

Florence United Methodist Church



November Newsletter

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Sunday Worship: 11:00 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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Pastor Logan:

cell: 406-839-1756

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Logan's Lines

November is a time we gather for thanksgiving meals and many of us use this month to practice gratitudes.

Coincidentally, it is Native American Heritage Month. Native peoples have much to teach us in the way of gratitude and seeing gifts in creation. A favorite book of mine is called *Braiding Sweetgrass*, by Robin Wall Kimmerer, a botanist and a Potawatomi woman. She weaves together indigenous wisdom and science together in her book. One story I will never forget involves her study of sweetgrass growth. Does sweetgrass flourish when it is harvested consistently, or if a meadow is left alone to grow wildly? Surprisingly, the patches of sweetgrass that were harvested from regularly were the ones that produced more.



Perhaps gifts from God are a bit that way—we need to take it as much as we give it. Miraculously, the gift will not shrink but expand. No gift of God is wasted, nor does it need to be hoarded in order to survive. What gifts from God are you harvesting? What fields of new growth are you seeing?

Harvesting and marveling alongside you,

Rev. Logan McLean Strike

Pastor Logan's Schedule:

Pastor Logan's office hours: Tuesdays & Fridays.

You may reach her on her cell at: 406-839-1756

or by email at: logan.m.strike@gmail.com

Pastor Logan will be working Wednesdays and most Saturdays at the hospital.

Pastor Logan is doing a "pulpit swap" with Rev. Dr. Scott Allen of Trinity United Methodist Church in Toledo, Oregon. Rev. Scott will be down in Florence on November 13 to preach, while Pastor Logan will be in Toledo.



Keeping in Our Prayers

Patt Rollins; Betty Livingston; family and friends of George Hesser, Betty Cline, Janice Bell, and Nancy Cedarleaf-Grey; Joey Munson; Judy Jones and family; Jean & Bob Hefty; Donna Embree and daughter, Barbara; Ray Feay; Aaron Gallegos; Sandy Woodward; Laura Merz; Hazel Vacura; Jasmin Crump; Jonathan Yoder; Peggy Simington; Kathleen Wenzel; John & Lila Hyder; Georgia Garrett; Ursula Sears; Jean Parr; Patrick 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 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.

Changes in Online Worship

As we continue to experiment with recording methods, we invite your comments and suggestions. If you do not have an Internet connection, we continue to make DVDs available. Contact lindayoder@hotmail.com or text 541-590-0944 to be placed on the DVD mailing list.



Office Hours

Regular business office hours are now Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The church also will be open from 1 to 2 p.m. on Saturdays for flower delivery and setup for Sundays.



United
Women
in Faith

UMWomen News

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH are scheduled to meet on Wednesday, **November 2**, in the Tedd Powell Hall beginning at 1:00 p.m. Hostess is Linda Schniepp and there will be election of officers for 2023.

At this meeting the **World Thank Offering** will be received with money sent to Crater Lake District to be used in the total program of missions in the U.S. and around the world. Each person who participates is encouraged to use a special container kept in a visible place at home where money gifts can be added all year long to acknowledge a blessing. Treasurer, Sharon Gallagher, has made small boxes to use at home for next year. Take time to say “merci”, “gracias”, or thank you in a tangible way!

After worship on Sunday **November 20**, there will be a **Bake Sale** in the fellowship hall with food to purchase for now or frozen for later. Expected goodies available include breads, muffins, cookies/bars, pie, candy and possibly jars of jam. Funds received help support community organizations. In addition there will be a Christmas clearance of knick-knacks as well as cutlery specials from **Rada**. Your support is welcomed and appreciated.

Jean Hefty, Secretary

United Methodist Men's Breakfast Fellowship



All men are welcome to join us at Fresh Harvest restaurant on Hwy 101 each Thursday morning at 8:30am. We enjoy fellowship and breakfast together.

Bert Schniepp

Collection for Food Share

The United Women In Faith will continue the practice of collecting non-edible items **through the month of November**.

