

*Florence United Methodist Church*

# *Tide-ings* 2020



## September Newsletter

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Sunday Worship

Sunday Services: Video taped services at this time



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## From Our Shared Heart...

Beloved Church,

Certainly this is a September like none other we have ever experienced! Doesn't it feel like everything has been upended and tossed in the air? So much uncertainty in these "unprecedented times."

I'm recovering slowly but surely from a tiny heart attack and my body is adjusting to my new stent I received August 10. I look forward to being back in worship with you, preaching again in September. I've been gradually returning to "light duty" for the past week and will continue to re-enter my ministry in your midst as I gain strength again.

For September, we are aligning with our "Mother Church," the Church of England (Anglican Church) to celebrate the Season of Creation or Creationtide, from September 1 through October 4. Our focus will be dedicated to God as Creator and Sustainer of all life.

Looking ahead, start sorting through your photos and/or get your cameras ready, including your cell phone cameras. We'd love to have you submit photos or short videos for the following Blessings we are planning:

**September 6, Blessing Our Students and Teachers, Their Devices, Books and Backpacks.** We'd love for you to



share photos of your kids and grandkids, their devices, books and backpacks, if possible, and send in pictures of our teachers!

**September 13, Blessing the Animals.**

Send us photos and brief videos of your beloved companion animals and pets, whether present or past, as well as photos or images of animals in the wild that you love and want prayer for.

**September 20, Blessing the Elements.**

Send your favorite photos or images of Fire, Earth, Air, and Water.

**September 27, Blessing Our Habitat, Our Homes.**

Send photos or images of your habitat here in the Florence area. What are the beautiful places that touch and inspire you, the places where you experience "church" in nature? Are there places around and in your home that help you connect with God's Creation?

**October 4, Sharing the Eucharist, Our Great Thanksgiving for Creation.**

Send photos or images of Creation, including other places you've lived, places you've traveled to, and places you'd love to go.

Looking forward to celebrating with you and deepening our common commitment to care for Creation!

Thank you for all that you do and who you are BEing to help keep us connected and sustained as a faith community in our time of great challenge.

Love and blessings,  
Pastor Karen

## Church Council

The Church Council will meet via Zoom on Sunday, September 20, at 11:30, following the Zoom Coffee Hour. Reports (send them to [lindayoder@hotmail.com](mailto:lindayoder@hotmail.com)) would be appreciated by Thursday, ....., so they can be distributed in a packet by Saturday before the meeting. Church Council meetings are open to all.



church council  
**MEETING**



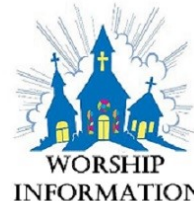
### *Keeping in Our Prayers*

Reverend Karen; Donna Embree; Trisha Holden; Peggy Simington; Shirley Ross; Kathleen & Jacob Wenzel; Jesse Holden; Becky Williams and friends of Elinor Roth; Annie Van Horn; Ralph & 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](mailto:rayfeay@hotmail.com).



### 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 [florenceumc@florenceunitedmethodist.org](mailto:florenceumc@florenceunitedmethodist.org). We'll be happy to put you on the list and send you a link.

If you don't use the Internet, we can physically 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



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## UMWomen News

Do you recall “normal”? Now it is wearing a face mask, worshiping from a distance, giving fist bumps or a wave of the hand. The last unit meeting of United Methodist Women was in March and we’re missing the updates on how everyone is faring. Aware that budget items wait to be paid, we know that funds are needed by local agencies just as much now as ever.

Some things to ponder: With the Country Store/Luncheon traditionally held in November, might it be possible to offer a “take-out meal”? Could you get soup, pie, or bread or order candy, jam, scrubbies “to go”? Share your thoughts with one of the UMW Exec Team.....Renee’, Judy, Kathleen W, Yola, Brooke, Donna, Sharon or Jean.

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The Crater Lake District annual meeting will be via Zoom on September 26 from 1 to 3pm. There are no fees and to receive the link you must register at [jboe-seumw@charter.net](mailto:jboe-seumw@charter.net). Theme is “Justice in an Uncertain World” with Gloria Marple presenting information about the School to Prison Pipeline. Our unit’s Pledge to Mission for 2021 will be turned in at this meeting.

