

Presbyterians announce new choir director Paul Guthmuller

The Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw has hired new choir director, Dr. Paul Guthmuller.



COURTESY PHOTO
Dr. Paul Guthmuller

He will start work the day after Easter with his first choir rehearsal on Thursday, April 9.

He is also interim director of the Florence Community Chorus. Guthmuller received his

Bachelor of Arts degree at Rutgers University in music education. He was very active in off-Broadway musical theater.

He earned his master's degree in vocal music from the Peabody Conservatory of John's Hopkins University. He became a sought-after church soloist and sang with Baltimore Opera and local musical theater.

Guthmuller moved to Eugene in 1988 to pursue an advanced degree in vocal music and was awarded a doctorate of music arts in 1998.

He was director of music at Mt. Tabor Methodist Church in Portland and Central Presbyterian Church in Eugene. He has been a teacher of voice, opera and choral music at the University of Oregon, Oregon State University and Southern Oregon University.

Guthmuller said he and his wife, Carrie, are thrilled to come to the central coast to live, work and worship.

The choir is open to anyone who enjoys worshipping God through music.

For more information, call 541-997-7136.

IN BRIEF

Soroptimists sell roses for local scholarships

Tickets for the annual Soroptimist Rose Sale are available through April 20, for \$20 per dozen.

Delivery will be April 29. Proceeds fund the scholarships awarded to local students.

Roses can be delivered to the recipient at home or work.

Tickets can be purchased from any Soroptimist or by calling Jo Hine at 541-997-2233.

LIHEAP program still has openings

Siuslaw Outreach Services still has openings for the LIHEAP energy assistance program. Persons who wish to join may call 541-997-2816 or stop by the SOS office.

FACC Scholarship deadline is today

Scholarship applications are now available for the Florence Area Community Coalition Scholarship. Seniors from Siuslaw or Mapleton high schools are invited to apply for the \$500 scholarship to be awarded at the FACC Community Volunteer Recognition Event at the Florence Events Center on April 15, from 2 to 4 p.m.

The scholarship can be used for two-year or four-year institutions of higher education or technical schools.

Applications are available at both high schools.

City Manager speaks at FACC today

City Manager Erin Reynolds will speak at the Florence Area Community Coalition meeting

Wednesday, beginning at 9 a.m. in the Bromley Room of the Siuslaw Library. The public is invited.

Reynolds will talk about goals for the city and her new role.

Stiles speaks April 4 to Florence Dems

The Florence Area Democratic Club will meet Saturday, April 4, at 11 a.m., in the Port of Siuslaw meeting room. Everyone is welcome.

Guest speaker will be Sharon Stiles, Lane Community College Board of Education.

Mapleton Lions offer Easter breakfast

The Mapleton Lions Club will host an Easter pancake breakfast on Sunday, April 5, from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Rhody Society early flower show set

The Siuslaw Early Rhododendron Show will be April 11 and 12. In addition to exhibiting flowers, rhododendrons and azaleas will be for sale.

The exhibit will include azaleas, rhododendrons and Bonsai. The show is free and open to the public from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

The exhibit will be at the Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St.

For more information, call 541-997-3082 or visit www.siuslawars.org/.

Poetry Group meets Wednesdays

Friends of Poetry meets Wednesdays from 3 to 5 p.m., in the activity room at Shorewood Retirement Center. Call 541-991-7556 for more information.

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