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

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August Birthdays

Peter Sturman	8/11
Nancy Tedrow	8/13
Marge Varitz	8/14
Barbara Shibley	8/16
Miranda Kirby	8/16
Kathleen Souders	8/18
Joy Thompson	8/20
Bettie Barbee	8/20
Marilyn Guttridge	8/21
Natalie Ingamells	8/23
Neal Jeppeson	8/26
Erik Graham	8/31

Anniversaries

Greg & Renate Jeppeson	8/6
Judy & Tom Coyne	8/8
Connie & Bruce Ryan	8/21
Bill & Marge Varitz	8/27



Church Events in August

Sunday Hours

10:15 Hymn Sing

10:30 Worship

11:45 Fellowship

Deadline for next newsletter: August 27th August 11, Sat 9-11am, Christian Caregiving Fellowship & Book Study
Springwater Amphitheater (Chapters 1-5) See story page 3

August 12 - Communion Sunday

August 15, Wed 6-8pm, Christian Caregiving Fellowship & Book Study
The Mason Jar (360 S Broadway St, Estacada) (Chapters 6-10)

August 22, Wed 6-8pm, Christian Caregiving Fellowship & Book Study Springwater Lawn (Chapters 11-15)

August 26, Sun, 12-2 pm Christian Caregiving Fellowship & Book Study in the Canyon (Chapters 16-20)

Looking Ahead to September:

Sept 9 - Round Up Sunday - Highway Home Guest Musicians

Sept 16 - Communion Sunday

Guest Preacher: Rev. Brian Heron, Executive Presbyter for Vision & Mission

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A Deep Life of Faith

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Paul is right, this
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"For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

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 3:14-20

This scripture passage, an excerpt from the letter of Paul to the Christians in Ephesus, makes a tremendous statement about the life we are invited to live in Christ. It is a life with Christ dwelling in us, leading us into ever deepening ways of experiencing the love of God so that our lives are filled to the full with the expanse of God's love. It is beyond our imagination yet a reality through the powerful work of God within us. Eugene Peterson puts it like this in The Message: "And I ask him that with both feet planted firmly on love, you'll be able to take in with all followers of Jesus the extravagant dimensions of Christ's love. Reach out and experience the breadth! Test its length! Plumb the depths! Rise to the heights! Live full lives, full in the fullness of God."

Live full lives, full in the fullness of God. It boggles my mind to think of a life lived in the fullness of God. Full of goodness. Full of compassion. Full of joy. Full of knowledge. Full of wisdom. Full of truth. Embodied love and presence of Christ no matter where we are or what we are experiencing. Paul is right, this fullness of God is beyond the imagination, yet God desires to work this way in and through us!

How can we become people like this, people of deep faith and trust in God? It's a life long pursuit for sure, and worthy of our best efforts toward it — we accept the grace and gift of God's love— yes, *and* we pour ourselves into seeking God and the transforming work of the Spirit wherever we find

ourselves. This life with Christ is a gift we do not need to earn...yet a deep life, one rooted and established in Christ demands, and is worth, effort.

As we move into the Fall my prayer is that we will take steps to deepen our life of faith in Christ in each of the three focus areas found in our short mission statement: Springwater Presbyterian: a place of worship, nurture, and service. Through the month of August the leadership of each of these areas are meeting and praying about next steps for our congregation and our sermon series will root itself in John 6 and the mysterious invitation to take Christ into ourselves, to fill ourselves, with Christ, the Bread of Life.

Will you join me in praying for our congregation as we seek to root ourselves into the love of God that will deepen our faith and fill us with love? I'm ever grateful for your partnership.

Pastor Susan



Christian Caregiving Fellowship & Book Study

All are welcome to join us for a discussion and fellowship group throughout August. The focus is on <u>Christian Caregiving: a Way of Life</u> by Kenneth Haugk. We will cover the book in a series of four meetings at a variety of places and with a variety of times! We hope this will make it both a little more convenient and fun for us to gather. See below for the breakdown of when chapters will be covered. Come to as many as you are able! We will enjoy food and fellowship together.

Aug 11, Sat 9-11am, Springwater Amphitheater (Chapters 1-5)

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Aug 22, Wed 6-8pm, Springwater Lawn (Chapters 11-15)

Aug 26, Sun, 12-2 pm in the Canyon (Chapters 16-20)

From Deacon's Desk:

- 1. Thank you to people that brought some food and drink to share for lunch in Canyon. We had a great turn out and a wonderful time together. It was good to worship outdoors and celebrate the church's 130th Birthday.
- 2. Save the date: September 9th will be a Round up. We will have another potluck. We will announce more details about it as the time comes closer.
- 3. Keep praying for members of our congregation and community that are in need of God's strength.

