

*Florence United Methodist Church*

# *Tide-ings* 2023



## October 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: Kathy Yelle

Trustees Chair: Scott Philben

SPRC Chair: Jim Waterman

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## Logan's Lines



Dear Siblings in Christ,

On Sunday, October 8 we will celebrate World Communion with Christians all around the world from all kinds of denominations.

The practice began at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA in 1933. The Rev. Hugh Thompson Kerr and his congregation sought to demonstrate the interconnectedness of Christian churches, regardless of denomination. What better place than at the table?

When preparing for this worship service, I am drawn to think on the significance of the table. It is a place of gathering, of feasting, of heart-to-heart conversations. It's a place of communion, which emerges when we draw near to one another, break bread, and share our lives. I have many memories around my family table, of card games, or sitting long after everyone else finished because I hoped to avoid the dishes, the "serious talks" my parents would have with me and my sisters if we had acted up.

As we come together to celebrate World Communion, may we envision our siblings from around the world sitting at all kinds of tables. May we learn from them and be empathetic to their fears and concerns as if they were shared around our own tables. And may each one of us see our own tables, both in church and in our homes, as the Lord's, where we willingly nourish one another in body and in spirit.

With you on this journey,

Pastor Logan

### **Pastor Logan's Schedule:**

Pastor Logan's office hours: Tuesdays and Fridays  
You may reach her on her cell at: 406-839-1756  
or by email at: [logan.m.strike@gmail.com](mailto:logan.m.strike@gmail.com)

Pastor Logan will be working most Saturdays at the hospital.



### *Keeping in Our Prayers*

Scott Philben; Carolyn Munson; Lee & Trina Smith; Karen Baylis; Bert & Linda Schniepp; Betty Livingston; Judy Jones and family; Donna Embree and daughter, Barbara; Ray Feay; Aaron Gallegos; Sandy Woodward; Laura Merz; Hazel Vacura; Jonathan Yoder; John & Lila Hyder; 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 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 [kathywaterman10@gmail.com](mailto:kathywaterman10@gmail.com).



**Charge Conference**  
**Sunday, November 5, 2023**  
**6:00pm**  
**With John Tucker**



United  
Women  
in Faith

## United Women in Faith News

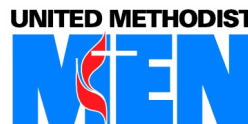
On Wednesday **October 4** the **United Women in Faith** are to meet in the Tedd Powell Hall at 1:00 p.m. Vicki Philben is the hostess and Hazel Vacura will provide the devotions. The Committee on Nominations will present the slate of officers for 2024. Amanda Weaver, the National Coordinator for United Women in Faith who oversees internet programming, will provide a hands-on experience relating to her work. How fortunate we are that she lives in Florence and can meet with us.

The Oregon-Idaho Conference annual meeting of United Women in Faith takes place at Montavilla UMC (Portland) starting with a leader workshop on October 20. A celebration meeting the next day is both virtual and in-person.

**LOOKING AHEAD TO NOVEMBER:** Promote Food Share and collect non-edible items. Support a Food/Bake Sale after worship on November 19.

Jean Hefty, Secretary

## UMM Breakfast ...



... meets 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



### **PFLAG to Install New Officers**

Join us as we plan for next year's events and introduce our new roster of officers at our regular meeting Tuesday, October 10, in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30. Refreshments will be available. We have nominations for a new president and secretary, and we will accept nominations from the floor before we vote in our 2023-2024 slate.

Next month, Eddie Funkhouser, who became PFLAG's West Coast representative in 2022, will join us via Zoom. He is excited to connect with our chapter, and we're happy the technology allows us to do so. PFLAG's Northwest Council also conducts regular Zoom meetings every fourth Wednesday as a way for individual chapters in Oregon and Washington to share concerns and events.

October begins our "new year," and we invite you to become a member, which gives you links to the national organization. Dues are just \$30 annually. You can send a check to PFLAG-Florence at P.O. Box 1074, Florence, OR 97439 or use the PayPal secure link from our website [www.pflagflorenceoregon.org](http://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!**

## Adult Sunday School for October



The Adult Sunday School class will be finishing their study of the Gospel of Mark, with Amy-Jill Levin's presentations of this Gospel, during October. We will then turn to a 5-week discussion of Counterfeit Christianity with a short video of Adam Hamilton and Dr. Roger Olson starting our thoughts each week as we contemplate how some of the side tracks of the Christian faith may still have echoes these many centuries later.

As has been our pattern for the last few months, we will begin with a short video presentation followed by discussion as we meet in the Sanctuary at 9:00 am. We finish our discussion in plenty of time for 10:30 am Worship.

