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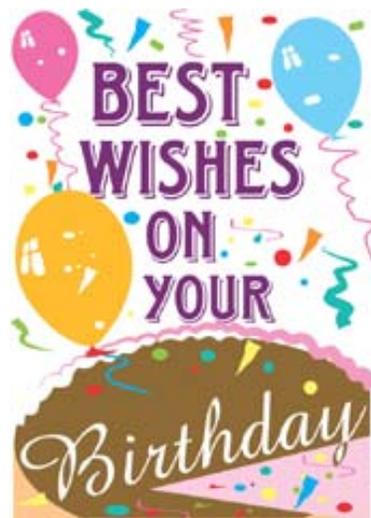
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A Place of worship, nurture and service for God's people of all ages

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<b>March Birthdays</b>	
Debbie Ingamells	3/1
Marlee Odell	3/6
Tom Deshler	3/14
Gwen Shearer	3/17
Barbara MacKinnon	3/18
Vernon Souders	3/24
Margaret Shearer	3/27



## Sunday Hours

9:30 AM Sunday School  
for all ages

10:15 Hymn Sing

10:30 Worship

11:45 Fellowship

Deadline for next  
newsletter:

## Church Events in March

**March 1:** joint deacon and elder planning retreat, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.,  
Estacada Community Center

**March 2:** Transfiguration Sunday. Celebration of the Lord's Supper during  
worship; Feast of Fools immediately following worship at the Grange hall

**March 5:** Ash Wednesday. Worship service in the Taize style, with  
imposition of ashes at 7:00 p.m. Eagle Creek Presbyterian will join us.

**March 14-15:** presbytery meeting at Valley Presbyterian Church, Portland

**March 18:** session meeting at church, 6:00 p.m.

**March 22:** youth day retreat at the home of the Odell's in West Linn

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and burden to  
invite a  
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### Pastor's Perspective

Lent arrives so late this year, for a while there, we thought we were going to have to skip it this year and go straight to Easter. But no, it's only a trick of juxtaposition between the lunar calendar (which establishes Passover and Easter) and the solar calendar (which establishes our civic lives). Lent, of course, begins 40 days earlier, no matter when Easter is. It's the time of preparation for an event of such mind-boggling power and startling reality, we really do need every one of those 40 days, to prepare.

This year, our Easter worship and daily devotional will use a pilgrimage metaphor—Abram and Sarai's pilgrimage. Take a look at the article associated with the list of Lectionary Readings in this issue of *Currents* for more on this subject.

### Pastoral Prerogative

It is both privilege and burden to invite a congregation to accompany a pastor's spiritual journey. In some circles, this is known as "lead from the front." In other circles, it acknowledges that "The best sermons are the ones you preach to yourself."

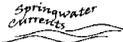
If you were at the annual meeting this year, you will remember that part of my Terms of Call for 2014 includes a 3-month sabbatical, reflecting the policy of the Presbytery of the Cascades, in which pastors are eligible for a 3-month sabbatical every seven years. Hard as it is to believe, this year is my *fourteenth* year at Springwater.

My first sabbatical, in 2008, was after eight years. We had applied for and received generous funding from the Lilly Endowment during the seventh year of my time here. That funding, directed to pastoral renewal, also included funding for a parallel sabbatical for the congregation. This paid for a sabbatical interim (Beverly Crow, now our parish associate) and three artists in residence. We began preparations for our parallel journeys six months ahead of the start of sabbatical, and we are still experiencing repercussions from that wonderful time.

This year, because we were not eligible for outside funding, our parallel sabbaticals will not involve outside speakers. And of course, although the congregation continues to pay my salary, Rick and I will fund my sabbatical expenses. Session has already invited the Reverends Beverly and David Crow to be our sabbatical interim co-pastors.

### Preparing for Sabbatical Together

Because my sabbatical will include a pilgrimage along the Way of St Jacques in France, our preparations together begin with Lent. Most of Europe is covered with a network of pilgrimage roads, many leading to Santiago in Spain and dating back to before the Crusades. The pilgrimage model of these



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Years ago, when I was actively backpacking, my cohorts and I would prepare for packing by laying out everything we thought we would need. Then, the challenge was to reduce it by at least half. This took some serious soul-searching about whether we really needed a particular item enough to carry it the entire trip. Cutting tags from tea bags only goes so far in eliminating weight when you're carrying everything you need on your back.

