

Florence United Methodist Church

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November Newsletter

Florence United Methodist Church
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New Website Under Construction



Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Serving the People of God:

District Superintendent: Wendy Woodworth

Pastor: Reverend Patty Evans, Interim

Governing Board Chair: Beth Evans

Finance Chair: Kathy Yelle

Trustees Chair: Scott Philben

SPRC Chair: Jim Waterman

Ministers: All Members

Newsletter Editor: Diane McCalmont



Keeping in Our Prayers

Ann & Bradley Scharf; Linda Rosendaul; Dean Spencer and family; 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: (such as clerical assistance, reserving the Fellowship Hall, clarifying meeting times): Peggy's cell - 541-901-9847;

Cindy's cell - 541-991-7290

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)

Radiant Saints Celebration



Each year on All Saints Day we say prayers, light candles, and give thanks for people who have touched and transformed our lives with the love of Jesus Christ. We will be remembering and celebrating these beloved saints in our worship on Sunday, November 3.

That day also marks the first Sunday of our Stewardship emphasis. As a part of that campaign, church members and friends will be receiving a letter in the mail which will have a bright fall leaf tucked inside. Everyone is invited to write the names of saints who have blessed their lives on both sides of that leaf and then bring it to worship on November 3. We will collect, bless and dedicate the radiant giving of these beloved saints as we gather around the Lord's Table. If you are not able to worship in person with us that day, you are invited to mail the leaf to the church office at 333 Kingwood and we will be added to our time of thanks-giving.

Pastor Patty

Guess Who's Turning 90?

***You would never guess it's
Peggy Wilson
("the ornery one")***

***You're invited to help us celebrate
this BIG event -
Saturday, November 23, 1:00-4:00 p.m.
Florence Senior Center
1570 Kingwood St.***



***Questions? - Call Rosie at 541-997-2394
or Judy at 541-997-2925***



United
Women
in Faith

United Women in Faith News

UWF will meet in November on the 3rd at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Yola Hesser is hosting and Donna Embree will lead in devotions. Sharon Gallagher is to lead a program on "World Thank Offering". Officers for 2025 will be elected.

Women of the UWF led the worship service on October 20. Included in the program was a special presentation by Yola Hesser in honor of Ramona Spencer. A \$50 gift was given to the District UWF in memory of Ramona. Rosie Goodwin and Hazel Vacura presented and blessed prayer shawls made by the Prayer Shawl Ministry group. And Special Recognition pins were presented to three faithful servants of FUMC. They were Linda Yoder, Kathy Yelle, and Peggy Wilson. Congratulations!

Our group will be selling pecans during November and December, so watch for more information. We will have pecans for baking, as well as glazed pecans, chocolate covered pecans, and pecan clusters—perfect for holiday parties and gift-giving.

Diane McCalmont
Secretary



November is Acts

During the month of November we will be moving from Parables of Jesus to the Acts of the Apostles, the beginning of the church following the Resurrection of Jesus. Matthew Skinner will start each lesson with a short video to begin our discussion, and we will look at what God did in those first years as the Christian faith began to take root in Jerusalem and spread throughout the lands around the Mediterranean Sea.

Come join us as we meet at 9:00 am each Sunday in the Sunday School room in the Fellowship Hall to view the short video and discuss thoughts and ideas that come to mind as we listen and share. All are welcome.

Bert Schniepp



PFLAG to show the movie "1946"

PFLAG will show the award-winning documentary, "1946: The Mistranslation that Shifted Culture," at its regular meeting on Monday, November 11, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

The documentary "1946: The Mistranslation That Shifted Culture" explores a significant mistranslation in the Bible that occurred in 1946. This mistranslation involved the term "homosexual," which was incorrectly used in the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. This error has had a profound impact on Christian attitudes towards the LGBT+ community.

The film delves into the discovery of this mistranslation through archives at Yale University and follows researchers who trace the origins of anti-gay sentiment among Christians to this pivotal error. It challenges the biblical justification for LGBT+ discrimination and aims to shed light on how this mistranslation has influenced cultural and religious views over the decades.

Tell your neighbors. Bring a friend. Refreshments will be served.

