### FUUF to celebrate Flower Communion Sunday

at the Florence Unitarian titled: "Spiritual Science." Universalist Fellowship a Flower Communion.

The service helps attenresurrected life as while honoring the beauty and spirit in every being.

"We've spent the winter months deepening our spiritual capacity," said Miller. "Now, this Easter service is a celebration of New Life and the resurrection of what seemed to be dead."

Also, today from 2 to 4:30 p.m. at FUUF, Miller will be call 541-997-2840.

On Easter Sunday, March presenting the first seminar 27, from 10 to 11 a.m. in a series of four sessions

Hundreds of experiments (FUUF), Dr. Ruth Miller will over decades of research lead the worship service with have demonstrated that, given certain conditions. specific results are consisdees to experience their own tently achieved - in the areas of physical health, relationships and financial well-being.

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# MOVING UP HIGHER Oxogen Meyer

Do you ever feel fear? We all do at one time or another. And that feeling is never going to go away permanently. The Bible says to "fear not," but this doesn't mean you should never feel scared. It means when you do feel fear, keep going forward and do what you are supposed to do. Or as I like to say, do it afraid.

Learning to confront fear It was a great revelation to me when I realized that I couldn't control the feeling of fear but I could keep it from controlling me. In those difficult moments in life when there are no answers, or when unexpected change occurswhatever the situation, I've learned to not live by my feelings and instead face the fear head-on. Even when I'm "shaking in my boots."

There are times when you have to stand your ground and speak God's Word to get the courage you need. For example, Romans 8:31 (NKJV) says, "If God is for us, who can be against us?" And Psalm 27:1 reminds me that if God is on my side, whom shall I fear?

### Face your fears and defeat them

It's not easy, but it's worth it

Sometimes you must suffer through something to defeat your fear of it. For example, in the early part of my ministry I had to suffer the loss of my reputation. Back then, many people thought women shouldn't teach and preach, but it's what God called me to do. And when I stepped out in obedience to God to do it, it wasn't easy.

I was asked to leave my church. I lost friends. And some people just didn't understand.

So I had to confront those early fears of what others thought of me and a fear of being different.

Thank God, He helped me press through — because if I had chosen to run from those situations, I wouldn't be here today.

The Israelites are also a good example of people who had to face their fears. In the Old Testament, God brought them out of a terrible life of slavery to take them to the Promised Land, but they were then confronted with a different situation that was terrifying. They ended up facing the Red Sea in front of them and Pharaoh's army behind them. When the Israelites saw their

dilemma, thought it would be better to go back to their life of slavery instead of confronting the unknown ahead of them.

They preferred going back to their former life even though it was miserable. All because of fear.

Just picture their situation: the Red Sea in front of them and the Egyptian army behind them.

What are they going to do? Moses told the Israelites in Exodus 14:13 (AMPC), "Fear not; stand still (firm, confident, undismayed) and see the salvation of the Lord which He will work for you today. For the Egyptians you have seen today you shall never see again."

Become bold

and courageous The word fear means "to run or to take flight." So when we give in to fear we always run away from something that we should be confronting. God wanted the Israelites to go forward into the unknown. He wanted them to be so fed up with bondage, they would be willing to trust Him and do what He told them to do — no matter what the situation looked like - instead of going back to slavery.

God wanted them to be

they actually bold and courageous. And He wants you to be bold and courageous too.

Notice how the Lord said "stand still." That's interesting, because when the emotion of fear has hold of us and our minds are thinking one crazy thing after another, we really just want to run away; but the first thing we need to do is get still. Get out of the emotion, out of our own head, and check with our heart and ask, "What is God saying in this situation?

Maybe you are in this position right now and you feel like you are between a rock and a hard place. It's like you are between the Egyptian army and the Red Sea and all of your emotions are going haywire.

You may feel tempted to call your friends and ask them what you should do.

Don't do that.

Start by going to God first and waiting on Him.

I encourage you today to stand still, get wisdom and direction from God and His Word, and then do what you believe God is telling you to

Ask Him for courage.

Then you will see the Lord make a way for you to push past your fear and reach the promised land He has ready for you.

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## Youth to hold car wash for camp funds

The Florence Evangelical Church is raising money to send children and youth to camp this summer. To do that, they're washing cars for donations today, March 26, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at U.S. Bank on Highway 101.

This event is weather permitting.

The church is raising camp money through several fundraisers and a grant from Western Lane Community Foundation.

There will also be a rummage sale at Florence Church on Evangelical Saturday, April 9, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### Easter Sunrise Service at Methodist Church Sunday

27, at 6:45 a.m., rain or shine.

the Miller Park picnic area.

The community is invited

The Florence United to attend this worship service Methodist Church will be as well as the Easter celebrahaving an Easter Sunrise tion at the United Methodist Service on Sunday, March Church, 333 Kingwood Street, at 10:30 a.m.

There will be an Easter The service will be held at egg hunt and Sunday school for children at the 10:30 a.m. service.

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