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September Newsletter

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Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Serving the People of God:

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Ministers: All Members

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Keeping in Our Prayers

Dean & Ramona Spencer; Sharon Belvill; Kathy Waterman; Rosie, Butch and Mabelle Goodwin; Tim Williams; John & Lila Hyder; Carolyn Munson; Karen Baylis; Betty Livingston; Judy Jones and family; Donna Embree and daughter, Barbara; Ray Feay and Aaron Gallegos; Sandy & Terry Woodward; Laura Merz; Hazel Vacura; Georgia Garrett; Ursula Sears; Patrick McCalmont; April McCalmont.

We ask God's blessing on these people and those in need, but not named.

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.

WHO YOU GONNA CALL?



Pastoral Care/Concerns:

Patty Evans, 541-905-4248

Unlocking the Buildings: Renee' Hansen, 541-999-9487

General Questions: Peggy and/or Cindy Hughes, 541-902-0197 (such as clerical assistance, reserving the Fellowship Hall, clarifying meeting **times**)

General Church Concerns: Beth Evans, 541-760-3021

Building Problems/Key Requests: Scott Philben, 530-949-8464

Financial Questions: Kathy Yelle, 541-305-1495 (such as making a purchase, getting reimbursed, making a donation)



Patty's Page

There are just too many choices these days. When I went to the drugstore to buy a new toothbrush I didn't know I would need an instruction book to make my choice. Let's see, do I want a brush with an angled padded handles or a straight unpadded one? Do I want rounded bristles or pointed, flex coils or not, pink, white Or one with a pick on the end? For heaven's sake isn't there just a plain, straight handled, ordinary, bristled brush made anymore? After an exorbitant amount of time researching the brush display I shut my eyes and made my selection and moved on to the toothpaste. "Oh please!"

That's what I said aloud and the man in the aisle with me responded, "Excuse me?" "There are just too many choices these days!" I explained. "It's not good enough to have a toothpaste that gets your teeth clean anymore. We have to have a pharmacy inside the tube. We've got to have our tartar control, fluoride goop, plaque fighter, clean breathalyzers mixed in a tasty, multicolored glop that will attract good looking men and women to come and stare at our dazzling, forest scented mouths!" The man left. I can't blame him but I was trapped in the oral hygiene aisle with no help. Remember the good old days when we didn't even brush our teeth unless someone hog tied us and threatened us with the loss of Christmas?

It is easy to feel trapped, confused, manipulated and powerless in these crazy days. It doesn't help to get so caught up in the ever changing, multiple options that surround us that we forget the foundational truths that undergird our living and give us power, meaning, and hope. The truth is – God loves and values us and empowers our living – even if we don't brush after every meal with a state of the art brush; even if we don't brush at all; even if we don't have teeth! In Paul's words, "Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ..." That truth is liberating and empowering but it is also challenging. If God's love holds steady in the face of the wild complexities and diversity of human life dare we ask less of our capacity to love?

Love,
Patty

COMING UP....

**MORNING WORSHIP AND POTLUCK PICNIC AT WOHINK LAKE
SEPTEMBER 29, 10:30 a.m.
WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION**



United
Women
in Faith

United Women in Faith News

UWF is starting up regular meetings again on **September 4 at 1:00 p.m.** in the Tedd Powell Fellowship Hall. **All women are invited to attend and join our group for prayer, programs, refreshments, fun, and even more!** Amanda Weaver will be providing the program. Vicki Philben is hostess, Judy Jones will give devotions, and Yola Hesser will have a book report.

On August 24, UWF held their annual Rummage Sale in the church fellowship hall. We had a steady stream of shoppers throughout the day. Final total income for the fundraiser was 1,014.50! These funds will be used to provide donations to the missions we support, which include:

- ◆ Friends of Florence
- ◆ Florence Food Share
- ◆ Red Bird Mission
- ◆ Boys & Girls Club
- ◆ Siuslaw Outreach Services
- ◆ Florence Habitat for Humanity
- ◆ Compassionate Care Fund

The UWF Crater Lake Annual Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 28 at the Roseburg UMC. Guest speaker, Rev. Nicole Berry, will talk on the topic, "Be the Light: How we can be a light to others". Anyone interested in going should contact Judy Jones or Renee' Hansen for more information.

