Methodists invite public to worship at Honeyman Park

Florence United Methodist Church will conduct Sunday Worship on Aug. 28 in Honeyman State Park at the Group Meeting Hall on Woahink Lake.

The service will begin at 10 a.m. and the event is open to everyone, especially campers, and will feature camp-style

songs and activities.

The Group Meeting Hall, also known as the "Yurt," is an enclosed building located in the Woahink-West area accessible from Canary Road.

The public is also invited to the potluck lunch following the service, and no reservations are required.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CARE OF CREATION SEPT. 1

The first of September was proclaimed as a day of prayer the Catholic Church most p.m.

recently in 2015.

All people are invited for for creation by the Orthodox an hour of prayer for the Care Church in 1989, and many of Creation at St. Mary's other Christian churches have Catholic Church, 85060 joined since then, such as the Highway 101 S., on Thursday, Anglican Church in 2012 and Sept. 1, from 6:30 to 7:30

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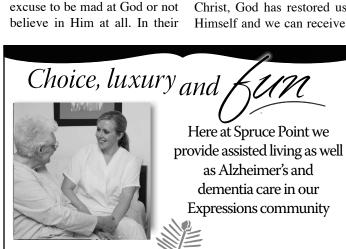
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Do you ever get offended

when something bad happens

in your life? I know I have. It's

an attitude that says, "Why is

this happening?" or "This

shouldn't be happening to me."

While it may seem harmless,

offense is actually one of

Satan's greatest tools to rob us

of God's blessings. He uses

offense to lure us into bitter-

ness, resentment, hatred and

unforgiveness - things that

stunt our spiritual growth and

When difficulties come our

way, they present opportunities

for offense. They challenge our

faith and what we believe about

God. In fact, a lot of people use

the trouble in their lives as an

make our lives miserable.

Don't be offended by trouble

idea of a loving Creator allowing such pain and suffering.

If you're like me, when things aren't going well, you're tempted to think, "Why, God, why?" But we're not always going to be able to figure out why.

Sometimes other people's decisions affect us negatively, or we make unwise decisions that hurt us. Our enemy, Satan, also works hard to come against us and prevent us from walking in God's good plan.

Whatever the reason, it's important to realize that suffering is not from God. The Lord originally created a world where everything was perfect, but when Adam and Eve sinned, it changed all of that (Genesis 3; Romans 2:12).

Thankfully, through Jesus Christ, God has restored us to Himself and we can receive all

minds, they can't reconcile the of His blessings (2 Corinthians 5:21). However, the Lord tells us that "in this world you will have trouble" (John 16:33 NIV).

So, what should we do when trials and tribulations come our way? The greatest thing we can possibly do is trust God because it's the answer to every single problem we have.

There's tremendous freedom in trusting God. When something's not going our way, instead of getting offended, we can trust that He has a plan that's better than ours and He will ultimately work out the situation for good (Romans 8:28).

We need to understand this because sometimes when we're having trouble, we can even get offended at other people who are being blessed.

I've learned that God is smarter we are. than Sometimes He puts off giving us what we want because He has a different purpose in mind - something better than what we could have imagined.

For instance, many times the Lord has allowed me to go through things the hard way. Sometimes it has been extremely difficult, especially when I watched other people receive breakthroughs in the same areas more quickly.

But when God allows me to walk this path, He wants me to experience and understand what people are going through so I can relate to their pain and help them walk through it successfully.

The Bible actually tells us that trials are good for us. James 1:2-3 (AMPC) says, "Consider it wholly joyful, my brethren, whenever you are enveloped in or encounter trials of any sort or fall into various temptations. Be assured and understand that the trial and proving of your faith brings out endurance and steadfastness and patience."

Suffering doesn't originate from God, but He will use it to help us grow up spiritually because He knows it will eventually bring out the best in us. (See Psalm 94:12-13.)

The Lord wants us to become stable and mature, to reach the point where we're not blown over by every storm in life. He wants us to have joy and contentment in Him, even when our circumstances aren't perfect (Nehemiah 8:10).

God never promised us a trouble-free life, but we can take comfort knowing that He loves us tremendously, He has His eye on us and He is already working behind the scenes to help us (Romans 8:38-39; Psalm 33:18).

Remember, what you're going through now isn't going to last forever. So don't live your life bitter and resentful over something you can't do anything about.

Instead, choose to place your trust in God. He's the One Who loves you unconditionally and He's the One Who can turn your trials into something

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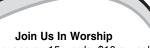
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FUUF to explore core of modern distress, assumption

At the Florence Unitarian Universalist Fellowship this Sunday, Aug. 28, from 10 to 11 a.m., the Rev. Dr. Ruth Miller's talk will be titled: "Prejudging and Assuming — The Core of our Distress."

"We all come into situations

with expectations, see certain people and make assumptions and react to certain experiences with knee-jerk responses learned in our childhood. It's part of being human," said Miller. "Yet, too often, these ways of being get in our way, making life more difficult for

ourselves and those around us. Why is this so and what can we do about it?"

In Miller's talk Sunday and in dialogue following the service, she will use her own experience and emerging neurology and cybernetic theory to help understand and begin to reverse this tendency.

The UU Fellowship, 87738 Highway 101 at Heceta Beach Road, is wheelchair accessi-

For more information, visit www.florenceuuf.org or call 541-997-2840.

Spirituali-Tea to discuss keeping religion, politics apart

On Monday, Aug. 29, at 6:30 p.m., everyone is invited to join a group from varied spiritual paths to discuss, "Religion and politics — Can we keep them apart?"

"Religion should not concern itself with political questions. Religion is concerned with things of the spirit, politics with things of the world," said Abdu'l-Baha. "Religion has to

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ditions." The main goal of the Baha'i Faith centers on the peaceful unification of the human race.

work with the world of thought,

whilst the field of politics lies

with the world of external con-

The gathering will end at 8 p.m. with prayers for the requests left in the Prayer Pole in the garden of the Florence Playhouse and those shared by the group.

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