

Florence United Methodist Church

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October Newsletter

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Sunday Worship

Sunday Services: Video taped services at this time



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From Our Shared Heart...

We have a wonderful opportunity for collaboration coming up in October. Our Church Council voted at the September meeting to participate with St. Paul's UMC in Milwaukie, OR and The Dalles UMC in The Dalles, OR in a study led by Rev. Beth Estock, based on her book, *Discernment: Spiritual Practices for Building a Life of Faith*.

Rev. Beth is a certified Integral Master Coach who coaches faith leaders and churches in North America and the United Kingdom who long to start new faith communities or revitalize existing churches. Reclaiming the ancient practice of discernment is important as we live in post-christendom contexts and can't rely on past ways of being. This is vitally needed today as we find ourselves in a time of rapid change with a sense of unpredictability and disruption. Discernment is a practice of listening for the movement of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Rev. Beth believes that when we build our capacity to align our head, heart, and bodies to listen for that still small voice that guides us in "right action," we will be able to gracefully lead into the future. This course will offer you theory as well as hands-on practices to help you build capacities to listen to your own wisdom and that of our community of faith.



Rev. Beth will preach by pre-recorded video for the online services of all three of our congregations on Sunday October 4; I will preach for us all on October 11; Rev. Gigi Siekkenen (The Dalles UMC) will preach October 18; and Rev. Marshall Wattman-Turner (St. Paul's UMC, Milwaukie, OR) will preach October 26.

Rev. Beth will facilitate online Zoom sessions for our churches on Monday nights from 6:00-7:15 p.m. in October. I strongly encourage you to participate in this timely opportunity to deepen your spiritual resilience and gather strength for our collective journey through our momentous 2020 election season, fraught as it will be with "unprecedented" challenges. ("Unprecedented" *has* to be the word of the year for 2020, right?!) Also, when we emerge from 2020, we will be "reimagining our lives together," as our Bishop Elaine Stanovsky has called us to do. The state of "normal" is like a far-away memory at this point and it appears there will be no simple "going back." Strengthening our spiritual muscles of discernment, of aligning with God's purposes and will, deepening our capacity to practice the ancient spiritual discipline "guard of the heart" of the desert *abbas* and *ammās* in the Christian tradition is going to be more necessary than ever.

Please let me know if you'd like to participate in this collaboration, especially the Monday night sessions. I have ordered Rev. Beth's book from Cokesbury, so let Linda Yoder or me know if you'd like a copy.



Keeping in Our Prayers

I will be taking two weeks study leave from September 30 – October 14, although I am not “leaving” to go anywhere. I will be completing some online courses on preaching as well as a mandatory sexual boundaries and ethics training for clergy.

Looking forward to growing in our spiritual practices together!

Love and blessings,

Pastor Karen

Laura Merz and family; Lloyd Baker and family; Kollette and Al Longworth; Jonathan Yoder; Kathy & Bruce Yelle; Reverend Karen; Donna Embree; Peggy Simington; Shirley Ross; Kathleen & Jacob Wenzel; Annie Van Horn; Teresa Jackson; Katharine Schneider; Jim Waterman; John & Lila Hyder; Roger Johnson; Kim Holden & family; Jude Craddock; Georgia Garrett; Laureli; Betty Cline; Ursula Sears; Jean Parr; Janice Bell; Gerry & Nancy Cedarleaf-Grey; Bonnie Kelly; Patrick McCalmont; April McCalmont.

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.

No Church Council meeting in October

church council
MEETING



United
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Women
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UMWomen News

Word is out that there are “no excuses” to miss the **Oregon-Idaho United Methodist Women Annual Meeting** this year. You don’t have to travel or wear a mask, there is no cost involved, and you can even stay in your pajamas since it is all virtual! Whether via your phone or your computer, you can hear everything that is happening on Sat. **October 17**, starting at 10:00am PDT. Theme for the 2 hour event is “Peace in an Anxious World”.

Everyone is welcome but you must register using the following link:

<https://greaternw.zoom.us/meeting/register/tjYpcO-vrj4qHdBl7Zxcubw1zhsZhMgFBm7>

If assistance is needed, contact Turella Woods at 503-318-8711. After your registration has been received, you will be sent an email response to meeting.

If you’re looking for something different, this may be it!!

As a unit, Florence United Methodist Women are continuing to function but without the visuals. Each year members are invited to pledge a monetary gift to the unit which, in part, funds the budget that provides donations to several local organizations. “Paying up”, if possible, is the expectation when making a pledge. Treasurer, Kathleen Wenzel, can provide your balance status. Not being able to have the rummage sale in May or the Country store/luncheon in November has greatly reduced sources of extra income. Gratefully, Nancy Rickard turned in money from her private plant sale. Approximately \$1500 is needed to meet the budgeted items. Yes, giving less is an option but our purpose includes being a supportive mission for women, children and youth.

The unit’s commitment of \$1100 to Crater Lake District United Methodist Women has been paid in full with a good faith pledge to do the same in 2021.

