

Florence United Methodist Church

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September Newsletter

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**Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m. —
11:00 a.m. beginning September 18**

Serving the People of God:

District Superintendent: Rev. John Tucker

Pastor: Reverend Logan McLean Strike

Lay Leader: Patt Rollins

SPRC Chair: Patti Johnson

Finance Chair: Terry Woodward

Ministers: All Members

Newsletter Editor: Diane McCalmont

Pastor Logan:

cell: 406-839-1756

email: logan.m.strike@gmail.com

Logan's Lines

"And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another..." Hebrews 10:24-25



Summer is drawing to a close, and we turn our sights toward a new season. September will be marked with plenty of activity! We will begin Christian Education for all ages on September 18 with a hot dog cook-out to mark the occasion. Patt Rollins and Patti Johnson are looking for some help with this event, so contact them to get cookin'!

September 18 will also mark a change in the time we gather for worship. We will gather at 9:30 for education classes for all ages and begin worship at 11:00 am. This will give educators, family, your pastor, and YOU enough time to fully engage in the activities we offer.

Later in the month, we will have our first choir practice led by Amanda Sarles! If you're wanting to be involved with singing, be in touch with Amanda or show up to the choir practice after the potluck on the 21st.

The end of the month, September 25, District Superintendent John Tucker will join us in person for a training on Simple Governance and a charge conference where we will elect our appointed leaders for the coming year. This will be a time of learning and transition for all of us, but I expect that this will be invigorating for our small but mighty church.

I consider myself blessed to be your pastor. Let us continue our good deeds and in loving one another, in eating good at potlucks, and singing heartily together in praise of the One who has given us all things. To God be the glory!

Your Sister-Servant,

Pastor Logan

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.



Keeping in Our Prayers

Joey Munson; Annie & Frank Van Horn; Judy Jones and family; Jean & Bob Hefty; Donna Embree and daughter, Barbara; Carolyn Munson and family; Ray Feay; Aaron Gallegos; Sandy Woodward; Laura Merz; Hazel Vacura; Jasmin Crump; Pat Balzell; Jonathan Yoder; Peggy Simington; Kathleen Wenzel; John & Lila Hyder; Georgia Garrett; Betty Cline; Ursula Sears; Jean Parr; Janice Bell; Patrick, Diane, & 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 rayfeay@hotmail.com.

A Furry Addition to the Strike Household

Meet Beans! She is an 8-week old Golden Retriever/Irish Wolfhound/Border Collie mix. She loves cuddles and playing. Because she's new to us and our home, we will start introducing her to folks slowly as to not overwhelm her. If you need some puppy love in the future, you know where you can get some!



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 METHODIST WOMEN/UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH had a surprise program last month when Greg Wood came to tell about First Step in our community. It was most informative.

On Wednesday, Sept. 7, the women will gather at 11:30 a.m. in the Tedd Powell Hall for a Luau Luncheon. Please bring a food dish to share containing ingredients found on the islands or not. Decorations will include shells and flowers but not sand; if you have a muumuu this is the time to wear it. As a UMW/UWF member and if it's been awhile since you've come, you are especially invited to attend. Each person is important.

Devotions will be provided by Hazel Vacura. The September meeting annually includes making the unit pledge for next year to Crater Lake District UMW/UWF.

A number of people put in time and effort to carry out the Rummage Sale on August 20. Proceeds of \$800 plus go to pay the budgeted items for local organizations. Thank you, all.

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

PFLAG News

PFLAG will meet again on the second Tuesday of the month, September 13, 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



Sunday School to Reopen!

It's hard to believe our summer is about over and youth will be heading back to school in early September!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES WILL BEGIN
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 9:30-10:30**

There's a class for everyone!!

- Peggy



Adult Class To Be "Unafraid"

The Adult Sunday School class will begin following the summer recess with a 5-session study by Adam Hamilton, "Unafraid". As Rev. Hamilton and his discussion panel discuss, the current times are fraught with uncertainties and changes, and yet our faith calls us, and helps us, live with courage and hope in these uncertain times. As Jesus tells his disciples, "Do not be afraid, for I am with you"

We will begin on Sunday, September 18, at 9:30 am in the Church Sanctuary, viewing a short video of Rev. Hamilton and his panel, and move to the side room following the video for our discussion until 10:30. All adults are welcome to join us.

