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

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October Birthdays

Lynda Conway	10/1
Bob Wilson	10/10
Jim Odell	10/16
Connie Ryan	10/27
Cortlan Souders	10/27
Jean McCloskey	10/28



Church Events in October

- October 5:** World Communion Sunday, potluck after worship, see pg 5
- October 7:** Session meeting, Choir practice 7 p.m.
- October 11:** Youth Group service project, beginning at 11 a.m.
- October 22:** Knit Nite - 4:30-6:30-ish. Bring finger food to share
- October 25:** Youth Group event and meeting, time TBA

Sunday Hours

No Sunday School

10:15 Hymn Sing

10:30 Worship

11:45 Fellowship

Deadline for next
newsletter:

October 24



WORLD **COMMUNION** SUNDAY

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Pastor's Perspective

Stewardship... how we use time and talents for our own well-being and personal growth as well as the well-being of the whole human community.

November is just around the corner, and with that, the usual pledging cycle called Stewardship. We would like you to know that there will be some minor changes in our "stewardship campaign" this year. Yes, there will be a time in which we will ask you for a pledge to the 2015 budget, but that might be stressed a bit less this year than it has been in the past. You see, the Session has agreed to make a little bit different stewardship "pitch" throughout the year rather than mostly in the fall months. We think that the way many churches have done stewardship tends to equate stewardship with raising funds for next year. That's part of stewardship, but a more full-orbed concept of stewardship also takes into account how we use our many talents and our time; not just what we use in "church activities," but also how we use time and talents for our own well-being and personal growth as well as the well-being of the whole human community. Stewardship also includes how we care for the planet earth and our environment, God's marvelous creation and gift to us for all of the ages. It may even include how we respond to God's children, and especially how we respect and value those who are different from us and whose culture is different from ours. That all means that over the next year, the Session will choose one dimension of stewardship to emphasize each month – perhaps in the newsletter, in the bulletin, in a "Minute for Mission" during Sunday worship, in a sermon, or in a special program – to lift up for your thinking, your prayers, your new commitments.

Again, we don't want to disregard the need to talk about the church budget and the needs of the church for program and mission activities, but at the same time that we think about those important aspects of church life, we want to encourage the whole church to think about what it means to consider stewardship in a much deeper and fuller way. Keep your eyes and your ears and your mind open to see if being a steward takes on new meaning for you over the next year or so.

On a completely different note: with Beverly returning from the sabbatical travels with Eileen on September 30, you will be hearing and seeing much more of her during October. Thank you much for your patience with her absence and with my being the only "pastoral presence" this past month.

Grace and peace,
Dave Crow, your sabbatical pastor



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125th Birthday Party Is Huge Success

Springwater celebrated the 125th birthday of the founding of our church on July 19-20, 2014 with singing, dancing, laughter and plenty of food.

On Saturday, July 19th, the *Old Time Fiddlers* from Estacada played for us in the Grange Hall. During that time, people had the chance to watch ongoing videos about the history of our church and the people who shaped our lives. It was a great time to sit and enjoy the music and chat with old friends. We served a pork barbeque about 5:00pm including salads, rolls and desert. During dinner, a band from Portland, *Jaw Bone Flats*, played mellow classic and country music. There was face painting, tours of the church building and plenty of people to talk to.

On Sunday, a special worship service was planned to celebrate the birthday and to dedicate the new stained glass east window. The design is called: "The window of God's Natural Environment". If you haven't seen it yet, make the effort to spend some time looking at it. It is simply stunning. After the worship service, a lunch was provided for those who chose to stay and finish reading and looking at the historical displays and spend more time talking.

