

*Florence United Methodist Church*

*Tide-ings* 2024



## October Newsletter

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### **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](mailto: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)



**Charge  
Conference**

**Thursday, October 10 at 5:00pm**

All are invited and encouraged to attend this important annual event where we will meet our new District Superintendent, Wendy Woodworth.

This is our opportunity to affirm that we may be a small church with a bunch of gray heads but we are ALIVE, WELL, and KICKING! We are on the lookout for a pastor who can keep up with us! Arrangements aren't all made yet, but I'm guessing you can count on food being involved!!!



***OCTOBER***

<b>Date</b>	<b>Liturgist</b>	<b>Usher/ Greeter</b>	<b>Counters</b>	<b>Flowers</b>
<b>6</b>	Jim Waterman	Judy Jones	Nancy Rhodes Pat Kirkpatrick	
<b>13</b>	Kathy Waterman	Patt Rollins	Pat Kirkpatrick Nu Williams	
<b>20</b>	Stephen Williams	Carolyn Mesman	Carolyn Mesman Diane McCalmont	
<b>27</b>	Nu Williams	Sharon Gallagher	Sharon Gallagher Nancy Rhodes	



United  
Women  
in Faith

## United Women in Faith News

The October meeting of the UWF will be held on Wednesday, October 2, 1:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Refreshments are sure to delight with Rosie Goodwin and Peggy Wilson in providing them. Diane McCalmont will lead in devotions and program. Ladies, we have a fun game of Purse Scavenger Hunt planned for this meeting, so be sure to bring your purse chocked full of necessities! **All women are invited. Bring a friend!**

The Florence UWF Nominations Committee is looking for women who are interested in becoming board members for our group, especially the positions of President or Vice President, and Spiritual Growth. No need to shy away, there is plenty of support within our group for you. For more info or interest, contact Diane McCalmont, Sharon Gallagher or any other current board member.

See the flyer on the next page for information about the Annual Gathering of the Oregon-Idaho Conference United Women in Faith. Talk to Renee' or Judy if interested in attending.

Watch for our new fundraiser, coming early November - pecan sales, just in time for the holidays. These will be great for baking, gift-giving, late-night snacking, or having available for your get-togethers. Let us know in October if you are interested in selling. We will have four types:

- ◆ Regular pecans
- ◆ Milk chocolate covered pecans
- ◆ Pecan clusters
- ◆ Glazed pecans

Diane McCalmont  
Secretary



United  
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Oregon-Idaho Conference  
United Women in Faith  
**Annual Gathering**

October 18-19, 2024  
Albany First UMC,  
1115 28th Ave SW  
Albany, OR  
Hybrid event

JOHN 4:29, 35, 39



This **two-day hybrid event** will feature Ubuntu or community service opportunities, soul care activities, and will provide a variety of opportunities to explore practices to enhance your **spiritual growth**.

Of course we will conduct the important business - election and installation of officers, approval of a budget, and more. In a departure from past years, the business will be spread over both days. There will also be time for us to gather in fellowship.

Plan to **attend in person** if at all possible. If not, **gather with other women** from your unit or with others who are not yet a part of United Women in Faith to participate virtually together.

**Register now:** <https://forms.gle/Y4c4Hzbzq7RrF6k5A>

# PALS



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

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



*World  
Communion  
Sunday*

**World Communion Sunday**  
**Sunday, October 6, 10:30am**

We meet at the Lord's welcome table with the world this Sunday and will receive new members in a moment of celebration. If you are interested in placing your membership in the congregation please let me know. We'll visit and make a plan!



**Parables of Jesus Continuing**

The Adult Sunday School class will continue following the parables of Jesus as we look at the Parable of the Mustard Seed on the first Sunday of October. In videos featuring Dr. Amy-Jill Levine of Vanderbilt Divinity School, we have been delving into some of the short "stories" Jesus told and finding thoughts applicable to each one of us.

Come join us as we meet at 9:00 am each Sunday in the Sunday School room of 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 honors Coming Out Month in October

PFLAG will recognize Coming Out Month at its regular meeting in the fellowship hall October 14. The fun and fellowship start at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

We'll take a look at news and provide some resources now available from the national organization. We also expect to welcome special guest Sally Wantz, who serves Florence on the City Council.

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](http://www.pflagflorenceoregon.org).

