

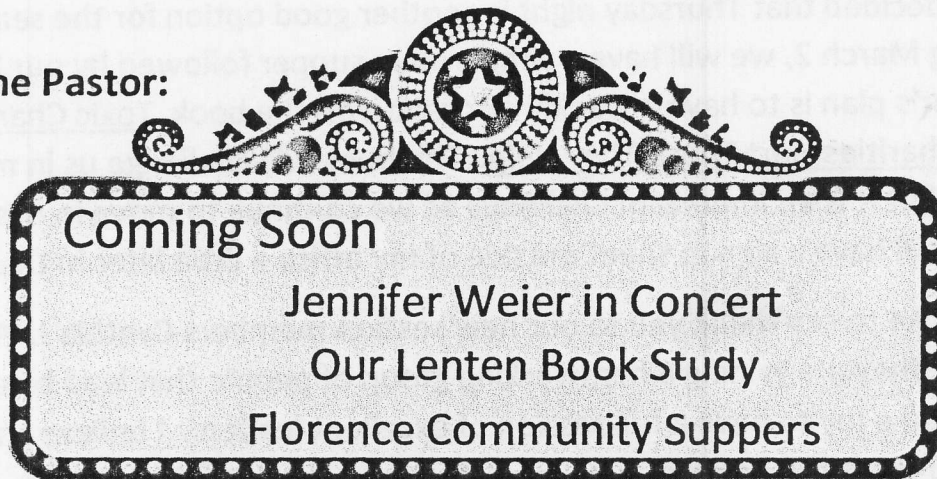
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From the Pastor:



If truth be told, I'm not a big fan of writing newsletter articles. Debbie our wonderful church secretary/administrator/church coordinator will tell you that it's like pulling teeth to get my article. We are thankful that others do a better job getting their information in on time.

In February, we have a month of "normal". The rush and roar of Christmas is over, the solemn season of Lent doesn't start until March. So catch your breath. Still we have a couple of things to think about. The first is that Jennifer Weier, our organist/pianist, has agreed to play a benefit concert for the Florence Emergency Cold Weather Shelter. There is a flyer elsewhere in the Newsletter.

The Emergency Cold Weather Shelter is extremely thankful for our Church allowing it to open in the Fellowship Hall. The Shelter was open 9 nights in January. The number of guests each night ranged from 4 to 26. The coldest nights had the highest number of guests. In addition, each night we were open we had a good representation of church members and others from the community volunteering here.

The Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian, and hopefully the Episcopal Churches are again working together on Wednesday night community suppers. Our plan is that each church will host a specific Wednesday night of the month. Our night is the second Wednesday. From September through December the churches worked on this idea

with some success. Our advertising was pretty lax, but we still had a good group of people participate. The purpose of these meals is offer help to the people on the edge, comfort to many of our lonely singles, a place of gathering, and a way to show the hospitality of the church. We also had some wonderful meals.

The Community Suppers do cause a problem with our Wednesday Night Lenten plans. So the Session decided that Thursday night is another good option for the season of Lent. Beginning March 2, we will have a simple soup supper followed by our Lenten Series. This year's plan is to have a weekly discussion on the book, Toxic Charity: How Churches and Charities Hurt Those They Help. The book will challenge us in many different ways, but it is an important challenge as we continue to move in mission in Florence. We will have a signup sheet outside of my office a little later in the month.

Finally, I would like to say thank you to our new session members Cynthia J. Wright and Larry Newman. They are joining a hardworking group of people that lead by example. It is a blessing and a joy to have a full session of excellent leaders. I believe that God is continuing to do great things here.



# Florence Community Suppers

Wednesday Nights from 5:30-7pm

A good meal for:  
Busy people  
Lonely seniors  
Hungry families  
Friends and neighbors  
All ages  
Any walk of life  
**YOU!**

February 1 at New Life Lutheran Church  
21<sup>th</sup> and Spruce Streets

February 8 at the Presbyterian Church  
3996 Hwy 101

February 15 at the United Methodist Church  
2<sup>nd</sup> and Kingwood

"The fine print" This is brought to you by a group of area churches (St. Andrews Episcopal, New Life Lutheran, Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw, and Florence United Methodist Church) as a service to anyone who would like to join in a friendly meal once a week. Donations towards the cost of the meals will be accepted but not required. Come join us for a meal – no strings attached.



