

# Springwater currents

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

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## February Birthdays

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



## Church Events in February

February 10: Ash Wednesday, no service at SPC

February 11: Session Meeting at church

February 21: Serve Dinner at Human Solutions warming shelter,  
meet at the church at 4:15

Grange Event:

February 26: Scholarship Pie Auction, 6:30 potluck, 7:15 pie  
auction. Come and bring a pie or buy a pie, or just come and have  
a good time. Proceeds support the scholarship fund.

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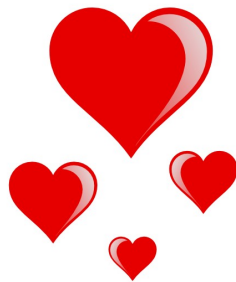
## Pastor's Perspective

How quickly the month of January has gone. By the time the season of Christmas is over and we catch our breath a little, it is time to move into February. This year February moves us quickly into Lent. Ash Wednesday comes early, on February 10. Session decided that this is a year to simplify a little and that we will not have an Ash Wednesday service. So I encourage you to visit a church that does have a service on February 10. Most churches will note an extra service on their web site, so you should be able to find a location fairly easily.

The church has Lenten devotional booklets available that are published by Presbyterians Today. The group that has been meeting after worship for conversation, will be using this booklet as a focus for their discussion during Lent. Feel free to join in, even if you haven't been part of this conversation to date. The group meets for about half an hour after worship and is guided by the thoughts and stirrings of those present.

The session is moving ahead in their search for a Stated Supply Pastor and will keep you informed as to their progress. This is a clear sign that there will be pastoral change in the fairly near future. That is always a time of excitement and eagerness as well as a time of some anxiety of the uncertainty and the unknown. It is therefore, a time to be praying for those making decisions and for those interested in pursuing this position and opportunity. In the midst of all of that, let us remember and trust that God is with each of us, and God is with Springwater Church.

Beverly Crow, pastor



## Put Your Money Where Your Heart Is...

Consider the long-range planning for the future of the church. What are your dreams for the future? How will the church make them come true? With your investment in the endowment fund.

The endowment fund last year was used to support the mission trip to Colorado. The committee also invested in and hosted an estate planning workshop. The committee is looking for projects to invest in this year. What are the possibilities?

Please prayerfully consider a contribution.



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## Annual Congregational Meeting– Highlights

The committee chairs and elders presented reports from our various committees, including: Buildings & Grounds, Worship, Endowment, Personnel and Mission. All who spoke gave thanks to the congregation for its support monetarily, as in supporting the youth mission trip, the Estacada Area Food Bank and Christmas adopt-a-family, as well as for their devotion of time and talent at a B & G clean-up day, for shopping in support of the food bank, homeless mission and Christmas families and for designing and planning our new sanctuary window. Special thanks were given to Gilbert Shibley for “all things Springwater”, Barbara Shibley for her work at the food bank, and Lynda Conway for her financial prowess keeping the books.

The Endowment Committee approved expenditures last year for the youth mission trip, \$6000 was used. The endowment fund received some gifts in 2015 and expects to have funds to disburse in 2016. The committee is looking at projects to support.

Debbie Ingamells, chair of the worship committee, thanks all ushers and worship leaders for their service in 2015. She notes that one more pair of ushers is needed for 2016. Please contact her if you are interested.

The Deacons would like to thank Peter Sturman for his services as a Deacon during his time at SPC and wish the Sturmans well in their new adventures. SPC now has six deacons, welcoming Kathy Scott, Mary Johnson and Cindy Woodbury. They continue to provide for the individual and collective needs of our congregation through quarterly meals together and prayer chain phone lists, website, and other hospitality.

The nominating committee recommended, and the congregation voted to approve Tom Watson and Debbie Ingamells as ruling elders for a three year term. Nike Guttridge and Cindy Woodbury as Deacons for a three year term.

For the full reports from each committee, please use this link to access the reports online: <http://www.springwaterpres.org/annual-reports---2015.html>



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## Pastoral Transition at Springwater Presbyterian

The Personnel Committee and Session would like to update the congregation on our period of pastoral transition and what comes next. The committee and session have decided to use the Cascades Presbytery's stated supply service. The committee has prepared a job description and session has received information on a couple of candidate already. The process is moving along.