Consider joining the group, especially now, since October is the beginning of 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



## Don't Hide Pride

Share your journey and invite your friends  
for a celebration of National Coming Out Month



**Monday, October 14**

**6:30 – 8 p.m.**

**Florence United Methodist Church  
2<sup>nd</sup> & Kingwood**



**Free and open to the public  
Refreshments will be served**

# OCTOBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
		<b>1</b> 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 11:30am Free Lunch	<b>2</b> 1:00pm UWF mtg	<b>3</b> 10:30am-12:30pm Office 11:30am Free Lunch
<b>6</b> 9:00am Adult Sunday School 10:30am Church Svce <b>World Communion Sunday</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 11:30am Free Lunch	<b>9</b> 2:00-3:00pm Homeschool class	<b>10</b> 10:30am-12:30pm Office 11:30am Free Lunch <b>5:00pm Charge Confere</b>
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<b>27</b> 9:00am Adult Sunday School 10:30am Church Svce	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs 11:30am Free Lunch	<b>30</b> 2:00-3:00pm Homeschool class	<b>31</b> 10:30am-12:30pm Office 11:30am Free Lunch



	Fri	Sat
Hrs	<b>4</b> 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs <b>1-2:30pm PALS meet</b> 4:00-5:00 pm Homeschool Art Class	<b>5</b>
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	<b>UWF Oregon-Idaho Conference Annual Gathering—Albany 1st UMC</b>	
Hrs	<b>25</b> 10:30am-12:30pm Office Hrs <b>1-2:30pm PALS meet</b> 4:00-5:00 pm Homeschool Art Class	<b>26</b>  <b>Newsletter Deadline for November</b>
Hrs		



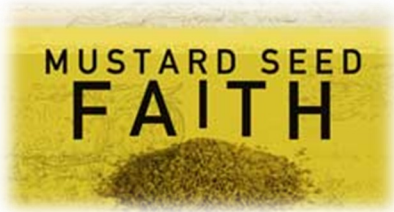
### *Birthdays*

- 6 Jordan Williams
- 6 Stephanie Gonser
- 15 Sylvia Hand
- 18 Kay Craig
- 24 Diane McCalmont
- 26 Jean Hefty
- 28 John Skarda
- 31 Rosie Goodwin

### *Anniversaries*

- 22 Bill & Kay Craig

If I've missed your birthday or anniversary, please send an email to Diane at [quiltinggma5@yahoo.com](mailto:quiltinggma5@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.*

I have been a believer all of my life. But there have certainly been times over the years that I have questioned my personal faith as well as faith in general.

As a child I was raised up in the Lutheran faith. When it came time to be confirmed, being a rebellious teen, I felt like I was being blindly led into something that I didn't exactly understand. Yet I was confirmed. I'm sure God was guiding me along that path.

When I moved away from home out of state as a young adult, my Mom offered her wise advice to "Always find a church home. God and a church family would be there for me if I needed help." So yes, as a young mom in Texas, while my husband was deployed to Germany, I sought a family at a Presbyterian church - oh, the comfort I felt.

Then going through divorce, uncertainty of where we were going to land, what I wanted in life, I questioned again. Why was life so hard? Where was the God? Why couldn't I get it together? I didn't exactly stop believing, but I didn't attend a church and practice faith..

Finally deciding to settle where my ex and I had lived (Santa Cruz, CA), I started to feel the need for a regular dose of God. I started attending St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, where I stayed for 27 years. That was my family through many good and tough times. While attending there, my faith was tested yet again when I learned that my 16 year old daughter was pregnant. Whoa! Not something I saw coming or even felt equipped to handle. One evening, after a church meeting I'd attended, I lingered and sat alone in the sanctuary with only the front light on over the stained glass portrait of Jesus. I cried and prayed and cried some more. Then I felt it! I literally felt God's presence next to me in that pew. He was calming and still, and I left there knowing that everything would be alright. That was the presence of God that I'd been looking for.

Now at FUMC, I've found another family that has been with me for nearly 20 years! FUMC is the true epitome of Jesus Christ living in this world.

I'm currently using a daily devotion book called *Jesus Calling*, by Sarah Young. It has been a lifesaver for me over this past year. It reminds me daily of the beautiful presence of God in my life, and how to really appreciate that.

Diane McCalmont



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(email and phone numbers are the same)

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



August 1-31, 2024: Receipts: \$ 6,403.97  
Expenses: \$ 5,013.02  
August income through the 22nd: \$ 4,797.00

Provided by Kathy Yelle, Treasurer



### United Women in Faith Soul Care Retreat

In early September Linda Yoder, Amanda Weaver, and Judy Jones from Florence attended. Nearly 40 women from Oregon and Idaho attended this retreat at beautiful Suttle Lake.





