Florence United Methodist Church



September Newsletter



CAROL'S COMMENTS

I've been thinking...

about the weeks and months remaining of Ordinary Time, the beginning of Advent and yes, Christmas!

Twelve Sundays remain in Ordinary Time, including the last Sunday that is also known as Christ the King and, in the United States, it is Thanksgiving Sunday.

A few of the highlights of the weeks of Ordinary Time that will also serve as an opportunity for you to take note include: -returning to the "Winter Service" schedule next week, **September 4**. Which means one service at 10:30 on the first Sunday of each month with Holy Communion, and 2 services each of the other Sundays, one at 9:00, the other at 10:30.

-Sunday School will return **September 11** for Adults at 9:00 (see additional information in another story); Children and Youth will return at about 10:45; -September 25 we will hear about going to Church Camp as an Adult and in the second service receive the gift of a quilted banner from Diane McCalmont.

-October 2 is World Communion Sunday and Florence UMC Homecoming; be a part of those who plan this by coming to the planning meeting on FRIDAY, Sept. 1 at 1:00, in the sanctuary.

-October 9 is Prayer Shawl Blessing. -October 16 is Laity Sunday; Trisha Holden, Erin Leonard and Hazel Vacura have begun conversations; talk to one of them if you have ideas or suggestions.

-October 30, Terry Woodward, Chair of the Finance Committee, will make a Third Quarter Report of the state of the finances of the congregation.

-November 6, All-Saints Sunday

-November 13 will include "Veteran's Remembrance".

-November 20, Christ the King and Thanksgiving Sunday.

-November 27, First Sunday of Advent with the *Hanging of the Greens*.

-December 18, Choir Christmas Cantata, One Service, 10:30

-December 24, Three services: 3:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., and 11:00 p.m. -December 25, One Service, 9:00

In the weeks of September through December we have agreed to have Helping Hands Coalition prepare and serve their hot noon meals on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays as they seek a new permanent home. They will rent the kitchen and Fellowship Hall from 10:00-2:00 each of those days. Free Lunch will continue to prepare and serve meals on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

A Community Supper for Families will begin September 11 at the Presbyterian Church; a meal and activities will be offered to those who attend. It is a cooperative effort of The Presbyterian Church, St. Andrews Episcopal, New Life Lutheran, Food Share, and Florence UMC, with each church being responsible for a month. It will be "our turn" in December to host, prepare the meals, and lead the activities. Hazel Vacura is the coordinator for our participation.

Along with all of the above, we will also: prepare a budget for 2017, ask people to prayerfully consider on which of the Committees and Work Areas they would like to serve, have Charge Conference and continue the ministries in which we are already involved.

In all that we do and are, may we know and share God's mercy, God's grace, and God's love.

Grace and Peace, *Rev Carol*

Pastor's Office Hours and Contacts:

Office Hours:

Tuesdays from 10:00 am—1:00 pm, manned by Hazel Vacura; Thursday, Friday, and Saturday mornings: 9:00 – 12:30

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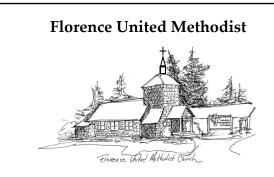
<u>Keeping in our</u> <u>Prayers</u>

Chrisleen Cooper, Maida's daughter, Jennie; Reverend Carol; John & Lyla Hyder; John Miller; Aaron's grand-nephew, Darius; Myrna's husband, David; and Connie Farmer.

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.



333 Kingwood, Florence, OR 97439

Sunday Worship Sunday Services: 10:30 a.m. on the 1st Sunday of each month, and 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on all other Sundays of each month Children's Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.

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> Pastor: Reverend Carol Thompson

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Adult Class Resumes Sept. 11

With the coming of the new fall season, we will be "digging in" once more with our Adult Sunday School class at 9:00 am each Sunday, beginning on Sept. 11. We will be revisiting Colossians to begin, with the first session focusing on Col. 1:15 - 20; 2:6 - 15. If you do not have a copy of the study book, there are still some available, and we will also be able to acquire more in a reasonable time. Come join in the discussion of the Scriptures and what the significance of them is for our lives here and now.

Bert Schniepp



Children's Sunday School will start up again on Sunday, September 11 during the 10:30 service *For all children* **Contact Sabrina Hand for more information**

UMWomen News

After a summer break, United Methodist Women will FAITH HOPE LOVE IN ACTION meet in the Tedd Powell Hall on Thursday, September 1 at 1:30 pm. Refreshments are served first with Annie

Van Horn and Elinor Roth as hostesses. Hazel Vacura has the devotions and Ramona Spencer is scheduled for a book review. Our pastor, Reverend Thompson, will provide the program. All women of our church family are welcomed and invited to attend.

The Crater Lake District UMW Annual meeting takes place in Albany, OR on September 17th. The theme for the day is "Climate Change and Climate Justice" with a presentation from Bob Ross, Linn-Benton Community College instructor. Let president Yola Hesser know of your interest to attend.

Jean Hefty

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HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BEACH WALK 2016

The annual Beach Walk, Habitat for Humanity's primary fund raiser, takes place this year on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>September 10th from 9am until 1pm</u>. The

North Jetty parking lot is the starting point and is where money donations are received. Anyone who turns in \$100 or more will be given a Habitat T-shirt.

Walkers proceed to Driftwood Shores where there will be musical entertainment, and refreshments for people and dogs, before the return trek. There is shuttle service back to the North Jetty if you prefer a one-way walk.

Each dollar raised, with a goal of \$30,000, goes toward the purchase of materials and supplies for building houses in Florence. In the past sixteen years Florence Habitat for Humanity has build houses for twenty-eight families and those homeowners are now making monthly payments to Habitat.