Bert Schniepp



Choir is Coming Baaaack!

Choir is coming back and YOU can join us! Please take this questionnaire to determine if you are a good fit for our church choir. Circle the answer that speaks to you the most.

1. Do you like music?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. Only on the radio
 - d. Silence is my happy place
2. Do you like working with hard working folks?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. Only Monday-Friday
 - d. Folks are scary
3. Do you like making a joyful noise?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. Only with my armpit
 - d. Huh, I stopped listening
4. Can you be present at a 45-minute choir rehearsal after church potlucks and 45 minutes before worship on Sundays (once a month)?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. What's a potluck?
 - d. Beans, I love beans

If you answered Yes to any of these questions or if you like making a joyful noise without the use of beans, Choir welcomes to you join us for our first choir rehearsal, Wednesday, September 21, 6:15 -7:00 pm after the church potluck. Those in attendance at rehearsal will sing in worship Sunday, October 2.

Questions about singing in choir? Email Amanda Sarles at missamandalouise@hotmail.com. Looking forward to seeing you at rehearsal on September 21! Choir will aim to present song in worship services on a monthly basis.

Amanda Sarles
Music Teacher
Florence, Oregon
missamandalouise@hotmail.com

Hymn Festival



Date: September 18, 2022

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Location: New Life Lutheran Church
2100 Spruce Street, Florence

Let's come together to sing some classic hymns!

A time of fellowship will follow. Bring snacks to share!

For more information, contact New Life Lutheran Church:
(541)997-8113

ALL ARE WELCOME!

SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
				1 8:30am UMMen 9:30am-1:30pm Office Hrs 11:30am Free Lunch
4 10:00am Church Svce Fellowship Coffee Time after service	5	6 9:30am-1:30pm Office Hrs 11:30am Free Lunch	7 11:30am UMW Luau Luncheon	8 8:30am UMMen 9:30am-1:30pm Office Hrs 11:30am Free Lunch
11 10:00am Church Svce	12	13 9:30am-1:30pm Office Hrs 11:30am Free Lunch 6:30pm PFLAG	14 10:00am-Noon Prayer Shawl Ministry	15 8:30am UMMen 9:30am-1:30pm Office Hrs 11:30am Free Lunch
18 9:30am Sunday School Begins 11:00am Church Svce >time change< Hot dog Cookout after church service 4:00pm Hymn-Sing at New Life Lutheran	19	20 9:30am-1:30pm Office Hrs 11:30am Free Lunch	21 5:30pm All-Church Potluck 6:15-7:00pm Choir Practice	22 8:30am UMMen 9:30am-1:30pm Office Hrs 11:30am Free Lunch
25 9:30am Sunday School 11:00am Church Svce Workshop with District Super., John Tucker >time TBD< 5pm Newsletter Deadline	26	27 9:30am-1:30pm Office Hrs 11:30am Free Lunch	28	29 8:30am UMMen 9:30am-1:30pm Office Hrs 11:30am Free Lunch

	Fri	Sat
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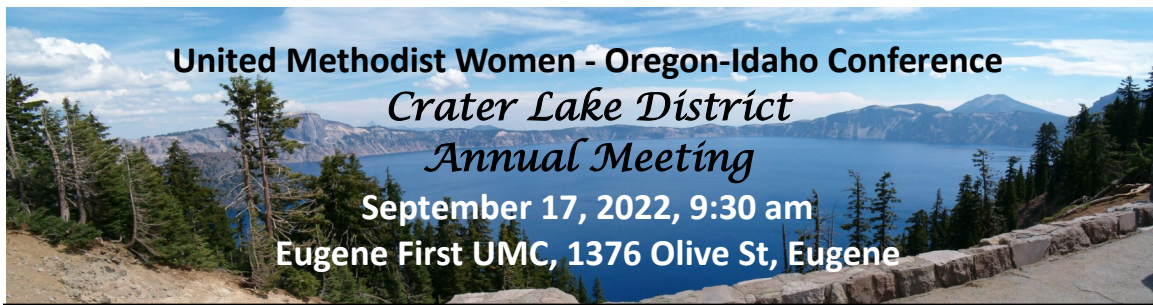
Birthdays

- 1 Teresa Jackson
- 2 Ramona Spencer
- 6 Susan Patrick
- 7 Linda Yoder
- 12 Aaron Gallegos
- 15 Cindy Glover
- 17 Ursula Sears
- 19 Dean Spencer
- 20 Kathy Bones
- 22 Ken Wright
- 26 Debbie Jones
- 27 Myrle Riffe-Helkenn
- 28 Nancy Cedarleaf-Grey
- 29 Barbara Walker
- 29 Jim Waterman

Anniversaries

- 9 Mike & Shirley Ross
- 10 Chuck & Sylvia Selden
- 10 Tim & Carol Salisbury
- 29 Peggy & Cindy Hughes

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



“Are We Burning Up?”