That is the first challenge of pilgrimage. As writer Joyce Rupp and her walking partner made the pilgrimage to Santiago, they learned that even adding a succulent tomato for lunch was sometimes just a few ounces too many uphill over rough terrain. They also discovered the hidden message in a balanced load.

### The First Lesson

Christian mystic Meister Eckhardt said, "God is not found in the soul by adding anything but by subtracting." Our Lenten experience might be to question everything we've put into the backpacks we call our lifestyle—all those "things I gotta do" we carry, all those anxieties and bad habits on our backs. This might be the Lent to intentionally engage in what Meister Eckhardt calls "subtracting." Perhaps we'll come to see that the balance of our lives is just as important as what we pack.

See you in church.

*Eileen*

### Quite a story

During Sunday dinner, a mother asked her son what he'd learned in Sunday school that day.

"Well," he said, "our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. When he got to the Red Sea, he had his engineers build a pontoon bridge and all the people walked across safely. Then he used his walkie-talkie to radio headquarters for reinforcements. They sent bombers to blow up the bridge, and all the Israelites were saved."

"Now, is that *really* what your teacher said?" the boy's mother asked.

"Well, no," he admitted. "But if I told it the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it!"



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### Timeline of Springwater's Pilgrimage

The liturgical art in the sanctuary this Lent will visually evoke pilgrimage. Encircled by a pilgrim road, worshipers will begin to notice dates and photos. The dates span Springwater Presbyterian Church's lifespan—from 1889 to 2014. It's 125 years, in case you haven't heard—our Quasiquicentennial.

Between those dates are snippets of photos, mounted on scallop shell shapes. The scallop shell is one of the European pilgrimage symbols, harking back to medieval pilgrims following the Camino do Santiago and the Way of St James. That symbol is used to mark the road, and travelers wearing that shell symbol are instantly known as pilgrims on the Way.

You are invited to write on the path mounted on the sanctuary walls. It's paper, after all. Please mark in the appropriate decades, dates and events of significance in your life and that of Springwater. What year were you baptized? When did you join the church? Were you married here? When? Do you remember the names of pastors over the years and when they served? When was the addition put on? How long have we enjoyed running water?

Share your memories of Springwater's pilgrimage. We'll save this as a record of our celebration.



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Colonial Heights Presbyterian Church at 2828 SE Stephens Street (between Hawthorne & Division on the inner eastside) is pleased to announce an upcoming art exhibit, **Wholly Family on display March 1 through March 30.**

This exhibit brings together 18 original artworks that explore the many meanings of family. Exhibiting artists were chosen from among the art faculty at the Grünewald Guild in Plain, WA, which produced the exhibit.

All are invited to a public reception during the SE Area ArtWalk on Saturday, March 1 & Sunday, March 2 from 10:00am to 5:00pm, in the church building at the corner of 28th & SE Stephens Street. The exhibit will also be available for viewing every Sunday from 9:00 am until the service of worship begins at 10:30 am and after the service over refreshments at 11:45 am. Wednesday Evenings in March a simple dinner will be provided for the public and visiting artists at 5:30 pm followed by a viewing. Sunday, March 30th will be a final viewing with a simple dinner at 6:00 pm and service of meditation on the artwork in both English and Spanish at 7:00 pm. Other times for viewing can be arranged for individuals and groups by appointment.



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### Food Bank Update

Your weekly donations to the Red Tub are really making a difference in our stock. We have gone through all the extra donations from community food drives which came to us in November and December. Any item you send our way is greatly appreciated.

Signs of spring bring garden fever. If you are looking through seed catalogues, think about planting extra vegetables for the food bank. Fresh produce straight from the garden is great for our clients.

Speaking of seeds, you may have heard about **SEED**: Stewarding an Edible Education District, **SEED** has and continues to install vegetable gardens at several schools in Estacada. **SEED** is currently installing a new garden which will be dedicated to growing food for the food bank. It is being installed at the junior high school north of the main entrance. The coordinating committee would welcome help with planting and weeding in the months to come. If you can give an hour or two, contact Stephen Shibley at 503-789-5010.