Diane McCalmont
Secretary

First Sunday Fellowship Time

During the September fellowship time, we hope to have a time for people to ask questions and share concerns and ideas with the Church Council members about where we are in the search for a new pastor and other information they shared at the August 25 service. So plan now to attend the **September 1 fellowship time** and increase the ties that bind us in Christian love.

Patty





PFLAG Highlights Membership in September

Regular meetings in the fellowship hall resume September 9, with an emphasis on member benefits and connections. The fun starts at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

We'll take a look at news and short videos, and provide some resources now available from the national organization.

A six-minute video of PFLAG's march in the Yachats La-de-da Parade is available on YouTube by clicking a link on the calendar page of our website: www.pflagflorenceoregon.org.

We'd love you to join us for our next regular meeting in the church fellowship hall on Monday, September 9, at 6:30 p.m.

Linda Yoder



Adult Sunday School Looks At Parables

The Adult Sunday School class will resume following the summer recess on Sunday, September 8 with a six-week study of the parables. Classes are from 9:00am-10:00 am in the sanctuary. We will begin with a short video featuring Dr. Amy-Jill Levine of Vanderbilt Divinity School presenting some thoughts on particular parables that Jesus told in the Amplify series *SHORT STORIES OF JESUS*. We will spend the rest of the hour discussing our thoughts on the presented parables. Come join us at 9:00 am each Sunday in the church sanctuary for an enlightening and faith-enhancing time.

Bert Schniepp

PALS



1:00-2:30 p.m. Fridays
Tedd Powell Fellowship Hall
All women are welcome!

P... Prayer
A... Action
L... Love
S...Sharing

SERVE
Ministry Opportunities

SEPTEMBER

Date	Liturgist	Usher/ Greeter	Counters	Flowers
1	Micaelah Faerold Patty Evans	Judy Jones	Sharon Gallagher Peggy Simington	
8	Sharon Gallagher	Patt Rollins	Pat Kirkpatrick Nu Williams	
15	Cindy Hughes	Caroline Mesman	Pat Kirkpatrick Caroline Mesman	
22	Ann Scharf	Peggy Simington	Nancy Rhodes Peggy Simington	
29	Jim Waterman	Judy Jones	Sharon Gallagher Nancy Rhodes	



Leah Goodwin Memorial Sound Room and System

Leah Goodwin, beloved daughter of Rosie and Butch Goodwin, spent many years sharing her gifts with our congregation as our sound person. She had a gift for this ministry and her efficiency and faithfulness is remembered to this day with gratitude and love.

The sound system she worked so hard with has now aged out and needs to be replaced. Ross Madsen of Sonic Arts Studio has pulled together just the right digital sound system that will serve us well today and for many years to come. The system is going to cost right around \$6,000 and will be paid for with memorial funds that have been held in memory of Leah Goodwin, along with any gifts received in her name over the next couple of months.

If you would like to donate to this project please make your check out to the church and note that it is for the Leah Goodwin Memorial Fund. Your gift will be gratefully received and wisely used to support the Sunday morning worship service.

We look forward to dedicating the new system in loving memory of Leah early this fall.