Guest Speaker: Lauren Grand

Lauren is an Associate Professor of Practice and Extension Agent at Oregon State University Extension Service

For information about registering, contact Judy Jones

You can attend wither in person or
via the virtual option

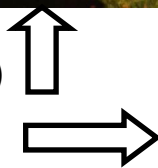
Registration deadline: Friday, Sept. 16

There is no registration fee



Trisha and Lainey (as a toddler)

Lainey now, an OSU graduate!



**Oregon State
University**

FUMC family,

thank you so much for the
sweet graduation card!
this congregation has meant so much to
me since I was just a baby!

All my love,
Lainey ☺



Nurture Committee News



I want to thank everyone who personally donated financially to the Teacher and Staff Bags for the 2022 to 2023 School Year for the Siuslaw and Mapleton School Districts. Additionally, I want to thank all who were able to assist on August 29 to assemble the 265 bags!

I cannot tell you how thankful I am for the businesses who have given product and monetary support for this 'Small but Mighty' endeavor. I reached out to A&W, who has a special place in my heart because my dad would take us to A&W for Root Beer Floats when we were growing up. I asked Ann, the owner, if she could give us a coupon for a free Root Beer? She said, "Sure!" Well, when Jim went to pick up the coupons, I had 265 gift cards for a Full Meal Deal! Safeway's Manager, Mica Diaz, asked me to send a proposal and she would forward to corporate. Lo and Behold, she called with a \$420.00 gift card! Grocery Outlet also, with no questions asked, donated \$270.00 in product as did Fred Meyer! River Roasters always comes through with free coffee or tea vouchers. Pastor Logan was able to garner 265 hand sanitizers from Peace Health!

Our business donors for this year are: ***Peace Health, Grocery Outlet, River Roasters, Abby's Legendary Pizza, A &W, Lovejoy's, Bi-Mart, The Ship-pin' Shack, Safeway, Fred Meyer, Riverview Market (Mapleton), H2O Florence, Mo's Seafood and Chowder, and Florence Dental Clinic!*** Special thanks to Peggy Simington and Susie Stevens-Briody for reaching out to donors and assisting me in collecting coupons and donations!

Currently, our nation is experiencing a teacher shortage. It makes my heart glad to think we can bring some small joy to our local teacher and staff educators with our gift bags!

"Praise be to the Lord, for he showed me the wonders of his love!"
Psalm 31:21 (NIV)



*With Gratitude,
Kathryn Waterman
Nurture Chair*

A Word From Your Lay Leader...



So, here we go heading into fall. Leaves are beginning to fall, the mornings have a little “nip”, and football season is upon us. If you are a University of Oregon Football fan you are looking forward to the first game of the season on September 3, 2022 at 12:30 pm on ABC. Oregon vs the Georgia Bulldogs. Well, enough about football and fall... Halloween is next.

This past Sunday, as worship began, Matilda Hand walked down the center isle of the sanctuary, so serious and deliberate with every step to light the candles on the alter. In our church this act is symbolic of the light of Christ. Having watched Matilde grow up in our church, I was so taken by her attention to detail. Earlier in the month, Connor Sarles performed the same service for his church. Both of them seemed to understand the importance of their contribution to the service.

My heart took a trip down memory lane to the time in my childhood when the congregation of my small church in northern California would open the service with the singing of a song “Sweet, Sweet Spirit”. The hymn goes like this...“There is a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place and I know that it is the Spirit of the Lord.” That is exactly how I have felt for the past several Sundays in our small, but mighty church. God is good. We are together again. Worshiping together and getting on with being the hands and feet of Christ. Invite a friend or neighbor to join us. Pastor Logan’s sermons do not disappoint.

