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

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## February Birthdays

Christina Nichols 2/7
Don MacKinnon 2/12
Susan Horton 2/15
Gary Guttridge 2/21
Bill Varitz 2/28



### Church Events in February

February 5: Serve dinner at Human Solutions shelter, contact Debbie Ingamells for information

February 12: Emergency Preparedness informational meeting after worship, sponsored by the Deacons

February 15: Session Meeting

## **Sunday Hours**

10:15 Hymn Sing

10:30 Worship

11:45 Fellowship

Deadline for next newsletter:

February 23

## **Gospel of Luke Discussion Groups Begin February 5**

Join in the study of the gospel of Luke and come to a discussion group either before or after service.

9:30-10:10 - Fellowship Room 11:45-12:30 - Sanctuary

We are using, Luke - N.T. Wright For Everyone Bible Study Guides, if you did not get one and you'd like one let Susan (<u>revsusangraham@qmail.com</u> or 503-442-6175) know!

Feb 5 - NT Wright - Chapter 13 (Luke 11, All Questions)

Feb 12 - NT Wright - Chapter 14 (Luke 12:1-21, Questions 1-5)

Feb 19 - NT Wright - Chapter 14 (Luke 12:22-59, Questions 6-12)

Feb 26 - NT Wright - Chapter 15 (Luke 13, All Questions)

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Pastor's Perspective Peace....and Love

I invite you to take
each day of
February and pray
to know that love.
The Love that is
strong enough to
cast out fear.

I know that many of you joined in praying the collected prayers for peace during the first 20 days of January. I am so thankful you did. I am also thankful for the suggestion from one of you to start right over with day one on January 21! A wonderful idea. I have joined you in that effort! The prayers are still available on the Springwater website if you would like to access them.

It is no surprise to any of you that our country is feeling a tremendous amount of anxiety. With new leadership came a new vision, with that new vision came new executive orders, with those new executive orders came new reactions, waves of protest and a great deal of confusion, anxiety, and screaming headlines. It's enough to raise all of our levels of anxiety and fear. Particularly if you were feeling vulnerable in the first place. And there are many who are vulnerable, and who have a great deal to fear.

Fear doesn't put any of us on secure footing. Fear will have us grabbing for tools of protection or retaliation we never would have in moments of greater security and clarity. Jesus has so many counter-intuitive instructions for us, like, "fear not"...when that is all we can imagine doing! The antidote to fear, according to 1 John 4, is love. Love casts out fear.

I invite you to take each day of February and pray to know that love. The Love that is strong enough to cast out fear. And beyond that, ask the Lord of love what one thing you can do each day to live out that love. A concrete action, no matter how small, to help love take root in the life and sphere in which you are called to live. Jesus walked the world in love, with his eyes wide open for those who were hurting, left out, vulnerable, alone, afraid. Love is not given for us to receive alone, it is given for us to live.

My prayer for all of us is that as we are nourished and sustained by the God of love, we would have great courage to live that love, creatively and compassionately, for a world that desperately needs it.

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Let me hear of your steadfast love in the morning,
for in you I put my trust.

Teach me the way I should go,
for to you I lift up my soul.

Psalm 143: 8, NRSV

"Talk of love may be true, but actually loving is wise: God's truth and character lived." -Rev. Dr. Mark Labberton



#### A Winter to Remember

Gilbert Shibley

We each experienced the recent cold weather differently and yet the same. Missing some services and adding others, like two momentous memorial services. We will remember it for sure. For myself as Property Steward for the B & G Committee, I regret scheduling my knee surgery to put me out of commission when things needed tracking more than ever. Mostly I will remember others who pitched in when I could not.

Please join me in remembering with gratitude: Debbie I. and others tending the thermostat for extra scheduling; Al and Lynda C. watching the propane supply, Tim G. with manse renters while I was waylaid. Now hear this: three guys with tractors offered snow plowing services, two even showed up on one day, but in the end it was Tom and Kasey W. who carried the day --on two key days. My tractor was surely complaining that I ignored it, not understanding that my left knee was unable to operate the clutch.

It takes a community to get things done. When people see a need step in we all benefit, so we need to say thanks, even out loud like this.

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#### **Endowment Giving Painlessly**

By Dick Scott

The balance in the Springwater endowment fund is now at about \$41,000 and it grew by about 5% last year. Not bad, starting with \$30,000 and having a few withdrawals.

Endowment giving has a long history; the earliest endowment recorded was done by Roman Emperor Marcus Aurelius in 176 A.D. While in Greece, he endowed 4 schools of philosophy, setting a precedent that was copied in major cities throughout the empire.

William the conqueror set up an endowment for the construction of a church in England in 1077 to ease his conscience after pillaging the country-side. The grandmother of Henry VIII created the first endowed chairs at 2 universities, Cambridge and Oxford being two of them. You may have heard of them. None of those donors miss any of that money today, but the gift continues to benefit students and professors hundreds of years later.

Your contribution can have long lasting benefits for Springwater. Contributions stay in the fund and are never touched—only the profit is used for scholarships, outreach and other uses the Session approves.

Donating to the Fund can be easy and painless. Just use your bill paying function on your bank account to set up an automatic monthly payment to the Springwater Presbyterian Church Endowment Fund.

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i I	Ushers	Worship Leader:	Snacks:
February 5:	Don & Barbara Shearer	Debbie Ingamells	Sign up in the Fellowship Hall
February 12:	Nike & Tim Guttridge	Jessie Jo Guttridge	
February 19:	Judy Coyne Gilbert Shibley	Mary Shearer	
February 26:	Debbie Ingamells	Neal Jeppeson	



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## **Sermon Scripture Passages & Lectionary Readings**

**February 5:** Luke 11:29-54 - **Lamp of the Body.** Lectionary: Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12), Psalm 112:1-9 (10), 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16), Matthew 5:13-20

**February 12:** Luke 12:1-21 - **Warnings & Encouragements**. Lectionary: Deuteronomy 30:15-20, Psalm 119:1-8, 1 Corinthians 3:1-9, Matthew 5:21-37

**February 19:** Luke 12:35-59 - **Do Not Worry & Watchfulness.** Lectionary: Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18, Psalm 119:33-40, 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23, Matthew 5:38-48

**February 26:** Luke 13 - **A Narrow Door.** Lectionary: Exodus 24:12-18, Psalm 2, 2 Peter 1:16-21, Matthew 17:1-9

March 5: Lent Begins (Ash Wednesday is March 1). Lectionary: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7, Psalm 32, Romans 5:12-19, Matthew 4:1-11