

Unitarians to discuss fathers, father-figures

On Sunday, June 17, from 10 to 11 a.m., at the Florence Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, the Rev. Dr. Ruth Miller will lead the worship service.

Her message will most certainly be about Father's Day, and she encourages everyone to bring a photo or other reminder of the father-figure in your life.

"We are the fathers, blessed with a gentle strength' is a line in a song reminding us that 'We are the ones we've been waiting for,'" said Miller. "Since Jesus the Nazarene is said to have referred to the power he relied on as 'Daddy' and 'Father,' Christianity has woven divinity and fatherhood into one complicated strand."

Miller added that, in today's world, the role of father is often

confused and confusing, but that hasn't always been the case. "There are archetypal images in our society's consciousness that can help us remember what it means to lovingly father a child — or an adult who was once our child," said Miller. "Today, we honor those who have provided that role for others as we tap into the Animus, the father, in all of us."

The fellowship, located at 87738 Highway 101 at Heceta Beach Road, is wheelchair accessible.

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

For more information, visit www.florenceuuf.org.

Spirituali-Tea to address topic of 'respect' Monday

On Monday, June 18, at 6:30 p.m., all are invited to join a group of people who enjoy finding the common grounds in diverse spiritual thoughts and paths.

The meeting is at 875 Seventh St. in Florence.

The topic this week will be "Respect."

The Bahá'í Writings say, "Let not your heart be offended with anyone. If someone commits an error and wrong toward you, you must instantly forgive him. Do not complain of others. Refrain from reprimanding them, and if you wish to give admonition or advice, let it be

offered in such a way that it will not burden the bearer. Turn all your thoughts toward bringing joy to hearts."

Community members are invited to bring their thoughts on the subject for open discussion.

Tea, coffee and cookies will be offered.

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 541-590-0616.

Teacher Appreciation



Recently, Ada Grange #570 President Megan Schofield (right) presented Siuslaw High School teacher Dan Gray with an appreciation certificate and a \$40 gift card to thank him for his 31 years of teaching and community involvement.

Friends of Florence welcomes new board members

The Friends of Florence Board of Directors recently announced the appointment of two new board members, Bart Mealer and Larry Bacon.

Mealer, who will also assume the role of Chief Operating Officer, started with the Friends of Florence in 2009 as a volunteer driver then became driver supervisor. Before his retirement, Mealer worked in the electrical utility industry for over 30 years and retired as the operations manager for Pacific Corp.

He and his wife, Susy, moved to Florence in 2006. Since then, Mealer has lent his talents to many Florence area charitable organizations, including Florence Food Share, Siuslaw

Outreach Services, Western Lane Community Foundation, Florence Chamber of Commerce and as a volunteer for the Friends of the Siuslaw Public Library.

Mealer has been the coordinator for the produce garden for Florence Food Share since 2008.

Bacon retired in 2003 as a reporter and editor for the Eugene Register Guard newspaper, focusing on the coastal area including Florence.

He was also a member of the U.S. Coast Guard and served many years in the Naval Reserves, retiring as Lieutenant Commander.

Bacon and his wife, Kay, both became volunteer drivers for

the Friends of Florence in 2003 and later took over the responsibilities of driver schedulers.

His many community contributions include being an assistant scoutmaster and leading numerous 50-mile hikes with troop 777. Bacon also worked with Florence PTA, Project Graduation and Oregon Shores Conservation Coalition. He is also active in the Siuslaw View Finders Camera Club.

Many know that Bacon is a cancer survivor and was once a patient riding the Friends of Florence bus to Eugene. He has written several articles about his experience riding the bus that were published in local newspapers.

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