## NURTURE TEAM for January

**Prayer Chain** - Ardella Bennett had 10 new prayer chain requests.

**Parish Nurse** - Our parish nurse Connie Bradley continues in her work with church and community members. She is a great resource for health related concerns.

**Friendly Visitors** - Multiple visits/calls are made each month in our community. Many thanks to those who have responded. We can all do our part by calling on friends and acquaintances. The best time to call on Spruce Point or Shorewood would be before meal times. They start serving at 11:00 and 4:30. Please call the individual first.

**Marie's Mailings** - After 13 years of dedication Marie is retiring from her correspondence commitment. If you have ever received one of "Marie's Mailings" you know how important this ministry is. A big thank you to her for all of her hard work and years of service. Also a big thank you to Bev Hopps, Carol Parsons and Doris Russell for stepping up to ensure that this ministry continues.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** - This group meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 1:30pm at The Old Coffee Company, 125 Nopal Street- behind BJ's ice cream. Beginners are welcome! More information contact Marty Palmer 541-902-5149.

There are many opportunities to share our faith by action and we welcome any interested person to our group. We usually meet every other month on the first Thursday. Our next meeting will be November 3rd at our church.

Call Nancy Gardiner, Chair, 541-997-4239 for ways we can be of help.

***"Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love."***

***1 John 4:8***

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### **With Our Deepest Sympathy.....**

Our prayers and sympathy to Mickey Burch and family upon the recent loss of her husband Bob, on January 18<sup>th</sup>.

Also our love and sympathy to family and friends of Joanne Moore who passed away on January 14<sup>th</sup>.

Our sympathy to Dick Micklewright and family upon the loss of his wife, Ellen, on December 27<sup>th</sup>. As former members of our congregation, Dick was the architect who designed our sanctuary.





## The Sharing Shelf for February

Our apologies for neglecting to get an article in the January PCS news. We could attribute it to age, we suppose. We won't, but that does remind us of descriptive terms applied to us as we age into the various decades, and they are: *Denarian*: age 10 - 19 . . . . *Vicenarian*: we in our 20's . . . . *Tricenarian*: in our 30's . . . *Quadragenarian*: in our 40's . . . . *Quinquagenarian*: in our 50's . . . . *Sexagenarian*: in our 60's . . . . *Septuagenarian*: in our 70's . . . . *Octogenarian*: in our 80's . . . . *Nonagenarian*: in our 90's . . . . *Centenarian*: we who are 100 or more . . . . May we all enjoy the benefits of our individual decades, knowing that we each belong to a special group.

We have, in the past, attempted to "theme" our book selections for February around those 2 special days/months occurring here; i.e., St. Valentine and Black History, but we have run short of material. So, in this February of 2017 we offer the following general assortment of choice books.

*White Unto Harvest, Evangelizing Today's Senior Adults.* Charles Arn. Provides a summary of the research & insights from the study of the subject, and seven strategic recommendations.

*Through the Year with Jimmy Carter*, by himself. "366 daily meditations from the 39th president. . . combines the grace and wisdom of a deeply spiritual Bible study with personal stories and prayers for each day".

*The Childhood of Jesus.* J. M. Coetzee. This title may seem a misnomer when we discover that the story has nothing to do with Jesus, but then it is described as an "*allegorical tale...a novel of ideas...a tender compelling narrative*". Author received the Nobel Prize in literature in 2003.

*Two Foot Fred.* Fred Gill. Born with dwarfism, a cleft palate, clubfeet, and scoliosis, "Gill rose above his circumstances to graduate college and open his first restaurant by the young age of 22".

*The Maid and the Queen.* Nancy Goldstone. "The secret history of Joan of Arc". Explores the relationship between Joan and Yolanda of Aragon, queen of Sicily. "How did an illiterate peasant girl gain access to the future king of France, earn his trust, and lead his forces into battle...Was it only the hand of God that moved Joan of Arc, or was it also Yolanda of Aragon?"

*Heaven Is Here.* Stephanie Neilson. "An incredible story of hope, triumph and everyday joy". A memoir. "What emerges from the wreckage of a tragic accident [airplane crash] is a unique perspective on joy, beauty, and overcoming adversity..."