Thanks for all of your help,  
*Barbara Shibley,*  
Director of EAFB



**Remember the  
Red Tub**

### What's on your Schedule?

	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Worship Leader:</b>	<b>Snacks:</b>
<b>March 2:</b>	Randy & Mary Johnson	Kara Guttridge	Potluck
<b>March 9:</b>	Mary & Kevin Kirby	Peter Sturman	Sign up to bring snacks on the calendar in Fellowship Hall
<b>March 16:</b>	Nike & Tim Guttridge	Deb Odell	
<b>March 23:</b>	Peter & Carol Sturman	Neal Jeppeson	
<b>March 30:</b>	Gary Guttridge	Randy Johnson	

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**Update on fundraising for the new East Window**

In five short weeks \$10,700 has been raised toward the goal of \$14,500. It's been an overwhelming response and suggests a great deal of excitement and support for making this new window a reality.

If you haven't already done so please consider making a donation by purchasing one or more of the glass panes. Your choices of glass include:

<b>Clear:</b>	<b>\$10</b>
<b>Light Green:</b>	<b>\$20</b>
<b>Dark Green:</b>	<b>\$50</b>
<b>Blue:</b>	<b>\$100</b>
<b>Yellow</b>	<b>\$150 (sold out)</b>
<b>Beveled Clear</b>	<b>\$200</b>
<b>Red</b>	<b>\$500 (sold out)</b>
<b>Purple</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>



We need to make our goal by no later than **April 15** in order to have the window installed in time for Springwater's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration July 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>. If you have any questions please contact Rick Parfrey at (503)638-0109 or [parfrey@msn.com](mailto:parfrey@msn.com).

**Quasquicentennial Celebration Update**

We raised \$567 during our recent auction and are continuing to take bids on the larger items until March 9<sup>th</sup>. **You** can participate in the bidding by going to <http://www.springwaterpres.org/SilentAuction.html> and checking on current bids and sending an email to me at [kathyscott@gmail.com](mailto:kathyscott@gmail.com) or you can call me at 503.630.4739. The proceeds will fund our summertime Birthday celebration.

We are now making plans for continuing to collect historical photos. We hope to sell memorabilia (like coffee mugs and/or tote bags) and are planning on a week-end of activities for the celebration in July. That celebration will be open to the whole community.

Your Quasquicentennial Committee,  
*Kathy Scott, Renate Jeppeson, Cheryl Watson, Nike Guttridge, Wilma Guttridge*



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**Lectionary Readings**

As in previous Lenten preaching series, this Lent we take a single text and explore it in conversation with other texts. The focus text “Covenant Under the Stars,” in Genesis 15, follows God’s call to Abram and his wife Sarai in chapter 12, to “get up and go” from their hometown of Ur. At this point “where” is an unanswered question. It is simply to a land God will show them—someday.

Three chapters and twenty-some years later, after covering half the Middle East in nomadic wanderings, the couple is still childless. They and their entourage have suffered famine, war, ruptures from their extended family and learned to tithe. When Abram points out the discouraging obvious to God (lack of offspring), he is told to go outside and try to count the stars.

For over a thousand years, Christians have imitated Abram’s pilgrim wanderings with their own. As Abram waited for God to keep the Divine Promises of progeny, place, posterity, and Presence, so the people of God have waited. Pilgrimage is one of the ways God’s people “leave home” in order to hear more clearly God’s promises to them.

**March 2** (Transfiguration Sunday, Communion service, THE ONLY WAY TO RESPOND): Job 36:26-37:24; Matthew 7:1-13

**March 5** (Ash Wednesday service): John 5:1-11

**March 9** (First Sunday of Lent, GET UP AND GO): Genesis 15:1-17; Hebrews 11:8-16

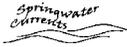
**March 16** (Second Sunday of Lent, GOT UP AND WENT): Genesis 15:1-17; Hebrews 11:8-16

**March 23** (Third Sunday of Lent, COVENANTS ARE CUT): Genesis 15:1-17; Hebrews 11:8-16

**March 30** (Fourth Sunday of Lent, VIGILANCE): Genesis 15:1-17; Romans 4:1-5

**April 6** (Fifth Sunday of Lent, LIFE AND DEATH): Genesis 15:1-17; Romans 4:13-17





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### Springwater Presbyterian Church Endowment Fund

This fund invests in the present and future of Springwater Presbyterian Church.

What a great way to remember a loved one by giving a donation to this fund in their name. This fund helps provide financial support for enhancing programs such as local outreach, scholarships, youth ministry, mission trips and other special needs programs.

Remember that any amount, whether large or small, can be given. God can do miracles with even the smallest amount.

Thank you,

*Kathleen Souders*  
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