## Camp News from Camp and Retreat Ministries

*From the September edition of the Camp and Retreat eNews .....*

### **It's over! (or is it????)**

Yes, it's true that there's usually a collective sigh of relief and a deep sense of fulfillment when our summer camping season is over. But (not really a news flash) the work of camp and retreat ministry is definitely not over! The Collins Retreat Center hosts numerous adult retreat groups and other programs in this season, Outdoor Schools are happening throughout the fall at Magruder, Suttle Lake's impactful Transformations Prayer Retreat is coming up at the end of this month, and all the site staff are busy with repairs, building projects, and programming plans for 2025.

All of this work takes--you guessed it--financial support! This is the time of year when most folks are less likely to be thinking fondly about s'mores around the campfire, but our sites need your gifts more than ever. It's easy--just click on the green button below. When you're finished, go ahead and think fondly about eating a s'more (because really, when is it ever NOT a good time to think about s'mores?!).

#### **Send a check through the mail to:**

Camp & Retreat Ministries  
1505 SW 18th Ave.  
Portland, OR 97201

#### **Donate online at:**

[www.gocamping.org/donate](http://www.gocamping.org/donate)

**Donate by shopping through iGive.com.** A percentage of your shopping dollars will be sent to Oregon-Idaho Camp and Retreat Ministries each time you shop online through iGive.com.



**Church Council Board Meeting  
September 17, 2024**

**Attendees:** Beth Evans, Kathy Yelle, Scott Philben, Jim Waterman, Kathy Waterman, Karen Baylis, Pastor Patty Evans, Amanda Sarles, Renee Hansen, Sharon Gallagher- All Present

Recorder: Kathy Waterman

Kathy Waterman led us in prayer to open the meeting.

**Review of minutes:** Minutes from the prior meeting, August 14, 24, minutes were approved with no changes.(motion- Sharon, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kathy W).

**Pastor's Report:**

**Patty hopes to accomplish the following accomplishments by the end of the year:**

The Church will be thriving and stable, infrastructure will be established.

Spend a beautiful Advent together as a Community.

Nurture of our Community will be established.

Develop a Faith Based Budget with Kathy Yelle

Patty is currently spending 25 to 30 hours a week as our Pastor.

**Committees:**

**Staff/ Parish Relations- Jim Waterman**

Jim stated that we are excited to have a new very talented pianist who commutes from Eugene, Carol Cooper!

**Trustees: Scott Philben**

Scott repaired the sink in the kitchen and the toilet in the Sanctuary. He also power washed the building.

He stated that the Traveling Nurse was renting the Parsonage from month to month and very easy to work with.

**Beth Evans, Chair, Updates**

**Hyak:** New system in Fellowship Hall is working well.

Unfortunately the church does not qualify for a non-profit discount.

Pastor Patty is not giving up on this.

**Sound System:** \$5,500.00 to \$6,000.00

Installation and Training Phase are to be completed soon.

**Website:**

Jenna Bartlett has been hired to oversee our Website.

Our former webmaster, Tom Gonser, is working with Jenna:

**Kathy Yelle: Finance**

Our finances continue to remain strong.

LPL: Stock Portfolio from a parishioner: \$11,000.00, used

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5,000.00 for the new heater.

Terry Woodward was removed as an LPL designee

A motion was made and passed to accept the following designees as current: Kathy Bones, Sharon Gallagher, and Kathy Yelle

(motion: Amanda Sarles, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Waterman)

**Nominating: Council Members**

Rotating Off: Renee Hansen, Amanda Sarles

New Members: David Owens, Ann Scharf

One year terms: Kathy Yelle, Scott Philben

Kathy Waterman, and Judy Jones- New Nominating Committee

Annual Conference Delegates: Ann Scharf, and Amanda Sarles

**New Business**

*Building Use Requests*

*A discussion included the following:*

*Who makes the decision to rent to groups?*

*Scott and Patty will make decisions through December, 2024.*

*Outside groups must pay a fee to use the building, and have insurance.*

*If a group involves children, then they must follow the Safe Sanctuary Policy.*

*All groups or users must return the premises used as it was when they entered the building. Additionally, all lights and heater must be turned off, and all doors and windows closed.*

*PFLAAG- Motion made and passed to waive Building Use Fee for the next calendar year and to be reviewed annually. (Amanda Sarles- motion, Kathy Waterman 2<sup>nd</sup>)*

*Office Assistant: Kathy Yelle*

*Kathy discussed the challenges to fund an Office Assistant at this time.*

*21.72/ hour*

*Half time position*

*\$20,000.00*

*Discussion tabled until further review*

**Meeting Adjourned: 6:20 pm**

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