*Kentucky Traveler, My Life in Music.* Ricky Skaggs. "An honest, deeply American story of the power of faith, family, and music from one of America's most beloved bluegrass/country artists."

*Welcome Holy Spirit.* Garrie F. Williams. Daily meditations. "Fresh and meaningful, these readings cover every scriptural passage concerning the Holy Spirit & His ministry on Earth."

If you would like to add any of these books to your personal library, please do so. Just let me know.

G. Trueblood, librarian/octogenarian



## THE BOOK GROUP

The Book Group will meet Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 in the church library. We are reading *The Rent Collector* by Camron Wright. It follows a fictional Cambodian family who lives at and makes their living from the largest municipal waste dump in all of Cambodia. It explores the power of literacy, the drive of a mother to give her child a better life, and the sweetness of redemption for a woman who seems a bit unredeemable. Everyone is welcome to join us. We will be choosing new books for the upcoming months. If you have some good books to recommend we are open to suggestions. Join us for coffee, tea, treats and a lively discussion.



## PROPERTY TEAM AND CONGREGATION...

As a relatively new member of both this team and the church, I would greatly appreciate your input for 2017.

I would like from each of you what you feel are the top issues, projects, goals and any other ideas for inside and outside our church, parking lot and grounds.

Our first meeting of 2017 will be on Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. It will be a brain-storming session that should be a lot of fun and will give us direction for this year and beyond.

So bring your list and we will prioritize these projects/goals at the following meeting!

All are welcome as we are always looking for new members and great ideas!

-Larry Newman, Property Elder



### Supper for Six



SUPPER FOR 6 GROUPS will form again in February, having been "shuffled" after our first experience. Groups will meet together once a month when and where it works best for them. A host or hostess will organize and pull the group together, taking into account the needs and desires of the group. Groups are randomly formed to provide for church members getting to spend time together outside of church and getting to know one another better and in different ways. If you'd like to be part of a group, please sign up on the sheet outside Pastor Greg's office or call the church office. If you would like to be a host or hostess, please note that on the sign up or let Norma Wood know (804-439-1775). Groups will meet February - June, shuffle, then run again July through November.



## Seminary Professor to lead 2017 Lenten Renewal Weekend March 18-19

Rev. Karoline M. Lewis, the Marbury Anderson Chair in Biblical Preaching at Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota, will lead the 21<sup>st</sup> annual Ecumenical Lenten Renewal Weekend to be held March 18-19 at the Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw, 3996 Hwy. 101, in Florence. The theme of the events will be “Discipleship in John: A Lenten Perspective.”

Three 90-minute seminars will be given on Saturday, March 18, at 10:30, 1 and 2:30, focusing on three incidents in John’s Gospel: the Samaritan woman at the well; the man born blind; and Lazarus, Mary and Martha. Described as a spell-binding speaker who paints vivid word pictures of Biblical text, Dr. Lewis will preach at a multi-denominational worship service on Sunday, March 19, at 10:30 at the Presbyterian Church, the site of the seminars, on the topic “Neither On This Mountain Nor In Jerusalem.” Organist/pianist Jennifer Weier and an ecumenical choir, led by Laura Merz, will participate in the service.

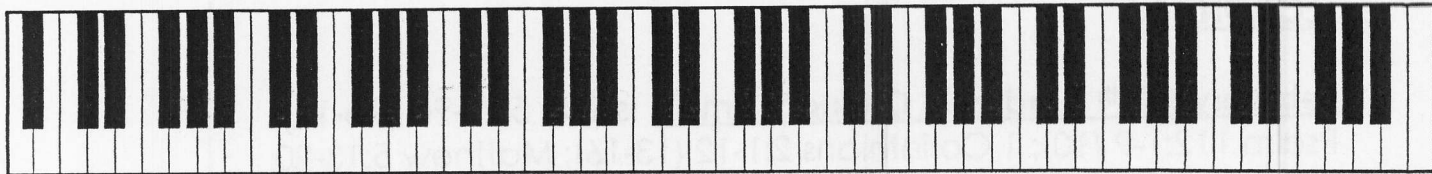
Dr. Lewis is the author of *SHE: Five Keys to Unlock the Power of Women in Ministry* and *John: Fortress biblical Preaching Commentaries*, as well as numerous articles for *The Christian Century*, *Feasting on the Word*, *Feasting on the Gospels*, *Currents in Theology and Mission*, *Lutheran Forum*, *Word & World*, *Abingdon Preaching Annual*, and Odyssey Network’s *ON Scripture*.