Patty

SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
1 9:00am Adult Sunday School 10:30am Church Svce Fellowship Time after Service	2 	3 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 11:30am Free Lunch	4 1:00pm UWF mtg	5 10:30am-12:30pm Office 11:30am Free Lunch
8 9:00am Adult Sunday School 10:30am Church Svce	9 6:30pm PFLAG	10 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 11:30am Free Lunch	11 2:00-3:00pm Homeschool class	12 10:30am-12:30pm Office 11:30am Free Lunch
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22 9:00am Adult Sunday School 10:30am Church Svce	23	24 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 11:30am Free Lunch	25 2:00-3:00pm Homeschool class Newsletter Deadline for October	26 10:30am-12:30pm Office 11:30am Free Lunch
29 10:30am Church Svce & Potluck Picnic at Woahink Lake	30			

	Fri	Sat
Hrs	6 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 1-2:30pm PALS meet 4:00-5:00 pm Homeschool Art Class	7
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Hrs	20 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 1-2:30pm PALS meet 4:00-5:00 pm Homeschool Art Class	21
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Birthdays

- 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
- 29 Jim Waterman

Anniversaries

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

If I've missed your birthday or anniversary, please send an email to Diane at quiltngma5@yahoo.com, to let me know.



This newsletter page focuses on thoughts from some of our church family, based on a "mustard seed of faith." Do you have a thought or story you'd like to share? If so, contact Diane at 541-999-9692 or quiltinggma5@yahoo.com.

Recently, I picked up a book, flipped to a random page, and started reading. The author was talking about sabbaticals as a way of taking a break and reenergizing yourself for the work ahead. My only encounters with the idea of a sabbatical have been in a professional setting, and there are rules and goals attached to taking one.

I always saw sabbaticals as things that professors or top executives take when they want to write a book or pursue other research over a year or so. This view was different. The author presented sabbaticals as a time away from life that is accessible to anyone. A sabbatical can be a weekend, or even just a day, as long as it involves some kind of fast from your ordinary life. It's a time to leave the things you always do behind.

I realized that for me, my summer weekend camping trips are sabbaticals. With no internet or phone service, the noise of my daily hyper-connected life is silenced. I'm away from the endless desk sitting and housework that usually occupies my time. Those few days away, disconnected, outside, fully living in the moment, allow me to recharge and return refreshed. I hope you are all able to get away for a sabbatical and recharge for the work ahead, whatever that may be, too!

The Book: [One: Unity in a Divided World](#) by Deidra Riggs

Amanda Weaver



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Land, ho!...or in this case, Land, no!

Cindy and Peggy are joining the 21st century and are giving up their landline.

If you want to reach Cindy, please call or text 541-991-7290. If you would like to chat with Peggy, the number to call or text is 541-901-9847.

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FINANCES



July 1-31, 2024: Receipts: \$ 6,218.48

Expenses: \$ 10,513.22

August income through the 20th: \$ 4,113.75

Note: July expenses include \$2,200 for new piano and \$1,250 for parsonage/
property management fees)

Provided by Kathy Yelle, Treasurer

Teacher and Staff Gift Bags

“Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.” Galatians 6:2

I want to thank every person who donated financially to the Teacher and Staff Bags for the 2024- 25 School Year. Additionally, I want to thank all who were able to assist on August 26 to assemble the 280 bags! We had 20+ volunteers and what fun we had!

On Father’s Day, 2024, Jim and I were on our deck, and I had a nice Father’s Day meal planned for him. As I tried to get up, it was like a huge weight was pushing me down and I sort of stumbled my way into the living room and sat hard onto the couch. Jim came in and said, “What’s wrong?” I said, “I have a terrible headache!” Jim asked if I could get to the car but I couldn’t. He called 911. I don’t remember anything else from the next few days. Evidently, I was taken to Florence Hospital and it was determined I had suffered a Hemorrhagic stroke which causes bleeding in the brain. There was a surgeon in Eugene who could put a drain in my brain, so I was airlifted to Eugene. The surgeon saved my life! I spent the next two weeks in Riverbend, in ICU. Needless to say, I don’t remember much about those two weeks. My road to recovery has been a remarkable one and I thank Jim, my husband of 50 years, for the day to day support of medications, taking me to appointments, meals, and tender loving care. Our son Bryan, his wife Miley, and son Rex came and gave Jim and I much needed love and support during this dark time. Special thanks for all the prayers, cards, visits, and flowers from our wonderful church family!