The planning committee included Cheryl Watson, Nike Guttridge, Renate Jeppeson, Wilma Guttridge and Kathy Scott. Kasey Watson produced the historical video. Tom Watson and Tim Guttridge did a lot of the leg work for setting up and clearing up later. Gary Guttridge also helped with set up and parking. Mary Kirby painted faces of both children and adults. (She has the amazing talent of turning people into animals and cartoons.) The Harmony Bakery in Estacada catered the barbeque and Cheryl Watson & Nike Guttridge organized the lunch on Sunday, Nike Guttridge made our grounds look like a lovely garden. Nona Shearer, Neal Jeppeson and Gilbert Shibley acted as tour guides. Wilma Guttridge worked to collect historical photos and stories and was also in charge of reservations and arrangements. Renate Jeppeson did all the promotional work. If I left anyone out, it was completely unintentional.

The window committee, lead by Rick Parfrey, included Nike Guttridge, Wilma Guttridge, Margo Maris, Deb Odell, Rick Parfrey, Mary Shearer, Nona Shearer, Cindy Woodbury and Kathy Scott.

Gerry Veley guided the process and did the technical design and production of the window. We were so pleased to work with Gerry, a renowned stained glass artist from Portland.

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The celebration is not completely over yet. We have enough money left to publish a history book this fall. It will be a compilation of all the stories and photos that were collected during the planning. We hope that the congregation and guests had as good a time as we did. Thanks to everyone for their help, excitement and participation.



The First Sunday of October has historically been and is again this year, "Worldwide Communion Sunday". Also, traditionally this has and will be the Sunday our congregation collects a special offering which is (now) called the **Peace & Global Witness Offering**. This is one of the four special offerings we collect during the year. This

offering the funds are split out between the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program (50%), our local Presbytery (25%) and our congregation (25%) for supporting programs that advocate peace and justice in local communities. The recent bulletin inserts have shown some examples of the programs funded, two of which are one to combat bullying in schools and another to help to educate and prevent violence against women and provide emergency services to victims of domestic abuse.

There are so many needs for peacemaking at all levels of our local regions and across the world that benefit from money collected at this annual special offering. Please consider this an opportunity to do something yourself to promote peace and justice by generously supporting this special offering. Please bring your contributions this Sunday, October 5th if possible. Checks should be made to Springwater Presbyterian with a notation that it is for "Peacemaking offering".

Tim Guttridge, elder

Stewardship

What does Stewardship mean? According to Mirriam-Webster, Stewardship means "the activity or job of protecting and being responsible for something" SO, what are the members of Springwater Presbyterian Church responsible for???? The Session has decided to talk about Stewardship throughout the year instead of just in the fall. Stay tuned for several Moment's for Mission and other activities throughout the year that will help us explore what Stewardship means for Springwater.



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International Potluck after Worship, October 5th

To celebrate World Communion Sunday, please join us in the fellowship hall after worship for a potluck. This one will be a little different and it should be fun. The deacons will provide three kinds of rice: white rice, wild rice and Mexican rice. You bring a topping, international or not, something that will go on rice.

Since this potluck will be in the fellowship hall, please bring a serving spoon with your dish.



Make a Joyful Noise

Choir will begin again at Springwater Presbyterian Church Tuesday, October 7 at 7:00pm. We will be preparing for Advent and Christmas. This is always a great time to sing special songs about Jesus' birth. I hope to see you there.

Kathleen Souders, Music Director



What's on your Schedule?

	Ushers	Worship Leader:	Snacks:
October 5:	Barbara & Don MacKinnon	Carol Sturman	Potluck
October 12:	Kathy Scott Allen Siefken	Neal Jeppeson	Debbie Ingamells
October 19:	Gilbert Shibley Judy Coyne	Gwen Shearer	Kathy Scott
October 26:	Neal & Renate Jeppeson	Kara Guttridge	Nona Shearer



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Lectionary Readings for the Sundays in October

October 5 World Communion Sunday

Exod. 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Psalm 19

Phil 3:4b-14

Matt. 21:33-46

October 19

Exod. 33:12-23

Psalm 99

1 Thess. 1:1-10

Matt. 22:15-22

October 12

Exod. 32:1-14

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

Phil. 4: 1-9

Matt. 22:1-14

October 26

Deut.34:1-12

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

1 Thess.2:1-8

Matt. 22:34-46



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