

Methodists to take stand against human trafficking

On Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 5, the women of the Florence United Methodist Church will take a stand against human trafficking along with other United Methodist Women from around the United States.

These women will stack boxes to symbolize intercepting traffickers and to represent a commitment to stand with victims of human trafficking.

In football, the phrase "stack the box" is used when the defense puts its players "in the box," in a rectangular formation, to stop the offensive team's rush.

"Human traffickers run a game on the vulnerable," said Cynthia Orr of the Methodist Church. "Our goal is to stack the box against them, to intercept their game and to box them up for prosecution."

The Super Bowl draws some of the largest numbers of traffickers who coerce the vulnerable to work in food service, cleaning services, escort services and as sex workers.

This act will serve to raise awareness of the increasing number of people who, not of their own free will, are forced into labor.

The Florence United Methodist Women, along with



COURTESY PHOTO

Members of United Methodist Women show their solidarity with others to intercept human traffickers and to open boxes of hope for survivors.

others who will not be able to attend and participate in the event, have been photographed with their anti-trafficking boxes. These photos will be connected together around the stadium to become a part of the mission to intercept traffickers who trap the vulnerable within boxes of imprisonment.

Yola Hesser, co-president of

the Florence United Methodist Women, said "The goal of the United Methodist Women is to improve the life of women, children and youth. Since this

group is most affected by human trafficking, we want to work to free them all from slavery"

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Siuslaw Watershed Council to meet today

The Siuslaw Watershed Council's General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 25, at the Mapleton High School library, 10868 East Mapleton Road.

Doors open at 6 p.m. and the meeting gets underway at 6:30 p.m.

The Board of Directors and executive director will give a special award, project updates and announcements of upcoming activities.

The Hoedads Restoration Cooperative (HRC) was started by Jerry Rust (later a Lane County Commissioner) and John Sundquist.

The hoedad is a hand tool that is used to plant bare-root trees on steep slopes. HRC met success in applying the cooperative model to tree planting. The HRC was active throughout the Northwest from 1971 to 1994.

Many of their workers had college degrees and were known for environmentalism, feminism and alternative economics.

The SWC supports sound economic, social, and environmental uses of natural and human resources in the Siuslaw River Basin.

The council encourages cooperation among public and private entities to promote awareness and understanding of watershed functions by adopting and implementing a total watershed approach to natural resource management and production.

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