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A Place of worship, nurture and service for God's people of all ages

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Sunday Hours

9:30 AM Sunday School
for all ages

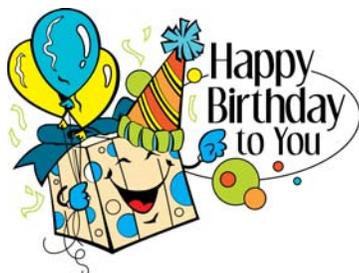
10:15 Hymn Sing

10:30 Worship

11:45 Fellowship

Deadline for next
newsletter:

January 26



Happy Anniversary
Valerie & Bob Ballantyne 1/19

January Birthdays

Allen Siefken	1/2
Bob Ballantyne	1/6
Lucy Olson	1/6
Wilma Guttridge	1/16
Ruth Cromer	1/24
Tami Guttridge	1/27
Greg Jeppeson	1/28
Cindy Woodbury	1/29



Church Events in January

January 5: celebration of the Lord's Supper (Epiphany)

January 7: session, 6:00

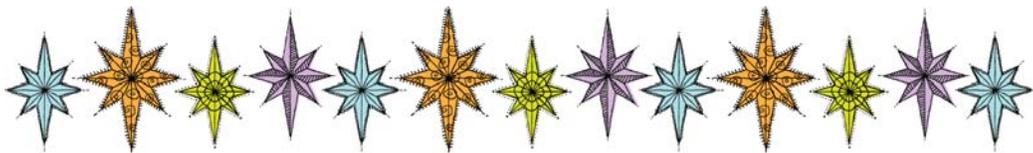
January 12: Quasquicentennial committee Meeting after worship

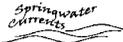
January 19: annual congregational meeting

January 22: Knit Nite, 4:30 onwards

January 26: David Crow, guest preacher

January 26: Faith Nurture committee Meeting after worship





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Pastor’s Perspective

There’s something sort of flattering knowing it takes three people to fill in for you while you’re gone. But for a pastor, that doesn’t translate into “indispensable,” it means that the saints have been well and effectively equipped. It means the church can carry on being the church, even if a couple of folks are missing.

For a small church, where there are so few people to begin with, it is even more important to understand that it’s not just the “professionals” who do the work of the church.

The Lesson

One Sunday in early Advent, I received a phone call on the way to church. It’s pretty dark this time of year when I head out to church, and a ringing cell phone on empty roads is disconcerting, to say the least. I pulled over to learn that the church musician was following the ambulance carrying her husband to the hospital, so she would not be with us in worship.

I had the rest of the commute for my brain to exceed the speed limit, while I thought out potential alternatives for substitute musicians, simpler songs we could sing a capella, and what would we do with a sung confession?

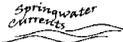
The short version of this story is that a piano player in the congregation blessed us with her talents on very short notice. We would have sung the offertory, but someone whispered to me during the first hymn that both his guitar and his daughter were in worship and could do an offertory. Worship happened with music in the right places, and we still love our professional musician.

Did I mention that the worship leader woke up sick that morning? A member of the worship committee stepped in for him. For about 10 minutes, it felt like that Laurel and Hardy film in which our heroes try to move a piano out of a 2nd floor window and down the hill. Precarious, preposterous, potentially disastrous.

What I learned

What I learned (once again) is that “Worship is the work of the people.” Work, not as in drudgery through which to slog, but as in “**Worship is what we do.**”

Sometimes churches think they need gizmos and worship props—big screens, videos, lighting effects, a worship band to supplement the pipe organ and bell choir. What Springwater has figured out is that all of worship is an offering. Financial offerings are important, an essential statement about our commitment to allowing God to transform us, a tangible statement of offering ourselves. When God’s people offer their talents



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(whatever they are) for the glory of God, that's worship as the people's "work."

When I got to junior high, I joined the school choir. There were two concerts a year, all sung from memory. The thought of all this memory work terrified me, and I didn't see how it could be done. Miraculously, every time the concert rolled around, there we were, singing in harmony, verse after verse from memory.

This happened because of two things: the conductor and the choir. We trusted the conductor to lead us, giving us understandable cues. Just as importantly, we served as memory for each other. Listening to fellow choir members filled in the sketchy places in my memory, just as my memory propped up theirs.

