

Community Suppers to continue in January

For anyone who would like to join in a friendly meal once a week, a group of area churches including St. Andrews Episcopal, New Life Lutheran, Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw and Florence United Methodist Church will continue hosting weekly suppers for the community.

There is no cost, but donations towards the cost of the meals will be accepted — but not required.

Come for a meal, no strings

attached, Wednesday nights from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

- Jan. 3: At the Presbyterian Church, 3996 Highway 101

- Jan. 10: At New Life Lutheran Church, 21st and Spruce streets

- Jan. 17: At the Episcopal Church, 2136 19th St.

- Jan. 24: At the United Methodist Church, Second and Kingwood streets

- Jan. 31: At the Episcopal Church, 2136 19th St.

watershed science, water conservation, water plant operator or other sustainability/renewable energy careers.

Applications and information are available by email request to deetmiller@gmail.com.

Deadline for submitting application is Jan. 11 for the spring 2018 term.

DEADLINE APPROACHING FOR FLORENCE GARDEN CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

The Florence Garden Club is seeking applicants for a scholarship which awards local adult students pursuing specific technical certifications.

The candidate must be over the age of 18 and from the Florence or Mapleton areas.

The candidate must be pursuing certification for watershed resources management,

DISASTER PREP

By DAVE ROBINSON
Special to the Siuslaw News

Ask any prepper why they prepare and you'll get a variety of answers: Societal collapse, major natural disaster, zombie apocalypse (whatever that is), or nationwide economic breakdown.

If you've been following international news, you are probably aware the (socialist) economy in Venezuela is in free-fall. According to the Associated Press, shortages now top the nation's list of concerns, even more than safety. ATM limits of \$8 per day have not kept pace with triple-digit inflation.

Long lines at pharmacies, banks, gas stations and even the mortuary don't compare to the lines at grocery stores. When the grocery supply trucks fling open their doors, no one knows if they will contain pantry staples or dog food. Identification cards with fingerprint verification are used to monitor grocery purchases and shoppers are restricted to one shopping trip every eight days.

Are you getting the picture? So what are they really short of? Everything actually, but primarily, food. On one hand the Venezuelan government is telling people that it's illegal to hoard food, and at the same time they tell the citizenry they need to grow their own food. There was no

Listening to Venezuela

exception or provision for those living in urban apartments (Check out my blog entries on growing sprouts in a quart jar.)

Then there's the shortage of hygiene items. Laundry soap, toilet tissue, toothpaste, feminine items and paper towels. The list goes on and on.

How do you prepare against a nationwide shutdown? Almost the same way you would prepare for any other disaster.

With an economic meltdown, there will be little damage to the physical infrastructure. But every other system, service and supply line will be crippled. Think of what's on your shopping list and consider what all you would run short of if you couldn't go to the store for a month, or longer.

Some of us go to the store every day to buy groceries for dinner. Few people think ahead with no concern for anything ever going wrong. I wonder if those folks in Venezuela thought their government would somehow make it all okay and ensure their needs were met as always?

Many of us in the U.S. are exactly of that opinion. We relax in the comfy hammock of government oversight and so-called consumer protection, not suspecting how fragile that entire house of cards may be. Check your

pantry, storage closet and supplies to see if you have on hand what you'd need to survive a lengthy period. If you're an urban apartment dweller, your needs and plans will differ from those of us in a rural setting. Urban folks need to decide to either "shelter-in" or to bug out.

Make your plans now!

City folk need to understand when there are shortages, there will always be those who are not shy about crossing the line to forcibly take what they need.

The phrase, "May you live in interesting times," seems to be seeking fulfillment these past months. Increased racial tensions, attacks on police officers, attempted coups and terrorist activity across the globe make for a pandemic of global instability.

If you think this doesn't affect you and the security of your loved ones, then snuggle down into your little hammock of denial and trust the government to meet your needs.

Dave Robinson is the postmaster in Bandon, Ore., and author of "Disaster Prep for the Rest of Us." Contact him at disaster-prep.dave@gmail.com. Visit his website for more disaster preparedness tips at www.disasterprep.dave.blogspot.com.

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Siuslaw Vision 2025 members Spencer, Lacer to speak at FACC

Anyone looking for things to do in the Siuslaw region, who has an event that needs sharing or is planning an event should come to the Wednesday, Jan. 3, meeting of the Florence Area Community Coalition (FACC) from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in the Bromley Room of the Siuslaw Public Library. Meg Spencer and Susy Lacer, members of the Siuslaw Vision 2025 team, will talk about RiverCal.org, a new online

community calendar for use by everyone in the Siuslaw region.

Not only can individuals post dates for meetings, but they can create and submit press releases to local media and more.

The public is welcome and encouraged to attend the meeting and learn about these opportunities.

Each month, FACC encourages donations to a local nonprofit, either cash or

goods.

This month's featured agency is the Emergency Cold Weather Shelter, which always in need of blankets, health and hygiene supplies, non-perishable foods and other items to shelter those who need it.

For more information, call 541-999-2927.

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WATCH! 3 ANGELS BROADCASTING NETWORK

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24 hour Christian TV highlights Bible studies of prophecy, inspirational music, health lectures, healthy cooking and more.