Jean Hefty



*Donna Embree sends her thanks...*

*“A flood of (cards) arrived just as I needed them! As I have resided 30 days with the shingles and am now whole and healthy. I miss the hugs and smiling faces, but am glad to be safe in our town.”*





**As you stroll along on beautiful Heceta Beach from the North Jetty to Driftwood Shores search for sea treasures and painted rocks.**

**Then enjoy:**

- ✓ Entertainment
- ✓ Refreshments
- ✓ Kite Flying
- ✓ Huge Bubbles
- ✓ Every walker who raises \$100 or more will receive a free Beachwalk t-shirt

Money raised will be used to further our mission in the Siuslaw Fire District.



BeachWalk is an important fundraiser for Florence Habitat for Humanity. Funds raised are used to further our Mission: *Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, community and hope.* Every participant who raises money during our BeachWalk is actively working to make Florence a better, stronger, happier community. To date, 32 Florence families have purchased decent, safe habitat homes with an affordable mortgage, built by local volunteers. In addition to demonstrating the ability to make the monthly payment, each family helps build their own home. Not only do your fundraising efforts allow us to continue building homes for Florence families, you are helping families realize their dream of home ownership.



Social distancing will be required

## BeachWalk 2020

**VISION: A WORLD WHERE EVERYONE HAS A DECENT PLACE TO LIVE**

Saturday, September 19th  
9am - 1pm Registration  
Walk Begins at the North Jetty

*Walking for affordable housing  
Walking because we care*



### Why is Beachwalk so important?

Rising prices are making it impossible for the average worker in Florence to purchase a home. You would be hard pressed to find a livable 3-bedroom, 2-bath stick-built home in Florence for \$300,000 or less. If you did find that home AND were able to put 20%/\$60,000 as a down payment, your payment including taxes and insurance would still be approximately \$1,500 per month. This is unaffordable for many families in our community. Florence Habitat seeks to provide affordable housing in this community and the Beachwalk is their major fund-raiser.

Vicki Philben

# SEPTEMBER

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



## LAY LEADER

### A Word from your Lay Leader...

September's here already.....Fall is in the air. Unlike any Fall in my lifetime, we are in the midst of a deadly pandemic, massive unemployment, schools unable to open, protests over racial injustice, a killer hurricane tearing up Louisiana and Texas, deadly fires in California, and it seems the bad news continues. Like so many of you, my heart is heavy. So I wanted to share words of encouragements during such difficult times. **This I know...God has a plan. We are not alone.**

Here's one of my favorite Celtic blessings:

**May the strength of the wind and the light of the sun,  
The softness of the rain and the mystery of the moon  
reach you and fill you.**

**May beauty delight you and happiness uplift you.**

**May wonder fulfil you and love surround you.**

**May your step be steady and your arm be strong.**

**May your heart be peaceful and your word be true.**

**May you seek to learn, may you learn to live,**

**May you live to love, and may you love---always.**

Enjoy this beautiful Fall weather. Love your family. Be grateful you live in America.

Pray for our nation. **Walk humbly with your God.**

Blessings,  
Patt Rollins

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### Free Lunch News



Through August 20th, Free Lunch has served 1,195 Subway meals since March 17. No plans to open kitchen and dining room on the horizon.

-Paula Z

Dear Church,

Please keep our beloved and signature outreach ministry, Free Lunch, in your prayers this week and always. We have been serving over 100 guests per week lately through our Subway program since our kitchen and facilities are closed due to the pandemic. We have enough funds to continue the program at the rate of 30 meals per serving day (Tuesday and Thursday), so 60 meals a week....

Pray that God will move in our hearts and our wallets in our church and in our community to support this wonderful outreach and ministry of our church for the past 25 years.

Thank you for your prayer support!

