

Springwater currents

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

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April Birthdays

Mary Johnson	4/1
Kendra Guttridge	4/2
Brittany Ingamells	4/2
Robin Fisher	4/5
Gilbert Shibley	4/5
Ellen Ingamells	4/6
Judy Coyne	4/7
Mary Neigel	4/14
Joss Kirby	4/26
Tom Watson	4/27



Sunday Hours

No Sunday School

10:15 Hymn Sing

10:30 Worship

11:45 Fellowship

Deadline for next newsletter:

April 25

Church Events in April

April 10: Serve Dinner at Human Solutions warming shelter, meet at the church at 5:00

April 28-May 1: Lake Grove Presbyterian Women's Retreat, see page 2

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What does post
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Pastor's Perspective

Life Anew!

It was a joy to celebrate Palm Sunday and Easter with all of you and revel in the goodness of our God. Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed! This is our joyous greeting on Easter day and the words we want ringing in our ears as we venture into the days to come. What does post resurrection life look like? How does Christ invite us into life anew? This will be our question as we journey through the Easter season and into Pentecost. I'll be preaching the lectionary passages from the gospel of John (see them listed in this newsletter) and I invite you to read and pray through them throughout each week as well.

During this Easter season you and I are not only invited to live into life anew with Christ, but life anew as congregation and pastor! I am thankful that God has brought us together and look forward to getting to know each of you. I hope to do this in two ways: congregational conversation time together after the service and individual conversation as time is available. Beginning Sunday, April 3, after a brief time of fellowship after worship, I invite any of those who would so like to rejoin me in the sanctuary for a time of conversation. In these first few weeks we'll focus on getting to know one another and then we'll focus our conversation on other relevant topics.

I will be at the church on Tuesday afternoons and into evening if needed. Each Sunday I'll have a sign up sheet out if you'd like to meet at a specific time or feel free to call or email to set up a time. My contact information is below. Don't hesitate to use it!

For the women of our congregation: I will be the retreat speaker for the women of Lake Grove Presbyterian Church at Canby Grove Christian Center, April 28-May 1. There is an open invitation for the women of Springwater to join in! The theme is "Connecting with God in a World of Distraction and Change." Fee is \$225 for a private room, \$175 for shared. Dinner Friday through Sunday breakfast. The retreat ends at 12:00 on Sunday. I'll scoot over to Springwater for worship that day but you'd be welcome to take part in the whole thing. If you'd like to register or have questions let me know and I'll get you connected.

With Easter Joy,
Pastor Susan
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"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen." Ephesians 3:20-21



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SPC Buildings and Grounds Committee current actions include:

- ◆ Determining costs of repairing the Manse roof that was damaged by winter winds and finding out what repairs our insurance co. may cover.
- ◆ Looking for names of painting contractors as we start planning to re-paint the exterior of our building.
- ◆ Developing a list of projects for our 'annual Spring clean-up day'. Date to be announced soon.
- ◆ Discussing timing of completing other maintenance needs such as re-sealing the parking lot, repairing doors in the church, and work in our outdoor worship areas and labyrinth area.

Projects for Our Renters

The Buildings and Grounds Committee now serves as our church's Property Manager for the manse with Gilbert Shibley being the contact person for our renters. Two recent projects there will serve as preventative maintenance.

In February two young men from Springwater were hired to cut and pull English ivy so a local tree service company could do a light pruning for us of the big maple in the front yard. It needed a few dead branches and several low-hanging ones removed. After two other inspections by professionals the consensus was that the tree has no hazardous defects and no structural reason for taking it down.

In March the big pot hole in the driveway to the manse was fixed by digging to improve drainage, filling and packing with existing rock and then adding two cubic yards of new crushed rock. This had been an accumulating need over a five year span. Gilbert was able to get it done using his farm tractor and truck.





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Volunteering at the Warming Shelter

We will be feeding the homeless on Sunday, April 10th this month. If there is anyone who would like to help pre-bake the potatoes, blanch broccoli, or show up to help serve the meal, sign up at the church or contact Debbie Ingamells, 503 313-9575.