As we make ready for the starting of Sunday school on September 18, everyone is invited to a Hot Dog luncheon (with all the fixin’s) following our morning service. Don’t forget Sunday school starts at 9:30 am and morning worship will begin at 11:00 am.

Free Lunch is always in need of volunteers. Contact Vicky Philben. Headed up by Kathy Waterman, Appreciation bags will be distributed to the Mapleton and Siuslaw teachers and staff as they prepare for the coming school year.

Have a wonderful September. As I said in my opening paragraph, Halloween is just around the corner. Anyone ready for Thanksgiving?

See you on Sunday.

Blessings,
Patt Rollins



Trustees Report - August 2022

Repairs and updates to the Parsonage are complete, and Pastors Logan and Paul have moved in.

The current project underway is repainting the small “library” in the Sanctuary. Thanks to Peggy and Cindy Hughes for spearheading the cleanup of this room.

Scott Philben
Chair-Board of Trustees

Florence United Methodist Church FINANCES



July 1-31, 2022: Receipts: \$ 6,003.52
Expenses: \$ 9,729.15

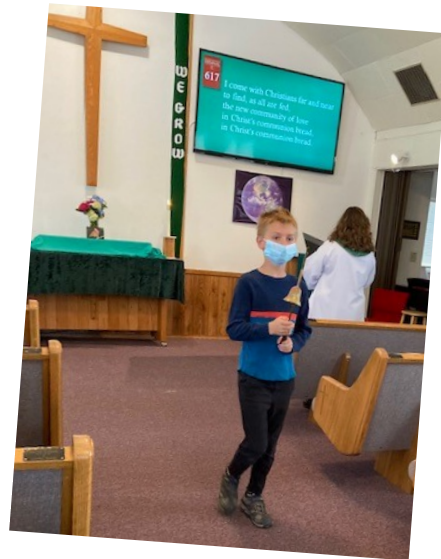
August 2022 income through the 27th : \$ 4,907.62

Provided by Kathy Yelle, Treasurer



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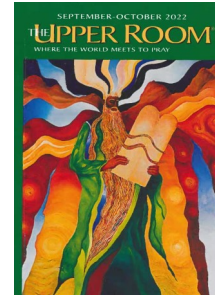
...lighting the
candles at service





Upper Room and Home Touch

The Upper Room for September and October and the Home Touch devotionals and puzzles for September have been mailed. If you would like to be added to or removed from the mailing list, contact lindayoder@hotmail.com or text 541-590-0944.



Electronic Giving

Giving online continues to be available exclusively through our website, www.florenceunitedmethodist.org, which provides a secure portal to the donation site managed by our ministry partner Vanco.

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.

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.

Help Us Fill the Food Share Bin

Bring your donation to the church and place it in the bucket at the back of the church. Items needed:

- non-perishable foods
- pet food
- toiletries





New 'Church Gifts' Policy

Gifts are a good thing, right? Well...most of the time. Sometimes they can be more of a curse than a blessing. Some churches have found themselves with kitchen items that no longer work, broken household candles, and even half open containers of food. Others have been mired in gifts with complicated conditions such as property that can't be sold or utilized due to environmental hazards. As a result, most denominations have developed a Gifts Policy. Essentially, such policies cover what types of gifts the church is willing to receive and what will be refused. They also address how to retire, or re-home items when they are no longer useful.

The Church Council researched Methodist policies, and those of other churches, seeking to develop a policy that would fit our little church. With the intention to encourage the continued donation of useful items and to serve the long-term interest of the congregation, the council adapted and approved a Gift Policy at our last meeting. If you would like to see a copy, please email Cindy Hughes at lucindagh@gmail.com or drop by the church office.



Looking for the perfect 100th anniversary gift?

Camp and Retreat Ministry has been providing faith formation, spiritual renewal, and discipleship-building in Oregon and southern Idaho through the seasons of 100 years! They're celebrating this impressive milestone at Suttle Lake over Labor Day weekend. You can join them in person at this event. They are offering a camping experience for all ages. You can register for the whole 3-day weekend, or just parts of it. For registration information, please contact the camp registrar at 503-802-9214 or registrar2gocamping.org.

And if you're wondering about an appropriate anniversary gift for 100 years of ministry, a gift in honor of their 100th anniversary would be very seasonally appropriate! You can choose to support a particular site or project, and you can also designate your gift in memory or in honor of someone. Donate online at gocamping.org or send a check to their main office in Portland.

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