

FRAA artists to showcase work at Siuslaw Library

On Saturday, Jan. 2, and throughout the month of January, members of the Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA) will be showcasing some of their finest artistic and photographic works and creations at the Siuslaw Public Library in Florence.

Along with the many forms of traditional and contemporary works, there will also be many pieces in the glass showcase.

Members can bring up to two pieces and FRAA will hang them depending on space.

Drop off times are between 10 a.m. and noon.

There will also be an opportunity for new people to

become a FRAA member and include their art the same day. All members must pick up their art on Saturday, Jan. 30.

The FRAA Art Center, at 120 Maple St., provides many ways and opportunities for new and established artists to showcase their work.

Every Second Saturday of each month there is a reception where you can meet artists and members as well as enjoy drinks and light refreshments.

For more information about FRAA, drop by the center Wednesday through Friday, noon to 5 p.m., Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., or Sundays, noon to 5 p.m. You can also call 541-997-4435 or 541-999-0859 or go to www.fraa.oregon.org.



God is good. And He has a good plan for each of our lives. No matter what may be going on right now, God's plan is unfolding.

In the meantime, Romans 12:12 tells us to "rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying" (NLT).

I think that's good advice, especially in times when it feels like we've been waiting and waiting and waiting for something to happen in our lives. Hope is vital in times like these and it will keep us looking ahead, anticipating, expecting whatever it is we're hoping for.

Over the years I've learned how to lock myself up in a prison of hope, knowing that God has nothing but His best planned for me. He promised me things concerning my ministry and my life. And hope is what helped me hold on in those early years when it got hard.

I remember it was just three weeks into my marriage to Dave, when he asked me one day, "What's wrong with you? You have such a negative attitude." And I said, "Well, if you

Prisoners of hope

don't expect anything good to happen, then you won't be disappointed when it doesn't."

That was how I felt based on my feelings about past experiences. I had a very negative outlook on life, so I spoke negatively about it.

This is the way I used to live — before I became a prisoner of hope. As I grew in my relationship with God, I learned how to trust Him, how to stand on His Word and how to stand my ground in prayer when it got tough.

Today my outlook on life is completely different from what it was many years ago. Now I enjoy my life and I encourage others to enjoy theirs as well.

Jesus died for us to live an abundant, fulfilling life. And hope is the confident, favorable expectation of this life.

Now, I do realize there are many things that can happen to us that aren't so enjoyable. And that can make it difficult to grasp the idea of enjoying life. So, think of it this way: What are you hoping for?

What are you expecting in life? What are you looking forward to?

Focus on that.

My negative outlook was due to my attitude about all the

bad things that had happened in my life. I was stuck in the pain of my past, so I didn't believe anything good would happen in my future. Because of all of the negative things that had happened, I was programmed to believe that negative things would always happen. I lost hope.

Well, God was there and He knew that. But over time He kept loving me and dealing with me, promising me what Isaiah 61:7 says: "Instead of your shame you will receive a double portion, and instead of disgrace you will rejoice in your inheritance. And so you will inherit a double portion in your land, and everlasting joy will be yours" (NIV).

That's a promise for us all — a promise of double for your trouble. Double the blessing, double the joy, double the peace.

Hallelujah. Now doesn't that inspire hope in your heart?

Of course, this double-blessing promise isn't for the double-minded. When you walk it out in everyday life, there will be times when doubt, fear, unbelief and weariness will come against you. It's in these times you will need to fight a good fight of faith. You will need to guard your mind against negativity about your situation.

I encourage you to find out

what God says about it and then stand on the promises in His Word.

The Bible tells of many times when people encountered Jesus and He touched their lives, they wanted to stay with Him and follow Him, understandably so. But He sent them home — back to everyday life — to live out and share with others what He'd done.

They had to hold on to what He had done for them. In the same way, we must hold on to whatever He promises us and be confident that He is working in our situation. Hope releases the power of the Holy Spirit in these times.

I want to encourage you to make a decision to cultivate an attitude of hope in your life.

Speak positive things about your future and refuse to be negative. You may not always feel hopeful but don't give in to your feelings. Catering to bad feelings feeds and empowers them.

But standing our ground and not giving in to negative feelings starves them and causes them to lose their power over us.

Just ask the Holy Spirit to lead you. Line your will up with His and get excited about serving God.

You could even be one who inspires others to become prisoners of hope.

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Soup's On to discuss meaning of family

On Monday, Dec. 28, beginning 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, the group will discuss "family."

According to the teachings of Bahá'u'lláh, the family being a human unit must be educated according to the rules of sanctity. All the virtues must be taught the family. The integrity of the family bond must be constantly considered

and the rights of the individual members must not be transgressed.

The evening will begin with bowls of lentil and carrot soup, warm 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 and those shared by the group.

The group will meet in the home of the Heintzes, 875 Seventh St. in Florence

UU to discuss 'Third Day of Christmas' tomorrow

The Rev. Ruth Miller will lead the Florence Unitarian Universalist's worship service Sunday, Dec. 27, from 10 to 11 a.m.

Miller's talk is titled: "The Third Day of Christmas."

Historically, the holiday season ran from Christmas Eve through Epiphany for 12 days and 12 nights, including the Roman Saturnalia.

Miller's talk will explore how, why and what this means

for Unitarian Universalists at the leading edge of a new kind of culture.

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

Each service concludes with refreshments and dialogue circle to explore the questions that come up during each service.

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

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