

## *Florence United Methodist Church*

# *Tide-ings* 2018



## October Newsletter

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### Carol's Comments

**I've been thinking** ...about our future as a congregation.

In 2000, the General Conference authorized the creation of National Comprehensive Plan for Town and Country Ministry. Its creation was lodged with the Office of Town and Country Ministries at the General Board of Global Ministries. When I was hired in 2003, the creation of the Plan was a significant part of my ministry. I gathered town and country leaders from across the country. We prayed; we discerned; we sought stories from others; we field tested our material; in 2006 the Plan was presented to the Church.

The following is an adapted version of Session 1 that I offer for your pondering as we discern our way into God's preferred future for Florence United Methodist Church:

#### **A VISION OF THE CHURCH:**

**As the Church, we have hope. We look forward to a day when:**

**the life and ministry of every congregation is honored regardless of size, location, age, ethnicity, culture, economic strength or special context; the special opportunities, challenges, gifts and**



**needs of congregations in rural or town and country settings are recognized;**

**As the Church, we have hope. We look forward to a day when:**

**All Christians are seen as *partners* in mission, all persons are seen as *neighbors* in Christ....**

#### **AN EXPERIENCE OF MINISTRY**

*Read through the Experience. The questions below will continue to refer to the witness presented.*

The following story tells of how one congregation's past experience of God's presence led them into the future:

There were no children or youth in Sunday School or worship. There were children in the small, rural elementary schools in the area and students in the high school. Two older members of the congregation, Bertha and Janice, decided something needed to be done. They prayed about the situation, ordered Sunday School curriculum, prepared lessons, went to the church at the time Sunday School was posted on the church sign and waited for children to come. After two Sundays without children, they made a new sign announcing Sunday School, inviting children to come and put it outside,...still no children.

The following week, Bertha talked with her granddaughter who was the mother of three pre-school children. Chris said that she would bring the children the following Sunday morning to “see how it would go”; she kept her promise. Another young mom, new to town, with 2 pre-school children also came; she had seen the sign outside. *They had a Sunday School!*

Sitting in the Fellowship Hall, Chris and Cindy got acquainted over cups of tea, which Janice had hastily prepared in the church kitchen, while Bertha and Janice taught the class in one of the children’s Sunday School rooms. The following week, everyone stayed for worship.

Both of the younger women continued to bring their children, both of the older women continued to teach. Other children and parents began coming for Sunday School and staying for worship. Both of the younger women assumed more and more responsibility in the life of the congregation, as did others.

The “*Ebenezer*” was children in Sunday School and worship!

#### **RUMINATING**

Cows, goats and other ruminants all chew cud as part of their digesting of food. Here we are inviting you to spend some time, chewing the cud, ruminating, over the experience of ministry together. Not that anyone is suggesting that any of you are ruminants. Some of us just tend to think through things by “chewing” on them. If things later spring to mind, all the better.

From this Experience of Ministry, what assets can you identify that were used for ministry? (Luther K. Snow identifies five types of assets -*physical, individual, formal and informal associations, institutions and economic-* in

#### The Power of Asset Mapping How Your Congregation Can Act on Its Gifts.)

Using their assets in a different way, what other options/courses of action do you see that they could have taken?

What are the stories from our congregation’s past that shed light on issues similar to this?

How do those stories shape our view of ourselves, our assets and what we can share?

What assets do we have as a congregation to address the same or a similar situation? .

What are the assets in our community that can be shared with others in relation to the Experience of Ministry?

How was the leadership of the laity helpful in the Experience of Ministry?

How was the leadership of the pastor helpful?

How was the leadership of other members of the congregation or community helpful?

What are similar kinds of issues that our community is dealing with and how might we share in the work of the kingdom?

We have been on this journey of discernment for about a year, as we look to the future, how might we be reminded that God has been in our past, God is present to us now, in the present, and God will be present to us in the future?

Grace and Blessings,

***Rev Carol***

## Florence United Methodist Church



333 Kingwood, Florence, OR 97439

Sunday Worship

Sunday Services: 10:00 a.m.

Adult Sunday School: 8:30 a.m.

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SPRC Chair: Erin Leonard

Music Director: Rhianna Haines

Newsletter Editor: Diane McCalmont

Ministers: All Members



## Keeping in Our Prayers

Tim Salisbury; Rhianna Haines and family; Rosie & Butch Goodwin, and family; Reverend Carol; Laureli; Wim Mesman; Betty Cline; Jacob Wenzel; Judy Jones; Sabrina's dad, Jeff; Ursula Sears; Jean Parr; Janice Bell; Donna Embree; Elinor Roth; Gerry & Nancy Cedarleaf-Grey; Myrna Sullivan and husband, David; Mert & Chris Beebe; Peggy Wilson's family-daughter Vicky and Peggy's brothers; and Bonnie Kelly.

