

Florence United Methodist Church

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March Newsletter

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Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.

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Diane's Office Hours;
 Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday: 10:00am-2:00pm
 Thursday: 9:30am-12:30am



March

<i>Ministry Opportunities</i>		Usher/ Greeter	Counters	Projectionist	Flowers
Date	Liturgist				
1	Stephen Williams	Judy Jones	Julia Bicek Jane Salamone	Peggy Hughes	
8	Karen Baylis	Patt Rollins	Patty Evans Brooke Shafer	Peggy Simington	
15	Ann Scharf	Caroline Mesman	Caroline Mesman Patty Evans	Bert Schniepp	Diane McCalmont
22	Patty Evans	Lillie Leland	Nancy Rhodes Peggy Simington	Karen Baylis	
29	Cindy Hughes	Patty Evans	Nu Williams Patty Evans	Peggy Hughes Lillie Leland	

Coffee Hour Sign Ups for March

Mar. 1 Diane McCalmont
 Mar. 8
 Mar. 15
 Mar. 22 Patt & Patti, Jim & Kathy Waterman
 Mar. 29



Mending Our Way Through Lent

Dear Family in Christ:

March is a season that knows how to hold tension. Winter still lingers, even though I see daffodils blooming outside my office window. Lent meets us in that same in-between space—not urging us to rush toward Easter, but inviting us to slow down, tell the truth, and pay attention to how we live.

John Wesley offered a simple rule of life: do no harm, do good, and stay in love with God. In this time of deep political turmoil, we often say we don't know what to do—how to respond to a world marked by division, violence, and fear. But the truth is, we do know. The answer is love.

Do no harm asks us to notice where our words, silence, or comfort may contribute to suffering. It calls us to resist language and systems that dehumanize God's children. Lent gives us space to repent—not as punishment, but as a turning back toward life.

Do good moves us beyond reflection into action. Justice is not abstract; it is love made visible. It looks like feeding the hungry, standing with the vulnerable, speaking truth with courage, and choosing compassion even when it costs us something. We may not be able to do everything—but we can do something.

And holding it all together is this call: *stay in love with God*. Without that center, even good intentions wear us down. Staying in love with God keeps us rooted in grace, reminding us that we act not to earn God's love, but because we already have it.

This Lent, may we stop telling ourselves we are powerless. May we choose love—again and again—and trust that God is mending the world, starting with us.

In Hope and Peace,

Pastor Deb



United
Women
in Faith

United Women in Faith News

The March meeting of the UWF will be held on the 4th, 1:00 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. The theme of this meeting is around "Call to Prayer and Self Denial." Renee' Hansen will lead in devotions. Beth Evans will give a book review. All women are invited.

Coming up on March 14, the United Women in Faith District level will be conducting a Presidents training via Zoom. If you are interested in learning more about the presidents role in UWF, you are welcome to join Judy Jones in the training. Or watch it from your own home. Contact Judy for more information.

Members of the Florence UWF oversee the Free Lunch basket made available during the Tuesday and Thursday free lunch time. Basket items are offered for any lunch attendees to help themselves to. Items are best in travel size where possible. The basket empties quickly, so maybe you can help by donating some of the following items:

- Body wipes (a full package can be broken down into baggies)
- Shampoo & conditioner
- Body wash/hand soap
- Toothbrush/toothpaste
- Dental floss/mouthwash
- Kleenex
- Deodorant/body spray
- Lotion
- Menstrual items
- Hair brushes/combs
- Mini flashlights
- Packs of nuts
- Beef jerky
- Energy bars
- Tylenol/aspirin
- Laundry soap/dryer sheets
- Socks/gloves/warm hats

Diane McCalmont, Secretary



Lenten Bible Study Continues Mondays

Our Lenten Bible Study, **The Final Days: A Lenten Journey Through the Gospels**, featuring Pastor Matt Rawle will continue through March at 10:30am on Mondays. During this study we are following Jesus in the final week leading to his Crucifixion as told by each of the four Gospel writers. Each tells in his own way the story of those final days of Jesus with his Disciples. What impact can this story have on our faith and our lives? Come join in the discussion.

Bert Schniepp



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Safety Leadership:

Helping ourselves & our friends,
family, & community stay safe

Organized by PFLAG Florence

Monday, March 9, 6-7pm on Zoom

followed by 30min Q&A for those who want more

Join from home - or join with us in the PFLAG Florence meeting space!

Join on Zoom: tinyurl.com/37hctk5d or scan to join:

Or, join us at the PFLAG Florence meeting location
to watch & practice together: United Methodist Church,
333 Kingwood St. Florence



PFLAG X safetypowers.org
Florence

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safetypowers.org safety@kidpower.org kidpower.org

MARCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
1 10:30am Church Svce Coffee Hour after svce	2 Office Closed 10:30am Adult Bible Study at FUMC	3 8:00am-4:30pm Pastor Deb's Office Hrs 10:00am-2:00pm Regular Office hrs 11:30am Free Lunch 2:00pm Taizé' Music Rehearsal	4 8:00am-4:30pm Pastor Deb's Office Hrs 10:00am-2:00pm Regular Office hrs 1:00pm UWF Mtg	5 9:30am-12:30pm C 11:30am Free Lu 2-3pm Homescho
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15 10:30am Church Svce Coffee after church	16 Office Closed 10:30am Adult Bible Study at FUMC	17 St. Patrick's Day 8:00am-4:30pm Pastor Deb's Office Hrs 10:00am-2:00pm Regular Office hrs 11:30am Free Lunch	18 8:00am-4:30pm Pastor Deb's Office Hrs 10:00am-2:00pm Regular Office hrs 10:00-11:30am Book Group 4:00pm Care Circle 5:30pm Church Potluck	19 9:30am-12:30pm C 11:30am Free Lu 2-3pm Homescho
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29 Palm Sunday 10:30am Church Svce Coffee after church	30 Office Closed 10:30am Adult Bible Study at FUMC	31 8:00am-4:30pm Pastor Deb's Office Hrs 10:00am-2:00pm Regular Office hrs 11:30am Free Lunch		

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Birthdays

- 2 Yola Hesser
- 3 Janet Titus
- 6 Patty Evans
- 7 Bruce Hadley
- 13 Patti Johnson
- 14 Laura Merz
- 22 Ray Feay
- 26 Linda Schniepp
- 26 Patt Rollins
- 30 Nu Williams

Anniversaries

- 12 Mike & Judy Jones

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

PALS



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

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

Tech Time

The next Tech Talk with Kay Fitzgerald will be held on Sunday, March 8, right after the church service in the Fellowship Hall. She can help you understand how your phone and/or lap tops work. So bring your troubling technology questions and visit with Kay!



Florence United Methodist Church FINANCES



January 1-31, 2025: Receipts: \$ 13,053.81 (includes \$3,800 from UWF to be split between Compassionate Care Fund and Free Lunch)
Expenses: \$ 33,585.50 (includes \$24,950 for parsonage roof replacement)
February income through the 20th: \$ 6,082.59
Sale of LPL Stocks: \$5,131.46
Provided by Kathy Yelle, Treasurer

Church Directory

UPDATE



We are wrapping up the 2026 Church Directory!

New Directories will be available after March 1.
We will have hard copies available as you enter the church, however if you would prefer a digital copy, please let Diane know. She will email one to you.

Notes from the Church Council



The parsonage has a new roof. Kathy Yelle has applied for a grant from our district to help cover the cost. We have enough money in savings to pay for the roof, but we will have to take out less from savings if we are awarded the grant.

Kathy Yelle revised the 2026 budget to reflect the costs of the parsonage roof and our apportionment payment to the District. She will be going over the 2026 budget with the congregation during a Sunday morning service.

We welcome a new Council member, Chuck Cornell. He and his wife, Barbara, are relatively new to our church and are such a great addition to our family.

We are still looking for a pianist. Sharon Belville has been incredibly gracious about filling in, but we know she doesn't want to do this for the long term. If you can think of anyone who might like the job, please let the Pastor or Anne Scharf know.

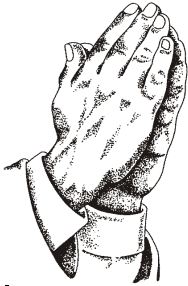
Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 10th, at 3:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. All church members are welcome to attend. If you think you might be interested in serving on the Council, attend a meeting and check it out.

Beth Evans



On Sunday, February 22, our congregation had the pleasure of having Renee' Hansen lead us in worship, along with Kathy Bones as Liturgist. The sermon time was filled with stories of Renee's travels with her husband Larry, as well as other pieces of her thoughts on "Trust."

Thank you, Renee'!



Keeping in Our Prayers

Peggy Simington; Julia Bicek; Chuck Cornell; Mabelle Goodwin; Ray Feay and other friends & family of Aaron Gallegos; Judy Jones; Earl Rosendaul; Yola Hesser; Carolyn Munson; Betty Livingston; Donna Embree and daughter, Barbara; Sandy & Terry Woodward; Georgia Garrett; and Ursula Sears.

Soldiers everywhere in the world and those who wait for them to come home.

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

Note: To receive the electronic prayer chain, contact ...
kathywaterman10@gmail.com.



**Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Supper -
good food,
good company,
and good times
shared!**



RECIPE CORNER

Irish Stew



Ingredients:

- 1 tbs vegetable oil
- 1 lb been sirloin steak, cut into 1-inch cubes
- 1 large onion
- 2 medium carrots, chopped
- 2 ribs celery, chopped
- 3 cups hot water
- 2 1/2 tbs dry brown gravy mix
- 2 cubes beef bouillon
- 1/4 cup Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tsp chili powder
- 1/4 tsp dried oregano
- 8 medium potatoes, cubed
- Salt and ground black pepper to taste

Directions:

- Heat vegetable oil in a stockpot over medium heat. Add beef and cook until browned on all sides, 6 to 8 minutes. Stir in onions, carrots, and celery.
- Mix water, gravy mix, and bouillon together in a small bowl; pour into the stockpot. Stir in Worcestershire sauce, chili powder, and oregano. Cover and simmer over low heat for 1 hour.
- Stir in potatoes. Cover and simmer until potatoes are easily pierced with a fork, about 30 minutes. Season with salt and pepper.

Prep time: 15 minutes

Cook time: 1 hour, 40 minutes

Servings: 6

This is not a traditional Irish stew made with lamb, but it's a quick and easy substitute for a St. Patrick's Day meal.



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Love Boldly
Serve Joyfully
Lead Courageously



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