	31 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 1pm PALS meet	



Birthdays

8 Lorenzo Ramsey
 8 Tom Gonser
 9 Patrick McCalmont
 13 Laura Pirkey
 16 Donna Embree
 16 Griffin Ramsey
 17 Connor Sarles
 19 Judy Jones
 20 Tessa Ramsey
 24 Trisha Holden
 24 Scott Philben
 25 Mike Jones
 25 Bert Schniepp
 25 Peggy Simington
 28 Jonathan Holden
 31 Gary Sarles

Anniversaries

19 John & Lila Hyder
 19 Patty & Beth Evans

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

***Butch, Machele, and I would like to thank all that have supplied us with delicious dinners, sent cards and flowers, and have checked on me. With all the prayers that have been spoken, I will have to get better. You are all so loved by us. I hope to be back in church soon and doing what I enjoy. Thanks again.
Rosie***



**United
Women
in Faith**

United Women in Faith News

The next meeting of the United Women in Faith will be held on Wednesday, May 1, at 1:00pm in the Tedd Powell Fellowship Hall. Diane McCalmont will host, and Jean Hefty will lead in devotions. Yola Hesser is scheduled to provide the program.

Donations of items for the Free Lunch attendees has been good. Suggestions of needed items include soap, deodorant, socks, tissue, toothpaste, lotion, stocking caps, etc. This is an ongoing ministry of the UWF here at FUMC. Drop your donations in the basket in the Narthex, and we will be sure it gets over to Free Lunch.

**SAVE THE DATE! June 8, 2024, 12:00 noon
UWF High Tea & Basket Auction
Presbyterian Community Church, Florence**

The event will follow last year's program, but we'll have at least 20 wonderful, fun, enticing baskets of items to auction off (more details about the baskets in the June newsletter). If you can donate a basket for the auction or food for the luncheon, please contact Judy Jones (541-997-2925). You can also help in the areas of serving, manning the raffle table, or greeting guests.

Diane McCalmont
Secretary



PFLAG to Preview Film, Upcoming Events

PFLAG will meet Monday, May 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall to discuss current events and make final assignments for PFLAG's appearance in upcoming the Rhody Days Parade May 19. We invite anyone from church to march with PFLAG in the parade. We have leis, flags and signs to carry. PFLAG has appeared in the parade since 2012 (even the virtual parade in 2020).

PFLAG was represented at the Florence Area Community Coalition's annual Volunteer Appreciation Day at the Florence Events Center April 17. PFLAG has been a member of FACC since 2012 and presented to the organization January 3. If you're curious about PFLAG, that presentation is available on PFLAG's Google Drive at: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hWrRi3qCa7d2UbPBU663ZuDd5rWF5KK0/view?usp=sharing> or just email pflagflo@gmail.com for a link.

Meetings are always free and open to the public, and refreshments will be served. You don't have to be a member to attend. Mark your calendar and bring a friend.

If you'd like to join or support PFLAG's outreach in Florence, dues are \$30 per year, which includes membership in the national organization and a link to its resources. All donations, including dues, are tax-deductible. You can send a check to PFLAG-Florence at P.O. Box 1074, Florence, OR 97439 or use the PayPal secure link at the bottom of the home page on our website, www.pflagflorenceoregon.org.

Linda Yoder



PALS



PALS

1:00-3:00 p.m. Fridays
Tedd Powell Fellowship Hall
All women are welcome!

P... Prayer
A... Action
L... Love
S... Sharing
... and tea!

UMM Breakfasts...

The United Methodist men meet on Thursdays, 8:30am, Fresh Harvest Café on Hwy 101. All men welcome and encouraged to come enjoy the time of breakfast and fellowship.
Bert Schniepp



Here is contact info to add to your directories. If you have other additions, corrections, or updates, please let the office staff know. Thanks!



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Trustees Report

Unfortunately, our 25 plus year old Bunn commercial grade coffee maker has died. It would cost almost as much to repair it as it would to replace it. Both are expensive! A new machine like the old one will cost about \$900. We are asking for donations to replace the coffee maker. Yes, that's a lot of money but then the last one was fast, easy to use, made good coffee, and lasted more than 25 years.

An envelope will be passed around during service next week, or if you wish to contribute by mailing a check, just include "Coffee Maker" on the memo line of your check.

Thank you!

Scott Philben, Trustees Chair



United Methodist General Conference

The assembly, originally planned for 2020 in Minneapolis, MN, and canceled due to COVID-19) is now being held April 23, 2024 through May 3, 2024, in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Follow updates at <https://www.umnews.org>

Florence United Methodist Church FINANCES



March 1-31, 2023: Receipts: \$ 8,785.17
 Expenses: \$ 4,535.35

April income through the 22nd : \$ 5,052.48

Provided by Kathy Yelle, Treasurer

***Celebrating
Baby Boy Strike
With Mom & Dad
April 14, 2024***





Strawberry Nut Bread

Submitted by Diane McCalmont

Ingredients:

- 2 10-ounce packages frozen sliced strawberries (sometimes I use fresh)
- 4 eggs
- 1 cup cooking oil
- 2 cups sugar
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tbsp cinnamon
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 1/4 cups chopped nuts (walnuts or pecans)

Directions:

Defrost strawberries. Beat eggs in a bowl until fluffy; add cooking oil, sugar, and defrosted strawberries. Sift together flour, cinnamon, soda, and salt into a mixing bowl; add strawberry mixture and mix until well blended. Stir in nuts. Pour into 2 greased and floured 9 1/2 x 5 x 3 inch loaf pans. Bake at 350 degree oven for 1 hour and 10 minutes or until done. Cool in pans for 10 minutes, then turn out of pans and cool on racks. Makes 2 loaves. This bread slices best when chilled. May be sliced and warmed to serve with butter for breakfast or brunch or sliced thinly, spread with shipped cream cheese and served with fruit salad for lunch or used to make tea sandwiches.

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