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](mailto:rayfeay@hotmail.com).

### ***Office Hours and Contacts:***

#### **Office Hours:**

**Tuesdays from 10:00 am—1:00 pm**

**Thursdays: Noon—4:00**

**Fridays & Saturdays: Noon-3:00**

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### UMWomen News

On Thursday, October 4, **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN** will meet in the Tedd Powell Fellowship Hall at 1:30 p.m. Hostess for the day is Hazel

Vacura. Devotions are scheduled from Reverend Carol Thompson, and Donna Embree is to share a book review. A report is due from the Committee on Nominations with election of officers in November. Brooke Shafer is preparing a program around the theme of "Water". (How many hymns have the words "water" in them??)

The Oregon-Idaho Conference UMW Annual meeting takes place on Saturday, October 20, at First United Methodist Church in Eugene. Registration begins at 8am with activities focusing on "Let Justice Roll Down Like Water". The previous day, 19th, a District Leadership Training Event will be held at Wesley United Methodist Church in Eugene with registration at 11am. See bulletin board in fellowship hall for information or contact Renee' Hansen. Fees are due by October 10.

Saturday, **November 3**, is the annual pre-holiday **COUNTRY STORE and LUNCHEON**. Talk it up with your friends and plan to support this event.

Jean Hefty

### Mission to Help our Neighbors

On October 17, the UMW will be filling baskets for the Country Store to be held on November 3. We are requesting items for the baskets, such as: coffee, tea, soup and bread mixes, stationary, kitchen items, bath items, and collectibles. These items will be used to help our neighbors in need. Call **Renee' Hansen** with questions.

Any and all men are invited each  
Thursday morning at  
8:00 a.m.  
to a no-host breakfast at  
**Kathleen & Nina's.**



## **PFLAG Celebrates “Coming Out”**

Join PFLAG-Florence on Tuesday, October 9, for our “kick-off” meeting of the year, themed around National “Coming Out” day October 11. The fun starts at 6:30 p.m. at the Florence campus of Lane Community College, located 3149 Oak St. The meeting will be held in the north building, Room 158, with convenient parking in the rear.

National Coming Out Day (NCOD) is an internationally observed civil awareness day which takes place on October 11, 2018. On this day people are celebrating individuals who publicly identify as bisexual, gay, lesbian, transgender - coming out regarding one's sexual orientation or gender identity being akin to a cultural rite of passage for so called LGBT people. The holiday is observed annually by members of the gay community and their straight allies.

The National Coming Out Day was founded in 1988, by Dr. Robert Eichberg, his partner William Gamble, and Jean O'Leary to celebrate the Second National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights one year earlier. After a media push in 1990, NCOD was observed in all 50 US-states and seven other countries.

Share your thoughts and stories in a safe environment. Pick out a video or book from our library, or help yourself to free literature you can share with family and friends.

As always, the public is invited, and refreshments will be served.

PFLAG-Florence is an affiliate of a national organization with more than 350 chapters and 200,000 members and supporters across the United States. PFLAG is the country's largest organization for parents, families, friends, and straight allies united with people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT).

Linda Yoder



Featured artist during October at the Siuslaw Public Library is our own Bob Hefty. His work was selected by “People’s Choice” at the Hang it All Exhibit held there in 2017. You are invited to take a look and give him your feedback.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
	<b>1</b> S.B.I.P. mtg 6:30-8:30	<b>2</b> Office Hours 10 am-1 pm Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 A.A. Meeting 5:00-6:00	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> UMMen 8 am Women's Covenant 9:00 Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 Office Hours Noon-4:00 UMW 1:30-3 Choir practice 5:15-6:30 Meditation Group 5:30
<b>7</b> Adult Sunday School 8:30 Worship 10:00 am Children's Sunday School	<b>8</b> S.B.I.P. mtg 6:30-8:30	<b>9</b> Office Hours 10 am-1 pm Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 A.A. Meeting 5:00-6:00 <b>PFLAG 6:30</b>	<b>10</b> <b>Prayer Shawl Ministry 10-Noon</b> <b>Church Potluck 5:30</b>	<b>11</b> UMMen 8 am Women's Covenant 9:00 Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 Office Hours Noon-4:00 UMW 1:30-3 <b>Trustees mtg 3:00</b> Choir practice 5:15-6:30 Meditation Group 5:30 <b>Finance Committee m</b>
<b>14</b> Adult Sunday School 8:30 Worship 10:00 am Children's Sunday School	<b>15</b> S.B.I.P. mtg 6:30-8:30	<b>16</b> Office Hours 10 am-1 pm Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 A.A. Meeting 5:00-6:00	<b>17</b> <b>UMW Basket Making Day</b>	<b>18</b> UMMen 8 am Women's Covenant 9:00 Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 Office Hours Noon-4:00 UMW 1:30-3 Choir practice 5:15-6:30 Meditation Group 5:30
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00-11:00 00 0 0 -7	<b>5</b> <b>Outreach Work Area</b> <b>mtg 10:00</b> Office Hours Noon-3:00 Children's Choir Practice 3:30-4:15	<b>6</b> A.A. Meeting 11:30-12:30 Office Hours Noon-3:00
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## *Birthdays*