Ordained in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Dr. Lewis holds degrees from Northwestern University (B.A.), Luther Seminary (M.Div.) and Emory University (Ph.D., New Testament Studies and Homiletics). She has served as treasurer for the Academy of Homiletics and regional coordinator for the Upper Midwest Region of the Society of Biblical Literature.

Dr. Lewis is a regular preacher/presenter at the Festival of Homiletics and leads conferences, workshops, and retreats internationally on the Gospel of John, the New Testament, interpreting the Bible, preaching, leadership, and women in ministry. She is a contributing writer for WorkingPreacher.org, author of the site’s *Dear Working Preacher* column, and co-host of the site’s weekly podcast, *Sermon Brainwave*.







**February 26, 2017 2pm**



**Jennifer Weier**  
**In Concert**

**To benefit**

**The Florence Emergency Cold Weather Shelter**

Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw  
3996 Hwy 101 North  
Florence, Oregon



**FLORENCE EMERGENCY COLD WEATHER SHELTER**

Homelessness can happen to anyone. It's a situation.....not a condition.

Sponsored by the Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw

## LECTIONARY

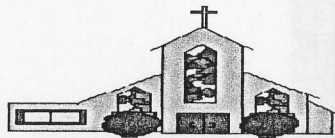
**February 5 (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time):** Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12);  
Psalm 112:1-9 (10); 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16); Matthew 5:13-20

**February 12 (6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time):** Deuteronomy 30:15-20;  
Psalm 119:1-8; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37

**February 19 (7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time):** Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18;  
Psalm 119:33-40; 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23; Matthew 5:38-48

**February 26 (Transfiguration of the Lord):** Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2 or  
Psalm 99; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

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## OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

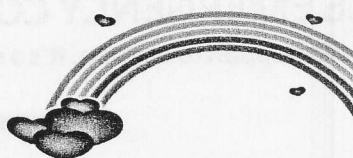
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*Invite a friend or neighbor to church!*

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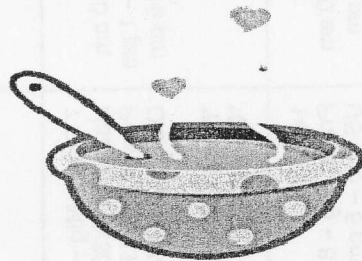
## USHERS AND GREETERS FOR FEBRUARY

	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Ushers</b>
<b>February 5</b>	Larry Valentine Dee Newton	Connie Bradley Larry Newman
<b>February 12</b>	Jane Douglass Carol Parsons	Ken Stone Elton Knutson
<b>February 19</b>	Guy Veach Andy LaTomme	Mina Dickson Pat Dickson
<b>February 26</b>	Jennifer White Nancy Ash	Ann Floto Paul Floto





On Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, many of you will be watching the Super Bowl on TV. We'd like to use this day as an opportunity to join churches and communities across our country who are transforming the time around the Souper Bowl into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving. On February 5<sup>th</sup> we will be collecting money for our local Habitat for Humanity to complete our 28<sup>th</sup> house and begin work on house #29. We'll also be collecting soup and other canned foods for Florence Food Share.



Pledges	\$123,000	Worship Committee	\$1,445
Unpledged	\$18,000	Christian Education Committe	\$100
Interest	\$450	Congregational Life Committe	\$225
Building Use Fees	\$800	Membership Committee	\$1,100
Per Capita Contributions	\$1,860	Nurture Committee	\$50
		Office Expense	\$8,200
		Property Committee	\$12,365
TOTAL INCOME	\$144,110	Insurance & misc.	\$4,150
		Session Expense	\$150
Pastor's salary & expenses	\$73,608	Per Capita Expense	\$3,206
Keyboardist & taxes	\$10,860	Mission Pledge	\$12,600
Choir Director & taxes	\$4,062		
Office Staff & taxes	\$13,913		
		TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES	\$43,591
TOTAL PERSONNEL EXPENSE	\$102,443	PROJECTED DEFICIT	(\$1,924)