PFLAG Florence also asks you to consider joining the group, especially now, early in our fiscal year. Dues are \$30 per year, half of which support us locally. You can send a check to PFLAG, P.O. Box 1074, Florence, OR 97439 or go to our website and press the "donate" button, which takes you to a secure PayPal site.

Linda Yoder



PALS



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

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



NOVEMBER

Date	Liturgist	Usher/ Greeter	Counters	Flowers
3	Kathy Bones	Judy Jones	Sharon Gallagher Pat Kirkpatrick	
10	Karen Baylis	Patt Rollins	Pat Kirkpatrick Nu Williams	Kathy Yelle
17	Michaelah Faerold	Caroline Mesman	Caroline Mesman Diane McCalmont	
24	Sharon Gallagher	Peggy Simington	Peggy Simington Nancy Rhodes	



From the Pastor

I think Fall is my favorite season. It is simply radiant. I love the return of the sparkling morning dew, the brisk air, and the way the sun ignites the vibrant colors of the turning leaves. It seems as though every living thing is proclaiming the goodness of God!

I want to join God's creation in such radiant proclamation. I want my life to sparkle with God's love. I want to shake up the meanness of these days with the brisk breeze of

Christ's mercy moving through me. I want to shine with the transforming and enriching presence of the Holy Spirit as I choose the way of Christ's love over and over again.

Sadly, I fall short of this desire time and time again. Which is why the community of faith is so important. It takes us all to be so radiant as this! When we are weary or too stressed or wounded to be our best, we prop each other up. We pray for each other, support each other with a multitude of kindnesses, and often do the hard things for each other like walking the extra mile, turning the cheek or giving away our coat even though our sweater has gone missing. That's what it means to be the church. To be a people radiant with the beauty of sharing the love of Christ both in the faith community and into the world.

In November we will celebrate this radiant season and challenge. We will explore the ways we are equipped and empowered by the glorious presence of God, the example of Christ and the support of each other to be Christ's radiant people in a dark and troubled world.

Go to your mailbox at least once a week in November because you will be receiving an old fashioned snail mail with thoughts and actions to guide you along this journey. We will gather on Thanksgiving Sunday, November 24 to celebrate the great culmination of this journey in radiance. Plan to be present and ready to proclaim the goodness of God with grateful hearts and bright shining faces!


Forever hopeful,

Patty

NOVEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
3 ALL SAINTS DAY 9:00am Adult Sunday School 10:30am Church Svce	4	5 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 11:30am Free Lunch	6 1:00pm UWF Mtg	7 10:30am-12:30pm Office 11:30am Free Lunch
10 9:00am Adult Sunday School 10:30am Church Svce	11 6:30pm PFLAG	12 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 11:30am Free Lunch	13 11:00am-1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 2:00-3:00pm Homeschool class	14 10:30am-12:30pm Office 11:30am Free Lunch
17 9:00am Adult Sunday School 10:30am Church Svce	18	19 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 11:30am Free Lunch	20 2:00-3:00pm Homeschool class	21 10:30am-12:30pm Office 11:30am Free Lunch
24 9:00am Adult Sunday School 10:30am Church Svce	25	26 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 11:30am Free Lunch	27 2:00-3:00pm Homeschool class	28 Thanksgiving



	Fri	Sat
	1 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 1-2:30pm PALS meet 4:00-5:00 pm Homeschool Art Class	2
Hrs	8 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 1-2:30pm PALS meet 4:00-5:00 pm Homeschool Art Class	9
Hrs	15 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 1-2:30pm PALS meet 4:00-5:00 pm Homeschool Art Class	16
Hrs	22 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 1-2:30pm PALS meet 4:00-5:00 pm Homeschool Art Class	23 1:00-4:00pm Birthday Celebration for Peggy Wilson
	29 ??? 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 	30

Birthdays

- 2 Colleen Fulmer
- 3 Alex Goss
- 4 Sandy Woodward
- 5 Jon Reeves
- 14 Eleanor Hand
- 20 Susie Stevens-Briody
- 24 Fritz Keller
- 26 Carol Salisbury
- 30 Peggy Wilson

Anniversaries

- 26 Tom & Stephanie Gonser

If I've missed your birthday or anniversary, please send an email to Diane at quiltgma5@yahoo.com, to let me know.