EXTRA--- tin cans, specially marked "Nickels for Nails", welcome your coins to benefit Habitat for Humanity. Look for them around town and at FUMC. When you find one, please contribute.

MORE---- September 1 – 3 there is a garage sale at 2075 40th Street, with all proceeds going to our Florence affiliate of Habitat for Humanity. PLUS--- the drawing for the hand-stitched vintage quilt will be held at the Beach Walk. Tickets at \$1 each or \$5 for six are still available at the Habitat office.

Together we can make a difference to eliminate poverty housing.

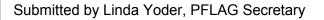
Jean Hefty



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PFLAG Meeting September 13

If you want to learn more about PFLAG as a national organization, and about the activities and focus of your local chapter and State Council, come to PFLAG's September meeting at the Siuslaw Public Library in Florence. The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m., and drop-ins are welcome until library closing at 8 p.m. Refreshments will be served.







Bible Study at New Life Lutheran

Join us as we start up our non-denominational community Bible study Wednesday, September 7th at 10:30 am, in the fellowship room of New Life Lutheran on Spruce. The study will include videos from the Great Courses series "Jesus and His Jewish Influences" and lively discussion. Here is the course blurb:

"For anyone interested in understanding the profound effect Jesus had on the world, it's important to realize that his actions and teachings didn't emerge from a vacuum. Rather, they were the product of a fascinating dialogue with—and reaction to—the traditions, cultures, and historical developments of ancient Jewish beliefs. In fact, early Judaism and Jesus are two subjects so inextricably linked that one cannot arrive at a true understanding of Jesus without understanding the time in which he lived and taught".

For more information, contact Cindy or Peggy Hughes.

UMW CRAFT WORKSHOPS CONTINUE IN SEPTEMBER

On Wednesday, September 7 and 21, from 10:00 am till noon, there is opportunity to work on projects for the Country Store. Come to the fellowship hall classroom and get creative!



Contact Renee' Hansen at 541-997-5211 for more information.

SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
				1 UMMen 8 am Women's Covenant 8-10 Office Hours 9:00-12:30 Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 Meditation Group 5:30-7
4 Worship & Communion 10:30	5 S.B.I.P. Mtg 6:30-8:30 Helping Hands 10-2	6 Office Hours 10 am-1 pm Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 A.A. Meeting 5-6	7 UMW Country Store Workshop 10 am—Noon Helping Hands 10-2	8 UMMen 8 am Women's Covenant 8-10 Office Hours 9:00-12:30 Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 Finance Committee Mtg Choir Practice 5:30-6:45 Meditation Group 5:30-7
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<u>Bírthdays</u>

- 2 Ramona Spencer
- 5 Reverend Carol Thompson
- 7 Linda Yoder
- 12 Joanne Caddell
- 12 Aaron Gallegos
- 15 Cindy Glover
- 17 Ursula Sears
- 19 Dean Spencer
- 20 Kathy Bones
- 22 Barbara Baker
- 22 Ken Wright
- 26 Debbie Jones
- 28 Nancy Cedarleaf-Grey
- 29 Barbara Walker
- 29 Jim Waterman

<u>Anníversaríes</u>

- 1 Dave & Jude Craddock
- 10 Chuck & Sylvia Selden
- 10 Tim & Carol Salisbury
- 29 Peggy & Cindy Hughes



Servíng ín September

Date	Time	Liturgist	Usher/Greeter	Kids' Time	Coffee Hosts
Sept 4	10:30	Hazel Vacura	Aaron Gallegos & Ray Feay	Línda Yoder	Host
Sept 11	9:00				Host
	10:30		Hazel Vacura	Reverend Carol	
Sept 18	9:00		Rosie & Butch Goodwin		Host Jean Hefty & Aaron Gallegos
	10:30		Myrna Sullívan	Reverend Carol	
Sept 25	9:00	Renee' Hansen			Host Díane McCalmont
	10:30				

Annual Summer Service & Potluck at Woahink Lake August 28















Florence United Methodist Church FINANCES



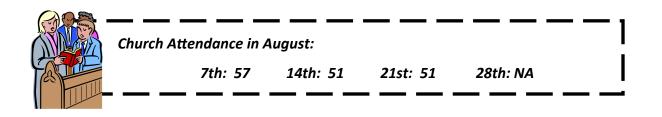
July 2016: Receipts: \$8,078.77 Expenses: \$5,037.48 August 1 - 21, 2016:

Receipts: \$ 4,959.34 Final expenses are not calculated yet as most expenditures are made at the end of the month.



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

COMING SOON is the annual Country Store and Luncheon on November 5 Just a reminder that if you make jelly, jam, apple butter, or pickles, these are good sellers at the store. Hand crafted items are also welcomed, along with collectibles and the makings for gift baskets.



FUMC SIGNAGE

A bid has been made by Treehouse Signs to replace the sign in front of the church. The materials will be weather proof, and the pastor's name and worship time areas can be switched out as needed. A final proposal and agreement has not yet been made, but we are close.

Funding the sign will be our next step. We are looking at a cost of around\$900. If you would like to help defray the cost



This is a draft rendition. There may be minor adjustments to the final proposal.

of this much needed improvement, please contact Reverend Carol or one of the Finance Committee members.

Thanks. Diane



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Web Site Holds Information

Have you tried our church web site yet? This is one place for timely information on what's going on in and around the church and early awareness of upcoming events that may be of interest to you. It's easy to find. Just go on your Internet connection to

and check out the various pages. "This Week" is the current week's schedule. "Bulletin Board" contains notices of upcoming events and items of interest that may not be of immediate concern but in the near future. There are also links on the "Home" page (the first page that you will see) to the current newsletter and financial statements. As we find interest increasing, we may be able to have more relevant links and information posted, so be sure to check back regularly!

Bert Schniepp

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER



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