Jean Hefty

New Adult Class

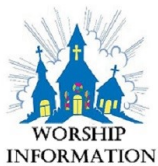


You're invited to join with other learners for a new exploration of "Adult Sunday School" on a day other than Sunday! We will be using a short study of the Sermon on the Mount, (Matthew 5 - 7) with Jill-Amy Levine as the leader, listening to the Amplify media (use the church subscription to that) lecture series. Each is about 15 minutes long; the first is the Beatitudes. Just watch the week's session before we meet on the ZOOM portal.

We will be meeting on Fridays beginning at 2:00 pm and ending usually at 3:00 pm (unless we get really wound up with discussion when we may go over a bit).

A link will be sent via email to the church mailing list before Friday each week. If you do not receive this communication, please notify the Church office to be sure you are on that email list.

Bert Schniepp



Remote Worship Continues for the Time Being

We've been posting worship videos on YouTube and making the link available on our Facebook page and via email to our interest list. If you haven't received an email message, let the church know by emailing us a message.

We'll be happy to put you on the list and send you a link.

If you don't use the Internet, we can mail you a DVD of the service. Call Linda Yoder 541-590-0944 for copies. We're holding "virtual coffee hour" on Sundays at 10:45 a.m. via Zoom. If you're on our email list, you will get a link to the meeting.

Linda Yoder



What does Love Require?

Do No Harm:
Fighting COVID-19

Do Good:
Dismantling Racism

Stay in Love with God:
Reimagining Life Together

**Annual 2020 Oregon Idaho Conference
Lay Leaders Report**

Greetings,

From the very beginning, the 2020 Annual Conference was destined to be something very different from what is typically experienced in the gathering of United Methodists throughout Oregon and Idaho. How do we meet in the midst of a global pandemic, raging wildfires, unprecedented levels of smoke, civil unrest, and a nation filled with uneasiness? Well, the location was in the virtual world. Imagine fellowship with Methodist attendees on a Zoom/Webinar platform.....just not the same. As Charles Dickens began his Tale of Two Cities with this famous line: "It was the best of times and it was the worst of times". In spite of it all business was conducted by our Bishop and Conference leadership team in a very informative and comprehensive manner. It was business, but not "as usual".

After the Bishop Elaine Stanovsky's Episcopal address (attached links), the Conference moved forward with the business at hand.

I encourage you to take the time and read the Bishop's address.

Part 1 <https://greaternw.org/episcopal-address-part-i-and-covid-19-notice-no-8/>

Part 2 <https://greaternw.org/episcopal-address-part-2-becoming-anti-racist-dismantling-racism/>

Part 3 <https://greaternw.org/united-or-untied/>

continued...

To share in the entirety of the Conference, log on to the following link. <https://www.umi.org/acinfo>

One key take away for me is, when we do return to worshipping within the walls of our sanctuary, and for all UMC, it will not be “business as usual”. We all remember the uncertainty facing the United Methodist denomination before Covid-19.....and it continues to face us as we seek the path ahead for inclusion of the LGBTQ clergy.

This initiative has not gone away. I encourage you read the Bishop’s remarks (above links) regarding the direction of the United Methodist Church under her Leadership. Pay close attention to the short video asking “I am a United Methodist because....”

Then ask yourself the same question.

Our bishop has challenged us to “Reimagine our Future” and focus with a different perspective, on our true mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ. Yes, it will be different and we have much work to do. But together we can do it!

Blessings,
Patt Rollins

Free Lunch News



FREE LUNCH has provided 1,410 Subway voucher meals since March 17. As of 9/25/20, the Free Lunch bank balance is \$6,135.41. We have a credit of \$2,828.30 at Subway toward the last quarter of 2020. Salvation Army is to reimburse us in the amount of \$3,228 for the remainder of the Salvation Army grant award. Total operating funds will then be \$12,191.71 . Obligations = \$0.

Free Lunch is still looking for volunteers to sign up to pass Subway tickets out the fellowship door, once or twice a month for a little over an hour.

Paula Z

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In-person services will continue to be on hold through October. Watch for other communications about services, meetings, etc.



Are you thinking Advent yet?

Although we still have a month or two before we enter into the season of Advent, I hope you are taking some of your stay-at-home quiet time waiting and praying for the clearing of the COVID – 19 pandemic to reflect and write a meditation to use during that coming Advent season.

Your Nurture committee would like to produce our own Advent meditation booklet this year. The goal is to have this book compiled and ready for your use by the Sunday after Thanksgiving, so you may use it for Advent devotions you use this year. To be able to do this, we would like as many of you as would like to, to produce an Advent Meditation for one or more days of Advent. It may be a prayer, a poem, a drawing, your thoughts on an Advent Scripture passage, or some other meditation you produce.

The format may be quite simple. Refer to a scripture you find applicable to Advent (the Advent Gospel lessons for this year are from the beginning of Mark (13:24 –27; 1:1-8), Luke (1:26-38), and John’s (1:6-8; 19-28) Gospels), write some thoughts that come to mind as you read it, and end with a short prayer. You might also use a poem, story or drawing, either original or with attribution from another source, which you find special for the Advent season. Remember the theme of preparing for Christ’s coming to us and to our world.

