

FUUF to discuss Martin Luther King Jr.

Sunday morning service, Jan. 18, from 10 to 11 a.m., at the Florence Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, FUUF's newly contracted minister Ruth Miller will talk about the worth and dignity of Martin Luther King Jr. Miller said, "Martin Luther King Jr. is an icon for our time. His work and willingness to sacrifice so that all people, regardless of race, color, creed, or orientation, might live as equals in our country is almost beyond belief. "Sunday, we'll discover some of the roots of that effort." Also, Miller will be presenting "The Healing Power of

Music" today, from 2 to 4:30 p.m., at the Florence Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. This topic was chosen in alignment with the Winter Folk Festival going on this weekend at the Florence Events Center. All are welcome to attend. There's no charge but a "love offering" is always welcomed. FUUF's Fellowship Hall is at 87738 Highway 101, at Heceta Beach Road, and is wheelchair accessible. For more information, visit www.florenceuuf.org or call 541-997-2840.



Cure for the insecure

I once heard a story about a little boy named Johnny who was visiting his grandparents. Johnny had just received his first slingshot and practiced in the woods nearby, but just couldn't hit a target. When he came back to his grandma's backyard, he noticed her pet duck. On an impulse he took aim and shot a rock. The stone hit — and killed — the duck. Of course, he panicked. His sister saw the whole thing, but said nothing. After lunch that day, Grandma said, "Sally, let's wash dishes." But Sally said, "Johnny told me he wanted to help in the kitchen... didn't you Johnny!" She leaned over to him and whispered, "Remember the duck." So Johnny did dishes with Grandma. Later that day, Grandpa

offered to take the children fishing. But Grandma said, "I'm sorry, but I need Sally to help make supper." Sally smiled and said, "Johnny wants to do it." Again, she whispered, "Remember the duck." And Johnny helped Grandma prepare dinner while Sally went fishing with Grandpa. After several days of doing both his and Sally's chores, finally he couldn't stand it anymore and confessed to Grandma that he had killed her duck. "I know," said Grandma, giving Johnny a big hug. "I was standing at the window and saw the whole thing. But I love you, so I forgave you. I wondered how long you would let Sally make a slave out of you." **You're Not a Slave** That may be a cute, funny little story, but it conveys a very serious truth: God's love for us is about so much more than the things we do.

He loves us. Period. Nothing we do will ever change that; nothing. Too many Christians live their lives like slaves — to the devil — because they believe his lies more than they trust God. His tactic is to deceive God's people into believing that we must do everything right in order to be accepted and have favor with God. He lures them into a legalistic view of life, making them "slaves" to their good works, because they believe this is what makes them righteous, or pleasing to God. So, when they're doing "good" things, they feel like they're all right with God. And when they feel like they're not doing well, they believe God is angry with them. This is where the enemy becomes like Sally, Johnny's sister. The devil knows that some people are unable to separate their "who" from their "do" or simply accept that they have been made righteous because of what Christ did — not what they do. He likes to constantly remind us of all our weaknesses, mistakes and sins, setting us up to live an endless cycle of comparison and competition with others, shame, judgment and a constant, nagging feeling of not being good enough. On the contrary, God is not like that at all! Ephesians 1:4-5 tells us that "he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will" (NIV). Verse 7 says, "In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace."