BAY BERRY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Friday Evenings – 6 p.m. SINGSPARATION
You are invited to come and sing your favorite Ole Time Gospel songs. Come and enjoy a time of fellowship & refreshments before we sing.
Bay Berry Square is 1.5 miles north of Fred Meyers' Store 88906 Highway 101 N, Florence, OR (milepost 185N)
For Info: Jack - 541-999-8278 + Ron - mcrcary9483@gmail.com

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

Located at Munsel Lake Road and North Fork Road
Worship Services 10:00 AM Sunday
All are welcome! 541-997-7268

COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

4590 Hwy. 101, Across from Fred Meyer -- 997-7418
Sunday School, 9:30a.m. – Worship, 10:45
Wed. Prayer - 6:00 p.m. – Wed. Ministries 1-8 Grade 7 p.m.

CROSS ROAD ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Corner of 10th & Maple –997-3533
Wednesday, 7 p.m. - Family Connections
Adult Bible Class, 9:30am on Sundays.
Sunday Services, 9am and 10:45am.
florencecrossroad.org • office@florencecrossroad.org

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - SBC

1935 25th St. – 997-7660 • Pastor, Dr. Marvin Owen
Series "People of the Bible." on Wednesdays 6 p.m.
A friendly place to worship, vacationers welcome.
Sun., 11am & 6pm, Sunday school 9:45am.

FLORENCE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

2nd & Ivy – 997-2961 –Non-Denominational
Worship Service: 9:00 am & 10:30 am
Middle School and High School youth groups meet on Wednesday.

FLORENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Pre-Denominational (Romans 16:16)
1833 Tamarack Street (2 blocks east of Hwy. 101 on 18th St.)
Bible Study: Sunday 10 a.m.; Worship: Sunday 11 a.m.
www.churchofchristflorence.org

FLORENCE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

12th and Nopal –997-9020
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
10 am Wed., Women's Bible Study
Saturdays, Mens' Breakfast @ 8 a.m.
Online Worship Service@ www.florencenaz.com

FLORENCE EVANGELICAL CHURCH

1318 Rhododendron Dr. -- 997-2523 – Worship at 11:00 AM
-- Sunday School at 9:30 AM – Variety of Sunday evening activities - 5 PM
Wed. Bible & Children classes at 6:00 PM
Call for details.

FLORENCE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

4445 Hwy 101 (South of Fred Meyer) – 997-3951
Worship on Saturday 10:30 A.M.
Adult/Children's Sabbath School 9:15 A.M.

FLORENCE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

87738 Hwy 101 at Heeta Beach Road
RUAUU? All are welcome to explore the answer.
Sunday Worship Service ~ 10:00 a.m.
www.FlorenceUUF.org - (541) 997.2840

FLORENCE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Services 10:30 on 1st Sunday of each Month
9:00 and 10:30 each following Sunday
Adult Classes at 9am; Children's Sunday School at 10:30am
Coffee Fellowship Following Service
2nd & Kingwood • (541) 997-6025

FOURSQUARE CHURCH

1624 Highway 101 (next to A&W) -- 997-6337
Pastor George Pagel – Something for the entire family.
Sun. Services: 10:45 a.m., Wed. Bible Study 7 p.m.
Website:florence4square.com

NEW LIFE CHURCH-UPC

Senior Center, 1570 Kingwood • 541-991-9398
Sunday Services: 10am and 6pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00pm

NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH, E.L.C.A.

21st & Spruce Street – 997-8113
Adult Forum 9 a.m. – Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Worship services; Sun. 10:30am & Mon. 5:30 pm
Pastor Lori Blake
www.lutheranchurchflorence.com

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE SIUSLAW

Traditional Worship Service 10:00 a.m., Reverend Greg Wood
Sunday School and Nursery – Organ and Choir
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3996 N Hwy 101 997-7136

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS)

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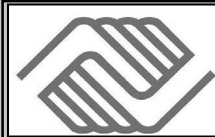
Every Sun., Bible Class 9 a.m., Worship Service 10 a.m.
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ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

2135 19th St. -- 997-6600
8:30am, Tuesdays, Morning Prayer
Sunday Services: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. – Wed, 11 a.m.
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SAINT MARY, OUR LADY OF THE DUNES

CATHOLIC CHURCH
Masses: Sat. 5:30 p.m., Sun. 11:00 a.m.
1.5 miles south of river on Hwy 101 – 997-2312



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Florence Food Share provides food to those who are hungry in our community. If you have four hours a week available, we are in need of volunteers to staff our Front Desk and also act as Guides as clients walk through the pantry. Please call our volunteer coordinator, Ivy Medow, @ 541-997-9110 (Monday – Friday, before noon) to learn more about volunteering. info@florence-foodshare.org 2190 Spruce Street.



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Volunteers needed for new home construction, home repairs, general office work, public relations and program administration. Join an operating committee and help Habitat help others!
Call 541-902-9227 or e-mail to florencehabitat@gmail.com
Office located at 2004 HWY 101, Florence



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Assisting those in need in our Community.
Free Hot Meals Mon-Wed-Fri
12:30 AM - 1:30 PM



HELPING HANDS COALITION

New Life Lutheran Church,
2100 Spruce St, next to Foodshare,
Call 541-997-5057 to Volunteer



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The Salvation Army
Western Lane County
Col. Sam Spayd, Volunteer Kettle Coordinator
P.O. Box 1041, Florence, Oregon 97439
541-991-6139

Join Us In Worship
4 lines, approx 15 words, \$10 a week
4 week Minimum
Deadline 3 p.m. Mondays.

To be included in this directory contact the Siuslaw News at 997-3441, or drop off information at 148 Maple St., Old Town, Florence.