The stated supply is provided as a one year, renewable contract. This gives us the freedom to take some time as a congregation and, if we choose, to engage in a mission study to better understand our future.

Pastor Beverly Crow invited those present at the congregational meeting to consider our last year as a book: what would the chapters be? Some thoughts from the audience:

- The ending has been abruptly changed, but new vistas appear
- Chapters include our mission trip to Colorado, giving to the food bank, our help and presence to those outside of our community, our congregation

## What's on your Schedule?

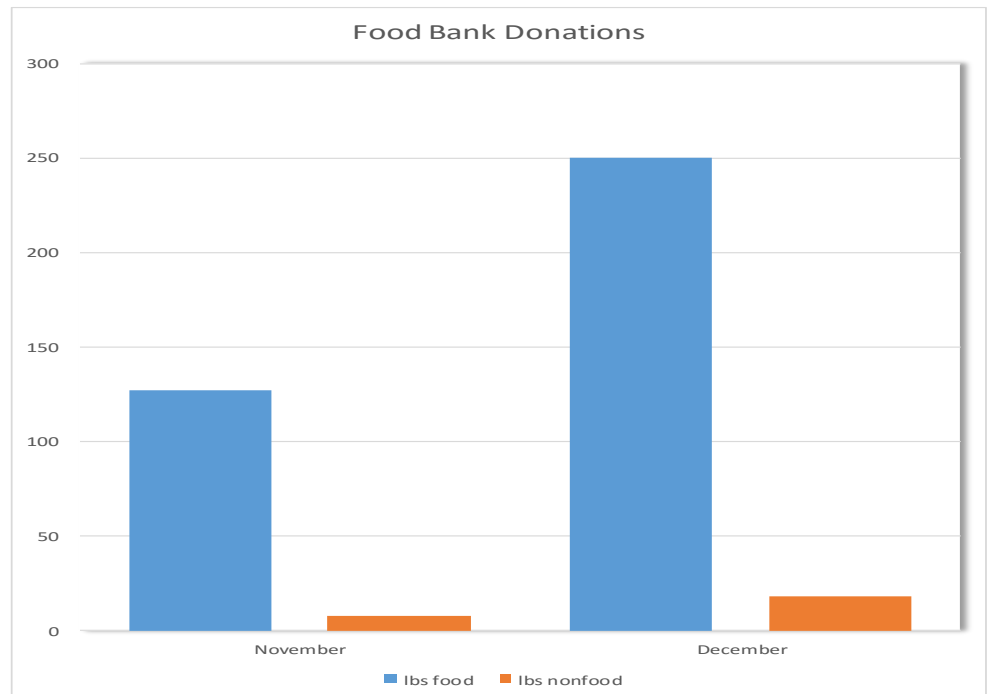
	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Worship Leader:</b>	<b>Snacks:</b>
<b>February 7:</b>	Don & Barbara MacKinnon	Nona Shearer	See the sign up calendar in the fellowship hall
<b>February 14:</b>	Nike & Tim Guttridge	JessieJo Guttridge	
<b>February 21:</b>	Judy Coyne Gilbert Shibley	Mary Shearer	
<b>February 28:</b>	Debbie Ingamells Mary Neigel	Neal Jeppeson	



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## Food Bank Donations

In November and December, Springwater Presbyterian donated nearly 400 pounds of food to the food bank. One hundred twenty seven pounds in November, and 250 pounds in December. We also donated about 25 pounds of non-food items. Please remember the Red Tub when you are shopping, add an item or two to your shopping list and bring it in on Sunday. It will be appreciated.





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## Lectionary Readings

**February 7**, Transfiguration Sunday: Exodus 34:29-35, Psalm 99, 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2, Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)

**February 14**, First Sunday in Lent: Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16, Romans 10:8b-13, Luke 4:1-13

**February 21**, Second Sunday in Lent: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18, Psalm 27, Philippians 3:17-4:1, Luke 13:31-35

**February 28**, Third Sunday in Lent: Isaiah 55:1-9, Psalm 63:1-8, 1 Corinthians 10:1-13, Luke 13:1-9

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