

## FloTones to bring holiday hits for kids

The FloTones is inviting the public to have a "cool Yule" as the Florence jazz vocal group sings classic holiday favorites as well as recent hits from Christmas movies like "Polar

Express" and "Home Alone." The concert will benefit the Western Lane County Boys and Girls Club, and will also be inviting Santa to take pictures with kids and adults alike.

The performance will be held on Sunday, Nov. 26 at 3 p.m. It will be held at Cross Road Assembly of God Church, located at 1380 10th Street.

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## Presbyterian Church of Siuslaw welcomes new accompanist

Sylvia Lorraine Hartman joined the music staff at the Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw last October as choir accompanist, church pianist and organist.

Hartman also delights the congregation with her talent on the harp.

In addition, she also joined the church's bell choir, which plays for the worship service on the second Sunday of each month.

"Sylvia continues a long tradition of very good church musicians in our congregation," said Rev. Greg Wood, pastor of the church. "We are excited by the depth and breadth of her experience and enthusiasm."

Hartman and her husband recently moved to Florence from the San Diego suburb of Alpine, Calif., where she was the choral director and organist at Christ the King Episcopal Church in Alpine.

"I'm really enjoying the friendly openness of the people

here. It reminds me of the small town where I grew up, and I'm loving my new job," Hartman said.

A versatile performer, Hartman began piano lessons at age 5, later adding clarinet, oboe, string bass, harp and organ to her repertoire of skills.

Always a singer with her family choir, she became a church organist at age 12.

At age 16, Hartman won first place, piano division, in the Young Artist Competition of the Minnesota Music Teachers Association and won a Dimitri Metropoulos Scholarship to Stevens College in Joplin, Mo.

Hartman delighted audiences in the San Diego area for years with her unique brand of piano bar entertainment as well as her acting roles such as the witch in "Into the Woods," Dolly in "Hello, Dolly" and Bloody Mary in "South Pacific."

She has been featured soloist on piano, harp and voice with the Tifereth Israel Orchestra,

Grossmont Symphony and Imperial Valley Symphony. Hartman has also been a solo performer in Europe and Mexico.

She also enjoys playing chamber music with talented string and brass players, vocal coaching and accompanying.

Hartman's music director credits in the San Diego area include "The Importance of Being Earnest," Vantage Theater; a cabaret series at Christ Church Unity; and the annual Italian Night and Chamber Music Extravaganza at Christ the King Church.

The Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw is located at 3996 Highway 101.

Rev. Greg Wood is the pastor and worship services are at 10 a.m. Sundays followed by fellowship hour. The chancel choir rehearses at 3:30 p.m. Thursdays and the bell choir rehearses at 5 p.m. Thursdays.

Both choirs welcome new members. Call 541-997-7136 for more information.

## SPIRITUALI-TEA TO DISCUSS WAR MONDAY

This Monday evening, Nov. 27, at 6:30 p.m., the community is invited to join a group of people with diverse spiritual thoughts and paths to discuss opposing thoughts of war.

The Baha'i Writings say, "I charge you all that each one of you concentrate all the thoughts of your heart on love

and unity. When a thought of war comes, oppose it by a stronger thought of peace. A thought of hatred must be destroyed by a more powerful thought of love. Thoughts of war bring destruction to all harmony, well-being, restfulness and content."

Bring your thoughts on the

subject for open discussion.

The gathering will end at 8 p.m. with prayers for the requests left in the Prayer Pole in the garden of the Florence Playhouse and those shared by the group.

For more information, call Suzanne Mann-Heintz at 541-590-0779.

## Advent tradition topic of next UU meeting

Rev. Dr. Ruth Miller will lead the Florence Unitarian Universalist Fellowship worship service on Sunday, Nov. 26, from 10 to 11 a.m., where her message title is: "Advent."

It's the first Sunday of a Christian tradition that has evolved substantially over the past several hundred years, merging bits and pieces from many cultures and spiritual paths.

Rev. Miller will help honor the season and see how and why it is, what it is and discover what

it can be for people seeking to deepen their spiritual lives and values.

FUUF is located at 87738 Highway 101, at Heceta Beach Road, and is wheelchair accessible.

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

Visit the FUUF website at [www.florenceuu.org](http://www.florenceuu.org) for more information.

## Holiday food drive set at Fred Meyer Dec. 2

The Florence Christian Church, in partnership with Fred Meyer, will be holding a holiday food drive on Saturday, Dec. 2, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

All food and cash donations will benefit Florence Food Share.

Most needed items for the local food pantry are: Flour, coffee, baby and adult diapers,

Hamburger Helper, mac and cheese, canned meat (tuna, chili, Spam, etc.), canned tomato products (diced, stewed, etc), milk and eggs.

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