You're God's Beloved God loves you! You were chosen, a unique, wonderfully made creation, for relationship with Him. He wants each and every one of us to understand that He sent His Son to die for our sins, to bring us into fellowship with Him, not because of anything we do, have done, or ever will do... it is simply because He loves us. I really want you to get this: Nothing we do will ever make God stop loving us! He sees the things we do. And when we make mistakes, all He wants is for us to realize that there is no reason to hide. Our righteousness is based on what Jesus did, nothing more or less. We do not have to live under guilt and condemnation when God is ready and willing to forgive us when we repent of our sins. God is gracious and His mercies are new every day... we can count on that! So no matter where you are on this journey of faith, you can say, "I'm okay and I'm on my way," because you are secure in the knowledge of who you are in Christ! Don't worry about your "arrival," or how far you have to go. Just keep living by faith, knowing that God is in control and He will lead you by His Holy Spirit, according to His purpose and plan for your life. Learn what God's Word says about you... and believe it! Learn to live more and more in your new nature of righteousness. When you know who you are in Christ, the result is you will not live a mediocre, compromising life, but you will live without guilt and condemnation. You won't live to try to impress anyone, to prove you're good enough. You will no longer be tormented by the lies of the enemy but you will be free to be who God created you to be: righteous by faith in Christ. Learn to agree with God! Your past — whether it's your childhood, yesterday or just five minutes ago — is over. You don't have to live with guilt or regret. Give your failures to God and He will be able to use everything for your good and for His glory! After a while, the devil will no longer be able to torment you because you will be able to counter each one of his lies with the truth: I am the righteousness of God in Christ!

www.TheSiuslawNews.com

DJ Night at Ichiban Lounge

Fri & Sat Nights • 9:30 pm - 2:30 am
Good Music, Good Food, Good Times

ICHIBAN LOUNGE
179 Highway 101, Florence • 541-997-8868

Coastline
Mobile Automotive Detailing

\$19.99 FULL WASH, DRY AND WAX!

Interior / Exterior Services available
RV Washing and Waxing

Senior Monthly Services \$50.00!

At Coastline Mobile detailing, we offer honest, quality services and the convenience that eliminates the need to leave your vehicle at a business location. We happily come to you!

Call Alex to set up an appointment.
541-285-4575
or visit our website at www.coastlinedetail.com

To be included in this directory contact the Siuslaw News at 997-3441, or drop off information at 148 Maple St., Old Town, Florence.

Join Us In Worship
4 lines, approx 15 words, \$9 a week
4 week Minimum
Deadline 3 p.m. Mondays.

In Worship

FLORENCE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP
N.W. Corner of Heceta Beach Road & Hwy. 101
Every Sunday at 10 a.m.
All are welcome. (541) 997-2840

FLORENCE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Worship & Adult Sunday School 9:00
Worship & Kids Sunday School 10:30
located at 2nd & Kingwood (541) 997-6025
"Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors"

FOURSQUARE CHURCH
1624 Highway 101 (next to A&W) — 997-6337
Pastor George Pagel — Something for the entire family.
Sun. Services: 10:45 a.m., Wed. Bible Study 7 p.m. — Youth Group: Sat., 6 p.m.
Website: florence4square.com

FLORENCE VINEYARD (GOD'S POWER HOUSE)
2610 Kingwood, Florence • 541-268-2025
Sunday Worship @ 10:00 a.m., experience the Power of the Holy Spirit
Pastors: George & Beverly Sisemore
Intercessory Prayer & Worship, Thursday night @ 5:00 pm
florencevineyardchurch.com

NEW LIFE CHURCH-UPC
1525 12th St., Suite 24 • 541-991-9398
Sunday Services: 10am and 6pm
Tues. Bible Study 7:00pm

NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH, E.L.C.A.
21st & Spruce Street — 997-8113
Adult Forum 9 a.m. — Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Worship services; Sun. 10:30am & Wed. 6pm.
office@lutheranchurchflorence.com
www.lutheranchurchflorence.com

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE SIUSLAW
Traditional Worship Service 10:00 a.m., Pastor Steve Knowles
Sunday School and Nursery — Organ and Choir
All Welcome. Come as you are.
3996 N Hwy 101 997-7136

RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH, L.C.M.S.
Every Sun., Bible Class 9 a.m., Worship Service 10 a.m.
85294 Hwy. 101 S. — 997-8038
DVD of Weekly worship service available.
Dan Wurster, Pastor

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
2135 19th St. — 997-6600
The Rev. Georgia C. DuBose, Vicar
Sunday Services: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. - Wed, 11 a.m.
Everyone Welcome — Come walk our Labyrinth.