Love and blessings,  
Pastor Karen

### Birthdays

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|----|----------------------|
| 1  | Teresa Jackson       |
| 2  | Ramona Spencer       |
| 6  | Susan Patrick        |
| 7  | Linda Yoder          |
| 12 | Aaron Gallegos       |
| 12 | Bob Orr              |
| 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

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|----|-----------------------|
| 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 me an email to Diane at [quiltinggma5@yahoo.com](mailto:quiltinggma5@yahoo.com)

**Nurture News:**

***"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."  
Galatians 6:2***



*Did you know we are all "members" of the Nurture Committee?*

Thank you for sending cards, calling, texting, and emailing our members. Thank you for reaching out to your neighbors and community during this time. Every act of kindness bears witness to our faith. One of my faith Icons is Corrie Ten Boom, a Dutch Christian, who along with her family hid Jews during WWII, in their home. Corrie along with her sister, Betsie, were arrested and sent to a concentration camp. Corrie survived under extreme circumstances and later shared her story throughout the rest of her life. I was fortunate to hear Corrie in Chapel while I was at Westmont College in 1972, and then was able to go to her home in Haarlem, Netherlands, in 2008, where she and her family hid the Jews (there was an actual movie called the "Hiding Place," which tells the Ten Boom story).

During this challenging time here are two Corrie quotes that hopefully will bring you strength and peace:

***"Some knowledge is too heavy...you cannot bear it...your Father will carry it until you are able." and "There is no pit so deep, that God's love is not deeper still."***

*Kathryn Waterman  
Nurture Chair*



## Wiring the Choir



Four voices (one of whom is an audio editing whiz), and a new accompanist, have brought a “Wire Choir” to our on-line worship services. This singing group operates without actually getting together. Alan Baisinger, bass and audio magician; Kathy Bones, tenor; Linda Yoder, alto; and Amanda Sarles, soprano, follow an accompaniment track laid down by Sharon Belvill, piano, and work from separate locations as they bring you some of your favorite tunes from the church hymnals.

To begin, Linda or Alan record Sharon Belvill playing the accompaniment in the sanctuary, sometimes with Amanda directing (but not singing). Amanda receives the recording electronically, then puts on her headphones, listens to the piano recording, and sings the soprano line as a separate recording track. She sends that voice-track to Alan, who puts Sharon’s track together with the soprano track. He then makes his own bass track, which he mixes with these two tracks, and sends that “mix” to Kathy and Linda. They listen to that track, while singing their parts on separate tracks, which they email back to Alan. He then “mixes” all five into the audio you finally hear as a “choir.” This choir and accompanist may not be singing or playing together, but they come together through Alan’s audio magic.

Want to join? Contact Linda [lindayoder@hotmail.com](mailto:lindayoder@hotmail.com) 541-590-0944 or Kathy [kathy-bones@charter.net](mailto:kathy-bones@charter.net) 541-997-3082 for details or encouragement.



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## Trustees Report

Repainting of the south and west rooms of the Fellowship Hall was completed by volunteers this month.

All lighting fixtures in the Fellowship Hall have been replaced (old fixtures did not have covers; health code violation).

Light fixtures in the church office were replaced with energy-efficient units and LED bulbs.

Scott Philben

# *Go Camping*

gocamping.org

## **The Future of Camp & Retreat Ministry...is You!**

One thing we know for sure about camp & retreat ministry in Oregon-Idaho: we will continue to rely on our ministry partners. Camping wouldn't be camping without counselors, deans, volunteers to paint cabins and chop wood and sew curtains. We would have no reason to exist without kids who come to make new friends, develop independence, and grow in their faith, and adults who come to learn new skills, experience renewal, and grow in their faith. We need our board members and our staff and our donors. In short, in order to have a future, we need YOU! What can you do today to ensure the future of camp & retreat ministry tomorrow?

You put the **GO** in **Go Camping**! Thank you.

**Donating online to Camp & Retreat Ministry is easy and safe**, and you can designate which site or program you'd like your gift(s) to support.

- ◆ Make a Secure Online Donation
- ◆ Make a donation by mail
- ◆ Donate by Shopping through iGive.com

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



July 1-31, 2020:     Receipts: \$ 4,975.13  
                              Expenses: \$10,832.47

August income through the 27th: \$ 5,600.63

Provided by Kathy Yelle

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