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

**October's birthday cake  
is sponsored by  
Diane  
McCalmont**



## *Anniversaries*

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

**If I have missed your birthday  
or anniversary, please let me  
know by emailing or dropping a  
note by the office. I want to get  
you on the list! -Diane**



## *Serving in October*

Date	Time	Liturgist	Usher/Greeter	Kids' Time	Coffee Host
<b>Oct 7</b>	10 am		Aaron Gallegos & Ray Feay		The Hand Family
<b>Oct 14</b>	10 am		Diane MCalmont		
<b>Oct 21</b>	10 am				
<b>Oct 28</b>	10 am				

### Teachers in October

**Oct 7**      **Sabrina**  
**Oct 14**    **Renee**  
**Oct 21**    **Diane**  
**Oct 28**    **Trisha**





### Free Lunch News



Contact Cindy Orr if you would like to volunteer your time...

The schedule for October:

Week	Date	Tues		Thurs
1st	10/2/18	St. Mary's Cindy	10/4/18	Two Sisters Brooke, Butch
2nd	10/9/18	St. Andrews Bert and Linda	10/11/18	Peggy & Cindy Sue, Brooke
3rd	10/16/18	Unitarians Paula	10/18/18	Paula & Sandy Joanna, Butch
4th	10/23/18	Florence Christian Sharon	10/25/18	Bahai and Friends
5th	10/30/18	St. Mary's Jean Hefty		



1. Are you handy with a camera? We need someone to take over being the photographer that can take pictures of new members/congregants, which are then placed on the church photo board in the fellowship hall. If interested, contact Nancy Rickard, and she'll give you the scoop.

2. Volunteers are needed to be counters of offerings after church services. If interested, contact Tim Salisbury.



## Table Fellowship

The Nurture Work Area committee is planning for a new time of fellowship for anyone and everyone who would like to participate. From 3 to 6 people will gather for a meal together – either at a restaurant or in someone's home. This will be purely a social time to break bread together, visit and have a chance to get to know each other better. If you know someone who is not now a part of our congregation, this would be a great opportunity to invite them in so that we could all get acquainted.

A sign-up sheet will be circulated for the first 2 Sundays in October for anyone who would like to participate. On October 10, which is the regularly scheduled potluck dinner in the Tedd Powell Fellowship Hall, the people who have signed up for Table Fellowship will meet and form groups and begin to work toward finding a meeting time that works for them. Each group will meet for 3 months beginning in January. At the end of 3 months, the groups will form again in different configurations – people who had not signed up before can be added and the Fellowship can continue for another 3 months. We want to include our newest Church members in this fellowship time if they choose to be part of it, so we will work with them and their parents to find the best way to make it all happen.

This is a new venture for FUMC. It is not meant to replace any groups already meeting. If you cannot be at the October potluck dinner, but have signed up to participate, you will be contacted so that you can be included.

If you have questions, please visit with Linda Yoder, Bob Hefty, Linda Schniepp, Aaron Gallegos, or Hazel Vacura.

The Nurture Committee



### ***Church Attendance in September:***

2nd: 54    9th: 65    16th: 59    23rd: 64    30th: NA



## Habitat for Humanity News

Habitat for Humanity has a new fundraiser in "Walls of Hope". During the dates of October 1 thru 20 people can purchase a 2 x 4 piece of wood in the ReStore for \$10, and write a message of hope on it for a family. The lumber will be used in construction of the house at 7<sup>th</sup> and Kingwood. If you can help with the building, notify the Habitat office, or perhaps Tom Pfeiffer would fill you in on the needs.

Dedication of the house at 1328 Nopal is set for Friday, October 19, at 4:00pm with Megan Egan as the new home-owner.

Jean Hefty

The weather for Habit for Humanity's Beach Walk was perfect for the 2 mile round trip walk from the North Jetty to Driftwood Shores and back. It was warm and not very much wind in the morning. There were a few members from FUMC that made the trek and enjoyed refreshments, music, bubbles, and kite flying at the Driftwood Shores end.



Early morning walkers: Liz Johnson, Scott and Vicki Philben, and Diane McCalmont with Coco

## Florence United Methodist Church FINANCES



Through August 31, 2018:

Receipts: \$4,703.66

Expenses: \$6,772.58

September Income to 9/20: \$4,578.05

Provided by Paula Ziegelasch

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