That's what happens for us on Sunday mornings. We trust the "conductor" to lead—in our case, that's the flow of the service itself. And we serve the same function for each other as did my junior high choir—we fill in the sketchy places, propping up our collective memory. It happens in more than just worship services. When others are going through rough times, experiencing loss, questioning their faith, wondering about their role, the whole Body of Christ is the memory that says, "You are loved. You are already loved."

See you in church.

Eileen



Congregational Meeting

Springwater Presbyterian Church's annual meeting will be held immediately following worship on **Sunday, January 19**, for the purpose of electing officers and voting on the pastor's terms of call.

Please join us in this expression of being church together.



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Springwater Presbyterian
Church
125 years of service to the
community

CELEBRATE OUR 125 YEAR HISTORY!

Springwater Presbyterian Church will celebrate it's Quasiquicentennial in July of 2014. We want to begin our celebration with a better understanding of our past. On February 9th, we will have a program to look at the church and community through it's historical photos. We want to hear stories about the pictures and we hope to contact as many people as possible who have been members over the years to join us in telling the whole story.

Do you have any photos of church events? Any photos specifically of you or your family taking part in a church event? Were your children or you confirmed in this church? Were you baptized in Clear Creek or in the church building? Were you married here? Were your kids married here? Do you have photos from before your time here? Were your parents members here? Do you have a cherished photo from times past?

Whatever you have, please consider sharing it with the rest of us.

You can begin telling us your stories right now. You can dig through your attics and basements right now, looking for photos. While you are looking through your pictures, maybe you will remember people from the past. Even if you don't have pictures, you can tell us about them and their stories.

Our deadline? We will accept photos and stories any time up through February 9th. We know you won't want to part with your pictures, so we will be happy to scan them into the computer and print them out for our own use.

Our program on February 9th will include a potluck luncheon.

Who should you contact?

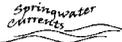
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A REAL "RAISIN PAY"

Personnel Committee recommended increased monthly pay for our two staff, the pastor and the musician, for this new year. We wanted them to have more than the thanks we know they deserve and get lots of from us on a regular basis. Session was told by each of them, however, that they did not want to accept those extra dollars. The Committee then recommended instead a very desirable kind of reward that each does want and will accept.

Our musician will be enabled to attend a meeting this April in Portland of the nationwide group, Presbyterian Association of Musicians. This is one of three regional gatherings for helping church musicians meet others and learn together how to serve God and the congregation better. Our pastor will be enabled to do some very special things to recharge her batteries and refocus her talents during a three-month sabbatical leave at a location to be announced. We join them in viewing these opportunities as valuable tokens of our thanks and one way to have a real raise in compensation.

The Committee urges us all to personally speak with Kathleen and Eileen about how much we appreciate their leadership and investment of their time and themselves in our life together in Christ.

Gilbert Shibley, for the Personnel Committee

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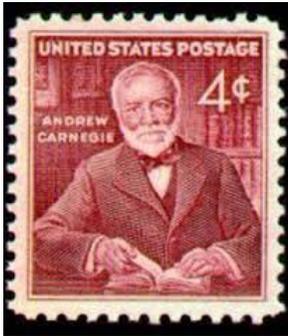
What's on your Schedule?

	Ushers	Worship Leader:	Snacks:
January 5:	Tim & Nike Guttridge	Deb Ingamells	Please see calendar in Fellowship Hall to sign up to bring snacks.
January 12:	Judy Coyne Gilbert Shibley	Nona Shearer	
January 19:	Kathy Scott Alan Siefken	Peter Sturman	
January 26:	Deb Ingamells Mary Neigel	Deb Odell	



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Who was the original “Man of Steel”?



Not Superman. The original man of steel was Andrew Carnegie, with a steel industry fortune that made him the richest man in America. Born in 1835, he was one of the greatest philanthropists in the world, giving away today’s equivalent of 4.8 billion dollars.

And like you, he was a Presbyterian.

So, what does Carnegie’s story have to do with Springwater? Maybe none of us are in the same financial league as Carnegie—at least I’m not—but we can still be like Carnegie, philanthropic Presbyterians through Springwater’s endowment fund.

The fund is used for off-budget programs such as scholarships, youth ministry, mission trips (such as the one to Hoonah, Alaska), special needs programs within the church and Christian education. Your gift will help ensure that these programs continue.