Bert Schniepp



### *Christians are Like Pumpkins*

God picks YOU from the patch,  
Brings YOU in, and washes all the dirt off you.  
He opens YOU up and scoops out all the yucky stuff  
Including the seeds of doubt, hate, and greed.  
Then he carves YOU a new smiling face  
And puts His light inside YOU to shine for all the world to see.





## Ministry Opportunities

### OCTOBER

Date	Liturgist	Usher/ Greeter	Counters	Flowers
1	Susie Stevens-Briody	Judy Jones	Sharon Gallagher, Peggy Hughes	Bruce Hadley
8	Cindy Hughes	Patty Evans	Diane McCalmont, Patty Evans	Diane McCalmont
15	Jim Waterman	Sharon Gallagher	Susie Stevens-Briody Caroline Mesman	
22	Kathy Waterman	Rosie Goodwin	Nancy Rhoades Diane McCalmont	Amanda Sarles
29	Stephen Williams	Ray Feay Aaron Gallagos	Susie Stevens-Briody Patty Evans	
October 8 Communion Prep: Judy Jones				

# OCTOBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
<b>1</b> 9:00am Adult Sunday School 10:30am Church Svce <b>Cindy Hughes leading</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 11:30am Free Lunch	<b>4</b> <b>1:00pm UWF mtg</b>	<b>5</b> 8:30am UMMen 10:30am-12:30pm Offi 11:30am Free Lunch
<b>8</b> 9:00am Adult Sunday School 10:30am Church Svce <b>Pastor Paul presiding for Communion</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 11:30am Free Lunch <b>6:30pm PFLAG</b>	<b>11</b> <b>10:00am-Noon Prayer Shawl Ministry</b>	<b>12</b> 8:30am UMMen 10:30am-12:30pm Offi 11:30am Free Lunch
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<b>22</b> 9:00am Adult Sunday School 10:30am Church Svce	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 11:30am Free Lunch	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 8:30am UMMen 10:30am-12:30pm Offi 11:30am Free Lunch <b>5:00pm Newsletter d</b>
<b>29</b> 9:00am Adult Sunday School 10:30am Church Svce	<b>30</b>	<b>31 Happy Halloween</b> 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 11:30am Free Lunch		







	Fri	Sat
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ce Hrs <b>deadline</b>	<b>27</b> 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs <b>1pm PALS meet</b>	<b>28</b>

### *Birthdays*

6 Jordan Williams  
 6 Stephanie Gonser  
 15 Sylvia Hand  
 18 Kay Craig  
 24 Diane McCalmont  
 26 Jean Hefty  
 28 John Skarda  
 31 Rosie Goodwin

### *Anniversaries*

22 Bill & Kay Craig

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



**Florence United Methodist Church**  
**FINANCES**

August 1-31, 2023: Receipts: \$ 5,793.15  
Expenses: \$ 4,606.24

September income through the 25th : \$ 6,334.43

Provided by Kathy Yelle, Acting Treasurer

**Food for Thought**

*Ecclesiastes 3:1*

*"There is a time for everything, and a season  
for every activity under the heavens..."*



After an exceptionally dry summer, the forest trails are dry and the creeks barely flowing. So, it was with eager anticipation that I awaited the first rain-storm of fall. Yet after two days of good drenching rain, I found myself already missing the sunny, warmer days of summer. Even a welcome change can sometimes leave us with a sense of longing and loss. But it is God who has dictated the change of seasons, and it is God who will bring about the renewing transformation of the earth after darkness and storm. As we enter into fall, may we shed our 'backwards longing' and approach the changing of the seasons and in our lives with thanksgiving and praise knowing that God's plan is indeed good!

- Kathy Yelle, Governing Board Chair

## Follow Up - Teacher/Staff Welcome Back-to-School Bags



### *From Siuslaw School District...*

Kathy,

PLEASE, thank each/all of your team for me...and to you as well. Our staff LOVE the community goodie bags and we've received lots of fun responses about the great stuff in there from our community! You should have seen our Elementary team all blinged out with blinking glasses this morning. It was so fun! What a great way to show love for our school teams (both the frontline and the support).



From all of us here at the District office, we SOOO appreciate you taking it on every year. It is so well received by all of our team and puts some huge smiles on all of them that receive it! We are so grateful for the "love".

Thank you,  
Pam

**Pam Hickson**

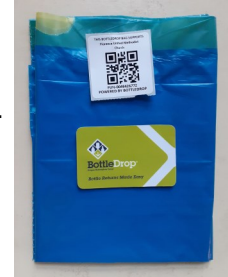
Human Resources Specialist  
Siuslaw School District 97J



### **Bottle Drop for Campers**

Florence UMC's account with the Oregon Beverage Recycling Cooperative (OBRC) "Bottle Drop" allows anyone who has one of our tagged blue bags to contribute the value of their returnable deposit bottles and cans to the church, in support of camper - ships.