Suggestions for giving are paper products, personal supplies, toiletries or any kind of soap. Small packages instead of large are preferred for easier sharing.

We will also accept food items, pet food included.

Please help!

Yola Hesser, Social Action Chair



Choir Notes

Amanda Sarles will lead singers regrouping for choir at the worship service on Christ the King Sunday, November 20.

If you would like to participate, come to the rehearsal following the Potluck November 16, and meet at 6:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary.



PFLAG News

PFLAG will meet again on the second Tuesday of the month, November 8, in the church fellowship hall at 6:30 p.m. PFLAG-Florence, which was launched in 2011 by members of our church, invites you to join us when we meet (refreshments are always served) and to consider becoming a member, which gives you links to the national organization.

Linda Yoder





Adult Sunday School Class Continues to Look at Half-Truths

The Adult Sunday School class in November will continue to look with Adam Hamilton at “Half Truths,” things we all may have said at one time or another without thinking about the full meaning of what it means. Our discussion of the short video presentation is always lively and we hope inspirational.

Beginning the last Sunday of November, following Thanksgiving, we will begin a new series for Advent using the same format: a short video followed by class discussion.

Our plan is to not meet on Christmas Day or New Years Day, both of which fall on Sunday this year, and begin a new series by one of our favorite speakers, Amy-Jill Levine, in January.

We begin each week at 9:30 am in the Church Sanctuary, viewing a short video, and move to the side room following the video for our discussion until 10.30. All adults are welcome to join us.

Bert Schniepp



Announcements will be made throughout November regarding updates of the church directory. Let us know if you need a new photograph or you have had, or know someone who has had, a change of address, telephone number, or email.

You can provide your own photos or have them taken at the office on Tuesdays or Thursdays during business hours 9:30-1:30, or on Saturdays 1-2 p.m.

As publication time approaches, you can volunteer to help assemble the booklets.

Linda Yoder

A Word from your Lay Leader...



I have been wanting to share this quote, as it speaks to me in so many ways. The author is unknown.

“There is no perfect life, no
perfect job, no perfect childhood,
no perfect marriage and no
perfect set of people who
will always do what we expect
them to do.

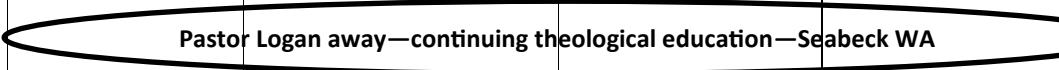
What we have is **a perfect God**
who is able to lead us through
this imperfect life with unfailing
strength, incomparable wisdom
and infinite love.”

Enjoy this beautiful fall. Winter is just around the corner and spring will be here before we know it.

Thank you for being laity that cares for our “small but mighty church.” God’s Blessing to all of you.

Patt Rollins

NOVEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
		1 9:30am-1:30pm Office Hrs 11:30am Free Lunch	2 1:00pm UWF (UMW)	3 8:30am UMMen 9:30am-1:30pm Office Hrs 11:30am Free Lunch 2:00-3:00pm Homeschool Science C
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 Pastor Logan away—continuing theological education—Seabeck WA				
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Birthdays

- 2 Colleen Fulmer
- 3 Alex Goss
- 4 Sandy Woodward
- 5 Jon Reeves
- 8 Bob Hefty
- 14 Eleanor Hand
- 24 Fritz Keller
- 26 Carol Salisbury
- 30 Peggy Wilson

Anniversaries

- 11 Rick & Bonnie Kelley
- 26 Tom & Stephanie Gonser

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

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FINANCES



September 1-30, 2022: Receipts: \$ 5,440.14
Expenses: \$ 8,429.24

October 2022 income through the 25th : \$ 7,205.00

Provided by Kathy Yelle, Treasurer



New Address:

Betty Livingston
c/o Avamere Rehabilitation of Newport
835 SW 11th St
Newport, OR 97365