SAINT MARY, OUR LADY OF THE DUNES CATHOLIC CHURCH
Masses: Sat. 5:30 p.m., Sun. 11:00 a.m.
1.5 miles south of river on Hwy 101 — 997-2312

BAY BERRY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP SINGSPARATION
You are invited to come and sing your favorite old time gospel hymns
Every Friday night at 7pm • Non-denominational
Bay Berry Square; 101 at Sutton Lake Dr. /milepost 185 N.
For more information, please call 541-997-2681

COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH
4590 Hwy. 101, Across from Fred Meyer — 997-7418
Sunday School, 9:30a.m. — Worship, 10:45
Wed. Prayer - 6:00 p.m. — Wed. Ministries 1-8 Grade 7 p.m.

CROSS ROAD ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Corner of 10th & Maple — 997-3533
Bible Study at 9:00 A.M.
Services: Worship, 10:30 A.M.
florencecrossroad.org • office@florencecrossroad.org

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - SBC
1935 25th St. — 997-7660 • Pastor, Dr. Marvin Owen
Series "Through the Bible" on Wednesdays 6 p.m.
A friendly place to worship, vacationers welcome.
Sun.; 11am & 6pm, Sunday school 9:45am.

FLORENCE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
2nd & Ivy — 997-2961 — Non-Denominational
Worship Service: 9:00 am & 10:30 am
Middle School and High School youth groups meet on Wednesday.

FLORENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST
1833 Tamarack Street (two blocks east of Hwy. 101 on 18th St.)
Service times: Bible Study Sunday 10 a.m.
Worship Sunday 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.
Marvin Aultman • e-mail: florenceoregonchurchofchrist@gmail.com

FLORENCE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
12th and Nopal — 997-9020
Sunday school for all ages 9:15 a.m. • Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Youth Group Wed. 7-8:30 p.m.
Sunday School (for all ages) 9:50 a.m.

FLORENCE EVANGELICAL CHURCH
1318 Rhododendron Dr. — 997-2523 — Worship at 11:00 AM — Sunday School at 9:30 AM — Variety of Sunday evening activities - 5 PM
Wed. Bible & Children classes at 6:00 PM
Call for details.

FLORENCE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST
4445 Hwy 101 (South of Fred Meyer) — 997-3951
Worship on Saturday 10:30 A.M.
Adult/Children's Sabbath School 9:15 A.M.

Soups On to discuss heroes of social action

On Monday, Jan 19, at 6:30 p.m., everyone is invited to join a group from diverse spiritual paths who enjoy discussing a variety of spiritual topics. This week, Soups On will begin a study of the heroes of social action, starting with Martin Luther King Jr. Bahá'u'lláh refers to the human being "as a mine rich in gems of inestimable value," and states that the purpose of life and society is to generate creative processes which serve to release those "gems" of human potential. As individuals begin to cultivate their innate capacities, so the community around them is trans-

formed, and impetus is given to "an ever-advancing civilization." The evening will begin with bowls of fisherman's soup, fruit, home-made warm bread and vegetables followed by the evening's topic until 8:30 p.m. The gathering will end with prayers for the requests left in the prayer pole in the garden of the Florence Playhouse and those shared by the group. Everyone is invited to attend. The Heintz home is at 875 Seventh St. Call Suzanne Mann-Heintz at 541-590-0779 for more information.

We now offer Custom Engraving!
Jewelry, Name plates, ID bracelets, Pet tags and more.

- Plates • Sterling Silver Jewelry
- Candle Scarfs
- Collectible Hand Carved Eggs
- Gallery Pieces
- Turquoise Jewelry
- Glass Art • Earrings • Pendants
- Gift items and MORE ON SALE!

On-Site Parking

Silver and Dollar
Gallery Jewelry and Gifts

1499 Bay Street
(Old Port Building)
541-997-0111

Closed
Tues-Wed.

USE US ON facebook

CYAN MAGENTA YELLOW BLACK