I’m quite thankful to Nancy Rhodes and Vicki Philben, two amazing women in our church, who stepped up to work on the Teacher and Staff Gift Bags, not knowing what they were getting themselves into! They solicited new businesses who weren’t already community partners, contacted businesses who were already on board to make sure they were again part of the project, bought product, and stored product in their homes! Nancy and Vicki secured the following new community partners: **City Lights Cinema, Hunt Family Dentistry, Nosh Eatery, Books ‘n Bears, Stitch & Sole, Laughing Crab, Kitchen Klutter, Bi-Mart, Laurel Bay Gardens. Well Done...and Wow!!**

Recurring Community Partners include: Peace Health, Grocery Outlet, River Roasters, Abby’s Legendary Pizza, The Shippin’ Shack, Safeway, Fred Meyer, Mo’s Seafood & Chowder, Florence Dental Clinic, FTS Computer Repair, Artefacts, Chad E. Clement Dentistry, and the Waterfront Depot! Special thanks to Peggy Simington for delivering bags to the Mapleton School District!

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! Please make sure you support and frequent the above Community Partners and thank them for their contribution!

“Praise be to the Lord, for he showed me the wonders of his love!” -Psalm 31:21

*With Gratitude,
Kathryn Waterman, Nurture Chair*



Church Council Report



The Church Council continues to upgrade our systems in an effort to make us attractive to prospective members and a new pastor. We have contracted with HYAK to improve our WiFi and phones. Our new sound system is being installed. And, we have hired someone to build and maintain a new website for us. To rent the parsonage while we are between pastors, an inspection was done and needed improvements are being made. Thanks to the ongoing work of our wonderful trustee, these are minor (e.g. cleaning the gutters).

We are also preparing for a fall Charge Conference with our new District Superintendent. Part of this Conference will be sharing with her our hopes for our new pastor. To help prepare for this, and to give all church members a chance to guide the Council in what we should be doing during this interim time, we planned a church wide conversation. During the August 25th Sunday service, council members gave an update on what and how we are doing. During coffee hour on Sept. 1, we will have a time for everyone to share their thoughts, ideas, and concerns about the church. I hope everyone will participate in this conversation.

We will also be voting on new Council members when we meet on Sept. 1. Continuing members are Karen Baylis, Beth Evans, Sharon Gallagher, Jim and Kathy Waterman, and Kathy Yelle. We want to give a sincere thanks to those whose terms are ending at the end of this year: Renee' Hansen, Scott Philben, and Amanda Sarles.

We are fortunate to be a part of a Church where so many of our members give so much of themselves to the work of the Church. I always tell people we are small but mighty - and I believe this with my whole heart.

Beth Evans

Zucchini Soup

*From the Free Lunch Soup Recipes Booklet
Submitted by Rosie Goodwin*



Ingredients:

4 cups sliced zucchini	1 (10 oz.) can cream of chicken soup
1 medium onion, chopped	1 cup milk
3 tbsp butter	1 cup half & half
1 cup water	1 tsp basil, salt, and pepper

Directions:

Sauté onion in butter. Add zucchini and water. Simmer 30 minutes. Remove from heat and whirl in blender. Return to pan, add cream of chicken soup, milk, half & half, and seasonings. Reheat.

Yield: About 4 servings

There is always an abundance of zucchini this time of year (sometimes an over-abundance!), so it's perfect timing for this recipe.

Camp News from Camp and Retreat Ministries



Every couple of months I receive the Go Camping E-News newsletter from Camp and Retreat Ministries. One of the regular little pieces in it is called "*Blessings Report*". It's just a short little bit that states three camp blessings that have been provided by campers and staff. They are always thoughtful tidbits that give insight to what wondrous take-aways people get from attending an outdoor ministry camp. I always look forward to them. The three that were provided in the August 21 edition were:

- ⇒ The drama and grandeur of thunderstorms
- ⇒ Paddling on a calm morning
- ⇒ Renewed friendships when campers meet again at camp

Find out more about camps at <https://www.gocamping.org>. [GoCamping - Homepage](#)

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