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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:

April 21st

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
Robert Finlayson	4/15
Rick Parfrey	4/17
Eileen Parfrey	4/18
Joss Kirby	4/26
Tom Watson	4/27



Happy Anniversary
Peter & Carol Sturman April 24



Church Events in April

Sunday, March 30: deacon training, immediately following worship

Saturday, April 12: Outdoor work party 10 a.m.—noon

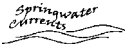
Sunday, April 13: Palm/Passion Sunday (celebration of the Lord's Supper during worship), Faith Nurture committee meeting, immediately following worship

Tuesday, April 15: session meeting, 6:00 (potluck dinner, 5:45)

Thursday, April 17: Maundy Thursday service (including the Lord's Supper) with Eagle Creek at Springwater, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 20: Easter Sunday (breakfast in the Grange prior to worship, 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.)

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Pastor's Perspective

Knitting through presbytery meetings is not a new tradition for Springwater pastors. Dr John Anderson might have been the first, but Parish Associate and Sabbatical Interim Beverly Crow and I have followed his example, as has our Elder Commissioner, Kathy Scott.

This quieting activity is a small diversion at an event which invariably comes at the worst possible time—no matter when it's scheduled. The spring meeting is always during Lent, the summer meeting usually coincides with our congregation's VBS, the fall meeting always falls on our Consecration Sunday weekend.

For the last several years, meetings have been emotional events, with debate and grieving over the departure of congregations from our denomination.

The March meeting at Valley Presbyterian in Portland was different, though, and it wasn't just about the knitting.

What was different?

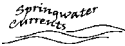
The opportunities for connectionalism abounded, as we learned about and celebrated the mission outreach activities of three congregations in the host region of the presbytery. Hearing about missions that make a difference in the lives of people outside the church is always encouraging. Elder Commissioner Kathy Scott and I came away with good ideas for Springwater's ministry and 125th anniversary celebration. Knowing what already works in other congregations means we do not need to reinvent ideas from scratch.

While the presbytery itself is less involved in programs than it once was, we learned about congregation clusters sharing resources and ideas to make up for that change.

The high point of the presbyter meeting for me could have been bittersweet. The presbytery voted to re-instate the ministry credentials of a colleague who had set aside his ordination while he worked through theological differences he had with the PCUSA. That a Teaching Elder could disagree with a single position held by the denomination (one which has been the source of contention in the past) was not unusual. That this Teaching Elder could disagree, but still wish to remain in communion with the Body touched. That the Body could embrace him unanimously and without prejudice enacted our ordination promise to work for the peace, purity, and unity of the church.

And also with you

It is my fervent hope that small acts like this will multiply. At our last session meeting, the elders discussed an online resource, "Three Free Tools



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for Church Growth.” The tools are simple: be kind, be honest, be inclusive. That last tool got a lot of discussion, because the word has become so emotionally-charged: inclusive. These days, it’s hard to hear it without thinking we’re talking about homosexuality. A generation ago, people thought “inclusive” was about racism. In reality and practice, “inclusive” is about making room for each other in the Body of Christ. Especially when we differ. It is about not allowing one’s own opinions to interfere with hospitality toward others.

As you live your discipleship in the coming days, be conscious of opportunities to use those tools for church growth. Be kind, be honest, be inclusive.

See you in church.

Ministry or Volunteering?

When you read the list of Who’s Who, please see it as a reminder of how much we owe thanks to each other. If there is one thing I should be sure to do well in my own role it would be to thank each of the others for volunteering like they do. I do it often, but not often enough. I just got an e-mail yesterday thanking me. I hereby promise to thank the sender by reply and also in person at the next opportunity. I invite you to live in thanks, together.

Many of those on the list also do other things for and with us. Many of those not on the list do as much, or more, in background ways for the church or for individuals in it. And beyond it. When is this just serving God by living out our love (ministry) and when is it volunteering? Never mind the distinction, just do it. Thank others for doing it too. It is the way we are part of this church family.

Gilbert Shibley,

Lay Ministry Coordinator

Who’s Who in the church

Clerk of Session: Cindy Woodbury

Deacon Moderator: Cheryl Watson

Personnel: Al Conway (session)

Treasurer: Gwen Shearer

Financial Secretary: Lynda Conway

Endowment: Al Conway, Kathleen Souders (session)

Nominating: Allen Siefken (deacon), Nona Shearer (session)

Buildings and Grounds: Tom Watson (moderator),
Tim Guttridge (session)

Mission: Tim Guttridge (session)

Faith Nurture: Nona Shearer (session)

Worship: Kathleen Souders (session)

Hospitality: Cheryl Watson, Nike Guttridge (deacons)

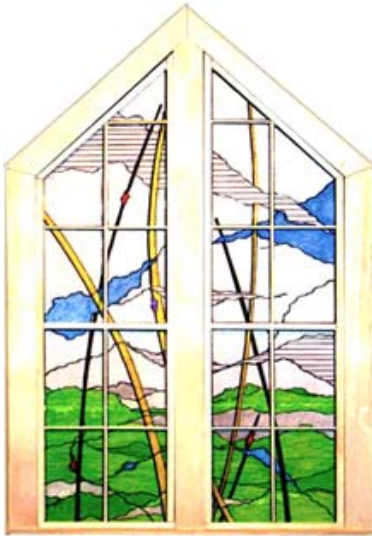
Prayer Chain: Kathy Scott

Newsletter: Renate Jeppeson

Lay Ministry Coordinator: Gilbert Shibley

Quasiquicentennial: Kathy Scott

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Why stained glass windows have been important to worship throughout the centuries and how, through that tradition, our new East sanctuary window will contribute to our worship experience at Springwater

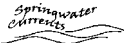
If you were to poll the average American church-going man or woman on the street about what constitutes normative American Christian architecture, stained glass windows would probably be their first thought - conjuring up images of the grand cathedrals of Europe rather than their own, more modest, home-grown places of worship. Whichever image it might be, the common denominator is that all these windows, large and small, help prepare worshipers to bring their hearts to worship and give glory to God.