Thanks to God for my Redeemer,
Thanks for all Thou dost provide,
Thanks for times now but a memory,
Thanks for Jesus by my side,
Thanks for pleasant, balmy springtime,
Thanks for dark and dreary fall,
Thanks for tears by now forgotten,
Thanks for peace within my soul,
Thanks for prayers that Thou hast answered,
Thanks for what Thou dost deny,
Thanks for storms that I have weathered,
Thank for all Thou dost supply,
Thank for pains, and thanks for pleasure,
Thanks for comfort in despair,
Thanks for grace that none can measure,
Thanks for love beyond compare,
Thanks for roses by the wayside,
Thanks for thorns their stems contain,
Thanks for home and thanks for fireside,
Thanks for hope, that sweet refrain,
Thanks for joy and thanks for sorrow,
Thanks for heavenly peace with Thee,
Thanks for hope in the tomorrow,
Thanks through all eternity.

From Uncle Ben's Quotebook,, 1976



Home Touch & Upper Room

If you're on the list to receive the most recent Upper Room devotionals and Home Touch devotionals and puzzles, you were able pick them up in the Narthex or they were mailed to you October 24. If you have not received them or you'd like to be added to the mailing list, contact lindayoder@hotmail.com or text 541-590-0944.



Electronic Giving

Don't forget that you may make contributions to the church online via trusted ministry partner Vanco. Florence UMC already receives more than \$1,000 per month electronically, a number that has been steadily growing since the launch of the service in 2020. A link on our website takes you off our own site and onto Vanco's secure giving portal, providing transactional integrity. Email, write to, or call the church for instructions.

florenceumc@florenceunitedmethodist.org, 333 Kingwood St., 541-997-6025

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.

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A new stole was presented to Pastor Logan by Judy Jones, on behalf of the Women in Faith

More Pictures from the Women in Faith Luau Sept. 7, 2022





Bottle Drop for Campers

Florence UMC's account with the Oregon Beverage Recycling Cooperative (OBRC) "Bottle Drop" has collected more than **\$485 as of October 25.**

The program allows everyone who has one of our tagged bags to contribute the value of their returnable deposit bottles and cans to the church, in support of camperships.

If you would like a tagged bag mailed to you, contact email Linda Yoder at lindayoder@hotmail.com or text a message to 541-590-0944. The bag will come with instructions for dropping off the filled bags at Fred Meyer.



Help us create space for change

Troy Taylor writes... about the times when an encounter with nature leaves him "...a little changed, or maybe a little more deeply [him]self." We see that happen with our campers and our retreat guests all the time. It may be the experience of ocean waves and the endless sand, or it may be the gift of belonging to a community on a challenge course. The change is often imperceptible, but it's there nonetheless. And though we do not create the change, we do the holy work of providing the spaces where change can take place.

Your financial support is essential for our ministry. You may not get to witness it first-hand, but your dollars help us train staff, maintain our facilities, and purchase the supplies we need. Together with you, we are fulfilling our purpose of creating sacred spaces and opportunities for transformation.

Taken from the Camp and Retreat E-News, Oct. 25, 2022

**Note: To give, visit gocamping.org*





Recipe Corner

Lemon Mousse Portuguese Dessert

Submitted by Kathryn Waterman

When Jim and I were in Portugal three years ago, we ate at a delightful hole in the wall fish house in Praia do Norte, Nazare. Nazare is a beautiful coastal town famous for surfing. Along with our fish we had this delightful dessert. I tried to get the recipe but to no avail, so I improvised Enjoy!

Ingredients:

*Juice of 5 medium Lemons, at least ½ cup of fresh Lemon Juice
1 Tablespoon of Lemon Zest
1 Pint Heavy Whipping Cream
1 Tablespoon of Powdered Sugar
14 ounces of Sweetened Condensed Milk*

Directions:

- ◆ *Whip the heavy cream and powdered sugar until firm. Fold in the condensed milk, juice, and lemon zest*
- ◆ *Spoon into 10 - ½ cup mason jars or other dessert dishes*
- ◆ *I like the mason jars because you can top with a lid and screw top and then they are easy to store in your fridge for company*
- ◆ *To serve: give each person a small jar with a touch of whip cream and a slice of strawberry or a maraschino cherry*

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