Looking ahead: September Sermon Texts and Lectionary

SEPTEMBER

September 2 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time / Proper 17 Sermon Text: Mark 7:1–8, 14–15, 21–23 & James 1:17–27

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9

September 9 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time / Proper 18 **Round Up Sunday - Highway Home Guest Musicians**

Sermon Text: Mark 7:24–37 & James 2:1–10 (11–13) 14–17

Proverbs 22:1–2, 8–9, 22–23

Psalm 125

September 16

Communion Sunday

Guest Preacher: Rev. Brian Heron, Executive Presbyter for Vision & Mis-

sion

What's on your Schedule? **Ushers Worship Leader:** Snacks: Don & Barbara August 5: Sign up in the Lynda Conway MacKinnon Fellowship Hall Nike & Tim August 12: Dora & Adelia Guttridge Allen Siefken August 19: Randy Johnson August 26: Debbie Ingamells Jennifer Souders

Deepening our Caring Ministry - Stephen Ministry

Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ Galatians 6:2, NRSV.

Nike, Jennifer, and I have just returned from the Stephen Ministry Leader Training Course. We spent a week putting effort into continuing to grow into people and into leaders who can love well, with intelligence, compassion, and a listening presence. What a tremendous week it was, full of insight, and practical training in deepening a ministry of caring in congregations.

Stephen Ministry (named for Stephen, a man full of grace and power, Acts 6-7) is a nationwide ministry that aims to deepen the quality of care for people in the midst of challenging situations in life. Stephen Ministry congregations equip and empower lay caregivers—called Stephen Ministers—to provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting. I, Pastor Susan, have worked in two congregations that participated in this ministry and have found it to be a wise and compassionate way to provided excellent training and care for people.

Springwater is known for its kind and welcoming presence. It is often the first thing noted when people share what brought them to this community of faith. In our mission and vision statements we articulate the value of care and compassion in this congregation and we share this about our mission:

Springwater Presbyterian Church, being rooted and established in the love of Christ....

We support each other with care and compassion and we are present with one another during times of joy and sorrow.

Stephen Ministry is a way to deepen this facet of presence with one another, particularly during sorrow. We are eager to continue to tell you more about this ministry and the way it can deepen the life of both the caregivers and care receivers.

Here are reflections from Nike and Jennifer on their experience at the training:

Thank you for letting me go to the Stephen Ministry Leadership Training Course in Dallas, TX. That week was hot outside, but they kept us cool and comfortable inside the building.

I learned a lot about Stephen Ministry and will continue to learn more about it as we study it and care for our congregation. This is a ministry that will help others who are hurting, and also help ourselves deepen in faith and hope in God. I know many of us have been reaching out to others who are in need of care. We are so good at praying for others also. Stephen Ministry is another avenue to care for others. It gives us tools to care for people who are hurting and extend our relationship with others and God.

Stephen Ministry has been in existence for more than 40 years. They are so well organized in training and preparing materials for Stephen ministers. And, they give room for us to adjust to our church needs, and for God to work in it in our congregation.

They emphasize that we are the caregiver, but God is the cure-giver. This emphasis lifts up the pressure for us to solve people's problems. We do not need to do that. We just need to be there for them as they go through a difficult time. As human beings, we tend to want to fix things up. Many times we fail at this. We are human beings, and we are broken. It is through Jesus Christ we are restored.

I am looking forward to learning more about Stephen Ministry with you and to be a care giver and witness God's work.

Thank you again, Nike Guttridge

The Stephen Ministry training was one of the most thorough and Holy Spirit filled weeks I have attended. Stephen Ministry is an amazing care giving ministry that allows trained Stephen Ministers to care for those who are hurting. Their motto is "Caring for people, through people." This is so apparent in every part of their ministry. As Susan said, many churches from across the nation came together for one common goal: to learn how to effectively train caregivers. It was amazing to see and work with believers from all denominations coming together to be the hands and feet of Christ in their walk with their congregations. I am so excited to bring back my new found knowledge to help train and serve our congregation in a deeper way that is so deeply lead by the Holy Spirit.

Jennifer Souders

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Lectionary and Sermon Texts

August 5 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Proper 13

Sermon Text: John 6:24–35 2 Samuel 11:26–12:13a

Psalm 51:1–12 Ephesians 4:1–16

August 12 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Proper

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Communion Sunday

Sermon Text: John 6:35, 41-51

2 Samuel 18:5–9, 15, 31–33

Psalm 130

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

August 19 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Proper 15

Sermon Text: John 6:51–58

1 Kings 2:10–12; 3:3–14

Psalm 111

Ephesians 5:15-20

August 26 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time / Proper 16

Sermon Text: John 6:56-69

1 Kings 8:(1, 6, 10-11) 22-30, 41-43

Psalm 84

Ephesians 6:10-20

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