We really make a difference to up to 100 people including many children. We'll meet at church at 5 o'clock and be back by 7:30 ish.

We will not be serving in May as I will be out of town.

Debbie Ingamells

What's on your Schedule?

	Ushers	Worship Leader:	Snacks:
April 3:	Don & Barbara Mackinnon	Nona Shearer	Mary Shearer
April 10:	Nike & Tim Guttridge	JessieJo Guttridge	Souders
April 17:	Judy Coyne Gilbert Shibley	Mary Shearer	Open-Please sign up
April 24:	Debbie Ingamells Mary Neigel	Neal Jeppeson	Open-Please sign up



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General Assembly in Portland, June 18-25

The Presbytery of the Cascades is hosting the PC(USA) General Assembly.
From the GA website:

Commissioners and advisory delegates from all 171 PC(USA) presbyteries, along with other participants and observers from around the world, will converge on the Oregon Convention Center (OCC) in downtown Portland for celebrations, deliberations, and inspirations in support of the denomination's biennial gathering.

Hosted by the Presbytery of the Cascades and united under the theme "The Hope in Our Calling," from Ephesians 1:18, the General Assembly will include rich worship services, the election of the Moderator, action on a plethora of overtures, and much more.

There are many volunteer opportunities available for anyone who wants them. Mary Shearer has a listing of them at church. The following link will take you to the official site for volunteering, including a list of opportunities and instructions on how to sign up.

<http://www.qaportland.com/volunteersignup/>

Being a volunteer allows you to attend worship and observe plenary sessions at no cost. Visit the website or speak to Mary Shearer if you are interested or have questions.

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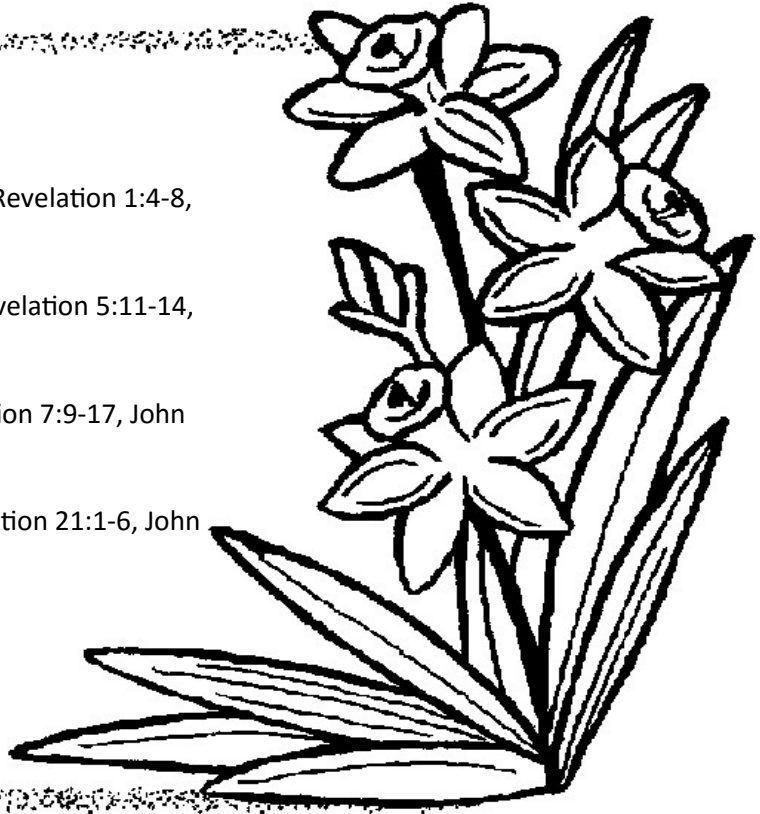
Lectionary Readings

April 3: Acts 5:27-32, Psalm 118:14-29, Revelation 1:4-8, John 20:19-31

April 10: Acts 9:1-6, (7-20), Psalm 30, Revelation 5:11-14, John 21:1-19

April 17: Acts 9:36-43, Psalm 23, Revelation 7:9-17, John 10:22-30

April 24: Acts 11:1-18, Psalm 148, Revelation 21:1-6, John 13:31-35



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