

Youth advocate Schultz to speak at FUUF Sunday

Noah Schultz, 23, writer, poet and youth advocate, will be the speaker at the Florence Unitarian Universalist Fellowship tomorrow, Aug. 2, at 10 a.m.

Schultz, a resident of Camp Florence, will recite two of his poems and talk about his transformation from a kid with problems to a young man who recently graduated from Oregon State University with a double major in human development and sustainability.

"Spring into Life" is the poem that won Schultz first prize at one of the monthly Spoken Word Poetry Contests, being sponsored by Florence Regional Arts Alliance.

In a very poignant way, he

talks about the struggle to find love while incarcerated. Schultz was first introduced to poetry in a program called "Write Around Portland" when he was a resident at MacLaren Youth Correctional Facility.

According to Schultz, the program changed his life.

Now, he teaches a curriculum at MacLaren and other youth facilities called "Vision Strategy Action," which is designed to change the lives of youth who have gone down the wrong path.

The UU Fellowship is at 87738 Highway 101, at Heceta Beach Road.

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



Accessing God's power through grace, faith

saved is the way we are supposed to live. In other words, once we are born again, God wants us to do everything in life by grace through faith.

This has been one of the greatest revelations of my life.

I remember how exciting it was to realize that God is not just there to help us when we have an emergency. God wants to be involved in every single thing we do on a day-to-day basis.

There's nothing you're involved in that God doesn't care about, and He wants you to pray and ask Him to help you with every detail of your life. He doesn't want you to live striving in your own effort to do anything. God wants to be your close, personal, intimate friend.

I was a Christian for years before I learned how to access God's grace, or power, to live my everyday life.

First, I had to get an understanding that once I was saved, God didn't expect me to live right by my own strength. Just as I couldn't "earn" salvation through my own works or effort, I also couldn't really change my heart or behavior in my own strength.

Jesus says in John 15:4 (NIV), "No branch can bear

fruit by itself. It must remain joined to the vine. In the same way, you can't bear fruit unless you remain joined to me."

Every day we need to come to God and tell Him, "God, I can do nothing without You. Nothing in my life is going to work without You.

Apart from You, there is nothing good in me. My confidence is in You. I need You all the time. I believe You and trust You, Lord."

When we humble ourselves before God and ask Him for help, we can access His grace through faith.

So to help you do that, I want to share three things that commonly short-circuit our faith, cutting off our access to God's power: complaining, self-pity and pride.

• Complaining is a negative attitude that keeps us from being thankful for all God has done, is doing and will do. It is a sin we need to repent of, and then be determined to thank God in all things, at all times.

His grace and blessings always outweigh the things we think are wrong in our life.

• Self-pity is simply a "poor me" attitude. It is a form of idolatry because it causes you to focus on yourself and think, "What about me?" But we can't

be pitiful and powerful at the same time, so let's decide to give up all self-pity.

• Pride takes credit for what God has done and steals His glory.

It makes us independent of God, and we can't bear good fruit apart from Christ.

Before I learned how to live my life by God's grace, I was a mess. I was a nagging wife, manipulative and controlling.

And I wasn't satisfied living like that. Then God helped me by opening my eyes to see that I couldn't really change until I started taking His Word seriously and trusting Him to change me.

When I made a firm decision to pray and study the Word in areas I was weak until the truth made me strong, then God's grace gave me the power I needed to overcome the things that were wrong.

And I keep going forward in my journey with God the same way today.

God has all the power you need to do anything you need to do. He loves you and wants to give you His power to live your everyday life with joy.

Lean on Him with absolute trust in His wisdom and goodness, and live with God-given confidence.

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Soup's On to discuss what makes us happy

On Monday, Aug. 3, at 6:30 p.m., at 875 Seventh St., everyone is invited to join a group of thinkers, artists, poets and others who like to discuss life's questions.

This week's topic will be: "What Makes You Happy... make a list."

One Baha'i prayer says; "O God! Refresh and gladden my spirit. Purify my heart. Illumine my powers. I lay all my affairs in Thy hand. Thou art my Guide and my Refuge. I

will no longer be sorrowful and grieved; I will be a happy and joyful being."

The evening will begin with bowls of chicken and spice soup, fruit, homemade 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, along with those shared by the group.

Florence Christian Church offering VBS

Florence Christian Church would like to invite all 4-year-olds through fifth-graders to its Everest Vacation Bible School (VBS), where kids will learn how to conquer challenges with God's mighty power.

It will take place the week of Aug. 3 through 7, from 9 a.m. to noon each day.

Kids will learn through amazing experiments, un-

tamed games, lip-smacking snacks, surprising Bible adventures, fun music and a special mission outreach project for the Food Backpacks for Kids program — which provides food packs for at-risk children in the Florence and Mapleton area.

For more information or to register, contact the church office at 541-997-2961 or visit www.florencechurch.com.

Shorewood to host open house Aug. 14-15

The Shorewood Retirement Residence, the only independent retirement community on the central Oregon coast, is hosting an open house on Friday, Aug. 14, and Saturday, Aug. 15, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The public is invited to tour the apartments and meet with the current residents and find out more about the exciting things that go on at The Shorewood.

The Shorewood is an inde-

pendent retirement community that caters to people age 58 and older. They promote the concept that their residents have the freedom to do just what they want to, when they want to do it.

During the two-day event, there will be coffee and donuts in the morning, a free luau lunch buffet, and a raffle drawing each day for prize baskets. The event will wrap up with a grand prize drawing for a free 32" flat screen T.V.

Pamper pooches at LCC 'Dog Days' workshop

Join Lane Community College's Florence campus for a three-hour workshop, "Dog Days of Summer" on Wednesday, Aug. 5, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Elizabeth Kennedy, CVT, will discuss nutrition needs, grooming and healthcare recommendations that will

enhance your dog's health and happiness while providing insight into some of the things that might cause unintentional harm.

For fee information on this class, or to register, contact the Florence Center at 3149 Oak St., or call 541-997-8444.

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