Church Council Update

The Council met on October 1 and on October 16. Both meetings focused on the Charge Conference. We did not conduct any church business at the October 1st meeting. Instead, we reviewed the required reports for the Charge Conference and got them ready to submit. A number of people worked on these reports - Beth and Patty Evans, Sharon Gallagher, Jean Hefty, Scott Philben, Jim and Kathy Waterman, and Kathy Yelle. The Council read the reports and offered suggestions to improve them.

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Charge Conference. In addition to the folks mentioned above, I want to thank everyone who attended. I hope the turnout of almost all our active members sent DS Wendy the message that we are a vital church and worthy of a good pastor. A special thanks goes to Diane McCalmont for taking minutes at the Conference and to everyone who provided a snack.

Now that the Charge Conference is behind us, our focus is on maintaining the good work that has happened during this time between pastors. As bridge pastor, Patty has done a great job of helping us see the range of work that often falls to the pastor. We believe the church wants a pastor who focuses more on pastoral work than on managing the church. The Council approved hiring a part mite office manager to take on the management tasks. With fees from renting the parsonage, we can pay an office manager. Once a pastor is hired, he/she will live in the parsonage and we will no longer have extra money from rent. If we want both a pastor and an office manager, we will need to increase our giving. You will be hearing a lot about this over the next few weeks. Please give careful thought to what *you* most want from your pastor. For example, if you want the pastor to preach three Sundays per month, the pastor will be less available to take on management tasks.

Always feel free to share your desires, ideas, hopes and concerns with me or another member of the Council.

Beth Evans



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 quiltngma5@yahoo.com.

Do you have a story about your faith journey that you would like to share?

Send it to us to include here in the newsletter.

Send it to me (Diane) at quiltngma5@yahoo.com or to the church office at florenceoregonumc@gmail.com

Florence United Methodist Church
FINANCES



September 1-30, 2024: Receipts: \$ 6,956.11
Expenses: \$ 5,998.96
October income through the 26th: \$ 7,329.35

Provided by Kathy Yelle, Treasurer

**Service and Picnic at
Woahink Lake
September 29
With our friends from
New Life Lutheran and
Presbyterian Community**





**Camp News from
Camp and Retreat Ministries**



Registration is open for a new retreat at Wallowa Lake Camp,
Knowing God Through Nature,

Discussions of [Beth Norcross](#)'s video series will be led by co-director, Peggy Lovegren, good food will be served, and fellowship in nature will be a focus.

Knowing God Through Nature--an Adult Retreat!

Site: Wallowa Lake Camp

Dates: 6/16/2025 - 6/20/2025

Age Level: Adult

Cost: \$499 Double Occupancy | \$725 Single Occupancy | \$299 Bunkhouse | \$249 Commuter (A non-refundable \$75 deposit is required to hold any spot.)

Price includes: charming cozy lodging, delicious plentiful meals, thought provoking morning videos, questions to think about and ideas to try during your day, optional self-directed nature crafts, interesting evening discussions led by Camp Director, Peggy Lovegren, and plenty of free time to enjoy the area. You may arrive Sunday night for just an additional \$50.00 per person more (no meals provided until Monday dinner).



Questions? Contact Peggy Lovegren
(wallowalakecamp@gmail.com / 541-432-1271).

Registration questions? Contact Holly Dolan at 503-802-9214 or registrar@gocamping.org. **A non-refundable \$75 deposit is required to hold your spot.** All balances should be paid at least two weeks before camp unless prior arrangements have been made.

Recipe Corner

Mom's Apple Crisp

Submitted by Judy Jones



Ingredients:

- ⇒ 4 cups sliced apples (Gravensteins or firmer)
- ⇒ 1 tsp. cinnamon
- ⇒ 1/2 tsp. salt
- ⇒ 1/4 cup water
- ⇒ 3/4 cup flour
- ⇒ 1 cup sugar
- ⇒ 1/3 cup soft butter

Directions:

Place the sliced apples in a 10"x6"x2" pan. Mix together the cinnamon, salt, and water, then sprinkle over apples. Mix together flour, sugar, and butter, then sprinkle on top the apple mixture.

Bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes.

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