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• Tuesday Evening Group (2nd Tuesday) 5-7 p.m. - Ichiban Chinese/Japanese Restaurant  
• Urologist Dr. Bryan Mehilhaft attends.  
• Tuesday Lunch Group (3rd Tuesday) 12 noon - 1:00 p.m. - Ichiban Chinese/Japanese Restaurant  
• Urologist Dr. Roger McKimmy attends.  
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**Cross Road Assembly of God**  
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(0yrs-12yrs)  
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# PFLAG Florence to meet Nov. 16

**GIVE from page 1A**

Of Florence Food Share's clientele, one-third are children under 18. Another third are fixed-income seniors over 65. Many are disabled and unemployed. Many of the others are actually working but aren't getting the necessary hours or compensation to make ends meet.

"A Desert Storm vet I'll call 'Frank' is also a familiar kind of client. He used our services for about 12 months but got on his feet, got a good job and housing, and is now a donor," Morgan said. "He's one of many success stories thanks to our generous supporters."

But that need for support never ends. And that's one reason Morgan said that Florence Food Share welcomes what he calls "the giving season," which is ramping up very quickly.

"Individuals and community groups in Florence are so generous, especially when

PFLAG Florence is meeting Tuesday, Nov. 16, to coincide with Transgender Awareness Week, Nov. 15-20, a national observance that concludes with the Transgender Day of Remembrance held Nov. 20 each year.

Meeting at Florence United Methodist Church at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 16, PFLAG Florence will show "Disclosure," an award-winning documentary that takes an in-depth look at Hollywood's depiction of transgender people and the

impact of those stories on transgender lives and American Culture.

The film, directed by Sam Feder and featuring Laverne Cox, Bianca Leigh and Jen Richards, will be shown on the large screen in the sanctuary. COVID protocols,

including distancing and masking, will be observed.

The event is free and open to the public.

Florence United Methodist Church is located at the corner of Kingwood and Second streets, one block west of Highway 101 in Florence.

Florence Food Share sends out a call for support as we do every year around this time," explains Morgan. "We are incredibly blessed to have our two foremost supporting events coming up soon — Cindy Wobbe's 21st annual Pounding on Nov. 20, and the 25th annual Empty Bowls event at the Florence Events Center during the first two weekends of December."

"In the 21-year history of the Pounding, I don't think there has ever been a greater need in Florence for the critical services Florence Food Share provides," said Pounding founder Cindy Wobbe, of Cindy Wobbe Estate Sales and Liquidations in Florence. "And I don't think I've ever been more motivated to see us fill the pantry, and the cupboards and the freezer with nutrition-rich food for the hundreds of local families who struggle to make ends meet before the holidays. Our community leans in and steps up year after year to

make the Pounding an amazing success. It's a remarkable tradition that I'm humbled to be a part of."

The Pounding takes place at the Grocery Outlet parking lot at 21st Street and Highway 101 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Donors are asked to drive through the designated and well-marked drop-off zone to deliver their contributions.

In addition, the Empty Bowls Committee has announced that, after canceling last year due to COVID-19, that 2021 is their 25th year of hosting the Empty Bowls Fundraiser. The group said that this year will be bigger than ever due to expanding the event over two weekends — Friday, Dec. 3, from 4 to 7 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 4, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday, Dec. 10, from 4 to 7 p.m.; and Saturday, Dec. 11, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Morgan said that the Pounding has provided as much as 30,000 pounds of

food and a matching amount of funding from Klaus and Maria Witte of Top Hydraulics in Florence, and that Empty Bowls has resulted in more than \$18,000 in contributions.

"One of the most helpful ways to contribute is through a monthly recurring gift. Those kinds of contributions help support even beyond the holidays, but the holidays are a great time to start them," Morgan said. "We are so grateful for our community's support, especially around the holidays, but the need continues year-round. As Maria Witte says, 'Hunger doesn't take a holiday.'"

Florence Food Share accepts contributions of canned, boxed and packaged food. The agency's most needed items are canned meat, canned soup, canned vegetables, canned tomatoes, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter, flour, oats, potatoes, onions, milk and eggs.

"Florence Food Share

works with clients so that we are truly helping those in need. We grow a lot of our food in onsite gardens and greenhouses. We offer our clients a shopping-style experience to select what they need instead of just handing them a box of food and hoping for the best," Morgan explained. "They get nutritious food instead of spending for less nutritious food elsewhere, and they're treated with great dignity to destigmatize the need for support."

Contributions to Florence Food Share can be made by check made payable to Florence Food Share at P.O. BOX 2514, Florence, OR 97439, or dropped off at 2190 Spruce St. in Florence, next to the New Life Lutheran Church. Funds can also be given securely online at FlorenceFoodShare.org.

For more information, contact Morgan at 541-997-9110 or email info@florencefoodshare.org.

**WEATHER from page 1A**

- Don't drive through flood water; just 6 inches of fast-moving flood water can knock over an adult, and a foot of rushing water can carry away most cars.

- Heed flood watches and warnings

- Beware of hydroplaning. That's what occurs when your tires are getting more traction on the layer of water on the road than on the road itself — the result is that your car begins to slide uncontrollably. If you start to hydroplane, let off the accelerator slowly and steer straight until you regain control.

**Be alert**

- A Flood Advisory is issued when a specific weather event that is forecast to occur may become a nuisance: Be aware.

- A Flood Watch is issued when conditions are favorable for flooding to occur: Be prepared.

- A Flood Warning is issued when flooding is imminent or already occurring: Take action.

**If your home, work, or route is in a watch area:**

- Track the flood watch by radio, TV, weather radio or online. If told to evacuate, do so immediately.

- Listen. Unusual sounds might indicate moving debris, such as trees cracking or boulders knocking together. A trickle of falling mud or debris may precede larger landslides. If you think there is danger of a landslide, leave immediately.

- Watch the water. If water in a stream or creek suddenly turns muddy or the amount of water flowing suddenly decreases or increases, this is a warning that the flow has been affected upstream. You should immediately leave the area because a debris flow may soon be coming downstream.

- Travel with extreme caution. Assume roads are not safe. Be alert when driving, especially at night. Embankments along roadsides may fail, sending rock and debris onto the road.

**Know the signs of landslides**

- Look for changes in landscape like leaning trees, land movement, or a trickle of falling mud or debris.

- Pay attention if the water in streams or creeks

suddenly turns muddy or the water flow suddenly decreases or increases.

- Listen for unusual sounds, such as trees cracking or boulders knocking together, that might indicate moving debris.

For more information about flood risk and mitigation, visit [www.ready.gov/floods](http://www.ready.gov/floods). For information on landslides and debris flow, visit [www.ready.gov/landslides-debris-flow](http://www.ready.gov/landslides-debris-flow). For information on flood insurance, visit [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov).

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"The fire was very advanced upon our arrival, and we went to a defensive fire position immediately," reported Fire/EMS Chief Michael Schick.

The fire completely destroyed the popular restaurant, which was declared a total loss soon after the

fire was extinguished.

Two fire engines, one water tender, a rescue truck, a ladder truck and two ambulances responded to the fire. Responding personnel included 14 firefighters from SVFR

and four Western Lane Ambulance District personnel. Also assisting were the Reedsport Fire Department, Central Lincoln PUD, City of Florence Public Works and Florence Police Department.

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