You fill a tagged bag and take it to the "drop" at Fred Meyer. OBRC counts the contents and credits the church. If you need someone to pick up your filled bag and take it to Fred Meyer, Call Diane McCalmont at 541-997-1854.



### ***Things I learned at CAMP...***

- 1. Watching the sunrise is an AWESOME experience***
- 2. You can still be cool while Singing your heart out***
- 3. Best friends can be made Overnight***
- 4. A special place can stay with you for a Lifetime***
- 5. GOD IS BIG!***





September 8-10, I joined three women from our church and attended the United Women in Faith Soul Care Retreat at Suttle Lake, along with about 40 other women from around Oregon and Idaho.

Judy Jones, her sister Pemmie, Amanda Weaver, and I spent the weekend taking care of our souls through a variety of activities. Walks along trails, getting to know each other through fun games, singing, sharing during devotion time, and making prayer boxes are a few of the ways we spent our time.

The weather was perfect, the company was grand, the solace of the natural setting was uplifting. Oh, and the food from the dining hall was excellent!

Diane McCalmont

To the church staff and family,



I wanted to give you an overdue update about the Plastic Take Back events. Our last collection, held in conjunction with the city's Black & White Event, was a huge success. We had plenty of volunteers and appreciated the support from city volunteers as well. Most of the community members who brought plastics had them clean and sorted. Many expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to prevent these items from going to landfill.

I wish to thank the church for their willingness to reimburse us for the costs incurred to take the plastics to Eugene but I'm happy to advise that we collected community contributions at the event that were sufficient to cover our expenses.

While we hope to encourage people to reduce plastic consumption, Master Recyclers are pleased to announce that we have permission to partner with the City of Florence to offer the Take Back collections on two occasions in 2024. Arbor Day in April, and the Black & White Event in August. I'll let you know the dates when they're confirmed.

As always, feel free to email or call me with questions.

Nancy Rhodes  
Cell: 415-497-4083 (text okay) Home: 541-997-5385  
[Banjogirl57@gmail.com](mailto:Banjogirl57@gmail.com)

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### Online Contributions

Don't forget that you may make contributions to the church online via trusted ministry partner Vanco. A link on our website takes you to Vanco's secure giving portal, providing transactional integrity.

Email, write to, or call the church for instructions.

333 Kingwood St., 541-997-6025, [florenceumc@florenceunitedmethodist.org](mailto:florenceumc@florenceunitedmethodist.org)

### Amplify Videos

If you haven't tried Amplify Media, the subscription for which the church has paid, you'll need to use the church access code, which is ZRGHYB. Questions? Contact Peggy Hughes at [auntpeg0929@gmail.com](mailto:auntpeg0929@gmail.com). We don't want anyone to miss out on a fabulous resource, especially one we use extensively for small groups.



## Recipe Corner

### Butternut Squash Soup with Crisp Pancetta (makes 12 servings)

#### Ingredients:

- 4 medium butternut squash (6 pounds)
- 6 tablespoons unsalted butter, cut into 8 pieces
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 12 very thin slices of pancetta (3 ounces)
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, plus more for drizzling
- 1 large Spanish onion, chopped
- 6 thyme sprigs, divided
- 1 bay leaf
- 2 quarts chicken stock or low-sodium broth
- 2 tablespoons heavy cream
- Sugar (optional)



#### Directions:

1. Preheat the oven to 400°F. Halve the squash lengthwise and scoop out the seeds. Set the squash on a rimmed baking sheet, cut sides up. Put a piece of butter in each cavity and season generously with salt and pepper. Drape the squash halves with the pancetta slices. Roast the squash for 45 to 50 minutes, or until tender.
2. Transfer the pancetta to paper towels to drain. Crumble and set aside. Scoop the squash out of the skins into a bowl.
3. In a large, heavy stockpot, heat the 2 tablespoons of olive oil until shimmering. Add the onion, season with salt and pepper, and cook over moderately high heat, stirring, until softened but not browned, about 6 minutes. Add 3 of the thyme sprigs and the bay leaf. Stir in the squash and the stock and bring to a boil over high heat, stirring frequently. Reduce the heat and simmer the soup for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally.
4. Pick out and discard the thyme sprigs and bay leaf. Working in batches, transfer the soup to a blender or food processor and puree until thick and creamy-smooth, about 1 minute per batch. Transfer the soup to a clean saucepan. Stir in the heavy cream and season with salt and pepper (and sugar if desired).
5. Reheat the soup if necessary. Ladle into 12 bowls. Garnish the soup with the pancetta, the leaves from the remaining 3 thyme sprigs, and a drizzle of olive oil.

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