

# Start your holiday season by 'Lighting Up a Life'

Peace Harbor Hospice will host its annual Light Up a Life ceremony on Saturday, Dec. 12, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Funds raised at this event go to support a

variety of hospice programs throughout the year. The event allows anyone to purchase a star in remembrance of someone who has passed away or to honor someone who has made a difference in their life.

All are welcome.

Admission to the event is free. A tree decorated with the stars of names that are being honored will be lit.

Refreshments and music will be provided.

If you would like to recognize someone special in your life you can make a donation to PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Hospice, 400 Ninth Street, and a star will be hung with the recognition given to your loved one on this special day during the "reading of the names" ceremony.

Contributions are tax deductible; 100 percent of contribution to Light Up A Life remains in Florence to benefit PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Hospice program, a nonprofit organization.

For more information about PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Hospice or the annual Light Up a Life celebration, call 541-997-3418.



## Community Chorus to host Appalachian Winter concert

On Dec. 13, the Community Chorus of Florence Oregon will present Appalachian Winter, a cantata that celebrates the legacy of early American carols. This concert will take place at 2 p.m. Composed by Joseph Martin in the spirit of folk music, the cantata combines traditional sounds with more rustic elements.

Popular American carols like "Away in a Manger" and "O' Little Town of Bethlehem" blend with traditional spirituals such as "Children, Go Where I Send Thee" and "Go, Tell It on the Mountain." Sacred Harp tunes are retooled and stand alongside new versions of Shaker hymns and Appalachian melodies.

Thoughtful narration weaves the movements together in a meaningful tapestry of song and Scripture.

Between sections of the Appalachian Winter cantata, the choir and special guests will entertain the audience with familiar Christmas songs.

Coming from Westminster

Presbyterian Church in Eugene, the Intrada Bell Choir directed by Donna Snyder will present two selections. This six-person choir will play "Angels We Have Heard on High" and "I Saw Three Ships." Florence's own jazz combo, the Flotones, will perform several tunes including crowd favorite, "Snowfall."

In addition, Elise Arnold will direct the Siuslaw Children's Choir composed of 26 local third- to sixth-grade children. They will perform several folk and Christmas songs.

There will also be a group of six instrumentalists providing accompaniment for the Appalachian Winter concert. The band will include Nancy Ash (violin), Chris Campbell (cello), Linda Yoder (mandolin), Greg Wood (guitar), Barbara Bublari (flute) and Johanna Bonisteel (piano).

The Community Chorus will also include several well-known carols and folk selections, including

"The Holly and the Ivy," "I Wonder As I Wander," "Sweet Little Jesus Boy" and others.

Co-directors for the concert will be Dr. Paul Guthmuller and Elise Arnold; Crystal Farnsworth will be narrator and Johanna Bonisteel will provide piano

accompaniment.

Tickets are \$10 for adults; children can attend for free.

Call 541-997-1994 for tickets and more information, or visit the Community of Chorus of Florence website at [www.communitychorusflorenceor.org](http://www.communitychorusflorenceor.org).