These can be emailed [insert church address] or “snail mailed” to the church sometime by the end of October. This will give us time to produce the booklet for us all to use, and give you plenty of time to find inspiration! If you have any questions or would like more scripture references, please feel free to contact Bert Schniepp (alberts568@aol.com).

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Birthdays

- 6 Jordan Williams
- 6 Stephanie Gonser
- 15 Sylvia Hand
- 16 Pat Balzell
- 18 Kay Craig
- 24 Diane McCalmont
- 26 Jean Hefty
- 28 John Skarda
- 29 Edie Lemos
- 31 Rosie Goodwin

Anniversaries

- 22 Bill & Kay Craig
- 22 Wim & Caroline Mesman

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



Sacred Earth Tip for Fall/Winter:

Winter is almost here. Here are a couple of strategies to help save energy...

When it starts to get cold outside and you are thinking about turning up the heat, take advantage of heat from the sun. Open curtains on your south-facing windows during the day to allow sunlight to naturally heat your home, and close them at night to reduce chill you may feel from cold windows.



Heifer International gratefully recognizes

Florence UMC

for your contribution of healthy animals and training
in their care to help struggling families overcome a life of hunger and poverty.

"The Earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein." Psalm 24:1

Pierre A. Fanani

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May 2020

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*"Generous persons will prosper;
those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed."*
Proverbs 11:25, CEB

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TO THE SHARED MINISTRY GIVING IN 2019

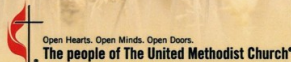
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Bishop Michael McKee
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Florence United Methodist Church
FINANCES



August 1-31, 2020: Receipts: \$ 5,600.71
Expenses: \$ 6,700.43

September income through the 24th: \$ 5,191.00

Provided by Kathy Yelle



Recipe Corner

Pumpkin Bars

Ingredients:

4 large eggs, room temperature
1-2/3 cups sugar
1 cup canola oil
1 can (15 ounces) solid-pack pumpkin
2 cups all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon salt

Icing: 6 ounces cream cheese, softened
2 cups confectioners' sugar
1/4 cup butter, softened
1 tsp vanilla extract
1 to 2 tablespoons whole milk

Directions:

In a bowl, beat the eggs, sugar, oil and pumpkin until well blended. Combine the flour, cinnamon, baking powder, baking soda and salt; gradually add to pumpkin mixture and mix well. Pour into an ungreased 15x10x1-in. baking pan. Bake at 350° for 25-30 minutes or until set. Cool completely. For icing, beat the cream cheese, confectioners' sugar, butter and vanilla in a small bowl. Add enough milk to achieve spreading consistency. Spread over bars. Store in the refrigerator.

Makes 2 dozen

Directory Updates...

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Patriotic Duty

As chair of the UMW Social Action Committee I am writing to encourage all to vote. We are one of the strongest democracies, yet have such a low percentage of voters. Ours is lower than many third-world countries.

The things I looked forward to as a teenager was getting a driver's license and registering to vote. I have not missed a single election or had a driving accident in all this time!

Get out and vote!

Yola Hesser

Registering
voters at
Free Lunch





Summer's Work on the Church

Scott & Vicki Philben
Patrick Braley
Darrick Jansson
Troy Martell



Go Camping

You may be interested in “attending” one of the following virtual camps in Oct....

1. October 2020 Online Great Hymns of the Faith

Alton L. Collins Retreat Center

October 15, 2020

Cost: \$0

This unique program has been inspiring and entertaining participants for over 11 years now, but this is the first year (due to the constraints of the coronavirus pandemic) that we've done it online! If you've been missing the joy of congregational singing, this free program is perfect for you. We'll not only sing together, but we'll also get to hear stories and insights about the music, poetry, and theology of our heritage of congregational song--all mixed together with a healthy dose of amusing anecdotes and historical trivia. The founder and leader of the series is the Rev. Laura Jaquith Bartlett, an ardent lover of all things hymn-related.

2. 2020 Virtual Prayer Retreat

Suttle lake Camp

October 24, 2020; 2:00-5:00 pm

Adults

Cost: sliding scale contribution requested, \$50-\$100; you choose the rate that best fits your circumstances

The Transformations Prayer Retreat blends contemplation and community. This zoom call is intended to be a starting place to begin to renew your spirit and re-center yourself through time in Christian community and intentional time with God. Kate and Michael will use the special music and scenic photos of Suttle Lake to rekindle the spiritual beauty and community of the Transformations Prayer Retreat.

There will be time for reflecting on common reading material and for sharing where we as individuals and members of spiritual community find faith, hope, humor and joy in the midst of these uncertain and trying times. Each participant is asked to have a votive candle and communion elements, plus paper & writing utensils available for this virtual retreat.

Leaders: Rev. Kate Conolly and Rev. Michael Powell

Register at gocamping.org.

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