Many American places of worship from coast to coast are awash in stained glass and have been ever since the early-mid 19th century. Flooding the space with light and color they've been informational, depicting scenes from the Bible, showcasing its heroes (Moses is a particular favorite), celebrating the flora and fauna of the Holy Land, and in the more abstract, playing with all manner of geometrical forms that do the same. More strikingly still, the stained glass window has become a luminous vehicle for reflecting the generosity of the congregation's members.

Our new window is entitled "**The Window of God's Natural Environment**". Why? According to input from the congregation when polled on where they felt closest to God, it was in God's natural environment. Many people mentioned walking in the woods, hiking through fields of wild flowers, looking up to the stars at night, or listening to the sounds of the ocean, lakes, and streams. Thus, working with our glass artist Jerry Veley, the window design emerged using abstract imagery, colors, and shapes, all capturing the essence of our experiences with nature and the vastness of God's love for us.

Through the generosity of many Springwater members and friends **we have reached our fundraising goal of \$14,500** and our long-standing dream for this window will become reality during the July 18-21 celebration of our church's 125th Anniversary.

God is indeed a very generous God.



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Walk the Pastor to France

It is 5,200 miles as the crow flies, between Estacada and Nasbinals, France. And Nasbinals is the point from which Pastors Eileen and Beverly will begin their pilgrimage in September. Wouldn't it be great if we could all go with them on pilgrimage?

Eileen and Beverly have begun training for their pilgrimage by walking. Training is hard work, but it's more enjoyable if done in the company of others.

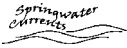
Obviously, we can't walk directly to France and the Way of St Jacques. There's the little matter of an ocean in the way. Now that the weather is warming, though, people are out walking. Keep a log of your weekly mileage and then, when you come to church, enter your name and mileage on the chart in fellowship hall. We'll add everyone's mileage together each month and aim for a collective 5,200 miles before they depart.

What about biking? Sure! Biking or walking, let's get them to Nasbinals in France so they can begin their pilgrimage.



What's on your Schedule?

	Ushers:	Worship Leader:	Snacks:
April 6:	Barbara & Don MacKinnon	Deb Ingamells	Please sign up to bring snacks on the calendar in the fellowship hall
April 13:	Deb Ingamells & Mary Neigel	Mary Neigel	
April 20:	OPEN	Mary Shearer	
April 27:	Renate & Neal Jeppeson	Carol Sturman	



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125 years of service to the
community

1989. Do you remember that year? It was the celebration of Springwater Presbyterian Church's 100th birthday. It was also the year that a 100-year history of the church was published. Some of you may have this small book in your homes. If you do not, ask, and we will get you one.

Now, it's time to celebrate the 125th birthday of the church. There's been 25 years of history since that book was published. The Quasquicentennial Committee would like to publish an update to that book, covering the last 25 years.

Do you remember *one* event in the life of the church since 1989? **Just one event?** Write it down. Share it with the Quasquicentennial Committee so we can include it in our history book.

For more information, or to share your story, contact one of us. Your Quasquicentennial (that's *125th birthday*) Committee,

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East Sanctuary Window notice of construction start

Thanks to the generosity of so many Springwater members and friends work on the new window will begin the week of April 17th. The first phase includes removal of the storm window and existing glass, measurement of the existing openings by the glass artist, and installation of a temporary enclosure that will stay in place until the new stained glass panels are installed on or about July 1st.

If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact Rick Parfrey at (503)638-0109 or parfrey@msn.com.

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**One Great Hour of Sharing**

Since 1949 Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world. Your generous gifts to this Special Offering help provide relief those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and assist in helping to empower the poor and oppressed.

Your gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports the following ministries: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People. For more information about these ministries, refer to the bulletin inserts on Sunday, the Moments for Mission during worship, or look online: <http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/specialofferings/one-great-hour-sharing-offering/>.

WORK



PARTY!

Saturday April 12
10 a.m.—noon

Work Party April 12

What makes work a party? **You**. The youth who were such a big part of last year's version of this event certainly did. They will be there again and we older ones need to be there, too. What else makes it a party? A little food, things to do together.

Be there Saturday morning the 12th, starting at 10 and then breaking for lunch at 12. Bring your sandwich or other staple. Juice and cookies will be provided.

Bring gloves, and a playful attitude. Spring yard work of various kinds will be a divided out according to your interests and abilities. Plant flowers, trim limbs. We will have a truck to fill.

You will be glad if you get in on it and sorry if you miss it.

Gilbert Shibley for the Buildings and Grounds Committee



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Lectionary Readings

April 6 (LIFE AND DEATH): Genesis 15:1-17; Romans 4:13-17

April 13 (LONG LIVE THE KING! The King is Dead): Matthew 21:1-11; Matthew 26 and 27 (celebration of the Lord's Supper during worship; dedication of the One Great Hour of Sharing offering)

April 17 (Maundy Thursday; Taize-style service with celebration of the Lord's Supper): Matthew 26:17-46

April 20 (RESURRECTION SUNDAY): Jeremiah 31:1-6; Psalm 76; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-18)

April 27 (THE JOKE'S ON US) assorted texts



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