And you don’t have to be rich to donate. Funds are pooled, so that your gift, my gift and everyone else’s gifts become significant over time as the funds grow. So any amount helps.

How to donate: Cash is good, and simple, just drop your check in the collection plate or mail it to the church at PO Box 1017, Estacada, OR 97023 and mark your check for the endowment fund. But gifts don’t have to be in cash. Basically, anything that can be sold can be converted to cash and subsequently invested. You can give antiques, art, a boat, jewelry, a car, even stocks or mutual funds. Contact a session member for donations other than cash. And how about looking around your place and see what you don’t want or need any more. Are you ever going to use that boat again? Is that jewelry out of style? Donate it!

Everybody should have a will. If you don’t have one, start working on it--and please remember Springwater’s endowment fund in your will.

When Kathy & I lived in Kalispell, Montana, we patronized a Carnegie library—and the building there is still in use. Carnegie funded over 3,000 libraries in the US and other countries. In New York City, you can attend concerts in Carnegie Hall. If you work in the academic, medical, research or cultural field your pension fund may be managed by TIAACREF, founded by Andrew Carnegie.

As with Carnegie’s endowments, your gift will live long after you. As they say, it’s a gift that keeps on giving.

Dick Scott, for the Endowment Committee



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INVESTING IN ENERGY SAVINGS

We are not using propane as fast this heating season. The gauge on the tank tells us so. This means more of our offering dollars can go for other budget needs instead of heating. Such gains of value are the expected result of our year-old heat pump for Fellowship Hall and also better heat trapping by our windows, both storm windows now all around the sanctuary and double-paned ones throughout the rest of the building.



One can calculate that for every dollar's worth of propane heating replaced by the electric heat pump we are getting 4.5 times as much heat per dollar's worth of electricity. So when we heat Fellowship Hall for meetings with the heat pump instead of the furnace we save in two ways: only about 25% of our space gets heated and at less than 25% cost per unit of heat delivered, for a combined savings factor of about 18 to 1.

How much do we save because of our better insulating windows? This is harder to predict but we do know a related fact, namely that our manse renters could turn down their thermostats 2 or 3 degrees this fall. What we did to allow that was to replace five old windows on the first floor with new ones having tighter seals and the much higher insulating value in double panes.

We are pleased to be helping us all be good stewards of the atmosphere by reducing CO₂ emissions while at the same time favoring both our own and our renter's higher budget priorities.

Gilbert Shibley, for Your Buildings and Grounds Committee



Need a new tradition to begin the new year? One way to reflect on your blessings as the days and months pass is to fill a Blessing Jar. Simply find a container (ideally with a lid) and place it in a prominent place in your home. Next to it, set slips of paper and writing utensils.

Encourage every family member to jot down one thing they're grateful for every day. If you have a large family, you may need one jar for each person. You can also use different-colored paper slips for each family member.

Every week, sit down together and review the many ways that God is present in your lives.



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Lectionary Readings

The liturgical season between the end of Christmas (Epiphany, on January 6) and Transfiguration Sunday (this year on March 2) is sometimes referred to as Epiphany season. Technically, it's Ordinary Time, as in "the numbers defining a thing's position in a series" or ordinals. Perhaps to distinguish this portion of Ordinary Time, from that which follows Pentecost, it is sometimes called "Epiphany season" because of the holiday immediately preceding it. Or perhaps the name stuck because of the focus of the season's lectionary passages.

According to one dictionary, Epiphany means "an appearance of a superhuman being." Another says it's a moment of profound insight. Typically, what these passages try to unpack is some answer to the question, "Who is Jesus?" Both identity and insight come into play. This season, the words of the last scripture read on Christmas Eve shape how we unpack that answer. Refer to John 1:15-18 as you prepare for worship and read these texts each week.

January 5 (Epiphany; RESOLUTION): Deuteronomy 4:9-14, 23-24 (celebration of the Lord's Supper)

January 12 (Baptism of the Lord Sunday): Hebrews 9:1-28; Luke 12:49-53, Psalm 69

January 19 (THE WORST FORM OF GOVERNMENT): Hebrews 10:1-4, 10-14; Isaiah 26:7-12

January 26 (the Reverend David Crow, guest preacher)

February 2 (ATHLETIC DISCIPLINE): Hebrews 12:1-15; Matthew 12:9-14; Psalm 34:11-18

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